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Upcoming Events

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.

July – Tuesday, July 1. Mystery demonstrator. Turning challenge for July, "Multi-Axis or Eccentric Turnings."

August – Tuesday, August 5. Turning challenge for August, "Big Bowls." ❖

News

We Still Need You

New Social Chairperson

Thanks to Rose Phillips for volunteering for the Social Chairperson position. She will be helping to keep members in contact with FRWT in case of emergencies or in case of good things. Her phone numbers are the following: Home, 303-740-9663 and enter 6014 during the message; Work, 303-715-0172.

Help Wanted – Vice President/Program Director and Coffee Help

Unfortunately, Bruce Knuth is leaving us and moving away. We are now looking for a Vice President/Program Director for the remainder of 2003. Primary duties will be to arrange demonstrators for each meeting. If you are interested, contact John Montague at 303-794-1679.

Gene and Phil are asking for 4 helpers to take turns making coffee and cleaning up for the meetings. You will need to arrive an hour early to start the big percolator. If you are interested or if you just don't want to have coffee privileges revoked, call Gene at Gene Wentworth 303-758-4173.

Help Wanted - 2004 Officers

Would you like to be an officer in the club for the year 2004 or do you know someone who would

make a good board member? If you do, please call:

George Adams 303-452-5650
Jerry Smith 303-466-7912
Gene Wentworth 303-758-4173.

Cherry Creek Arts Festival

This year the Cherry Creek Arts Festival has invited (not one but--) two of our members, Cindy Drozda and Paul Stafford, to exhibit their woodturnings at the festival held over the Fourth of July weekend. An honor indeed considering the high standards that the Festival has for its exhibitors. Cindy and Paul invite fellow FRWT members to stop by their booths and say "Hi."

Club Library

Suggested Items

Contact Jim Applegate or John Montague for suggestions about materials (books, videos, DVDs) to be added to our club library. The club does have a budget to purchase library materials and look to you to tell us what you want.

Of course, if you want to make donations to the library, all donations are gratefully accepted.

Overdue Items

Standard checkout rules are that you can check out no more than 2 items at once and that the items are due at the next meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, contact Jim Applegate at ???.

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Many items from the library are over due or missing. We are preparing a list of the outstanding items, and do not want place limitations of the usage or initiate new polices to correct the misuse of our library. This is one of the great assets of our organization and we need to make sure each member has the full opportunity to enjoy this benefit.

Shop Tour

Cindy Drozda, David Nittman, and Phil Houck are putting on a shop tour on August 9, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. The shop is 1500 square feet filled to overload with lots of professional-grade machinery. You may even get to play on the Stubby. They are also having a wood sale of extras. Quote from David: "This is a working woodshop, not a home, so plan to get dirty and dusty." No call-aheads, just show up. Directions: From Denver: Take 36 north to Foothills Parkway (hwy 157, CU stadium). North on Foothills through the next 3 lights and exit at Pearl street. From the right lane of the Pearl St offramp, cross all lanes of traffic immediately and take a left in front of Boulder Toyota onto 47th St. You will see Boulder Toyota right across the street from you as you sit at the bottom of the offramp. The shop is about 1 1/2 blocks up on the right, a cream colored, single story, cinderblock building with dark blue doors. The building runs east/west, and our space is the second from the west end. There's also a "Woodturning" sign on the marquee on 47th St. The address is 2756 - 47th St, and the number is above the door. If you get that far, it should be obvious! From Ft Collins: Take I-25 south to the "hwy 52" exit, and go west to the hwy dead ends into IBM at the Longmont Diagonal (or take 287 to the Diagonal). Turn SW on the Diagonal (a left from hwy52), and then take the left fork in the highway where it says "Foothills Parkway". At the next light, Valmont, go left and make an immediate right onto 47th St. The shop is about 1/2 block down, on the left.

Follow the description above for identification of the building, etc.

Wood for Sale

Walnut

We were contacted by this fellow who says that he has entire walnut groves being cut down in California and wants to sell the wood. His name is Bill Warren and he can be reached at 314 863 3758. He says he has lots of burl and crotch. He also says that "time is of the essence."

Willow

"I have just uncovered about 12 - 2" planks up to 12" wide of Black Willow which are 10 - 12' long.

