



FRONT RANGE WOODTURNERS

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News

Demonstrating at our next meeting, April 5, will be Rick Orr with his *Elk Antler Boxes*.

Inspired by **Pete Holtus**, with further input captured from **Kip Christensen** and **Kirk DeHeer**, Rick will take us through the process of making a small, simple box from elk antler with contrasting top and bottom made from wood. This simple process will start with obtaining the raw antler (how, where, how much \$\$\$), the preparation of the antler (stabilization), centering, and the addition of a tenon for a chuck. The antler will be turned, sanded, and polished – and the tops and bottoms turned, using jam chucks, with contrasting hard wood. Examples of several finished boxes will be provided, as well as ideas for more complicated projects out of elk antler (other boxes, napkin rings). This session provides some insight to the use of other turning materials besides wood.

Monthly meeting times: Social Hour is 5:30-6:15. Club Business, Gallery, and Wood Raffle begins at 6:15. The evening's demonstration follows the break and ends on or before 9:00 pm.

Announcements

Clean-up Crew

Many thanks to **Nic Ansuini**, **Keith Motzner** and **Dana Seymour** for cleaning up after the March meeting. Volunteering to clean up after the April meeting are **Larry Long**, **Gene Wentworth** and **Don McDowell**.

Even though you are not officially signed up to help clean up after the meeting, anyone can jump right in and lend a hand. Volunteers are always welcome.

Pete Holtus Educational Opportunity Grants – Bruce Perry

The five winners of the Pete Holtus Educational Opportunity Grants for 2016 are as follows:

1. **Dale Sherman** is planning a class with Jimmy Clews, hoping to break through to his "next level".
2. **Pat Scott** and **Dennis Fanning** are headed to Craft Supplies USA for a five day signature class with Glen Lucas.
3. **Louma Levin-Harris** will continue work at Red Rocks, progressing from qualified designer, to maker, in many classes, and practices.
4. The **Stargate High School** programs will set turning equipment among their "passion interest tooling, and use it to build interest in hand work.

Special Fund-raising event for the PHEOG grant fund from Dale Sherman.

I'd like to explore the possibility of hosting a Christmas Party fundraiser event, in honor of Pete Holtus. I have several roughed-out bowl blanks (that I actually think his daughter provided to the club raffle after he had passed) that I would like to invite people to come help turn. After they are all turned and sanded, people could then burn their names into the foot and I would then finish them in oil or something to get them ready for auction at the Christmas Party this year. I'm thinking sometime this late Spring or even Summer, I haven't settled on a date yet, I want to gauge interest 1st. I'll be providing burgers and drinks, people could bring a salad or dessert if they'd like. More details to follow.

Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium – September 16-18, 2016

Featured demonstrators include David Ellsworth, Nick Cook, Jay Shepard, Liam O'Neill, Les Brandt and Keith Gotschall. Visit the webpage at www.rmwoodturningsymposium.com/

Ornamental Turners International Symposium – September 22-25, 2016

The OTI Symposium meets every two years in different cities. This year will be in Denver. Visit their home page at www.ornamentalturners.org. For more information talk to **Richard Kuivila** who is on the OTI host team.

Turning Challenge

The March Turning Challenge winners are:

Beginners: **Darrell Talbot**; Intermediate: **Don Rogers**; Advanced: **Ed Cypher**

Important Note: Even though a turning challenge is announced for a meeting, this does not mean that other items can't be brought for the show & tell. Feel free to bring in what you've created and don't feel you have to be a master turner to show off your work. Everyone has to start as a novice.

Club Info

Membership – Mike Mullen

Thank you to the 126 members who have already renewed their FRW membership dues for 2016. For you procrastinators out there, the membership year ends February 29, 2016. After this date the expired membership badges will be pulled and the privileges of membership will be suspended.

Here are a few of the benefits of being an FRW Member:

Annual dues are the following:

- Individual – \$45
- Couple – \$50
- Student – \$22.50
- Under 12 years – Free!

To help with tracking payments, we request that you pay using a personal check or money order made out to Front Range Woodturners. You can pay in cash if you have the exact amount. You can also mail a check or money order (no cash, please) for your dues to the following address: Front Range Woodturners, PO Box 620605, Littleton, CO 80162

Please include the following information with your dues: Name; Spouse Name (if signing up as Couple); Street; City; State; Zip; best phone number to reach you and your Email address.

You will receive multiple benefits of being a member, including but not limited to the following:

- Monthly newsletter
- Ability to check items out of our extensive library of videos and magazines
- Discounts on regular bulk orders of various supplies
- Discounts at stores in the Denver area (including the 10% discount at our Rockler store!)
- Monthly demonstrations by locally and internationally known woodturners
- Being listed in and receiving a copy of the membership roster
- Ability to participate in free, hands-on mentoring classes
- And last, but not least, access to the best bunch of woodturners around for questions, war stories, or just to visit.

