



GOING 'ROUND

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NOVEMBER DEMONSTRATOR –Patrick Crumpton Tuesday, November 2nd

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The demonstrator for the November meeting is our own Patrick Crumpton. Patrick, like most turners, began as a pen turner. As a student, Patrick needed a distraction during his limited free time between classes to take his mind off papers and tests. He was not a stranger to woodworking, having done flat work, but he wanted something more creative. Patrick had painted as a child and had always felt compelled to pursue his artistic side. His turning moment of inspiration came in the form of YouTube videos where he saw others turning pens. He started buying pen kits on e-bay and bought a lathe on Amazon. During a pen kit buying trip to Rockler, Patrick witnessed a live turning demonstration and was hooked. He learned of the Front Range Woodturners club and attended the next meeting. There, he met David Nittmann. Patrick confesses that he had no idea who David was, but he saw one of his basketweave illusion platters. Patrick, previously hooked, was now mesmerized. He joined the club the next month. That was September of 2012 and he has been a member ever since. Self-taught, Patrick remembers the thrill he experienced with the success of his first slim-line pen. He still has that pen today! As turners, we can all relate to the satisfaction of our first turning accomplishments. Shortly after this success, Patrick was invited to a charity event for SafeHouse of Denver (an organization which provides assistance to survivors of domestic violence). While there, he ran into the director of Human Relations for the department where he worked. During their conversation, Patrick commented on the unique items available for auction. She said they were always looking for handmade items that could be auctioned.

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

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Ladies of the Lathe Chair: Robyn Herman

Librarian: Bob Britt

Membership Chair: Mike Mullen

Mentoring Program Chair: Marty Christensen

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PHEOG Grant Chair: Bob Franklin

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Shop Tour Chair: Al Murphy

Videographer: Richard Kuivila

Wood Raffle: Lavonne Kaiser

Youth Chair: Don Prorak

Patrick mentioned that he made pens and she invited him to send one in for the next year's auction. Patrick graciously accepted the challenge and spent the next ten months perfecting his skills and finishing techniques. The pen he submitted for that auction sold for over \$250.00! He has contributed a pen nearly every year since 2015.

Patrick is inspired by many professional turners as well as many of his fellow club members. He realizes that art is subjective and is inspired by all aspects of turning. While he admires all woodturning, he prefers to turn small, intricate more artistic pieces. He enjoys turning pens, and his demonstration will show that he has taken it to the next level. He will demonstrate a custom pen. While most pens typically use a kit, he will not. His demonstration will be an entirely handmade pen, except for the ink delivery method. Hopefully, he'll have enough time to complete this complicated process and he will also have a presentation to explain the techniques required. The art of turning for Patrick lies in the learning of new skills. With nearly every demo Patrick watches, he thinks to himself "someday, I'm gonna try that..." Eventually, he even wants to try ornamental turning and rose engine work.

When asked his opinion on the evolution of turning, Patrick worries that since a lot of great turners are older, there could be a great loss of knowledge in the next few years. He realizes that most younger folks may not have the desire or the space to try turning. Tool cost is another prohibitor, but Patrick encourages anyone to try it. He said, "It's really fun to make something you can use everyday and know that you persevered to finish the item. There are no mistakes, only happy accidents....Thanks Bob Ross. It forces me to be creative and get out in the shop to do something."

Patrick Crumpton has been a member since 2012 and has been the secretary for the past five years.



LADIES OF THE LATHE Saturday, November 20th



Robyn Herman - rrherm@gmail.com

At the October meeting, **Don Prorak** demonstrated multi-axis turning based on techniques he learned from Barbara Dill and a few others. He first showed how to make twisted bottle stoppers, pausing after each step for the four participants to try their hand at it. Color coding the three axes helped keep everything organized. After a lunch break at Garlic Knot, the group moved on to small, twisted boxes using the same technique.



Dennis Fanning will be the instructor for the November 20th meeting. The project is still to be determined.

LIBRARIAN'S CORNER



Bob Britt - bob.britt@q.com

Here are a few tips for members regarding your club library.

- Over the past ten years, November has been our busiest month for library activity and probably for good reasons. Items signed out at the Nov meeting will not be due back until January. That's two months of viewing and reading time over the holidays. Submit your requests early by utilizing the "Wait list" on the club website where you can view a brief description of most titles currently in circulation.
- Other than the exception for November, items checked out are due back at the meeting the month following check-out. It is possible to renew the sign out provided that the titles have not been requested by another member. Check with the librarian. An email several days prior to the meeting will also help to facilitate this.
- New members have access to the club library as soon as their dues have been paid. A total of 9 items may be signed out by a member at any meeting. Videos, books, and magazines all figure in that total.
- A video of the demonstration is normally available at the following meeting. Some of the recent demonstrations are available on the newly created FRW YouTube channel. Check it out and subscribe. Plans are to add additional demonstrations going forward.
- If you are unable to attend a meeting and have some library items they can be returned to the "red drop box" along the back wall in the library area at Rockler's. Do not leave items with Rockler employees. Rockler employees should permit lower level access if you inform them you are returning materials for the turning club library.

