



GOING 'ROUND

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OCTOBER DEMONSTRATOR – Ron Ainge **Tuesday, October 5th**

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You just never know when a trip to your local store will alter the course of your life. In this case, an innocent trip Ron took to Woodcraft coincided with an in-store demo by... you guessed it... our very own woodturning evangelist, Pete Holtus.

Back in the day, Ron frequently bought used shop tools at various auctions and resold them on Ebay or to local schools. In 2002, with three lathes in inventory and a home improvement project that required a mortiser, Ron made his way to Woodcraft when the universe decided he needed a new hobby. That day, Pete's pen turning demonstration was like a siren's call drawing Ron helplessly to woodturning; of course, it could also have been the "power of the pen" or, perhaps more likely, Pete's renowned turning and teaching skills. I'll let you decide. Having seen the ease and speed with which Pete turned and hearing his explanations, Ron was captivated and decided to make use of one of those lathes he had. So each week, Ron would return to Woodcraft to watch Pete demonstrate another turning project and then return home to attempt, with varied success, to copy the project. At Pete's invitation, Ron soon joined the FRW and, not long after, had sold enough tools to buy his first new lathe; he bought a Jet 1014 mini-lathe which he still has today.

Over the next several years, Ron continued to develop his skills, to further support the FRW, and trade tool sales for turning sales. Some of his contributions to our club include helping with the club's raffles and, over a period of six years, serving the FRW in positions of treasurer, vice president and president. By 2010, Ron had saved enough money from tool sales to upgrade to a Powermatic 3520 and I bet most of us who started with a min-lathe

WHERE TO FIND US:

Website: www.frontrangewoodturners.org

Facebook: <https://tinyurl.com/yacakdwa>

Ladies of the Lathe: <https://tinyurl.com/yap8m6x4>

YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/yxem4vw9>

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CLUB INFORMATION

Front Range Woodturners is the Denver-area chapter of the AAW (American Association of Woodturners), serving woodturners throughout Colorado's Front Range. We help woodturners gain experience by providing monthly demonstrations with professional turners, mentoring, a ladies group (Ladies of the Lathe) and youth mentoring.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Everyone is welcome to check out one of our monthly meetings-wearing a mask. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at Rockler Woodworking, 2553 S Colorado Blvd. #108 in Denver. Meetings start at 6:15pm.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Individual - \$45, Couple - \$50, Student - \$22.50.

FRW members consist of the following:

Co-Club Members	11	Lifetime Members	13
Family Members	35	Roster	47
Individual Members	111	Student Members	2
Total Membership			219

CLUB OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

President: Ed Sonny Jones

Vice President/Program Director: Don Prorak

Secretary: Patrick Crumpton

Treasurer: Larry Abrams

President Emeritus: Pat Scott

Club Historian: Joe Levy

Coffee Chair: Gary Starritt

Communications Chair: Jim Proud

Group Buy Coordinator: Jay Miller

Internet Chair: Open

Ladies of the Lathe Chair: Robyn Herman

Librarian: Bob Britt

Membership Chair: Mike Mullen

Mentoring Program Chair: Marty Christensen

Newsletter Editor: Brenda Blaesing

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Photographer: Jim Record

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Shop Tour Chair: Al Murphy

Videographer: Richard Kuivila

Wood Raffle: Lavonne Kaiser

Youth Chair: Don Prorak

experienced the same pattern. Around this same time, Ron began selling his turnings at local craft shows at which, for many years, his biggest sellers have been miniature birdhouses and ornaments. You can still find Ron hosting show tables many times each year all over the area selling his work.

Back in 2011, Ron had a website where he posted pictures of his turnings. One piece was a hollow form on which he used pyrography to add texture all over the surface. This piece

caught the attention of the editor of the UK's *Woodturning* magazine who contacted Ron and invited him to submit an article about its making. The jargon



used by English turners was sufficiently different from American counterparts that Ron and the editor went back and forth for some time refining the wording. Eventually, Ron's article was published in the April 2011 issue.

In October, Ron will demonstrate turning a particular lighted ornament he's been making throughout the COVID pandemic. As mentioned above, Ron has turned ornaments for many years. When trying to think of a use for some materials he'd had, he happened to see some wooden snowflakes at Hobby Lobby which inspired the idea for the ornament he'll demonstrate for us. I had a chance to visit Ron and see these ornaments firsthand. They are a fantastic and creative variation we'll all enjoy making.



LADIES OF THE LATHE Saturday, October 16th



Robyn Herman - rrherm@gmail.com

In October, Don Prorak will demonstrate multi-axis turning at an in-person meeting in Rockler's basement. He requests that everyone who attends be vaccinated. If you'd like to attend, email Robyn at the above address.

