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A woodturner's hands move over the wood
Checking to see if the pattern is good.
Making sure that the grain lines up as it should
The woodturner's hands move over the wood.

Beauty and strength of wood are his trade
As it pleases the eye in the things that he's made
Taking pride in his tools when honing each gouge
Clearing his bench where they're carefully laid

His shop smells of aspen, cherry and pine
Waxes and oils his pieces refined
Bringing to life things well designed
Withstanding the test of the passage of time

The beauty inside is released as she toils
She seems to know what her heart understands
With her eye for proportion and the skill it demands
She passes her spirit through the tools in her hands

A tree in the forest asleep as it stood
'Til the woodturner's hands awakened the wood.

(With apologies to Steve Butler as published in "Fine Woodworking")

Announcements

Zoom Holiday Party – Friday, December 11, 7:00 pm

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, our annual holiday party will need to be a zoom on-line event. Even though we cannot meet in person, we will continue with many of the FRW holiday party traditions.

>Socialization

Although the party will begin at 7:00, members will be able to enter the zoom event at 6:30 for a chance to socialize for a half hour. During this time, members will be assigned a number in the order of entering the event which will be used for door prizes.

>President's address

The President's address will begin the party to welcome and thank members for attending and to introduce our auctioneers **Skip and Christine Dickensheet** from Dickensheet and associates.

>The Ornament Exchange

Robyn Herman has worked hard on our traditional Ornament Exchange. Members who wanted to participate have emailed Robyn and she used a program to randomly pick names for the exchange. Robyn then sent each participant the name, address and phone number of the person who won the ornament. Members can either send the ornament or arrange a time and place to drop the ornament off to the winning member.

>Auction

Proceeds from the Auction help fund the PHEOG educational grants which allow our members to improve their skills and share with the membership what they have learned.

We currently have an abundance of donated wood and tools in the basement of Rockler as well as donated works of art made by demonstrators and fellow members. All auction items will be categorized and photographed for an on-line auction hosted by Skip and Christine Dickensheet from Dickensheet & Associates Inc.

>**All purchased auction items** may be picked up and paid for in the parking area behind Rockler on Saturday, December 12th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and if necessary, the following Saturday, December 19th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. (Weather Permitting)

If there are remaining bundles of wood, they may be purchased during these times.

>Door prizes

We have door prizes to be won! As members log into the zoom holiday party, they will be assigned a number that will be drawn as each prize is announced. Prizes will be mailed to the winning member.

>Awards

John W. Perkins award and Lifetime Member award

Founding Fathers and Hall of Fame recognition

Election results and thank you to all officers and chair positions and introduction of the three new elected positions.

Farewell and thank you for attending.

Online Demos Available

1. **Trent Bosch** has started doing weekly virtual demos with some big name turners: **Trent Bosch, Rudy Lopez, Laurent Niclot, Eric Lofstrom, Phil Irons, Michael Alguire, and Art Liestman** to name a few. Watch a

professional demo from the comfort of your home. The cost is \$10 per demo and Trent is even offering 5 and 10 demo package deals. www.virtualwoodturningdemos.com

2. **Glenn Lucas** is also doing a lot of remote demos and then making those demos available as a high quality DVD download on his website. Glenn has the best camera setup with closeup shots that I've ever seen any demonstrator use. The cost is \$15 Euro per download which works out to \$16.83 US. Once you download the DVD demo it's yours forever. Look under the SHOP tab at www.glennlucaswoodturning.com

Front Range Woodturners now has a You Tube channel
www.youtube.com/channel/UCfYpnMy8U22UeD5IlsBEB2A

Turning Challenge:

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



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. If you would like to volunteer as a mentor, let Marty Christensen know and we will add your name to this list.

Name	Area of Expertise	Mentor Location	Contact
Bob Franklin	General and Stabilizing	Thornton	Btheb66@gmail.com
Dave Hawley	Any level but enjoy most getting folks started safely	Boulder	Dbh001@gmail.com
Dennis Fanning	General	Arvada	dcfanning@aol.com
Don Prorak	Beginner and Youth	Brighton	donprorak@comcast.net
Ed Sonny Jones	General, segmenting	Central Park	edsonnyjones333@gmail.com
Henry Williams	General, spindles, bowls	Southwest Denver (US 285 Corridor)	williamshenrya@gmail.com
Jay Miller	General	Littleton	jaymiller9637@comcast.net
Keith Motzner	Firewood into Art, Wood prep	Centennial	kmozner@me.com

Larry Abrams	General	At Rockler store	laabrams.51@me.com
Les Stern	General	Centennial	sternsclass@hotmail.com
Marty Christensen	General	Hudson	mecturning@gmail.com
Mike Skiba	General	Westminster	mrpsmj@gmail.com
Phil Houck	General, spindles	Denver Southwest	houckpc@comcast.net
Roger Holmes	Beginner	Louisville	roger_holmes@comcast.net
Scott Thomsen	Hand-Threading & Segmented Bowls	Centennial	thomsen-s@comcast.net



