



FRONT RANGE WOODTURNERS

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Announcements

A special announcement from the Club President Ed “Sonny” Jones:

With the increasing spread of Covid-19, woodturners must do their social distancing part. As unfortunate as this is, self-confinement to the shop offers an opportunity to visit those projects that have been put off. Now is the time for turning-learning!

We all have that block of wood under our bench that we have moved many times thinking... someday. Now may be that day! Knock the dust off and create, but remember to take every safety precaution. Please do not attempt any of the following suggestions that make you uncomfortable. The emergency room will be busy enough without any woodturning accidents.

Here are some shut-in shop-time suggestions:

- Clean and organize the shop.
 - Identify bowl blanks by species, and if applicable, mark the date it was roughed out.
 - Identify dimensional lumber by species, and mark the ends with length & width.
 - Take an inventory of tools; including model and serial numbers. Take photos to assist an insurance claim in case of a fire or robbery.
 - Make a rolling cart to house a dust collector, air compressor, sharpening system or any item that you are tired of lifting to move.
- Take the time to clean the lathe.
 - Remove the banjo, tool rest and tail stock and give all a good cleaning. Clean underneath also.
 - Rid the bed of rust and lubricate. Don't forget to attend to your chucks. Show them some cleaning love too.
- Watch some carefully chosen U-Tube videos. Carefully chosen! Some are just wrong and dangerous. Watch the experts to learn from the best!
- We all have favorite gouges. Set those aside and practice with the others until you have mastered them. Not going to ever use them, donate them to someone starting out.
- Mount a piece of wood between centers and practice, practice, practice! Practice with every tool designed for safe spindle work.
 - Turn the wood round. Turn beads and coves. Turn the piece round again and practice until there is no wood left.

- Just starting out - turn a honey dipper, mushroom, mallet, garden dibble, votive candle holder, paper towel holder or a spinning top.
 - As you advance, make a chattering tool and really enhance that spinning top with color.
 - While between centers, try turning a thin stemmed goblet with captive rings, or improve your skills by turning finials.
 - Up your game with some off centered spindle work.
 - If you make bottle stoppers or pens, get creative. Enhance them also.
 - The Lehigh chapter has challenged their members to get ready for Easter by creating Easter eggs.
 - Try making a rolling pin with a Celtic knot.
- Face plate practice is also important.
 - Turn a bowl, plate or platter and get creative with the rim. Try carving. Drill and fill holes or fill voids with contrasting materials.
 - Make a piece of fruit. Make a bowl of different fruits and dye them. Coloring wood is a dyeing art!
 - Maybe it's time to attempt a segmented bowl. It is a good way to use small pieces of wood. If you get hooked on segmenting, make a wedgie sled.
 - Turn a piece of jewelry. A pendant, bracelet, ring or some earrings. That is the challenge if we are able to meet in May.
 - Make a lidded box and donate it to Beads of Courage!
 - Up for a challenge, try a cubed bowl or a tri-cornered bowl with a lid.
 - Cutting boards are great items. Try making a round one.
- Take photos of your work! If you have a website or Instagram account, this is the time to update and post new pictures. Send pictures to Jim to include in the chapter newsletter!
- Remember, the reason for self-confinement is to be safe. Have fun, but like they use to say on the TV show Hill Street Blues, "Be careful out there!"

Upcoming Demonstrators in 2020

April: Meeting Cancelled	September: Mike Skiba – "Thought Through"
May: Bruce Perry – O'Keefe inspired winged vessel	October: TBD
July: Laurent Niclot – Topic TBD plus all-day class	November: TBD
August: Dave Hawley – Tips and Tricks part II	December: Holiday Party

Turning Challenge:

The turning challenge for the next time we meet is to make a piece of jewelry like **Bear and Alisa** showed us.

The rules for our monthly turning challenge are:

- Self-assess your level of turning (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced). Do not judge your skill level by how long you have been turning.

