



# FRONT RANGE WOODTURNERS

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## Upcoming Events

**December** – Tuesday, December 3. This will be our annual Christmas/Holiday party to be held at Red Rocks Community Room. See newsletter for details.

**January** Tuesday, January 7, 2003. Ed Quan will be doing the demo. He is a woodturner instructor for Rockler's. ❖

## News

### FRW Christmas Party

Instead of a December meeting, we will be having our annual Christmas Party on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday, at

6:30 pm at the following address:

Red Rocks Community College  
Lakewood Bldg.,  
Community Room, Room 650,  
13300 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Lakewood, CO 80228

Please bring food according to the initial of your last name.

A-I - Vegetable

J-R - Salad

S-Z - Dessert

FRW will be providing the main entrée.

Spouses and Significant Others are welcome.

We will have an auction as a fundraiser for FRW so please bring something for it. We suggest putting your suggested price or reserve price on each item. This will help us start at a price that is good for each item.

We will also have a door prize drawing same as last year. Last year was really great; we not only had wood for the drawing, but other items as well (i.e., safety glasses, masks, etc.). If you would like to contribute to the drawing, please do so.

We will also have a “for sale or swap” table for you to bring stuff to sell. Please mark your name and price clearly on each item.

We will not be having a show and tell in December.

Thank you in advance for both the auction and door prize items.

Directions to the Community College are as follows:

1. Take 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. west and take the UNION/SIMMS exit.
2. Make a left turn (south) onto Union .
3. Make a right turn (west) at the first light, which is 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.
4. Go to the top of the hill to Van Gordon and make a right turn (north) onto Van Gordon.
5. Following Van Gordon around and it will become the 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. Service Road.
6. Go to the light, which is Arbutus Dr (which has a large Community College sign on the corner) and make a left turn (south).
7. Follow Arbutus Dr. into the west entrance of the campus and around to the top parking lot and the last building on the campus. The street name is South Forty.
8. Park and come down the stairs to the Lakewood Building where the Community Room is located.

Any questions, I can be reached on (303) 274-5012 after 6:30 pm.

Thank you,  
Kathy Kula

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## *FRW Board Members*

We are coming up on a new year and thus the opportunity for you to get involved as a board member for the Front Range Woodturners for the year 2003.

All the current officers have offered to continue through 2003, except for the following:

Bear Limvere has agreed to take the Membership Chairman duties. Thanks to Ron Embury for doing a great job for us in the past.

We are still looking for someone to fill the Vice President/Program Director position. This person will be responsible for coordinating and scheduling demonstrators for each meeting. Thanks to George Adams for getting such great demonstrators for this past year.

Elections will be held at the holiday party. Contact John Montague if you are interested.

## *FRW Wood*

With our recent salvage efforts, our club has quite a lot of wood available to its members. The wood is Russian Olive and some maple. If you are interested, contact George Adams at 303-452-5650 or e-mail him at [GTAdams@fone.net](mailto:GTAdams@fone.net) to schedule pick up times.

## *Wood Suppliers*

Following is a list that Steve Claycomb has compiled of wood suppliers in the Colorado

area. If you have more, contact Steve. (Note: FRW is not endorsing these suppliers, but only providing the list for your convenience.)

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware, 2553 S. Colorado Blvd., #108, Denver CO 80222, 303-782-0588, web [www.rockler.com](http://www.rockler.com).

Consolidated Hardwoods, Inc., 11850 Vance, Broomfield, CO 80020, phone 303-466-1839, fax 303-469-3580.

Swingle Tree Co., 8585 E. Warren Ave., Denver, CO 80231, phone 303-337-6200 or 303-369-2892.

Centennial Wood Co, Inc., 985 S. Logan St., Denver, CO 80209, phone 303-778-6209.

Austin Hardwoods of Denver, Inc., 1301 S. Platte River Dr., 80223, phone 303-733-1292 or 303-722-1007, web [www.austinhardwoods.com](http://www.austinhardwoods.com).

Colorado Tree and Shrubbery Specialists, Inc., 4760 Parfet St., Wheatridge, CO 80033, phone 303-431-4155.

Paxton Wood Source, 4837 Jackson St., Denver, CO 80213, phone 303-399-6047, web [www.paxtonwood.com](http://www.paxtonwood.com).

Custom Hardwoods, phone 303-280-6381, affiliated with Tech Western Warehouse, 4520 Indiana St., Golden CO 80403, contact Steve Bell phone 303-902-3115, 303-278-6882, or 303-452-9180.

