



GOING 'ROUND

Front Range Woodturners Newsletter

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JUNE DEMONSTRATOR –PAT SCOTT

Tuesday, June 2nd—In Person and via Zoom

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Pat is primarily a utility turner who enjoys making pieces people will actually use in the kitchen. But utility doesn't have to mean boring or plain — Pat's wooden cookware is designed to blur the line between functional and art. He has been turning since 2005, having taken classes at Red Rocks Community College and then later with a handful of professional woodturners.



His specialty is bowls, plates, and peppermills, and he finds real satisfaction in seeing his work used daily rather than sitting on display. Pat understands what it takes to create pieces durable enough for every-day cooking yet refined enough to be passed down through the family.

Pat retired in 2015 and now turns full time. He started his own business after retiring and sells his work online and at craft shows. He served as President of the Front Range Woodturners from 2017 to 2019 and currently serves as Communications Chair and Webmaster.

Demo Description: Spice Bowls



Spice bowl, salt bowl, pinch bowl—whatever you call them, these small bowls are endlessly useful and fun to make. In this demo, Pat will show

WHERE TO FIND US :

Website: www.fronrangewoodturners.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, 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	43	Lifetime Members	21
Family Members	22	Roster	19
Individual Members	140	Student, Online	2, 3

Total Membership 250 paid for 2026

CLUB OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

President: Raleigh Lockhart

Vice President/Program Director: Greg Broughton

Secretary: Patrick Crumpton

Treasurer: Larry Abrams

President Emeritus: Don Prorak

Brown Bag Demo Chair: Robyn Herman

Club Historian: Rick Orr

Coffee Chair: Gary Starritt

Communications Chair: Pat Scott

Group Buy Coordinator: Jay Miller

Hands On Woodturning Chair: Keith Motzner

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: Ken Rollins

Photographer: Jim Record

Publicity Chair: Robyn Herman & Raleigh Lockhart

Shop Tour Chair: Al Murphy

Videographer: Larry Abrams

Wood Exchange: Ron Ainge

Youth Chair: Don Prorak

how he turns a matching set: simple forms with clean lines, gentle curves, and a finish that feels good in the hand.



Spice bowls don't take much time or material, and they work with almost any species and finish. They're a great project for any skill level—a warm-up for those returning to the lathe, a confidence builder for newer turners, and a satisfying design exercise for more experienced turners.

Creating a matching set is a good way to build muscle memory, refine your eye, and develop techniques that carry over to larger bowls. Even if repetition isn't your thing or if you've never made two pieces that truly match, you'll pick up practical tips you can apply to whatever you enjoy turning.

TURNING CHALLENGE / PERPETUAL TURNING

The project for last month's turning challenge was a porringer. The winners were:

Novice: **Jim Kramer**

Intermediate: **Brian LeFavre**

Advanced: **Tim Capraro**

Perpetual Turning:

Ed Cypher's piece was won by an unknown person. We'll find out who it was at the June meeting when they contribute their piece. Remember that the Perpetual Turning is not a competition; it is an opportunity to share our work.

LADIES OF THE LATHE

Marcee Morris –

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In the May class, **Les Stern**

demonstrated how to turn tagua nuts, which are known as vegetable ivory. Turnings from these South American nuts can include mini vases, bowls, finials and knobs. After turning a few nuts, participants moved on to other small turnings made from scraps of wood. It was a fun and very productive class.

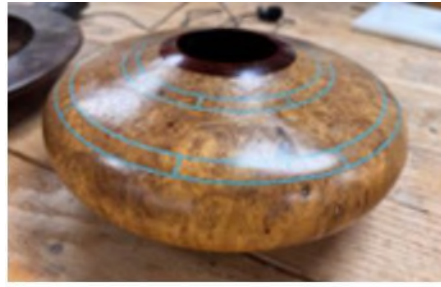


On June 2nd, **Dennis Fanning** will demonstrate how to make yarn bowls.

BROWN BAG DEMO

Robyn Herman - rrherm@gmail.com

In May's brown bag demo, **Todd Bowen** talked about the various materials that are appropriate for inlay in woodturning. The group discussed materials they've used including turquoise, malachite, lapis, coffee grounds, coral and even baking soda. Then



Todd showed tools and techniques for carving channels for the inlay, how to inlay the materials and the attributes of cyanoacrylate glues that make this all possible.

Al Murphy will be the presenter for our next Brown Bag Demo on June 9th, an intro to tool making using oil-hardened tool steel. He'll discuss what kinds of things can be made and what tools to use to cut and form the steel. After a demo of the forming, he'll go over heat treating/hardening, tempering and sharpening.

H.O.W. CLASS

Keith Motzner - keithmotzner@gmail.com May's H.O.W. class was Woodturning 201, concentrating on bowl turning. The next class will be on June 16th.



PHEOG PROGRAM

Ken Rollins - colkdr@yahoo.com

A special thank you to everyone who helped with the Pete Holtus Educational Opportunity Grants this year. Many of you contributed funds through the fundraising sales and auction. Pat Scott and Brenda Blaesing published information on the application process, and Pat even helped troubleshoot the web page submission process. PHEOG funds have helped our members attend training and share that information with the whole club.

This year two newer members, Todd Bowen and Erika Meeske, volunteered to help review applications and make PHEOG distribution decisions. This year the applications came from both new and established members, and we were able to fund several requests for training. The 2026 PHEOG awards will be announced at the June meeting, be sure and congratulate the recipients. If you have not received a PHEOG grant in the past three years make sure to think about 2027 opportunities for training and submit an application.