- Fill out a Show-and-Tell form with your name, title of the piece, finish used, etc. All of the forms on our website are now interactive and can be filled out online and printed ahead of time. If you want, you can print a blank form and fill it out by hand, and we will also have blank forms at the meeting.
- The Show-and-Tell forms have a check box for “Turning Challenge” and “Show-and-Tell only”. Check the appropriate box.
- To enter the turning challenge, there are 3 folders marked Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. Each folder has numbered slips of paper that are color coded to the skill level:

Beginner = Red
Intermediate = Blue
Advanced = Yellow

- Pick a bag of numbers from your respective skill folder - it doesn't matter which number you pick. The Beginner folder only has red numbers, Intermediate only has blue numbers, etc.
- Write the number on your card in case things get mixed up, and place the bag with your numbers on top of your Show-and-Tell card (so people can vote for you). Do not throw the bag away!
- You cannot vote for yourself.

Mentor List

We now have a list of members that have volunteered to be one-on-one mentors to help other club members. No matter what skill level you are - from brand new turner on up – sometimes a few hours of personalized instruction is all it takes to help you master a new tool or technique. The list has been updated and is available to members. Request a list from **Marty Christiansen**.

If you do not have a current roster to find a member's contact information, contact the Newsletter Editor (see below) and you will be sent one.

Club Information

>Membership – Mike Mullen

Co-club Members	10
Family Members	37
Individual Members	172
Lifetime Members	10
Family Roster	50
Student Members	3
Total Membership	282

Annual dues are the following:

- Individual – \$45
- Couple – \$50
- Student – \$22.50
- Under 12 years – Free!

To help with tracking payments, we request that you pay using a personal check or money order made out to Front Range Woodturners. You can pay in cash if you have the exact amount. You can also mail a check or money order (no cash, please) for your dues to the following address: Front Range Woodturners, PO Box 620605, Littleton, CO 80162.

Please include the following information with your dues: Name; Spouse Name (if signing up as Couple); Street; City; State; Zip; best phone number to reach you and your Email address.

You will receive multiple benefits of being a member, including but not limited to the following:

- Monthly newsletter
- Ability to check items out of our extensive library of videos and magazines
- Discounts on regular bulk orders of various supplies

- Discounts at stores in the Denver area (including the 10% discount at our Rockler store!)
- Monthly demonstrations by locally and internationally known woodturners
- Being listed in and receiving a copy of the membership roster
- Ability to participate in free, hands-on mentoring classes
- And last, but not least, access to the best bunch of woodturners around for questions, war stories, or just to visit.

All our club events are funded by your dues and donations (such as the monthly wood raffle).

If you are a member in good standing with the Rocky Mountain Woodturners in Loveland or the Pike's Peak Woodturners club in Colorado Springs, you may join Front Range Woodturners club for half price. Likewise if you are a member in good standing here you may join the RMW and PPW clubs for half price.

>Group Purchases and Individual Catalog Orders – Jay Miller

The Group Purchase deadline for April is April 14. Any orders received after April 14 will be returned or held for the next quarterly buy, which ever the member prefers.

INDUSTRIAL ABRASIVES: Industrial Abrasives (IA) is our principal sanding supplies vendor, but individual orders to Klingspor may also be member-processed (see details on the FRW website). Prices for Hook & Loop (H&L) mandrels, and H&L Discs remain the lowest in the marketplace, with the weight of the backing heavier than the competition.

STARBOND. Starbond is our principal cyanocrylate (CA) glue vendor. Prices increased as of January 2019 (see new order sheets). Our minimum order is \$100, but if we order at a 200+ level, a 15% AAW-related discount kicks in, making S&H essentially free.

TURQUOISE BUY- **Dave Hawley** has found a source for natural Arizona turquoise and is offering to sponsor a one-time buy for the material. The cost is \$40.00 / lb., but if we can get orders for 20 lbs. the price will be \$38.00 / lb. Dave needs to charge \$42.00 / lb. to cover shipping but will refund any moneys received over actual cost.