LIBRARIAN'S CORNER



Bob Britt - bob.britt@q.com

Just to make certain that everyone is aware of recent library additions, the message this month is a simple list of titles added to your library since the first quarter of 2020. Additional details about the contents of each of these items can be found in the master library listing on the FRW Website.

All of these titles are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Use the "waitlist" feature on the website to reserve your selections.

<u>Ctl-ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>Author</u>		
CAM-22	CAT	John C Campbell Catalog/Class Schedule, Jan-June 2022
CON-01	Book	The Lathe Book-revised edition
Ernie Conover		
CON-05	DVD	Turning for Furniture
Ernie Conover		
DAR-14	Book	Useful Woodturning Projects
Mike Darwell		
FLY-02	Book	Fluid Forms
Ian Flynn		
LAC-01	Book	Turning with Resin
Keith Lackner		
LIM-12	DVD	Turning Jewelry
Alisa & Bear Limvere		
LUC-09	DVD	Bowl Sanding Equip & Techniques (20 mins.)
Glenn Lucas		

LUC-10	DVD	Turning a Lidded Bowl (e.g. Beads of Courage)
Glenn Lucas		
LUC-11	DVD	Turning a Platter
Glenn Lucas		
LUC-12	DVD	Turning a Thin-Wall Bowl
Glenn Lucas		
LUC-18	DVD	Turning a Square-Edge Bowl
Glenn Lucas		
LUC-19	DVD	Turning a Closed Form Salad Bowl
Glenn Lucas		
LUC-20	DVD	Turning a Salad Bowl
Glenn Lucas		
MAR-04	DVD	Season 7 all episodes D. Marks TV series
David Marks		
NAG-03	BOOK	Dust Control Made Simple
S. Nagyszalnczy		
NAG-04	DVD	Dust Control Made Simple
S. Nagyszalnczy		
pairs w/NAG-03		
ODD-02	BOOK	Turning Green Wood - revised edition
Michael O'Donnell		
PER-07	DVD	FRW Sept Demo Offset Hollow Form
Bruce Perry		
ROB-04	Book	Spalting- 101 -Recipes for How to Spalt Wood
Seri C. Robinson		
ROP-04	DVD	Demo -Turn, Embellish & Finish Christmas Trees
Roper		
SHA-02	Book	Contemporary Hawaiian Wood Workers
Multiple		
SIR-01	Book	Tree to Gallery
Nikos Siragas		
WAN-01	Book	Compendium of Wand Making Techniques
Multiple		
WT-171	MAG	Back issue of Woodturning - recent donation
Multiple		
WT-179	MAG	Back Issue of Woodturning - recent donation
Multiple		
WT-341-WT-360		Woodturning Mag - new issue each month
Multiple		

MENTORS

Marty Christensen -
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Quite a few FRW members have volunteered to be one-on-one mentors to help other members. No matter what skill level you are, a few hours of personalized instruction may be all you need to master a new tool or technique. Check out who is available in your area. If you'd like to volunteer as a mentor, contact Marty.

LOCATION OF MENTOR	NAME/ CONTACT INFO	AREA OF EXPERTISE
Arvada	Dennis Fanning dcfanning@aol.com	General
Boulder	Dave Hawley Dbh001@gmail.com	Beginner/ General
Brighton	Don Prorak donprorak@comcast.net	Beginner/ Youth
Centennial	Keith Motzner knotzner@me.com	Firewood into Art/ Wood Prep
Centennial	Les Stern sternsclass@hotmail.com	General
Centennial	Scott Thomsen thomsen-s@comcast.net	Hand-Threading/ Segmenting
Central Park	Ed Sonny Jones edsonnyjones333@gmail.com	General/ Segmenting
Denver SW	Henry Williams williamshenrya@gmail.com	Spindles/ Bowls
Denver SW	Phil Houck houckpc@comcast.net	General/ Spindles
Denver-Rockler store	Larry Abrams laabrams.51@me.com	General
Hudson	Marty Christensen meturning@gmail.com	General
Littleton	Jay Miller jaymiller9637@comcast.net	General
Louisville	Roger Holmes roger_holmes@comcast.net	Beginner
Thornton	Bob Franklin Btheb66@gmail.com	General/ Stabilizing
Westminster	Mike Skiba mrpsmj@gmail.com	General

MENTORING PROGRAM - Monday, 10/11

The monthly mentoring program will be held on Monday, October 11th at Marty Christensen's house in Hudson from 5:00 to 7:00pm. He will be making a salt vault.

At the September meeting, Marty demonstrated how to make a mallet--something every shop needs! Al Murphy took this photo of the group.