Black Willow is soft like Basswood or Aspen, has white sapwood and a Honey colored Heartwood. I believe it will carve well as I have experimented with it on the Lathe. There are some nice clear sections, some knotty, and then there is the tell tale Willow Bird's Eye. Contact me, Walter Ambrosch, at DustySplinters@Ambrosch.net.

RMWT Symposium

The Rocky Mountain Woodturners Symposium is coming up on October 11-12 at the Loveland High School. The cost is \$90 for both days. FRW members get \$5 discount. AAW members get additional \$5 discount. Early booking gets even more discount. They are looking for volunteers and for demonstrators. Contact Mark Kurzmack for more information (email: kurzmack@webaccess.net; phone: 970-490-2297).

Get Published

This from Barbara Craig:

There was an ad in *Fine Woodworking* for submitting work to be included in a book on bowls. Their website is www.Larkbooks.com. Go to "designer & author submissions," then "artist submissions," then down to "500 wood bowls". The submissions deadline is July 10, 2003.

Featured Providers

Guiry's Wallpaper and Art Supplies - All six Guiry's locations are providing to members of Front Range Woodturners a **35%** discount on everything in the store. We have a contractor account under "Colorado Front Range Woodturners." Following are the addresses:

- University Hills Location
2468 S. Colorado Blvd.
Denver CO. 80222
Paint Mgr: Dan Harper
- Littleton Location
8170 S. University Blvd.
Littleton CO. 80122
Paint Mgr: Ken Rolf
- Southwest Plaza Location
9046 W. Bowles Ave.
Littleton CO. 80123
Paint Mgr: John Downey
- Boulder Location
2404 Pearl St.
Boulder CO. 80302
Paint Mgr: Butch Gass
- Lodo Location
2245 Market St.
Denver CO. 80205
Paint Mgr: Bob Dynes
- Parker Location
16534 Keystone Blvd.
Parker CO. 80134
Paint Mgr: John Turner

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Wood Emporium, Loveland, provides a 10% discount for FRW members.

Rocklers, Colorado Blvd, Denver, provides a 10% discount for club members – see the Rockler section on page 6. Rockler will be keeping the cash register open until the end of the meeting. Try to do your shopping during the break or before the end of the meeting, so that they can get out quickly after the end of the meeting.

Club Website

Brandon Mackey is asking for suggestions on what to put on the FRW website.

He is in the process of building a gallery of items created by fellow members. If you have a photo of something that you have made that you want added to the gallery, bring it to the meeting and either Brandon or Alisa will scan it for addition to the gallery.

In addition, Brandon Mackie has offered to take pictures of items made by club members to post on the web site in a Club Gallery.

If you are interested, he will be bringing a camera and black board to photograph your items at the meetings.

If you have questions, contact Brandon at ihatemondays1@hotmail.com.

Wood Events

We receive notices of events, classes, or seminars that we think you may find interesting. (Note: FRW is not endorsing these events, but only providing the information for your convenience.)

Rocky Mountain School of Woodturning

The Spring schedule for the Rocky Mountain School of Woodturning in LaPorte, CO, is beginning. They offer a range of classes through the coming few months. The classes include the following: Basic Woodturning; Intermediate Woodturning; Advanced Woodturning; Turning Green, Dry, and Natural Edged Bowls; Turning Boxes; Inlaying and Threading Lids; and Spiral Turnings. Stephen Hughes of Australia will be giving special 2- and 3-day seminars. It is suggested that you register early.

Most are 3-day courses with hands-on training. Contact Lee Carter at 970-221-4382 or via email at LLJTC4X4149@CS.COM.

FRW Wood

Our club still 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 to schedule pick up times.

Materials Suppliers

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.

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.

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.

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 1st Ave., Longmont, CO 80501, phone 303-651-1020.

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
Web: www.mscdirect.com

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

Misc. Suppliers

Brandon Mackie has a source of filters for those of you who want to create or maintain filtration in your shop. Contact

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him at the next meeting or at ihatemondays1@hotmail.com.

Sanding disks - Steve Worcester in Texas (www.turningwood.com or 972-424-7958)

Miscellaneous

Wow! Membership at All Time High

FRWT now has 128 registered members!

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.