Remember that our first quarterly group buy is in January. The quarterly group buy is for Craft Supplies (all catalog items), Industrial Abrasives, Star Bond adhesives; Spence Dist. Band saw Blades, and Wood Carvers Supply. Order forms and price sheets are on the web site. The current price sheets are for 2019. The price sheets will be up dated as early in January as possible.

GROUP BUY COORDINATORS: The new group buy coordinators are **Jay Miller** and **Ted Mellin**. Please see the FRW website (www.fronrangewoodturners.org) for Group Purchase details, including order sheets and which Group Buy Coordinator should receive checks for which vendor resource.

GROUP BUY SCHEDULE: Group orders for Industrial Abrasives sanding supplies, Starbond CA Glue, Craft Supplies USA tools and supplies, Spence Industries band saw blades, and Woodcarvers Supply carving tools and supplies will be taken at the monthly meetings in January, April, July, and October.

NOTE ABOUT ROCKLER: If Rockler stocks an item, please purchase that item from Rockler using their 10% club discount. We owe that to Rockler for being a wonderful host to our club.

>Librarian's Corner – Bob Britt

Recent additions to your library-

HAW-03 DVD – This is actually a video of 2 short demos from the Feb meeting

Pt-1 **Dave Hawley** – Using Turquoise for Inlays

Pt-2 **Keith Motzner** – Sharpening and different gouge types

SHE-14 DVD – **Dale Sherman**- Turning a Suncatcher

LIM-12 DVD – **Alisa and Bear Limvere** – Turning Jewelry

HOA-03 Book – R. Bruce Hoadley- Identifying Wood Types

NAG-03 & NAG-04 Book and companion DVD -Dust Control Made Simple

FLY-02- Book – Fluid Forms by Liam Flynn Foundation

And of course all the recent issues of Woodturning Magazine

Additional details for these items can be found in the latest on-line library listing at the FRW website.

With more time at home it is good that many of us find additional hours to spend in the workshop. I just bet that many of us are actually spending more time on the computer as well. Help us out. Browse around to find DVD's and/or books that could be candidates for your FRW Library. E-mail your suggestions to the FRW Librarian

Keep on turning and things are bound to come around.

>Mentoring Program – Marty Christensen

Our May meeting (hopefully) will be on Monday the 11th in the Rockler basement from 5-7 pm. We will be going over wood/project finishing.

If there is a particular topic you would like to have a mentoring meeting on, please contact Marty and let him know.

>Youth Mentoring Program – Don Prorak

No plans for now.

>Ladies of the Lathe – Robyn Herman

Our next meeting is postponed until later. No dates set yet.

All female members of the FRW, aged 12 or older, are invited to join the Ladies of the Lathe. Turning is a finesse skill that anyone can learn. LOTL is intended to provide a comfortable, easy-paced, and non-threatening environment for women to learn and advance their skills in turning. Men may attend when not enough women sign up. Check with Robyn on space availability.

>Shop Tours – Al Murphy

All shop tours are cancelled for now. A video tour is in the works.

>Newsletter – Jim Proud

Comments and articles for the monthly newsletter should be emailed to the editor at cavaleon1956@gmail.com. Submissions should arrive at least ten days before the next meeting. Your comments and suggestions to improve the newsletter are always welcome.

The Newsletter Editor is looking for a newsletter assistant. That position would involve helping with the newsletter each month and possibly looking to take over as editor next year. If you are interested, please contact Jim at cavaleon1956@gmail.com

>Pete Holtus Educational Opportunity Grant – Bob Franklin

The following 6 club members were awarded an opportunity grant for 2020. Each one will attend a class as indicated and will share with the club what he or she learned. Congratulations to each one.

Jay Miller – Attending a Keith Gotchall class	Tim Capraro – The Ellsworth School of Woodturning
Jim Sledz – Attending a Trent Bosch class	Mike Skiba – Attending a Trent Bosch class
Rick Flemming and Patrick Crumpton will each be attending the Southwest Association of Woodturners Symposium	

AAW Membership

The American Association of Woodturners (AAW) is our “mother” organization. FRW is a chapter of AAW. AAW has a separate membership fee and program from FRW with multiple benefits, not least of which is their quarterly American Woodturning magazine. See AAW’s website at www.woodturner.org.

