



FRONT RANGE WOODTURNERS

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News

Welcome to 2017! A fresh new year with expectations of new woodturning projects, new things to learn and new people to welcome into our Front Range Woodturners club.

A woodturner's wish for the new year: may your tools be sharp, your wood be solid, your ideas be creative and may your "design opportunities" always turn out better than you thought they would!

Monthly meeting times: Social Hour is 5:30-6:15. Club Business, Gallery, and Wood Raffle begin at 6:15. The evening's demonstration follows the break and ends on or before 9:00 pm. Meetings are held at the Rockler Woodworking and Hardware store at 2553 S Colorado Blvd. in Denver in the basement.

Announcements

The next Board Meeting will be on Saturday, **January 7, 2017** at 9am in the basement of Rocklers. All members are welcome to attend. (Free donuts; bring your own coffee!)

The auction at the Christmas party to benefit the Pete Holtus Educational Opportunity Grant Fund netted \$2,081! Thank you to each of you who bought something.

And while we are on the subject of the **PHEO grants**, the application for the 2017 grants are due in to **Dale Sherman** by **Wednesday, February 15**. With a lot of money waiting to be provided, put your thinking caps on and let's have a lot of applications submitted.

New Officers Announced for 2017

Our new officers for this next year are as follows:

President – Pat Scott	Vice-President – Dennis Fanning
Treasurer – Larry Abrams	Secretary – Patrick Crumpton
Librarian – Bob Britt	Membership – Mike Mullen
Videographer – Richard Kuivila	Photographer – Nic Ansuini
Newsletter – Jim Proud	Shop Tours – Ken Rollins
Webmaster – Mark Hanson	Group Buy – Roger Holmes

Wood Raffle – Lavonne Kaiser	Ladies of the Lath – Robyn Herman
Coffee – Don Ainsworth	Mentoring – Marty Christensen
Pete Holtus Educational Opportunity Grant – Dale Sherman	

Turning Challenge

The turning challenge for the January 2017 meeting is to do something new and different for you.

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.

The September challenge winners (see pictures of their pieces below) were:

Club Info

Membership – Mike Mullen

Currently we are now up to 205 members. 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.

Librarian's Corner – Bob Britt

No new news here. A good New Year's resolution might be to think about a technique or skill you would like to learn or improve on in the coming year, then seek out resources to help you attain that goal.

Shop Tours – Ken Rollins

Remember the spalted birch log in the November wood raffle that everyone wanted to win? This log is from the same tree, and will be at the January meeting. However, you can't win it in the wood raffle. You can get a chance to win it by signing up for a 2017 shop tour. A winner will be selected at the January meeting from those signing up to host a tour. Good luck! Those members volunteering in 2016 (**Al Murphy, Keith Motzner, Les Stern, Don Prorak, Bear & Alisa Limvere, Charlie Hull, and Gene Wentworth**) can contact **Ken Rollins** by email (colkdr@yahoo.com) for early sign-up and the month of their choice before the January meeting.



Ladies of the Lathe – Robyn Herman



These items were made at the last LOTL meeting with Dennis Fanning mentoring.



The next LOTL meeting will be on Saturday, January 21st. at Rockler's.

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. Please contact Robyn for dates and times.

Mentoring Program – Marty Christensen

The mentoring program is going strong. We would like to extend an invite to all for the next mentoring class which will be on Monday, January 9th from 5-7pm in the basement of Rockler's.

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 ten days before the next meeting.

Wood Raffle - Lavonne Kaiser

Bring in any wood pieces 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

The Perpetual Turning Winner at the November meeting was **Mike Skiba** who took home **Robyn Herman's** Aspen box (photo at right).

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.



Pete Holtus Educational Opportunity Grant – Dale Sherman

In case you missed the announcement above, applications for PHEO grants for 2017 are due in Dale Sherman's hands by Wednesday, February 15. Start your planning now.

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.

December Gallery

No gallery this month, of course, but here are a few pictures from the Christmas party.



Folks are arriving for the party. Photo by John Peterson.



Two blocks intended for pepper mills but will be cut in half and made into hollow ornaments by Jim Proud.



Dale Sherman awarding Judy Holtus the pen he made from wood shavings from Pete Holtus' shop.



Items Dale Sherman won at the auction.



Pictures from Mike Mullen



No need for a caption here!

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.

Randy Weems has a lathe for sale. It's JET model JWL-1442VS, 8 Speeds 450, 600, 850, 1100, 1500, 1900, 2300, 3000 RPM, 1 HP MOTOR, 115/230 volts Pre-wired 115 V. Headstock Rotation 45,90,135,180,270,360 degrees. 1x8 T.P.I. Spindle, 2mt; 4 prong spur drive, a live center. 6" faceplate 1x8 T.P.I. 6" and a 12" Tool Rest and Tool Rest Extension, Index Pin, Wrench, Knock-out Rod, Allen Wrench, Owner's Manual. Contact Randy at rweems2032@aol.com or [303-909-1460](tel:303-909-1460). (1/17)

For sale: Tormek T-7 plus TNT-708 Woodturner's Kit plus HTK-705 Hand Tool Kit. Comes with original packaging. Excellent condition. \$700. Contact Stuart Lind at stuart1430@gmail.com (1/17)

For sale: Wolverine Sharpening System Cost new \$89.95 (Craft Supplies); Vari-Grind Jig; cost new \$52.95 (Craft supplies). Will sell both for \$75.00. **Rodney Taylor**, e-mail: rodney.taylor@colorado.edu phone: [303-859-4315](tel:303-859-4315). Can arrange to bring to January meeting. (3/17)

Members' Comments About Their Plans For The New Year

“Well in general my plans are to do more segmented bowls and open segmented work. Also plates and bowls that I will use in my kitchen everyday.” – Dennis Fanning

“My wish for next year is that our club continues to move forward with one purpose in mind and that is to expand the world of woodturning to more and more people. I want to thank all of the members of this club and especially the board that I worked with this year for the support they gave me and the Front Range Woodturners. Thank you one and all.” – Ron Ainge

“My woodturning goals for 2107 are to keep learning and improving my skills, specifically to explore more advanced spindle techniques and to start pursuing hollow forms. As some of you know, I am a professional musician, specializing in steel drums. I will be taking an extended trip to the island of Trinidad in February to perform with Silver Stars Steel Orchestra, a 120 piece steel band, for the Panorama competition and Carnival. I will miss both the February and March meetings, but will see you again in April. Happy shavings to all!” – Don Prorak (Editor’s note: Let’s all ask Don to bring us back some local wood!)

“I know a turner who got too old and impaired to turn anymore. He gave me his whole stash of turning wood. Much of it is 20 to 30 years old and very oxidized so you don’t know what it is. Many pieces are like a present and a surprise, e.g. one piece was Hawaiian monkey pod. This is what I’ll be doing in 2017.” – Herb Dreo

“I plan to work on hollow form Christmas tree ornaments and have them ready to give out next December.” – Jim Proud

If you would like to give me your comments, give them to me in person at the next meeting or email them to me at cavaleon1956@gmail.com. I will have more of your comments about your plans in the next newsletter.

