



# FRONT RANGE WOODTURNERS

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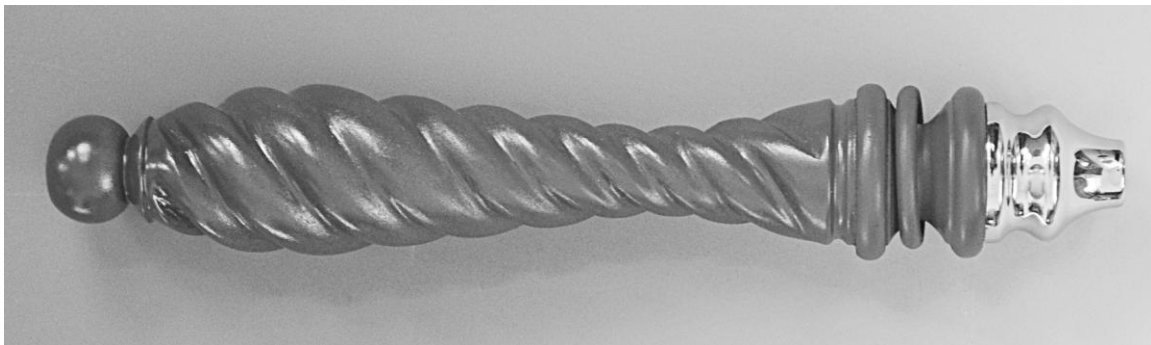
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## News

Our demonstrator for April is Dennis Liggett who lives in the Colorado Springs area and is a member of the Pike's Peak Woodturners. He will be demonstrating making a twisted beer tap handle. Here are his remarks about this demonstration.

*“This is a project that is easy to do, but is unique in using some of the more advanced twist techniques, does not cost much, and has surprisingly great appeal. The wood does not need to be highly figured because we are going to twist it. The final shape can be anything that you want as long as you think it can hold up to use as a beer tap handle. I have found handles between 4" and 14". You can go on-line and find many patterns and sizes. A beer tap handle uses a ferrule to attach it to a tap or keg.*

*For twisting I use a blank that is 2 1/2 X 2 1/2 X 12. I use a large ferrule that I think works well with the twist work. In designing the handle, I use a handle that I acquired. I am careful to not get it too small. Twist work always weakens the final product. I use some of the newer carving tools and cutters. I add some areas that are not twisted for interest and hopefully produce an item that can bring me a profit.”*



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Monthly meeting times: Social Hour is 5:30-6:15. Club Business, Gallery, and Wood Raffle begin at 6:15. The evening's demonstration begins at 7 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

Here is the scheduled line-up for our demonstrators for the rest of 2018. The underlined names are demonstrators who will be giving a day-long class the day after our monthly meeting. If you are interested in signing up for a class, contact **Dennis Fanning**. Classes are filling up already!

April – Dennis Liggett – Beer Tap Handle	September – Ron Ainge - Ornaments
May – <u>Jason Clark</u> – Saturn Bowl	October – Allen Jensen – Beads of Courage Box
June – Christian Brisepierre – Oval Bracelet	November – Ed Cypher - Casting
July – Keith Gotschall – TBD	December – Holiday Party
August – <u>Jimmy Clewes</u> – TBD	

**Clean-up crew - Thanks to the March cleanup crew for Doug Schneider's demo:**

**John Petersen, Dana Seymour, Steven Balchunas**

**The April cleanup crew for Dennis Liggett's demo are:**

**Finn Agenbroad, Chad Hoffman and Bruce Perry**

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### **A Special Announcement from Pat Scott Concerning our May Demonstrator:**

I know it's still a few months away, but I wanted to give you a preview of our May demonstrator **Jason Clark**. Jason is from Chicago, and was a demonstrator at the AAW Symposium in Kansas City this past year where we met him. For those that are not familiar with Jason Clark or his work, you can visit his website at [www.jtcturning.com](http://www.jtcturning.com).

