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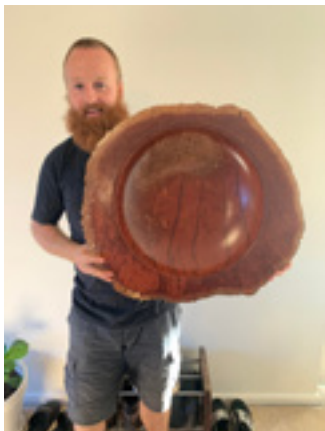
OCTOBER DEMONSTRATOR –Simon Begg Tuesday, October 3rd , In Person & via Zoom

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Simon Begg is a full-time woodturner from Sydney, Australia. He started turning in high school and following that, he did his trade in cabinetmaking. In 2016, Simon attended Turnfest, Australia's turning symposium, which inspired him to quit his job at 21 and start his turning career.

Quickly, Simon got his works in a range of timber galleries in NSW, sold work through markets and took commissions which were often the more unique projects. Simon has now taught at Turnfest multiple times, teaches the majority of the turning at Timberbits, a wood school in Mona Vale, has done zoom classes overseas and runs private classes in his workshop.

Simon's work is varied with his specialties in German ring turning, carved embellishment and bowl turning. His work has intentional design with a focus on form, proportion and texture. Techniques like the German ring turning have been a great challenge, done not just to keep a disappearing skill alive but to also challenge Simon's abilities on the 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. 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	24	Lifetime Members	14
Family Members	36	Roster	47
Individual Members	137	Student Members	1
Total Membership	259		

CLUB OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

President: Robyn Herman

Vice President/Program Director: Don Prorak

Secretary: Patrick Crumpton

Treasurer: Larry Abrams

President Emeritus: Ed Sonny Jones

Club Historian: Ed Sonny Jones

Coffee Chair: Gary Starritt

Communications Chair: Pat Scott

Group Buy Coordinator: Jay Miller

Internet Chair: Pat Scott

Ladies of the Lathe Chair: Debra Higley-Feldman

Librarian: Brian Tooker

Membership Chair: Scott Schlapkohl

Mentoring Program Chair: Marty Christensen

Newsletter Editor: Brenda Blaesing

PHEOG Grant Chair: Pat Scott

Photographer: Jim Record

Publicity Chair: Robyn Herman

Shop Tour Chair: Keith Motzner

Videographer: Marty Christensen & Larry Abrams

Wood Raffle: Lavonne Kaiser

Youth Chair: Don Prorak

Here are some examples of work by Simon Begg. The first two show his expertise in German ring turning.



LADIES OF THE LATHE

Debra Higley-Feldman -
debrakhf@gmail.com



On Tuesday, October 17th, **Jay Miller** will be showing us how to turn birdhouse ornaments. These are a great way to use Schacht offcuts and various wood scraps. The ornaments shown in this photo were made by Debra Higley-Feldman. The offset ornament with a creature is a template for ornaments. Others are mostly burl, maple, and cherry, some with beads and Tombow watercolors.



The class will be held at Rockler from 10:00 to 4:00.

FALL CLASSES

Don Prorak - donprorak@comcast.net

We have a plethora of great fall class offerings, something for just about every area of interest. We still have openings in Simon's & Ernie's classes. We will be using SignUp Genius for class registration, so keep an eye on your email for the links. **Please DO NOT send Don an email requesting to be in the class.** Classes will be held in the Rockler classroom, and will cost \$150 plus materials if needed.

Wednesday, Oct 4: Simon Begg (Australia) -
Square Edge Bowls

Wednesday, Oct 11: Ernie Conover - Thread Chasing

Tuesday, Nov 7: Rebecca DeGroot - Walking Turnings

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SHOP TOURS

Keith Motzner -

ShopTour@frontrangewoodturners.org

The October shop tour will be held on Saturday, October 7th from 9:00 to noon at **Bob Good's** shop. The location is 4814 S Upham Court in Littleton.

Shop tours are a great way for both old and new members to get better acquainted and to see how the other half turns, as well as seeing other members tools and equipment. You may even pick up some new ideas or techniques for your own shop.

We are not limited to just one shop tour per month, so if there is more interest, members are welcome to contact me to schedule a date. Contact ShopTour@frontrangewoodturners.org.