MENTORS

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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
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Westminster	Mike Skiba mrpsmj@gmail.com	General

MENTORING PROGRAM - Monday, 11/8

The monthly mentoring program will be held on Monday, November 8th at Marty Christensen's house in Hudson from 5:00 to 7:00pm. He will be making a twisted hollow form. He will go over how to lay out the blank to create the twist, based on an AAW article from a few years back.

HOLIDAY PARTY - Friday, December 10th



As detailed in the email sent out on 10/24, our holiday party will again be a zoom event. Socialization will begin at 6:30 and the party will start at 7:00 with the president's address. We'll have door prizes and an auction. Proceeds from the auction help fund the PHEOG educational grants which enable members to improve their skills and share what they have learned. If you'd like to donate an item for the auction, bring it to the FRW meeting on 11/2 or take it to Rocker on 11/13, 11/20 or 11/27 between 9:00 and 10:00am. Several members have also volunteered to collect donations. Check the email for more information. All purchased auction items may be picked up and paid for in the parking area behind Rockler on Saturday, 12/11 from 10:00 am to noon, and if necessary, the following Saturday, 12/18 from 10:00am to noon (weather permitting).

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.

UPCOMING DEMOS

Don Prorak - donprorak@comcast.net

FRW November Meeting & Demo
Tuesday, November 2nd, 6:15 PM
Rockler Basement Meeting Room

Our final demonstrator for 2021 will be FRW Secretary **Patrick Crumpton**. His topic is kit-less pens, in fulfillment of a PHEOG grant to attend S.W.A.T. earlier this year. Patrick will also be running the business meeting, including the voting for our 2022 slate of officers. There is still time to step up and volunteer for open positions.

Speaking of elections, I will be unable to attend the meeting due to working as an Adams County election judge. State and local elections are vital but often ignored, so I'd like to urge everyone to get their ballot in.

As always, the holiday party will take the place of our December meeting. It will be held on Friday, December 10th but it will be a zoom party as last year, along with the door prizes and auction.

ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

Robyn Herman - rrherm@gmail.com

Robyn Herman will coordinate our ornament exchange again this year. If you'd like to participate, send her an email by November 14th. She'll randomly pick names and send each participant the name, address and phone number of the person who won their ornament. Make arrangements to deliver it in person or ship it to them. Take a picture of your ornament before you send it off, and email it to Robyn. The pictures will be shown at the holiday party.



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 January. 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.

SURFACE DECORATION CLASS

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In early October, several members of Front Range Woodturners attended a three-day surface decoration class. Led by Graeme Priddle and Melissa Engler, it was held at Tom Wirsing's workshop in Longmont. What most of us might consider a finished turned piece is just the beginning for them. They spend many hours on embellishment of the surface using woodburning, carving and painting, frequently in combination.

Graeme and Melissa use Colwood Detailer woodburners and Graeme makes his own handpieces to replace the pens. With his handpieces, tips can easily be swapped out. He makes tips in a variety of patterns--spirals, waves, circles, squares, I-beams--and of course a stippler and a knife blade for fine lines. He showed us how to make our own tips as well.

A variety of paints may be used. They demonstrated several projects using tube acrylic paints, high-flow acrylics, diluted India ink and milk paint, along with gilding wax for a finishish touch.

We all created some test boards to try out different woodburning tips and carving burrs. Then we got to work on pieces we'd brought with us. We all went home with new knowledge and lots of ideas for future projects.

Merryl Saylan worked on several sample boards, creating circles with the Colwood woodburner and the rest with a Razertip and a microcarver. She's looking forward to playing with more patterns.



Scott DeWeese made these three pieces. All have been burned and then embellished with acrylic paint.



Brenda Blaesing made this giraffe-inspired piece by woodburning the shapes, then using acrylic paint and milk paint. She also made a bottle stopper using India ink and woodburning.



After buying some new tools and paints to play with, **Dennis Fanning** got busy. He made these pieces with various woodburning tips and paints.



PHOTO GALLERY

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



Debra Higley-Feldman made this 7" x 4" lidded bowl from cottonwood and maple.



Ken Rollins made this piece he calls *Knuckles* out of Schact raffle wood. It measures 7" x 7" x 3" and is finished with Danish oil. His advice: "Dont try this at home."



Don Prorak made a selection of bottle stoppers of different types of wood, some using multi-axis techniques. He also made a salt and pepper mill set from persimmon.



Scott Schlapkohl made this unique 4" x 6" piece from locust and finished it with a combination of tung oil and wax.



Curt Vogt says, "Howdy from Texas!" He's been doing miniatures lately, and having lots of fun with the little bowls, platters, vessels, and vases. Trying to keep the form and scale so they work together is a challenge. He's also been trying out various finishing methods and products—especially on oily, exotic woods like Cocobolo and Bocote and trying to get the best shine on the acrylic. The dollhouse display cabinet (that he didn't make) is filled with his miniatures. The whole thing is just under 6" tall. Also shown are a series of miniature Cocobolo plates, platters and bowls. For scale, you can see the dime in the foreground.