Club Information

2021 FRW Board Nominees

President Ed (Sonny) Jones
 Vice President Don Prorak
 Treasurer Larry Abrams
 Secretary Patrick Crumpton
 President Emeritus Pat Scott
 Club Historian Joe Levy
 Coffee Chair Gary Starritt
 Coffee Chair - Asst VACANT
 Communication Chair: Jim Proud
 Group Buy Jay Miller
 Group Buy - Asst Ted Mellin
 Internet Amelia Gentile
 Internet - Asst Mark Hanson
 LOTL Robyn Herman
 LOTL - Asst Amanda Mathew
 LOTL - Asst Amelia Gentile
 Librarian Bob Britt
 Membership Mike Mullen
 Membership - Asst Doug Miller
 Mentoring Marty Christensen
 Mentoring - Asst Larry Abrams
 Mentoring - Asst Patrick Crumpton
 Newsletter Editor Brenda Blaesing
 Newsletter - Asst Scott Thomsen
 PHEOG Bob Franklin
 Photographer Jim Record

Photographer - Asst Tim Capraro
 Shop Tour Al Murphy
 Publicity Jay Miller
 Publicity - Asst Carl Maccarrone
Publicity - Asst Scott Thomsen
 Videographer Richard Kuivila
Videographer - Asst Marty Christensen
 Wood Raffle Lavonne Kaiser
Wood Raffle - Asst Tom Tedesco
Wood Raffle - Asst Ryan Custer
 Youth Don Prorak
 Youth - Asst Jay Miller



>Membership – Mike Mullen

Hey Folks, it the start of the FRW membership renewal season. Your membership is actually valid through the end of February. Thanks to **Henry Williams, David Brooks, Melissa Hunter, Albert and Renee Carlson, David Feldman, Debra Higley Feldman and Mike Mullen** for being the first to renew their FRW membership for 2021. - **Mike Mullen, 303-506-3735**

Type	Count	Count of
	Of Type	AAW Members
Co-club Member	11	6
Family	34	9
Individual	136	42
Lifetime	11	6
Roster	49	5
Student	2	0
Grand Total	243	68

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 will be in announced later.

<p>Industrial Abrasives Starbond Glue Wood Carvers Supply Jay Miller 9637 W. Vandeventor Dr. Littleton, CO 80128 (303) 945-4306</p>	<p>Craft supplies Spence Industries Band Saw Blades Ted Mellin 9043 W. Coco Drive Littleton, CO 80128</p>
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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.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

As a follow-up to an earlier article in this column, former Woodturning Magazine editor and author/woodturner Mark Baker succumbed to cancer in October at the age of 54

Comin soon –

Several FRW members have inquired regarding resources that explain working with and turning projects that include epoxy type resin. As this is a very visual activity YouTube abounds with videos on the subject. Now one of the popular YouTube contributors has published the book entitled Woodturning with Resin. Keith Lackner, through Cedar Lane Press has authored this soon to be delivered paperback of 144 pages. This is a “go-to” guide for anyone who enjoys turning and wishes to add this aspect into your project. Discover how resin can transform your next turning project into a work of art. With expert instruction and stunning photos the author/artist takes the reader through all the steps of preparing and curing resin for the lathe. This might be the only guide you need to discover the fun, beauty and unlimited potential of adding resin to your woodturning projects. This will be item LAC-01 in the FRW Library. Add it to your “must read” list.

Happy Holidays to all during this very different year ending holiday season.

>Mentoring Program – Marty Christensen

Mentoring meetings are temporarily suspended until further notice.

>Youth Mentoring Program – Don Prorak

This program is still on hold due to COVID-19. We will resume at the earliest safe opportunity.

>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 b.frezeman@yahoo.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.. As you know we always have our meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. So get anything for the newsletter by the weekend before.

This will be my last newsletter as editor. I have enjoyed receiving your articles and photos and compiling them into the newsletter. And I have appreciated your many encouraging comments and helpful suggestions. I know you will be as supportive of our new editor, **Brenda Blaesing**. Here is a little bit about her:

Relatively new to woodturning, Brenda has learned a lot in the past year through Ladies of the Lathe, a few Rockler classes, online demos and lots of practice during the stay-at-home restrictions. Having lived in Pennsylvania most of her life, she moved to Colorado 10 years ago, though kept her job as marketing manager for a PA-based distribution company. After many years of going back and forth, she just retired and is looking forward to spending more time on creative endeavors. Brenda is also a photographer and a potter.



>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.

<p>Jay Miller – was going to attend a Keith Gotchall class, but the class has been cancelled and has not as yet been rescheduled.</p>	<p>Tim Capraro – Tim’s class at the Ellsworth School of Woodturning was cancelled and he is waiting for the fall to attend a class.</p>
<p>Jim Sledz and Mike Skiba were to attend a Trent Bosch class which has now been postponed until September of this year. They are hopeful it will be offered then and not postponed again.</p>	
<p>Rick Flemming and Patrick Crumpton were to attend the Southwest Association of Woodturners Symposium but it has been cancelled and they will attend next year.</p>	

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**

Don't forget that **Rick Fleming** and **Ed Cypher** collect bowls for the Beads of Courage project. During this time of no meetings you may contact Rick or Ed about taking a *Beads of Courage* bowl over to either of them.