Woodcraft Supply Corp., 4403 S. Tamarac Parkway, Denver, CO 80237, phone 303-290-0007.

Woodcraft Unlimited, Inc., 2301 S. Delaware St., Denver CO 80223, phone 303-778-9103.

Diverse Hardwoods, 617 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Longmont, CO 80501, phone 303-651-1020.

## *Miscellaneous*

### *Tool and Steel Suppliers*

There have been several demonstrators who showed home-made tools made with

HSS steel rod. Here is a supplier that one of our members found:

MSC Industrial Supply  
1551 West Evans  
Denver, CO 80223  
Local (303) 935-2022  
or (800) 332-0210

Fax: (303) 937-1228

Email:

[branchden@mscdirect.com](mailto:branchden@mscdirect.com)

Web: [www.mscdirect.com](http://www.mscdirect.com)

(Note: FRW is not endorsing these suppliers, but only providing the information for your convenience.)

### *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. You feel the need for conversation during the meeting or demonstration, please feel free to step out into the Rockler store.

### *Shop Tours*

We are trying to set up shop tours for interested members. Phil Houck has the sign-up sheet for those interested in giving a tour or going on a tour. Just remember – no one expects a sparkling clean shop, so don't worry about putting it off because you don't have time to tidy up. ❖

## *Show and Tell*

People brought the following items for show and tell:

Bruce Knuth – laser pointer for hollowing tool

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Jill Rice – Lacewood and holly bowl; maple bowl

Jerry Smith – Segmented bowl of walnut, cherry, oak, maple, and bloodwood; segmented bowl of butternut and bloodwood.

Pete Holtus – Lidded boxes of maple and box elder.

John Hammer – Ornaments of box elder, aspen, and walnut.

Richard Bailey – Stunning chess set of oak and ebonized oak.

Barbara Craig – Large bowls of ash; “artificial natural-edged” pine bowl.

Brandon Mackie – Maple burl bowl with natural edge; aspen bowl with natural edge; small lidded box of maple with purpleheart finial.

Ron Bentall – Bowl made of ash crotch.

Allen Bornstein – Wooden lamp with stained glass shade; clock made of laminated cherry with purpleheart; clock made of laminated cherry, purpleheart, and padauk. ❖

## Demonstrations

### November Demo

Phil Houck did the November demonstration, showing us how he uses a home-made jam chuck to turn the bottoms of his bowls. The second half of his demonstration is how to use a skew chisel (“Skew You”).

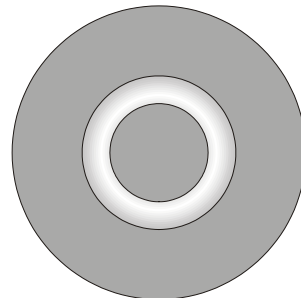
He cuts 1” wide rings in 1” thick medium-density fiberboard (MDF) to the desired size. He

was able cut concentric rings using a bandsaw to get different sized chucks. He then stacked and glued the rings, being sure to not line up the saw kerfs for strength.

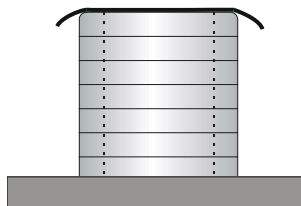
He glued the rings on a circle of flat hardwood plywood with a shiny veneer that he had scavenged from a record player cabinet. He then mounted the plywood base on a faceplate and trued up the sides and top, rounding the shoulders slightly.

To finish it off, Phil glued a ring of neoprene rubber as a pad.

Below is a diagram of the finished chuck:

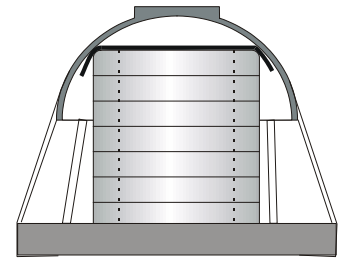


Top View



Side View

Phil mounts the base to a faceplate with metal screws. He carefully centers the bowl onto the chuck as shown following:



In Use  
(cutaway view)

He puts a layer of white, foam padding between the neoprene and the bowl to help prevent scuff marks. The bowl was previously turned and finished, except for the foot. He uses regular masking tape to tape at least 8 points to the base.