All our club events are funded by your dues and donations (such as the monthly wood raffle).

If you are a member in good standing with the Rocky Mountain Woodturners (in Loveland) you may join Front Range Woodturners club for half price. Likewise if you are a member in good standing here you may join the RMW club for half price.

Group Purchases and Individual Catalog Orders – Roger Holmes

Please see the FRW website (www.frontrangewoodturners.org) for the Group Purchases and Individual Catalog Orders details. Copies are also available at the Group Purchase table before meetings. Please make checks payable to **Roger Holmes** for Craft Supplies and Woodcarvers Supply group purchases. Make checks for CA Glue and Sanding Disks payable to **Del Fussell**. To participate in Individual Catalog Orders, sign up on the sheet that is passed around at each meeting.

Quarterly Group Buy Schedule:

Group purchase orders for Industrial Abrasives, Starbond CA Glue, Craft Supplies and Woodcarvers Supply will be taken at the monthly meetings in January, April, July and October.

Group Buy Contact Information:

Roger Holmes – 1844 W. Plum Cir., Louisville, CO 80027 - 303-665-8041 - roger_holmes@comcast.net

Del Fussell – 11455 N. Antelope Ln., Parker, CO 80138 - 303-805-2663 - fussell6@comcast.net

Ted Mellin – 9043 W Coco Drive, Littleton, CO 80128 – 303-973-8216 - woodturnerted@gmail.com

Note: If Rockler stocks an item, please purchase that item from Rockler at their 10% club discount. We owe that to Rockler for being a wonderful host to our club.

Be sure to check with **Roger Holmes** and **Del Fussell** if you have made any group buy orders.

Ladies of the Lathe

All female members of the FRW, aged 12 or older, are invited to join the Ladies of the Lathe. Turning is a finesse skill that anyone can learn. LOTL is intended to provide a comfortable, easy-paced, and non-threatening environment for women to learn and advance their skills in turning. A new chairperson for LotL is needed for 2016.

Librarian's Corner – Bob Britt

Recent Arrivals -

- Gordon DeKrey – Intro to Segmentation – DEK-01
- John Karchner – Fabulous Boxes – KAR-02
- Glenn Lucas – Turning a Traditional Irish Platter – LUC-05
- Glenn Lucas – Turning a Dublin Viking Bowl – LUC-06
- Richard Raffan – New Woodturning Projects – RAF-20
- Jon Jovan – Turning Segmented Bangles – JOV-02
- Joe Wagner – Turning Saffron Boxes – WAG-07

The following is a small sampling of suggestions for newer turners or those looking to review/expand their knowledge and skills. For additional suggestions ask anyone staffing the library. If you use bevel rubbing tools DO NOT overlook the importance of learning to sharpen correctly.

- AAW – Sharpening Techniques – AAW-2003 Extra
- Eli Avisera – Beginning series – AVI-1-1 thru AVI-1-5
- Eli Avisera- Intermediate series- AVI-2-1 thru AVI-2-7
- Kirk DeHeer – Sharpening – DEH-01
- Richard Raffan – The new Turning Wood – RAF-13
- Keith Rowley – Book and video ROW-04 & ROW-05
- Joe Ruminski – Beginning spindles to bowls RUM-01
- Reg Sherwin – Series – SHE-01 thru SHE-10

For a more complete description of each see the Library Master List on the FRW Website.

Shop Tours – Ken Rollins

Upcoming tours:

April **Location to be determined. (A club-wide email will be sent out later in April.)**
May **Les Stern**
June **Don Prorak**
July **Bear and Alisa Limvere**
August **Gene Wentworth**

Please consider hosting a FRW tour or event. Sign up to host a shop tour by contacting Ken Rollins.

Mentoring Program – Marty Christensen

The mentoring program is well under way. **Marty Christensen** will be hosting mentoring sessions the Monday following our regular monthly meetings at Rocklers. We meet in the basement of Rockler from 5 to 7pm.

Newsletter – Jim Proud

Comments and articles for the monthly newsletter should be emailed to the editor at cavaleon1956@gmail.com. Submissions should arrive at least one week before the next meeting.

Wood Raffle - Lavonne Kaiser

Bring in a piece or two of wood you would like to donate to the club for the wood raffle each month and you will receive one free ticket. Tickets sell for \$1 apiece. The money supports the overall activities of the club.

Perpetual Turning Project

Perpetual Turning Winner at the March meeting was **Ed Cypher** who took home **Roper's** blue dyed bowl.

April Turning Challenge: Do something that relates to Easter.

The concept is that the item brought for the Perpetual Turning Project is the first item in the next month's raffle. The member who wins the turning must bring another turning to the next month's meeting. It's an excellent chance for members to gain pieces made by other members. The turning can be as plain or fancy as you want. Beginners can participate just as much as advanced turners. If the first winner doesn't want to make a turning, he/she can choose just the wood, and the next winner can take the turning.