>Beads of Courage

Remember that **Rick Fleming** and **Ed Cypher** collect bowls at every meeting for the Beads of Courage project. **Jim Proud** has a few extra Beads of Courage “buttons” and will gladly give you one free of charge for as long as they last.

>Parking Courtesy

Rockler has requested that we do not park in front of the neighboring open businesses as a courtesy. Please leave room for their customers. If the lot in front of Rockler is full, there is ample additional parking across Colorado Blvd.

>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 membership. Keep in mind that they keep the register open late

on meeting nights just for us. Just be sure to complete any purchases no later than the mid-meeting break so the Rockler staff can start shutting down the store.

As always – 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 only good at the Denver retail location, and is not valid for any other Rockler location or for Internet purchases

>March Gallery



Robert Brewer - Maple



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Chris Campbell – Walnut, Maple



Tim Capraro – Banksia Pod



Rick Cantwell - Sycamore



Rick Cantwell - Walnut



Tim Capraro - Purpleheart



Tim Capraro – Various woods



Kim Komitor - Maple



Jess Edwards – Polymer clay



Bob Franklin - Coffeewood



Larry Hughes – Walnut, Padauk



Larry Long - Purpleheart



Larry Long - Wood



Jay Miller – Elm



Stephen Pegler - Walnut



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Dale Quakenbush – Brown Oak



Dale Quakenbush – Hackberry



Dale Quakenbush – Spalted Oak, Mystery Wood



Dale Quakenbush – White Oak



Mike Skiba – Walnut, Poplar



Mike Skiba – Box El\der



Mike Skiba – Honey Locust



Pat Scott - Oak



Leanne Stember – Various Polymers



Les Stern – Douglas Fir



Les Stern – Norfolk Island Pine



Les Stern – Various woods



Les Stern - Wood



Gene Wentworth - Maple



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Gene Wentworth – Aspen, Cherry, Corian



Gene Wentworth – Mountain Ash, Maple



Gene Wentworth – Corian, Eucalyptus, Brass, Maple



Gene Wentworth – Maple, Padauk, Corian

>Classifieds

Please note: All advertising in the Classifieds is free, but be sure to notify the newsletter editor if an item is no longer for sale. All ads that are older than 3 months will be deleted. To submit a classified ad email the newsletter editor at: cavaleon1956@gmail.com.

For Sale: (2/4) Contact **Chuck Kubin**, 303-908-8753, leave message

>Delta LA200 midi lathe and 46-462 stand, new in boxes. 1725 RPM motor; five speeds ranging 500-3700 RPM; swing 10" over the bed and 7 1/2" over the base; work length 14 1/2 inches. Spur and live centers, faceplate, and tool rest included. Perfect lathe for turners who have limited space and want to turn small to mid-size bowls and vases and not be limited to pens and smaller projects. \$325.

>Delta 46-700 full size lathe with stand. 3/4 hp motor, 12" swing over bed. 36" bed. Headstock adjusts along length of bed and can be reversed to turn outboard for turning larger diameters than 12" with an optional tool rest. On-the-fly adjustable Reeves drive with a newer belt ranging 500-2000 rpm. 12" straight tool rest, 12" S-curve bowl rest, live and spur drive centers. Runs on a regular 15-amp service. \$700 negotiable.

>Alltrade 18" scroll saw with upgraded blade holders, very little use, \$50.

>Alltrade 5 1/2" orbital DA air sander with a box of 98,100 grit stick-on discs, \$75.

Wood For Sale: 16 inch length by 10-14 inch diameter pieces. \$10 per piece. Type of wood available includes hickory, apple, pecan, cherry, peach, plum, apricot, oak, mesquite, mulberry, pear, maple, aspen, red-center cedar, pinon, ash, red elm, locust, alligator juniper and others.

Contact Andrew at Rocky Mountain Wood Source at 720-491-1907 (phone or text).
