



GOING 'ROUND

Front Range Woodturners Newsletter

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JANUARY DEMONSTRATOR –Linda Ferber Tuesday, January 2nd–In Person and via Zoom

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Linda Ferber has been turning for more than 20 years and enjoys the creative possibilities and personal challenges that woodturning provides. The opportunity to try woodturning presented itself when her dad auctioned his shop equipment and she purchased his lathe, thinking that with this one piece of equipment she could create with wood. Having no previous experience with a lathe, she took a bowl turning class and found the local chapter of the AAW. Looking back, that one impulse purchase at an auction has made a big impact on her life.

Her early memories of working on craft projects mostly revolved around spending time with family. She enjoys making items that capture a moment or emotion. The first part of the process is the material and shape, selecting the wood, and turning the shape. The final step is applying color to bowls and pin jewelry. Inspiration is drawn from her surroundings and memories, making a connection to these experiences and attempting to interpret them through the shape and color of a piece.

Several of her project articles have been published in *American Woodturner* and *Woodturning FUNDamentals*. Two most recent include a two-part “Inlaid Whimsical Hand Mirror” (Aug 2021) and “More Fun with Button Inlay: Jewelry, Magnets, & More” (Nov 2021). She has facilitated three Women in Turning Virtual Exchanges. Two articles describing the events - “Ripples Become a Tsunami” (2021) and “Breaking Boundaries and Removing Limitations” (Apr 2021), were co-written with Marie Anderson.

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	6	Lifetime Members	16
Family Members	11	Roster	9
Individual Members	30		

Total Membership 72 paid for 2024

CLUB OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

President: Don Prorak

Vice President/Program Director: Jessica Edwards

Secretary: Patrick Crumpton

Treasurer: Larry Abrams

President Emeritus: Robyn Herman

Club Historian: Rick Orr

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: Marty Christensen

Photographer: Jim Record

Publicity Chair: Robyn Herman

Shop Tour Chair: Keith Motzner

Videographer: Larry Abrams

Wood Raffle: Lavonne Kaiser

Youth Chair: Don Prorak

Linda is a member of the Minnesota Woodturners Association and the AAW's Women in Turning (WIT) and Youth Committee.



LADIES OF THE LATHE

Debra Higley-Feldman -
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LOTL has three classes scheduled so far for 2024. Classes are free to FRW members (occasionally there's a materials cost). Classes at Rockler meet on weekdays only and are limited to six turners. We plan on having some home shop classes as well. LOTL is open to men, space permitting. Classes are generally for beginners through whatever level you are. Let me know if you would like to teach a class; we are a good audience to practice on.

Tuesday, Jan. 9th from 10-4 Jessica Edwards will be teaching turning and embellishing gnomes.

Wednesday, February 7th Raleigh Lockhart will be giving a leaf turning class that includes scroll saw and bowl turning

Tuesday March 5th Henry Williams will teach how to turn and finish the Ashley Harwood Off-Kilter Ornament Stand.



FROM THE WEB:

Al Murphy - ajmurphy1@comcast.net

Here's a very interesting article on how scientists are making transparent wood and the possible uses it may have. Transparent wood is incredibly strong, outperforming plastic and glass: In tests measuring how easily materials fracture or break under pressure, transparent wood came out around three times stronger than transparent plastics like Plexiglass and about 10 times tougher than glass.

<https://arstechnica.com/science/2023/12/why-scientists-are-making-transparent-wood/>

2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES

It's time to renew your Front Range Woodturners membership for 2024. Of our 243 members, 72 have renewed for this year. Dues are \$45 for individuals and \$50 for families. You can renew your membership with Scott in person at the next meeting or mail a check to:
Front Range Woodturners
c/o Scott Schlapkohl
P.O. Box 620605
Littleton, CO 80162



If you have any questions, please contact Scott at scottschlapkohl@icloud.com.

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.

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

JANUARY MENTORING CLASS

Marty Christensen - meturning@gmail.com

The January mentoring class will be held on Monday, January 8th from 5:00 to 7:00pm at Rockler. The topic will be sharpening your tools.

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:

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.



Don Prorak had never turned pens before, so having purchased a 3 hp, 24" swing VL300 lathe, it seemed logical that now was the time to add that to his repertoire.

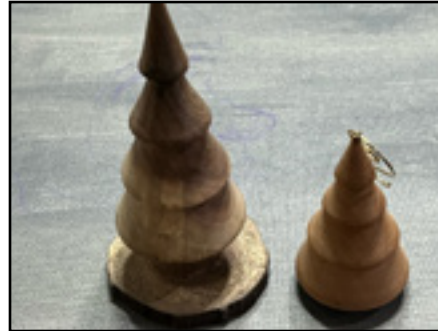


Gordon Dalby made these Christmas gifts for family and neighbors.

Debra Higley-Feldman made this 5" lacewood bowl with an ambrosia maple base. The lid is spalted and Schacht maple. The finish is shellac/Danish wood oil/carnauba wax. She also made a spinning top of Schacht maple, decorated with Tombow watercolor pens and finished with lacquer.



Marty Christensen made a couple Christmas trees. The one on the left is black walnut, about 5-1/2"

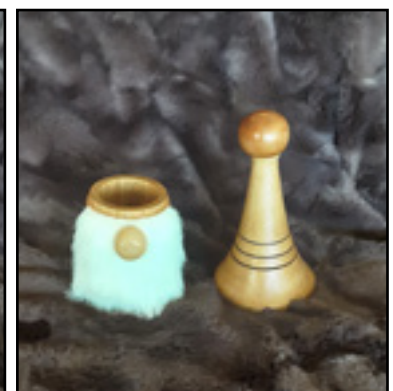
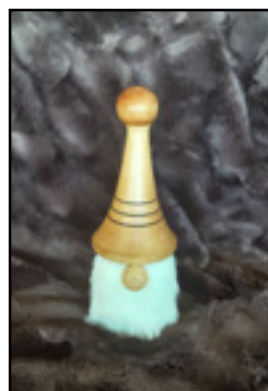


high and the one on the right is cherry, about 2-1/2" high.

A good friend of **Ed Lippert's** obtained a Russian Olive burl and with some resin, it turned out pretty good. It has beautiful grain.



Jerry Gallagher made this gnome box of basswood and oak. It measures 10" tall.



In the past couple months, the Texas heat has relented and **Curt Vogt** has been able to enjoy some much cooler shop time. It has resulted in a bunch of completed projects. Turner's Warehouse



sponsored a charity auction to raise money for St. Jude Children's Hospital so he turned and donated 14 Christmas ornaments. The icsles went into two auctions in groups of five and then three small hollow globe ornaments and one larger icicle.



He also made over twenty magic wands as he would do them as warm-ups for the delicate spindle turning for fancy Christmas ornaments. He

donated four magic wands to the local public library for a Teen Book Club event about the Harry Potter books.

Finally, he made some fancy Christmas ornaments, five of which are shown here. Look closely and you might be able to see four of these have captured rings in the upper part of their finials.



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.