Jason will demo an *Interactive Saturn Bowl* for us, and then teach a class the next day so you can learn to make your own! There are still a few openings left for Jason's class, don't wait too long or you'll miss a fantastic opportunity. The cost is \$125 per person. This is not your ordinary bowl, see the pictures below and be prepared to be amazed.

Jason will make the rounds while he's in Colorado:

- May 1 - Evening demo at Front Range Woodturners – Saturn Bowl
- May 2 - All day hands-on class for FRW – the all day class consists of two “projects”:
  - 1). Several multi axis spindles followed by a multi-axis lidded box with a twist.
  - 2). Ultra thin parting tool which will then be used to create a Saturn bowl.
- May 3 - Evening demo at Rocky Mountain Woodturners, Loveland  
*Unconventional Hollowing – Turning the Torus*  
*The demonstration will focus on the turning of a torus shaped hollow form including an unconventional approach to hollowing as well as methods for reverse chucking including a unique double walled vacuum drum.*
- May 4 - Evening demo at Pikes Peak Woodturners, Colorado Springs  
*Lidded box with a twist. Attendees will see a short presentation of some of Jason's work*

as well as a preview of the evening's project. He will demonstrate his process for turning a multi-axis lidded box with 3 sides that twist 120 degrees along the length of the box.

*Interactive Saturn bowl.* Attendees will see a short presentation of some of Jason's work as well as a preview of the evening's projects. He will demonstrate his process for turning a small bowl with a wide flat brim that rotates around the rim of the bowl. A jig will then be made to aid in one or more offset rings to be cut free so that they can rotate around the bowl.



## Turning Challenge

The turning challenge for February was *a Dublin Viking Bowl*. The winners were:

Beginner (orange): **Larry Abrams**

Intermediate (blue): **Don Prorak**

Advanced (yellow): **Pat Scott**

### Turning challenge for March: *Basket Illusion*

Although we don't have a category for Raffle Wood Challenge anymore, we still want to see what you make with raffle wood so feel free to write *Raffle wood* in the Additional Information box on the Show-and-Tell form.

The rules for our monthly turning challenge are:

- Self-assess your level of turning (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced). Do not judge your skill level by how long you have been turning.
- Fill out a Show-and-Tell form with your name, title of the piece, finish used, etc. All of the forms on our website are now interactive and can be filled out online and printed ahead of time. If you want, you can print a blank form and fill it out by hand, and we will also have blank forms at the meeting.
- The Show-and-Tell forms have a check box for "Turning Challenge" and "Show-and-Tell only". Check the appropriate box.
- To enter the turning challenge, there are 3 folders marked Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. Each folder has numbered slips of paper that are color coded to the skill level:

Beginner = Red

Intermediate = Blue

Advanced = Yellow

- Pick a bag of numbers from your respective skill folder - it doesn't matter which number you pick. The Beginner folder only has red numbers, Intermediate only has blue numbers, etc.
- Write the number on your card in case things get mixed up, and place the bag with your numbers on top of your Show-and-Tell card (so people can vote for you). Do not throw the bag away!
- You cannot vote for yourself.

## ***Club Info***

### ***Membership – Mike Mullen***

New members for March:

**Andy Boudreau, Bill Feld, Robert Shelton (referred by Ron Ainge), Ryan Custer, Jenn Gerwig and Will Phillips (referred by Vern DeGroot).**

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 or the Pike's Peak Woodturners club in Colorado Springs, 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 and PPW clubs for half price.