ROCKLER

Patronizing the Rockler store is the best thank you we can give Rockler for their generosity in letting us use their facilities for our meetings. They keep the register open late on meeting nights just for us, but be sure to complete any purchases no later than the mid-meeting break. All FRW members get 10% off all items, except electrical or sale items, all the time. Just present your FRW membership card at time of purchase. Note: This offer is good only at the Denver store and is not valid at other Rockler stores or for online purchases.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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Articles and photos for the monthly newsletter are always welcome. Please email your submissions by the 26th of the month for inclusion in the next issue.

UPCOMING DEMOS

Don Prorak - donprorak@comcast.net

FRW October Meeting & Demo

Tuesday, October 5th, 6:15 PM

Rockler Basement Meeting Room

Happy October! Our demonstrator this month is FRW member Ron Ainge, coming to you live on stage in the Rockler meeting room! Ron is a longtime member who has done a great deal for the club, including serving as president. He will be demonstrating a new design of Christmas ornament, just in time for holiday turning projects.

Again we are expecting everyone who attends the meeting to wear a face mask. We polled officers, board members, and general membership, and the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of masks. Let's be considerate of our fellow members, and keep each other safe!

Our November demonstrator will be FRW Secretary Patrick Crumpton, who will present a pen demo in return for his PHEOG grant to attend S.W.A.T. As always, the holiday party will take the place of our December meeting.

FROM THE WEB:

Here's an interesting new way to get the look of exotic woods without cutting down rainforests or worrying about health hazards. Kombucha brewing waste is primarily cellulose, which is now being made into synthetic wood. So far, it's just been used to make sheets for jewelry and guitar picks, but 3-D printing is planned for the future.

<https://www.fastcompany.com/90666859/this-wood-alternative-is-made-from-kombucha-brewing-waste>



AAW MEMBERSHIP

Front Range Woodturners is a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. Club members may become individual members of AAW, if desired. Benefits include resources, weekly emails on various woodturning topics, and the quarterly American Woodturning magazine. See AAW's website at www.woodturner.org for more information.

QUARTERLY GROUP BUYS

FRW places group buys once a quarter—in January, April, July and October—to obtain



discounted pricing from the below manufacturers. Our next group buy will be in October. Jay Miller is the group buy coordinator and Ted Mellin is his assistant. See the FRW website for more info, price lists and order forms.

Industrial Abrasives - send orders to Jay Miller

Industrial Abrasives is our principal vendor for sanding supplies. Prices for hook & loop mandrels and discs remain the lowest in the marketplace and their backing is a heavier weight than the competition.

Starbond - send orders to Jay Miller

Starbond is our cyanoacrylate (CA) glue supplier. Our minimum order is \$100, but we receive an additional discount at \$200, making shipping and handling essentially free.

Wood Carvers Supply - send orders to Jay Miller

All types of woodworking tools are available from this company. We receive a discount on everything in their catalog.

Craft Supplies - send orders to Ted Mellin

Craft Supplies sells a very wide range of products. Our minimum group purchase is \$1000. Members may not place individual orders using the club's ID to get a discount.

Spence Industrial Supply - send orders to Ted Mellin

We will be purchasing band saw blades from Spence in April and October only, unless a member can meet the minimum order in another quarter. All blades are carbon steel flexback in 1/4" (4 tpi), 3/8" (3 tpi), or 1/2" (4 tpi) width, hook tooth, and .025" thick. Our minimum buy is 20 blades for each width in any length.

Send orders and checks to:

Jay Miller
9637 W. Vandeventor Dr
Littleton, CO 80128
303-945-4306

Ted Mellin
9043 W Coco Dr
Littleton, CO 80128

Individual Catalog Orders

Two additional companies, Klingspor and Hartville Tool, offer discounts to members who wish to place individual catalog orders. See the website for more information.

PHOTO GALLERY

Here are some projects that members have been working on this month.



Steve Claycomb turned seven rolling pins from various woods and displayed them as a wall hanging.



Debra Higley-Feldman made this 10" spalted crotch maple bowl last month. The wood was from a FRW sale.



Larry Hughes made several 10-11" bowls of various materials. The two fruit bowls are made with walnut, sapele and beetle-kill pine and placed on a large charcuterie board (another one of the items he's been making this year). The single fruit bowl is walnut, maple, African fruit wood and cherry. The sapele and walnut bowl has a simple spiral made with walnut. The wedding vase is a custom 10" vase made with beetle-kill pine, sapele, walnut and padauk. It has a glass insert for fresh flowers.



Brenda Blaesing made this vase using techniques she learned at a Trent Bosch workshop. She carved the swirls, then woodburned a pattern into them.



Unfortunately, photos of the September Show and Tell items were not available at the time this newsletter was published.