



GOING 'ROUND

Front Range Woodturners Newsletter

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OCTOBER DEMONSTRATOR –Cindy Drozda Tuesday, October 7th–In Person and via Zoom

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Cindy Drozda, of Erie, Colorado, has worked with wood professionally since her first “real” job at age 19, at a player piano factory, where she taught herself on the job. The need to make a pair of chairs brought her to woodturning, but it was pictures of bowls, vessels, and boxes in the back of Dale Nish’s book that really got her hooked. Before settling on woodturning as a career, Cindy worked as a cabinet maker, rebuilt airplanes, machined metal, and made hang gliding equipment.

Today, her pieces are exhibited at the finest art shows. Her elegant lidded vessels and boxes with delicate finials bring a contemporary flair to classic forms. A jewel hidden under the lid symbolizes the treasure that life reveals when we make the effort to look deeper. Her trademarks are precise techniques, fine details, and pleasing forms.

Cindy shares her knowledge and passion through her online Interactive Remote Demonstrations, as well as through her instructional videos. You can also see her online at clubs, free live streams, YouTube, and social media events. She is a member of the American Association of Woodturners, two AAW chapters, and Lucid Woodturners. Her feeling is that the sharing of ideas in the woodturning community is vital to the health and growth of individuals, the community, and Wood Art in today’s world. She has written several articles for the AAW Journal, on finial design, banksia pods, and a recent one on coloring burls. Cindy will coach you to new levels of excellence in your woodturning!

As a way to help woodturners follow her teaching, Cindy developed a line of tools and turning supplies that she sells on her website. Her website is a

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	52	Lifetime Members	18
Family Members	26	Roster	28
Individual Members	150		

Total Membership 274 paid for 2025

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: Marcee Morris

Librarian: Brian Tooker

Membership Chair: Scott Schlapkohl

Mentoring Program Chair: Marty Christensen

Newsletter Editor: Brenda Blaesing

PHEOG Grant Chair: Greg Broughton

Photographer: Jim Record

Publicity Chair: Open

Shop Tour Chair: Keith Motzner

Videographer: Larry Abrams

Wood Raffle: Lavonne Kaiser

Youth Chair: Don Prorak

tremendous resource of notes and information from her classes and demonstrations.

<https://www.cindydrozda.com>

In 1988, Cindy participated in the first successful west-to-east crossing of the USA by non-powered hang glider, and in 1998 she flew an experimental airplane to Oshkosh for the world's largest airshow. Woodturning is her latest exciting adventure!

Cindy's demo will be Banksia Pod Ornament with Finial. The banksia pod globe gives this ornament a unique look. If you have always wondered what to do with banksia pods, come and be inspired by this unique and renewable material! In addition to finial turning techniques, the presentation will include selecting a banksia pod, hollowing the globe, and fitting the finial. A few handouts will be included as well.



TURNING CHALLENGE / PERPETUAL TURNING

Our turning challenge for October is a box, preferably cross grain as in Raleigh's demo. Please place your entries in the appropriate areas (Novice, Intermediate, Advanced/Experienced) to make it easier for everyone to vote. We will have a separate area for Gallery Only entries. Please print your entry forms from the website so that we can read them!

https://www.frontrangewoodturners.org/?page_id=6431

Our September turning challenge was a basic unembellished bowl. Winners were:

Novice: Mark de la Rosa

Intermediate: Marcee Morris

Advanced: Pat Scott

Perpetual Turning: Don Prorak's cocktail smoker was awarded to Patrick Crumpton, who will bring a piece for the October meeting. Remember that the Perpetual Turning is not a competition; it is an opportunity to share our work. If you win the piece, the only expectation is that you replace it with something you are proud of and enjoyed making.

LADIES OF THE LATHE

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In September, **Pat Scott** showed us how to make plates of various sizes. He brought custom homemade wooden jumbo jaws for each participant to use when reversing the plate. He gave lots of great info on design, foot size, grain direction and much more.



The October class will be led by **Larry Abrams**. He'll show proper use of the skew and help all participants to get more comfortable with that tool.

BROWN BAG DEMO

Robyn Herman - rrherm@gmail.cpm

In September, **Larry Fox** demonstrated two different style of tree-shaped ornaments.

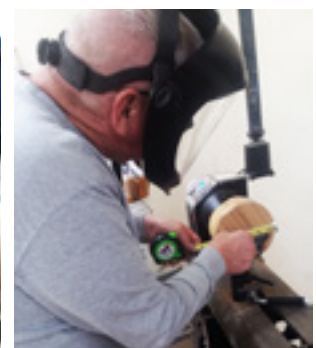


Todd Bowen will present the next BBD, on October 14th. Turning an antler on a wood lathe creates challenges at every step. Not being a straight material, and the difference in density from the cortex to the marrow, each create different challenges to the woodturner. Topics covered will include, cutting, drilling, considerations for glue up, how to fix screw ups, turning tools and techniques and finally finishing and assembly.