He mounts the faceplate to the headstock and brings the tailstock into the foot of the bowl for support. Using small gouges, he turns as much of the foot as possible without hitting the tailstock. At the very end, he moves the tailstock to finish the very center.

Phil then spent the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the demonstration showing how to use a skew chisel. He said the most important part of overcoming the fear of the tool is to practice, even if it's only 20 minutes worth. Over time, you will become comfortable with the tool and can do a lot with it. ❖

## Rockler

Be sure to check out the wonderful items at the Rockler store. Just a reminder – all FRW members get 10% off all items, except electrical or sale items, all the time. Just present

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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 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).

## Web Stuff

The Front Range WoodTurners  
Web site address:

[www.harrispress.com/frw](http://www.harrispress.com/frw)

Get the latest information about upcoming events, meetings, and view the excellent photos of the show and tell gallery.

Other sites of interest:  
(Rky Mtn Woodturners, Ft Collins)

[www.verinet.com/](http://www.verinet.com/)

[drmeli/rmwt.html](http://drmeli/rmwt.html)

[www.lathes.co.uk](http://www.lathes.co.uk)

[www.woodworkingbasics.com](http://www.woodworkingbasics.com)

[www.treelineusa.com](http://www.treelineusa.com)

[www.woodturnerscatalog.com](http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com)

[www.kestrelcreek.com](http://www.kestrelcreek.com)

[www.choicewoods.com](http://www.choicewoods.com)

[www.woodturner.com](http://www.woodturner.com) ❖

## Classifieds

**For Sale - Snowblower** 5 HP, caterpillar tread. Excellent condition \$300.00. Call George 303-452-5650

**For Sale - WOOD FAST Lathe** long bed, 39" between centers 1.5HP variable speed (220V) with reverse. 20" capacity. Almost new!! Save \$600 \$3,100.00. Call George 303-452-5650

**For Sale - PowerMatic 12/16 lathe.** Excellent condition, new bearings, variable speed. \$950 firm. For additional details and information, call 303-794-1679.

**For Sale - Union Graduate 12" X 30" lathe.** All cast iron construction with electric and drive controls. Axminster Four Jaw Self Centering Super Precision Scroll Chuck System. Approximately 25 high quality turning tools:

- Union Graduate Variturn Lathe \$3950.00
- Administer chuck & jaw system \$1,230.00
- Turning tools \$800.00
- Total cost new \$5,980.00

SALE PRICE \$3,400.00

Contact John Leitch  
2366 Via Colibris  
Santa Fe, NM 87501  
505-988-5070.

**For Sale – Big lathe:** 24" over throat; 220V; 1 ¼" shaft; 4-speed with safety slip clutch; 2 ½" Vicmarc chuck; 8" faceplate; 4" face plate; 7 chisels; \$2,000 takes all. Call Gary (970) 593-1901.

**For Sale – Alltrade scroll saw.** Perfect condition. Basic, \$100; with quick blade and access, \$125. Call Chuck Kubin, (303) 733-0254.

**For Sale – Velcro Sandpaper Disks,** 2" are \$1 per 10 disks, 3" (not too many available) are \$1 per 6 disks. Various grits available. Contact Cindy Drozda or David Nittman at 303-449-7170, [cdrozda@nyx.net](mailto:cdrozda@nyx.net), or at the FRWT and RMWT club meetings. ❖

## Club Information

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In addition, the following Chairpersons were appointed and accepted:

**Membership & Publicity Chairman:** Ron Embery

**Librarian:** Jim Applegate

**Raffle-Wood Director:** Steve Claycomb

**Shop Tour & Mentor Program Chairman:** Phil Houck

**Internet Chairman:** Dane Harris

**Video/TV Chairman:** Cy Carpenter

## General Meeting Information

Normal meetings are the first Tuesday of every month, unless otherwise rescheduled.

**New** meeting place is at Rockler Woodworking & Hardware, 2553 So. Colorado Blvd. #108 Denver, CO (west side of Colorado Blvd. opposite the mall).



Meetings are 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM.

## *FRW Newsletter* *Contact Info*

Alisa Limvere

Feel free to send her ideas, photos, corrections, and information. Advertising in the Classifieds is free (unless it gets so large that it adds to the newsletter's distribution cost).

In addition, Alisa has made the offer to assist any demonstrators in creating hand-outs of their demonstrations.

Deadline for submitting material for inclusion in the newsletter is 15 days before the next meeting. ❖



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