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

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

There were some very fine entries in the Candlestick turning challenge. By the Applause-O-Meter method, Bear Limvere won the turning challenge for June with an eccentric, stepped candlestick and received a gift certificate for Rockler.



Steve Dejong – Natural-edged cedar bowl.



Gene Wentworth – Sliced limbs, resin, and rosewood platter with paula rosa and silver pretty bottom.



Gene Wentworth – Natural-edged ash bowl with carved details, and cocobolo and silver pretty bottom.



Pete Holtus – Natural-edged maser birch bowl. The figure was completely 3-dimensional!



Blaine Grunerud – Maple bowl with bark inclusions.



Phil Houck – Cherry and brass candlesticks.



Pete Holtus – Maple miniature bat.



Blaine Grunerud – Box elder bowl.

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Pete Holtus – Persimmon box with silver and ebony inlay.



Les Stern – “Baby Rattle” of walnut, zebrano, purpleheart, ash, moradillo, and padauk



Pete Holtus – Boxwood lidded box with brass inlay.



Bear Limvere – Yellowheart candlesticks. The one on the right was the winner of the June turning challenge!



Pete Holtus – Cherry and brass candlestick.



Phil Houck – Black walnut and brass candlesticks.



Gene Wentworth – Natural-edged walnut and ebony bowl.



Adam Kelly – Natural-edged bowls. He also brought a Dymond-wood pen.



Gene Wentworth - Silver maple vase with bubinga and silver dime pretty bottom.

Demonstrations

Mike Mundwiller and Kevin Hunt from Guiry's Wallpaper and Art Supplies gave an excellent presentation about paints and finishes.



Mike and Kevin.

Although there weren't a lot of “photo-opportunities” during this demo, there was a lot of enlightening information.

Here are some tips and info from their demo:

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- All finishes are made of the following:
 - Vehicle, which is made of solvents and binding resins. Solvents are the volatile carrier, which evaporates off as the finish cures. Binding resins bind the pigment particles together when the finish cures. Water or petroleum-based solvents are the most common volatile carriers.
 - Pigments, which are the solid particles that provide color and coverage.
 - The combination of the binding resins and pigments are the % volume solids. These are the parts of the finish that remain after curing.
- If you want a matte or semi-gloss finish on a clear, built-up finish, use a gloss finish to do the build-up layers, and then either use a matte finish or simply a fine sanding method to matte the glossy finish. Matte finishes have more solids (pigment and resin) and thus will tend to dull the grain if used to build-up a finish.
- Latex finish products will become milky if applied too thickly. It is better to apply lots of thin layers than a couple of thick layers.
- If a latex finish has been frozen, it is ruined. Oil-based finishes don't freeze.
- Some finishes naturally have an amber tint, such as lacquers, and some have no tint, like many water-based polyurethanes. Depending on the effect you want, use the appropriate finish.
- Make sure that if you layer finishes, the finishes must be compatible. For example, if you layer a water-based polyurethane on an oiled finish, the finish will likely fail.
- If you want to protect the wood from UV damage, you must use a finish that has the appropriate additives and pigment. Clear finishes provide little or no UV protection. (UV rays are why osage orange wood turns from bright yellow to golden brown.)
- Finishes applied in high-humidity will take much longer to cure because the air just doesn't have the absorption ability – the humidity is taking up the absorption "room." Too high humidity may actually cause "bloom" in some finishes, such as shellacs.
- Finishes applied in low-humidity may set too fast. This causes brush marks to not be able to level. You can add extenders or more of the appropriate solvent to allow the time to apply the finish time.
- "Dry to the touch" is different from "cured." "Cured" means that a finish has released all of the vehicle (such as water or petroleum products) that was used to carry the pigment and that all chemical changes have finished. A finish may be dry to the touch, but will still take several days (or weeks) to fully cure. If you can smell the finish, it probably is not fully cured.
- Some finishes remain "solvent-sensitive." These are finishes that cure solely by the evaporation of its vehicle (such as solvent). This means that if the solvent that was used as its vehicle comes in contact with the finish, the finish will re-dissolve. For example, the vehicle for lacquer is typically alcohol. This means that if

alcohol comes in contact with a lacquered finish, the finish will soften or lift. This can also be a good thing – French polishing uses this technique to apply multiple thin layers of lacquer by lightly redissolving the previous layers into the new layer.