### ***Group Purchases and Individual Catalog Orders – Roger Holmes***

#### **Upcoming Special Group Buy!**

**This April, in addition to our regular Quarterly Group Buys we will also be taking orders for Woodturning Smocks and CBN grinding Wheels. These two Group Buys will not be repeated again this year. We will announce when the order forms are on the FRW web site.**

Please see the FRW website ([www.frontrangewoodturners.org](http://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**. Make checks for band saw blades payable to **David Hawley**. 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, Spence Ind. Band Saw Blades 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](mailto:roger_holmes@comcast.net)

**Del Fussell** – 11455 N. Antelope Ln., Parker, CO 80138 - 303-805-2663 - [fussell6@comcast.net](mailto:fussell6@comcast.net)

**David Hawley** – 1516 Lodge Court, Boulder, CO 80303 – 303-443-2332 – [dbh001@gmail.com](mailto:dbh001@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.

### ***Librarian's Corner – Bob Britt***

Resources restored. A few months ago this column noted the fact that your library had close to a dozen issues of “Woodturning Design” missing with no trace of them having been signed out. Well I am happy to report that through donations we have been able to fill the void of the missing magazines and your library once again houses all 50 issues of the publication. If you are new to turning or didn't subscribe to this publication which ceased printing in August of 2014 you owe it to yourself to consider this resource. Many articles were highly detailed, well photographed and contained complete plans for project construction. Projects are varied in complexity from getting started at the lathe to advanced turner with all levels in between. Stop by and check out a couple of issues of this underutilized resource.

## ***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, April 9th** from **5-7pm** in the basement of Rocker's.

## ***Youth Mentoring Program – Don Prorak***

I'm continuing to work with **Stephen Pegler's** students at **Stargate Academy** of Thornton, Colorado on Tuesdays after school. We've been getting into the basics of bowl turning as well as general safety and technique. We'd like to thank **Bob Britt** for his donation of several nice turning tools, and **Rick Orr**, who donated two scroll chucks to the program. These items are really helpful to the class, and are greatly appreciated! I'm enjoying working with these students, and seeing progress in their skills

## ***Shop Tours – Ken Rollins***

This month's shop tour was on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>. at **Jason McCloskey's** shop at Flicht Design Studio in Wheat Ridge.



Shop tours for the rest of 2018:

APRIL is still available.

MAY, **Roger Holmes** will host, details TBA.

JUNE is still available.

JULY will be another rendition of the famous **Limvere** BBQ and shop tour. Thanks to **Bear and Alisa** for years of hosting.

AUGUST is still available.

SEPTEMBER is still available.

OCTOBER, road trip! **Larry Fox** will host at his shop in Castle Rock. details TBA.

NOVEMBER is still available.

DECEMBER is usually not conducive to a shop tour due to the Holiday party, but if you insist we can schedule your event.

### ***Ladies of the Lathe – Robyn Herman***

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. Men may attend when not enough women sign up. Check with Robyn on space availability.

### ***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. If you are not receiving the emailed newsletter, contact Jim and make sure your email address is correct.

**Newsline of the Month:** *Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.* (Thanks to Don Prorak!)

### ***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 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 – Tom Tedesco***

I would encourage any FRW member to apply for a PHEOG grant. The grant can be used to attend workshops, symposiums, or hands on training. Requirements and rules for the grants are

on the FRW website. Please read them as there are a few changes from past years. Applications must be received before **February 15, 2018**.

### ***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](http://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.

### ***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.

### ***March Gallery***



Larry Abrams – Mesquite, Rosewood Knob



Bob Franklin – various burls





Larry Abrams - Myrtle



Larry Abrams - Mesquite



Dennis Fanning - wood



Dennis Fanning - Maple



Don Prorak - Elm



Ken Rollins – Honey Locust



Roper – various woods



Pat Scott – Silver Maple



Mike Skiba - Chestnut



Scott Thomsen - Ash



Larry Long - Granadilla



Gene Wentworth – Myrtle, Walnut, Corian

## 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](http://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](mailto:cavaleon1956@gmail.com).*

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**FREE!** - 32" CRT TV, previously used as the clubs video cabinet monitor. See any of the Board members if interested.

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**FOR SALE:** 14 ft. Aluminum fishing boat with trailer and 7 ½ hp motor. Call Phil at 303-985-4692/

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