FROM THE WEB:

Al Murphy - ajmurphy1@comcast.net

Evidence was recently found in Africa of a half-million-year-old woodworking project. So, wood workers really are proto-human!

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2023/sep/20/oldest-wooden-structure-discovered-on-border-of-zambia-and-tanzania>



MENTORS

Marty Christensen -
meturning@gmail.com



Some 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're interested in being 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
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
Highlands Ranch	Rick Orr rickorr.1848@yahoo.com	Boxes/Inlay/ Thread Cutting
Hudson	Marty Christensen meturning@gmail.com	General
Lakewood	Debra Higley debrakhf@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

OCTOBER MENTORING CLASS

Marty Christensen - meturning@gmail.com
The October mentoring class will be held on Monday, October 9th from 5:00 to 7:00pm at Rockler. The topic is to be determined.

QUARTERLY GROUP BUYS



FRW places group buys once a quarter-in January, April, July and October-to get discounted pricing from the below manufacturers. **The last group buy for the year is this month.** 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 CA glue supplier. Our minimum order is \$100, but we receive an additional discount at \$200, making shipping free. Sign up for Starbond's newsletter to be notified of sales that beat our wholesale prices.

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 to get a discount.

Spence Industrial Supply - send orders to Ted Mellin
We will be purchasing band saw blades from Spence once a year, in April, 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 Penn State Industries, offer discounts to members who wish to place individual catalog orders. To take advantage of these discounts, you must be on their list of FRW members. To be placed on the list, please sign up at a meeting or send an e-mail to Jay Miller (jaymiller9637@comcast.net).

PHOTO GALLERY

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



Debra Higley-Feldman made a lidded box of redwood burl with a segmented ring of walnut and a walnut/redwood burl/ash lid. It is 5-1/2" across and finished with Danish wood oil and carnauba wax.



Henry Williams made this hollow form of buckeye burl and blackwood. Measuring 9" tall, it was finished with

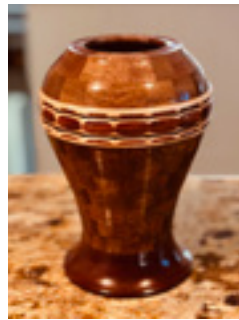
Danish oil. There was a big bark inclusion and a crack through to the top, so he used strapping tape to hold it together during hollowing.



Gordon Dalby made this 10" diameter x 5" high salad bowl- of chechem, wenge, marble, yellow heart and many others in the floating bottom. The finish is instant glue, poly wipe-on and good Beale buffing.



Dale Quakenbush made an ash vase and small platter and also a twisted cherry vase and a spalted aspen vase with a couple of riders.



Larry Hughes made this vase mostly of mahogany with a feature made from maple, red fruit wood and walnut. It stands 10" tall. The fruit bowl is made from mahogany, blue pine and purple heart. The ring/jewelry bowl is made with blue pine, bubinga, and white oak. He added a touch of blue dye to help the pine color pop.



Dan Prorak was a demonstrator at the Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium last month. To prepare for the demos, he made lots of practice pieces, cocktail smokers and double tri-corners. The other photo is Don's new lathe, a Vicmarc VL300.



Cathie McLean made her first 'board to bowls.' Two are economy bowls, one cherry and one poplar. The other was made by glueing together a pine blank. She wanted to play with colors and decided to pair that with a slight tulip shape. She really enjoyed how the end grain came out.



Blaine Blaesing made this weed pot from a great piece of mesquite. With numerous worm holes, it measures 11" high.

WITH AGE, I REALIZE...

Aging certainly does bring changes. See how many of these you agree with. They were found by Richard Kuivila on Facebook.

1. I talk to myself. Sometimes I need an expert's advice,.
2. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.
3. I don't need anger management. I need other people to stop pissing me off.
4. My people skills are just fine but my tolerance for idiots needs a little work.
5. The biggest lie I tell myself is, "Oh, you'll remember."
6. Nap time is not a punishment. It's a reward.
7. The day the world runs out of wine is too terrible to even think about.
8. Duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound.
9. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer and come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
- 10 "Getting Lucky" actually means walking into a room and remembering why I came in.

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.

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.

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.