- Some finishes never cure. Pure boiled linseed oil will not cure and must be mixed with an additive to cause curing. ❖

Rockler

Just a reminder – 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 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.

Web Stuff

The Front Range WoodTurners
Web site address:

www.frontrangewoodturners.com

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)

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

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

www.woodworkingbasics.com

www.treelineusa.com

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www.woodturnerscatalog.com

www.kestrelcreek.com

www.choicewoods.com

www.woodturner.com ❖

Classifieds

Please note: All advertising in the Classifieds is free, but please be sure to notify the newsletter editor if an item is no longer for sale.

For Sale - 16" Delta scroll saw, 2 spd, like new: \$85; Generac 4000 watt generator, \$400; 10" diamond saw blade, new, \$50; set of 4 heavy-duty Jeep/truck chains, \$100; Bronco Tickets (I have a pair of season tickets) – looking for person(s) to buy one or more games for up-coming season. Contact Bob Butscher at 303-694-9617 or kotysplace@msn.com.

For Sale – Carba-Tec lathe. Comes with a set of tools and two boxes of nice wood. Asking \$250. Contact Mike Green at n2glass@earthlink.net.

For Sale - Rockwell lathe. Model #46-525, 12" x 36" capacity, with 1HP DC variable speed in addition to Reeves drive: \$1000. With single speed AC motor and Reeves drive: \$600. Also Original Nova Chuck pre-bored for 1"x8 with 3 different jaw sets with slides attached: \$170. Please email Cindy Drozda at cindy@cindydrozda.com for more info.

For Sale – Sears Craftsman Lathe. 2 H.P., 38" between centers, 15" inboard bowl clearance, 20" outboard bowl clearance; 4" faceplate; 6" to 12" toolrests. Asking \$350 for the above. Also have 8" faceplate for \$20; 2 each 3" faceplate for \$10 each; Nova Compac chuck for \$60; Lathe Copy Crafter that fits the above lathe for \$120. Call Grover Brown at 303-985-2608.

For Sale – Foremost Lathe. ¾ H.P., 12" bowl clearance, 37" between centers, 12" to 6" tool rest, 4" to 5" faceplates. Asking \$150 for the above. Call Grover Brown at 303-985-2608.

For Sale – Sawsmith (Shopsmith) 2000 Cabinet Table Saw. Deluxe Model, 10", 110v (use 20A circuit) with Excalibur professional fence, miter

gauge, and mobile base. Table size 27"W x 31"D. 49" rails. Up to 2 ½ H.P. Dual action – table/radial. Excellent condition, one owner, with extras. \$675. Call Dave Hurley at 303-443-2332.

For Sale – Delta Mini Lathe, \$285. Call John Montague at 303-794-1679.

For Sale – Dust Collector ABS Plastic Fittings. Two 4" Tees, one 4"-to-2 ½" reducer, one 5"-to-two 4" "Y" with one 4" cap. Worth \$26, sell for \$16. Call Paul Stafford 303-972-2335.

Swap – Front Range Woodturner Smock. Have an Extra Large, but want to swap it for a Large. Call Grover Brown at 303-985-2608.

Wanted – Band saw. I am looking for a good, used band saw. Call Fred Graham 303-573-5512.

For Sale – Turning Tools: 4" Delta tool rest, \$22.00; 6" Delta tool rest, \$26.00; 12" Delta tool rest, \$30.00; 24" Delta tool rest, \$80.00; Delta tool rest base, \$65.00; Henry Taylor Fluted Parting Tool, \$38.00. Call Jim Olson 303-771-9869.

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. ❖

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Deadline for submitting material for

inclusion in the newsletter is 15 days before the next meeting. In addition, the following Chairpersons were appointed and accepted:

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e-mail: limvere@fgn.net

Librarian: Jim Applegate
Raffle-Wood Director: Steve Claycomb

Shop Tour & Mentor Program Chairman: Phil Houck
phone: 303-985-4692

Internet Chairman: Brandon Mackie, His e-mail address is ihatemondays1@hotmail.com.

Video/TV Chairman: Cy Carpenter
Social Chairperson: Rose Phillips
home phone: 303-740-9663 and enter 6014 during the message work, 303-715-0172

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.



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