H.O.W. CLASS

Jay Miller - jaymiller9637@comcast.net

Keith Motzner gave a great Bowl Turning 102 class on Tuesday the 16th. He covered safety, wood selection, turning tools and techniques, and diamond honing. He demoed turning a bowl and also a jam chuck for cleaning up tenons in wet-turned wood that had warped. Attendees started with spindle turning to practice beads and coves, then graduated to mounting the bowl blank on a worm screw in a 100mm 4-jaw chuck, then turning the tenon, foot, and outside before reversing the bowl to turn the inside.



SCHACHT WOOD SCROUNGING-- AN EXPLANATION

by Dave Hawley

Did you ever wonder how the scrap maple, cherry, walnut, and plywood (maple ply, not Baltic Birch ply) pieces get from the Schacht manufacturing plant in Boulder to our monthly wood exchange? The process has changed over the years, and may change again under the new ownership and management team. If you are considering assisting with this project, knowing this history and process could be of interest.

In about 2010, I asked Barry Schacht, the owner, about the possibility of FRW making regular scrap scrounging “runs” associated with the weekly Schacht clean-ups, recognizing that sharing with other organizations that would come to scrounge, per Barry’s desire, would also continue. From FRW’s perspective, the goal was to source scrap pieces for the club that could be used in woodturning art. Barry’s stated goal was to move usable scrap wood into the hands of crafts persons / artists / teachers - and most importantly to limit the amount of usable wood that was going into the local landfill.

Barry has agreed to coordinate a meeting with the new management team at the appropriate time. Ken Rollins and I plan to represent FRW at this meeting, and the goal is to share how these scrounging “runs” have been a very positive benefit to FRW members both in being able to work with and turn premier wood, and to keep our annual dues at a low amount because of the receipt of funds from our FRW monthly wood exchanges. These funds go into our operating fund and help fund demonstration fees and other operational expenses. Some of the Schacht wood has also been converted to art that has further benefited FRW (the Scholarship fund) via sales at our Christmas parties.

For about 10 years I collected this wood, solo, on a weekly basis, gradually filling up the back of my 4Runner (seats down) from week to week, and then bringing the wood to the FRW meetings. Schacht wanted to foster sharing while scrounging, so many times I shared the wood with other scroungers and teachers and worked to convince “burners” to take only pieces that were not usable for art. Floor management personnel at Schacht have been wonderful over the years in helping Barry to achieve his focused vision.

I continued scrounging during COVID, and we had Saturday “wood exchanges” in Rockler’s back alley.

Several years ago I realized that I was getting older and needed help. **Garry Starritt** stepped forward to coordinate weekly pickups, and current FRW members who do so include, in alphabetical order, **Steve Brown, Jeff Burke, Very DeGroot, Viki Lawrence, Jim Olson, Rick Orr, Ken Rollins, and Kay Shofner**. These FRW members use their own time, gas, and efforts to collect the wood on their assigned day and arrange for delivery to Rockler on meeting days.

These and other FRW members have also participated in a number of “chopsaw” parties at Schacht, when we chop up scraps to about 4’ long to fit in vehicles - also helps Schacht limit the amount of wood going to the landfill.

The current system and duties follow this pattern: Throughout the week scrap is generated throughout the factory area. Some of the scrap is loaded during the week into a bin near the large garage door, so when the clean-up begins at 12:30 each Thursday (the current schedule), the scrap in this bin is available. Most of the scrap, however, is brought to the door area between about 12:35 and 1:00, in large rolling garbage cans, so scroungers must be patient and look through all these garbage cans for the “prime” scraps, and take away everything they know will be valued by FRW members--even the scrap maple plywood that makes beautiful (and interesting) art.

I have been asked if our volunteers “cherry pick” the best wood for themselves. The honest answer is that they likely do keep some of the good pieces, but certainly not the majority of good pieces. In exchange for their time / expense / efforts they do deserve a certain level of “cherry picking” benefit - part of the payback.

The focus of FRW’s support should continue to be to take away as much “wood for art” as possible - and thereby support Barry’s mission.

Hopefully the privilege of scrounging by FRW will continue as management of Schacht changes.

MENTORS

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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
Aurora	Robin Luther robin.luther@ymail.com	General
Boulder	Dave Hawley Dbh001@gmail.com	Beginner/ General
Brighton	Don Prorak donprorak@comcast.net	Beginner/ Youth
Centennial	Keith Motzner kmotzner@me.com	Wood Gathering & Prep/ Sharpening/Tool Skills
Centennial	Les Stern sternsclass@hotmail.com	General
Denver SW	Henry Williams williamshenrya@gmail.com	Spindles/ Bowls
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 mecturning@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

MENTORING CLASS

Marty Christensen - mecturning@gmail.com

The next mentoring class will be held on **Monday, October 13th** from 5:00 to 7:00pm at Rockler. The topic will be birdhouse ornaments.

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 October. 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

There is no longer a minimum order amount, we now get 25% off retail prices on ALL products. There is a flat \$4.99 shipping fee and no tax. The order forms have been updated, go to the website for the current price and enter the quantity, size, description, and price on the order form. The eForm will do all of the calculations for you.

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	Ted Mellin
9637 W. Vandeventor Dr	9043 W Coco Dr
Littleton, CO 80128	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. You must be on their list of FRW members to get the discount. To get on the list, please sign up at a meeting or send an e-mail to Jay Miller (jaymiller9637@comcast.net).