SHOP TOURS

Al Murphy -

ajmurphy1@comcast.net Todd

Bowen hosted the FRW shop tour in May. Thanks to Andy Zartman for the photos.



PRESIDENT'S SERVICE AWARD

Raleigh Lockhart

Everything we achieve at Front Range Woodturners is driven by the passion of our volunteers. This last month, I was absolutely thrilled to present the President's Service Award to one of the bedrock members of our club, **Pat Scott!**



Stepping into this leadership role, it is always easier when you have giants to stand on, and as one of our Presidents Emeritus, Pat has been a massive pillar of support for me ... and others. Whenever I need a sounding board or a wise perspective, he is always there to offer insight without hesitation. Pat's dedication to the Front Range Woodturners spans years and has taken many forms. He joined FRW in 2006, guided us as President from 2017 to 2019, and when that tenure ended, his work didn't stop. Since 2023, he has taken on the crucial behind-the-scenes work of chairing our Internet Operations 2023 to the present and chairing our Club Communications 2024 to the present, keeping our community in-formed and engaged. Pat was recognized as a Life-time Member in 2020, and he is also the recipient of the Perkins Award.

Pat, WE ... starting with ME ... are so grateful for everything you do. Thank you for your years of service and tireless support!

FRW/CWG SUMMER BBQ

bear@bearlimvere.com Our annual summer BBQ will be held on **June 27th** at the



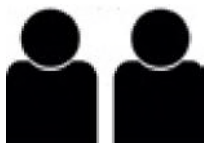
same place as last year—deKoevend Park, Shelter C, 6301 S University Blvd in Centennial. Running from 11:30 to 3:30, lunch will be around noon. The club will be supplying burgers, brats, dogs, chips, and drinks. Feel free to bring an appetizer, side, or dessert. Help will be needed in several areas; details are in the Sign-Up Genius link below. The shelter has space for 80 attendees and lots of tables. If you want a comfy camp chair, bring it with you.

Please RSVP by Friday, June 19th:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E054BA5A72CA5FF2-64349126-front>

MENTORS

Marty Christensen –
mecturning@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
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 Wood Gathering & Prep. kmotzner@me.com 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
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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, June 8th** from 5:00 to 7:00pm at Rockler. The subject will be Off-Center Turning, Part 2.

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 July. 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. Vandeventer 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 (jaymiller9637@comcast.net).

PHOTO GALLERY

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



Gordon Dalby made this 11" square bowl from ziricote, canary wood and red heart. He also made this 10" square dinner roll platter of walnut, bloodwood and spalted pecan woods.



Debra Higley made this 7x4" reuleaux triangle bowl, offset turned from walnut with a turquoise and copper inlay. The finish is a combination of walnut and Odie's oils. The 8x8" maple bowl was turned by Bruce Perry, but not completed. She filled a long crack with CA/wood dust, finished turning and sanding, patterned the inside with rose and then gold mica/ acrylic then lacquer, and outside was wet sanded with walnut oil and



finished with wood oil (more still needed).



Todd Bowen has been playing with weed pots a lot this month. This is a representation of what he's been doing with maple, wood dyes and a



lacquer finish. Some are made to only hold dried flowers, others have a tube, which can hold a few fresh flowers. The second photo is of an experimental platter in which he added two types of inlay, coffee grounds and red dyed coral. The finish is

Watco Danish Oil. This piece was part of our brown-box demo on inlays and represents a first for Todd of using two types of inlay simultaneously.

After hearing Roper in last month's demo say to let the tool guide itself and look at the far cut line on the horizon,



Ken Rollins decided to check that out on two Wisconsin birch bowls that he had rough turned last summer. Both are about 6", finished with Danish oil. Beautiful wood, and Roper was right about the technique.

Bill Leigher made a round bottom bowl from a gorgeous piece of flaming box elder and also a canister from olive with a walnut lid and Blackwood knob

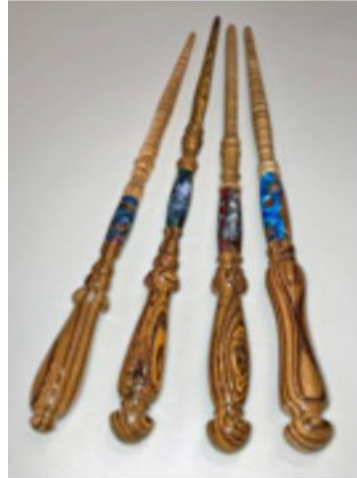


Brenda Blaesing made a few more pepper mills, of honey locust, spalted tamarind and olive wood she got at recent estate sales. All were finished with walnut oil. She also experimented with liming wax (thanks, Robyn!) on a small piece of ash.



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.



Curt Vogt has been busy making more magic wands this month. Quite an assortment of woods, literally going from A to Z. The woods include aspen, bacote, cherry, oak, jatoba, walnut, and zebrano.

A few of them have been embellished, too. The aspen wand has pyrography and the two with cherry handles were done with a Sorby spiral texturing tool. Also completed this month were some premium magic wands with magical cores. Each of these has over a dozen magical items within the core,

surrounded by a flash of color from acrylic blanks.

These magic wands were finished with CA

(super glue) for a durable surface to match the sheen of the acrylic.

Curt finally got his project done that he talked about a couple months ago. In time for Memorial Day, he completed the pens honoring our heroes who have served and given much for our country. All were assembled on a Sierra clone kit with blanks he purchased.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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Articles and photos for the monthly newsletter are always welcome. Please email your submissions by the 25th of the month for inclusion in the next issue.