>**Rockler**

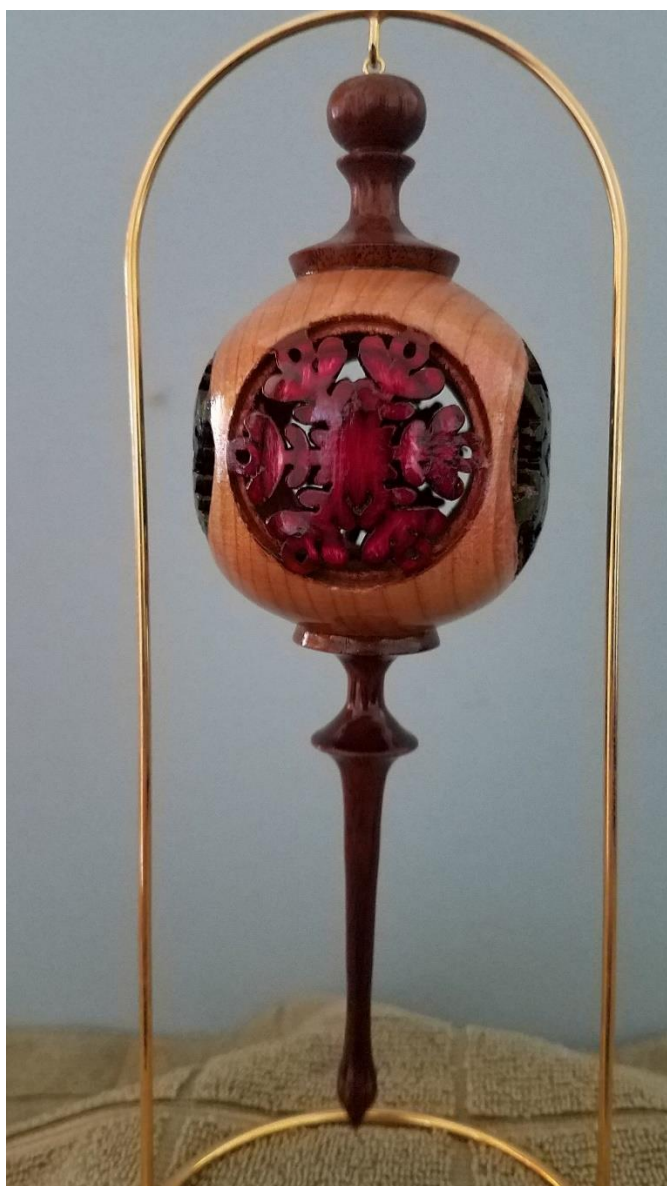
Patronizing the Rockler store is the best “thank you” we can give Rockler for their generosity in letting us use their facilities for our membership. Keep in mind that they keep the register open late on meeting nights just for us. Just be sure to complete any purchases no later than the mid-meeting 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)



November Gallery

(If you have one or more photos you would like to share with the club in the newsletter, send them to the newsletter editor. Include a little description too. Send them anytime.)



Ron Ainge's latest two Christmas tree ornaments, of which I am very happy to say, I received the one on the left in the ornament exchange! – **Jim Proud**



Here are my latest turnings. This is a 14" platter from a blank I got from **Robin Luther** and a bowl made out of Elm burl, with bark inclusions. – **Robyn Herman**



Small walnut box. Before and after. – **Kim Komitor**





Here is an assortment of bowls completed over the last few weeks. – **Larry Hughes**





I have been having a lot of fun making Christmas Gnomes! My 5 year old daughter thinks they are really cute and has a fun time choosing the beards with me! They are all different and range from 3” tall to 12” – **Jessica Edwards**



Where's the Lathe ?

A little humor from **Richard Kuivila**



The original design for these adorable Angels came from Joe Wagner, Salt Lake City, Utah. These are a variation and my latest version is still evolving and will be a bit different. Aspen is an ideal wood for these as it is both light in weight and color. A 1/2" recess in the base reduces the weight even more and provides room to sign and date each one. They can be displayed on a table or shelf in addition to hanging on a tree. – **Bob Britt**



Better than elves on a shelf. December turnings.

Mike Mullen



A menorah made with leftover furniture parts. Hanukkah starts December 10 at sundown. – **Merryl Saylan**



Two nice platters from **Gary Starritt** and a fused glass piece from his wife.



This is titled “Bye, Bye 2020”. – Suzanne Thompson



Brad Herman, Pat Scott, and Dennis Fanning cutting up some huge logs.



It is silver maple, and it was a couple of blocks from my house. The guy from Mile



High Tree Care was there to take away all the wood. But he was nice enough to put some big pieces in Pat and Dennis’s trucks.

Classified Ads

Any member may submit an ad to be published in the newsletter. It will be kept for 3 months or until sold.



