



# FRONT RANGE WOODTURNERS

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## Announcements

### May Meeting To Be Held via Zoom

Our demonstrator is **Bruce Perry**. His project will be a Georgia O'Keefe inspired winged vessel. He will be demonstrating from **Don Prorak's** shop, where he has assembled a rudimentary system for Interactive Remote Demos (IRDs). Bruce's demo will be both inspiring and informative, and Don will do his best to keep the technology running smoothly. He says he cannot promise a slick or flawless production, but it will be nice to have a meeting, and you can enjoy it from the comfort of your home.

### *Meet Your Board Members*

		
Ed "Sonny" Jones - President	Don Prorak – Vice President	Larry Abrams - Treasurer
Patrick Crumpton - Secretary	Gary Starritt – Coffee Chair	Jay Miller – Group Buy

Ted Mellin – Group Buy

Amelia Gentile – Webmaster  
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Al Murphy – Shop Tours



Doug Miller – Membership Assistant



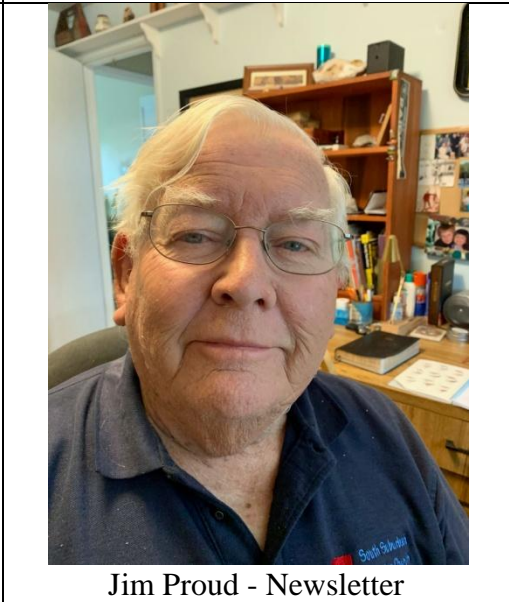
Bob Franklin – PHEOG Grants

Bob Britt - Librarian

Mark Hanson – Asst. Webmaster



Lavonne Kaiser – Wood Raffle



Jim Proud - Newsletter

Robyn Herman – Ladies of the Lathe

Amanda Mathew – Asst. LotL

Mike Mullen - Membership

Marty Christiansen – Mentoring

Jim Record – Photographer

Tim Capraro – Asst. Photo.

Jay Miller – Publicity Chair	Carl Maccarrone – Asst. Publicity	Richard Kuivila- Videographer
Tom Tedesco – Asst. Wood Raffle	Ryan Custer – Asst. Wood Raffle	Jay Miller - Youth Asst.

If you would like to get in touch with any of our Board members, look them up on your copy of the roster which the newsletter editor would be happy to send you if you request one at: cavaleon1956@gmail.com

### Upcoming Demonstrators in 2020

June: <b>Bruce Perry</b> – O’Keefe inspired winged vessel	
July: <b>Laurent Niclot</b> – Topic TBD plus all-day class	October: TBD
August: <b>Dave Hawley</b> – Tips and Tricks part II	November: TBD
September: <b>Mike Skiba</b> – “Thought Through”	December: Holiday Party

### Turning Challenge:

The turning challenges have been suspended until we start meeting together again.

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 at cavaleon1956@gmail.com 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
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>282</b>

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 next Group Purchase deadline is July 15. Any orders received after July 15 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.

**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.frontrangewoodturners.org](http://www.frontrangewoodturners.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**

Much of the world has changed and will not be the same as we once knew it. The only thing certain at this point is that more changes will be forthcoming.

Your club library will remain basically the same although we don't have details yet for opening and maintaining safe social distance. In the interim additions continued to be pursued and added.

This month we are reporting the receipt of 2 books that were completely revised and are certainly worth some consideration.

#### **ODO-02 – Book authored by Michael (Mick) O'Donnell – “Turning Green Wood”**

This 2020 revision is loaded with explanations and excellent photography and should increase every reader's knowledge of wood, project planning, turning and finishing even of those who do not turn green wood. Moisture, grain patterns and splitting are covered then after a review of lathe set-up and basic turning techniques 6 projects are covered in detail from planning to finishing. Many of these projects could be executed with dry wood. Suggested for all but advanced turners.

**CON-01 – Book authored by Ernie Conover “The Lathe”** – This 2019 revision contains dozens of new photographs and illustrations as well as many pages of new and expanded text. If you are fairly new to the world of turning this book should be on your must read list. The author covers everything from safety gear to the positioning of your lathe in the workshop. He is not afraid to name names when touting virtues or expressing disdain for certain items. As stated in the introduction “this book throws light on useful machines, tools and gadgets that will make your time in the turning shop productive and fun”. Note: this review contains some text taken from a more detailed review by David Heim in AAW's American Woodturner – April 2020.

Other library additions this month:

**CON-05 – DVD-Turning for Furniture – Ernie Conover** – Companion to the book already in our library – CON-04.

**WT-343- Mag- Woodturning – April ed.**

I hope that some of you are using this “stay at home time” to become more familiar with the club website and the details of your library. Remember that when you are into turning, things are bound to come around.

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

**>Mentoring Program – Marty Christensen**

Our May meeting (hopefully) will be on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> 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 a couple of days before the date for the monthly meeting, whether we are having it together, or having it by Zoom or otherwise. The first Tuesday of each month.

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.

<b>Jay Miller</b> – Attending a Keith Gotchall class	<b>Tim Capraro</b> – The Ellsworth School of Woodturning
<b>Jim Sledz</b> – Attending a Trent Bosch class	<b>Mike Skiba</b> – Attending a Trent Bosch class
<b>Rick Flemming</b> and <b>Patrick Crumpton</b> 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](http://www.woodturner.org).

## ***>Beads of Courage***

Remember that **Rick Fleming** and **Ed Cypher** collect bowls at every meeting for the Beads of Courage project. During this time of no meetings you may contact Rick or Ed about taking a BofC bowl over to either of them.

## ***>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)

## ***>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](mailto:cavaleon1956@gmail.com).***