

GOING 'ROUND

Front Range Woodturners Newsletter

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NOVEMBER DEMONSTRATOR –Bill Smith Tuesday, November 7th , In Person & via Zoom Don Prorak - donprorak@comcast.net

FRW member W.J. (Bill) Smith has graciously stepped up on short notice to give our November demo. Bill was a recipient of the PHEOG Educational Grant award this year and his demo is his payback to the club. Bill used the grant money to attend the Oregon Woodturning Symposium in March and has been busy making boxes since getting back.

Bill was born in Oregon in 1949, but he didn't start woodturning until 2002 after he bought his wife Linda a mini lathe for Christmas. Yes, it was on her wish list! After Bill's 20-year Air Force career, Linda was eager to find him a hobby that would keep him occupied. He joined AAW early on and has been a member of FRWT since 2013. He is also a member of the Pikes Peak Woodturners and South Coast Woodturners in Oregon.

Bill started turning bottle stoppers and selling them in Linda's booths at local craft fairs. Linda told him at the start, "You can turn anything you want, except pens!" Since then, he has expanded his repertoire to cover Christmas ornaments, bowls, hollow forms, kaleidoscopes and a wide array of boxes. Linda is a fabric artist who makes dolls and Christmas ornaments. Bill contributes by making the stands for her dolls and other doll and ornament components. (That's his justification for graduating to a midi-lathe and then a full-size Jet 1632 lathe.)

Bill and Linda remain happily married after 52 years. They have been Colorado residents since 1986. This

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

year they will have craft booths at three Colorado Springs high schools.

Bill says, "I don't think of myself to be a serious woodturner. If I'm not having fun, I find something else to turn."

Bill makes boxes with both friction-fit and threaded lids. In his demo, he'll discuss:

- What goes into making a box with friction fit lid
- Application of the Golden Ratio for box making
- Considerations for making a good lid
- Finishing the bottom
- Making sure the bottom is an appropriate thickness



AAW MEMBERSHIP

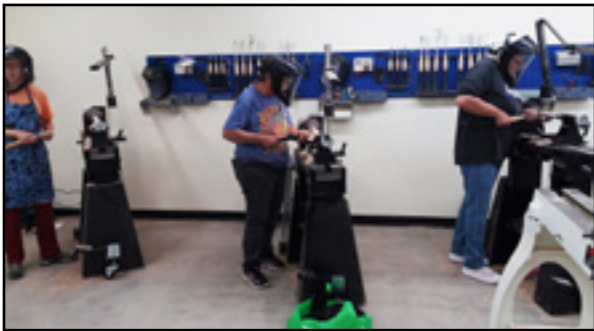
Front Range Woodturners is a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. Club members may become individual members of AAW, if desired. Benefits include resources, weekly emails on various woodturning topics, and the quarterly American Woodturning magazine. See AAW's website at www.woodturner.org for more information.

LADIES OF THE LATHE

Debra Higley-Feldman -
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On Tuesday, October 17th, **Jay Miller** gave a class in turning birdhouse ornaments. LOTL has a number of new members, so he started with turning beads and coves using a skew and spindle gouge. We went through the steps of turning the birdhouse base and lid, including using forstner bits in jacob's chucks, using a drill press for the bird opening, and other things.



There won't be an LOTL class in December. January and February classes are in the planning stages, but dates haven't been set as of yet. Jessica Edwards will be showing how to make gnomes, and Raleigh Lockhart will teach scroll saw/turning leaves.

FALL CLASSES

Don Prorak - donprorak@comcast.net

Rebecca DeGroot had to cancel her trip to Colorado so our November classes were cancelled. Here are photos from the October classes with Simon Begg and Ernie Conover.

SIMON BEGG



ERNIE CONOVER



MENTORS

Marty Christensen -
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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
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NOVEMBER MENTORING CLASS

Marty Christensen - meturning@gmail.com

The November mentoring class will be held on Monday, November 13th from 5:00 to 7:00pm at Rockler. The topic will be ornament turning and hollowing, part two.

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 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 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:

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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.



Ken Rollins made this yarn bowl out of Wisconsin cherry wood and Schacht scrap. He got the wood—and cut down the tree first—on his last trip to his brother-in-law's house near Madison. The second bowl, of Florida rosewood and Schacht scrap, will also be a yarn bowl once he cuts the scroll. Both are about a 10" diameter.



Dale Quakenbush made a small hollow form out of bass wood from a burned house in Louisville. He also completed the turning from the Mark Gardner class following the RMWT Symposium. He carved the handles, added texture and dyed it black. He filled it with dead flowers and put it out with his Halloween decorations.



Al Murphy has several projects underway—a threaded box and a Chinese ball. Shown is a tableau of his work area.



Gordon Dalby made this urn for a special person in his life. Measuring 5" x 12", it's made of walnut, spalted pecan, ebony, and dyed black veneer.

Debra Higley-Feldman made a 6" dia x 5" high Russian Olive bowl with a walnut base. She finished it with Danish wood oil.



The birdhouse ornament is about 1"x3" and of Schacht cherry with an amethyst bead and bamboo perch; finished with walnut oil. The bird is baked polymer clay with no finish (gravy, or dressing).



Ron Fortune recently made a juniper bowl, about 7"x2", with a shellac sealer finish plus Ack's abrasive and wax. The



shop smelled great while turning it and the color is amazing. The juniper stump was given to him by a good friend. He



also made his first lidded bowl. The base wood is approximately 40-year-old maple from a neighbor, then Ron added a walnut accent strip and walnut lid. Overall, about 6-1/2" diameter, 2-3/4" tall. Not good enough with the gouges to make a "pop" lid, just an average fit.



Blaine Blaesing made this box out of crabapple with a dyed-black finial lid from Schacht scrap. It measures 5" diameter by 6-1/2" high.



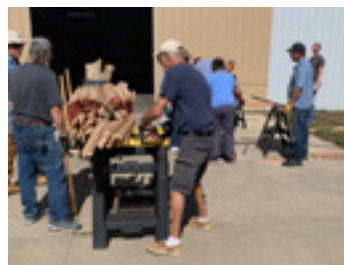
Henry Williams took a break from turning and went on a two-week canoe trip with his wife Kit trip down the Green River through Canyonlands National Park in Utah. It was a great trip and the weather was perfect.



SCHACHT WOOD

Schacht had some 12' long scrap cutoffs that were going to be thrown away if we didn't take them. Several FRW members met there and made quick work of cutting them down into 3' to 4' lengths wrapped into bundles. We filled two pickup trucks and then some. Photos of the day are courtesy of **Steve Maikel** and **Jim Proud**.

We will be selling the bundles in the basement from 5pm to 6pm before our November meeting for \$3 per bundle, with 100% of the proceeds going to our Pete Holtus Educational Opportunity Grant program. The last time we sold bundles like this we charged \$5, but since we can't use Rockler for storage we need to try and sell them all which is why the reduced price. The bundles are a mix of hard maple, walnut, cherry, and oak.



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.

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.