Instant Gallery



Grove Brown – Walnut, Copper



George Tavacs –Walnut, Maple,
Paduk



Pat Hannon – Walnut, Holly,
Maple,African Blackwood



Roger Holmes - Cottonwood



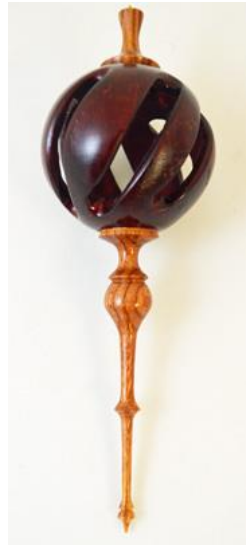
Don Rogers – Curly Maple,
Mahogany



Don Rogers – Walnut, Maple



Pat Hannon - Ziracote, African Blackwood, Madrone burl, Brass & Chrysacola stone



Ron Ainge - Wood



Paul Russell – Stabilized Maple



Doug Stearns – Bradford Pear, Paduk, Madrone Burl



Doug Stearns – Black Walnut, Spalted Maple, Juniper (inside)



Darrell Talbott – Oak, Walnut



Dave Hawley – Marabu Wood



Dave Hawley – Old Growth Redwood



Dave Hawley – Crab Apple



Dave Hawley – Cherry, Oak



Dave Hawley - Aspen



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Ed Lippert – Walnut, Butternut



Dave Hawley – Local Hardwoods

Miscellaneous

AAW Membership

The American Association of Woodturners (AAW) is our “mother” organization. FRW is a chapter of AAW. AAW has a separate membership fee and program from FRW with multiple benefits, not least of which is their quarterly American Woodturning magazine. See AAW’s website at www.woodturner.org.

Parking Courtesy

Rockler has requested that we do not park in front of the neighboring open businesses as a courtesy. Please leave room for their customers. If the lot in front of Rockler is full, there is ample additional parking across Colorado Blvd.

Turning Challenge Rules

Voting – Please vote once for each experience class. Votes are tallied after the break and the winners announced.

You don’t have to compete in the Turning Challenge, but it can be fun. Remember that you can bring other types of turnings for the Show and Tell, too.

Here are the rules for the Turning Challenge.

Category – Typically, each month’s challenge is the topic from the previous month’s demonstration, unless otherwise indicated in the newsletter.

Competing – Please fill out a Show and Tell form for your competition piece and be sure to mark whether you think you are a Beginner, Intermediate, or Advanced turner. ***When you fill out the form for your piece, be sure to write legibly so the picture we take can be easily identified for this newsletter.***

Courtesy During Meetings

We have been requested to please stay seated and quiet during the meeting and demonstration as a courtesy to our demonstrators and fellow members. If you feel the need for conversation during the meeting or demonstration, please feel free to step out into the Rockler store.

Also, please return promptly after the break to make sure we don’t lose time for our demonstrator.

Problems Receiving Emailed Newsletter?

Unfortunately, many email providers are automatically filtering attachments or entire emails because of the proliferation of viruses and spam. If you have signed up for an emailed newsletter, but haven’t been receiving it lately, try the following:

- Confirm that your email inbox isn’t full. Many email providers will automatically deny emails without telling you if you’ve used up your space allotment.
- Check with your email provider to see if they are filtering your email without you knowing.
- If your email provider allows you, add the following email addresses to your “Always Allow” or “Do Not Filter” list: You should receive the newsletter from this email address cavaleon1956@gmail.com
- Confirm with Jim (newsletter editor) or Mike (membership chairman) that your e-mail address is correct.

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 membership. Keep in mind that they keep the register open late on meeting nights just for us. Just be sure to complete any purchases no later than the mid-meeting break so the Rockler staff can start shutting down the store.

As always – 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 only good at the Denver retail location, and is not valid for any other Rockler location or for Internet purchases.)

If you have suggestions for tools or materials that Rockler can carry, contact Rich Johnson, manager of the Denver store. Rockler web site: www.rockler.com.

Classifieds

Please note: All advertising in the Classifieds is free, but be sure to notify the newsletter editor if an item is no longer for sale. All ads that are older than 3 months will be deleted, unless you contact the newsletter editor to run it longer. To submit a classified ad email the newsletter editor at: cavaleon1956@gmail.com.

FOR SALE: Keith Motzner has a nice 14" wood cutting bandsaw for sale. You can see it on Craig’s List here: <http://denver.craigslist.org/tls/5477183349.html>

FOR SALE: Oneway Outboard turning attachment. Includes rails, banjo, and toolrest. New-\$1,240 + freight. Like new-\$950. Call Gary Zeff, (303) 444-1861. Visit Gary’s webpage at www.sculpturalwoodturning.com