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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.

December – Different meeting date – Friday, December 5. That will be the Front Range Woodturners Holiday Party. The party will be held at Rocklers. There is no turning challenge for December.

January – January 6. Turning challenge for January, "Spindle Turning."❖

News

Party, Party, Party!

Reminder! Our Holiday Party is coming up on *Friday*, December 5th at 7:00 pm at Rockler's. Members and significant others are invited! FRW will provide the dinner and fixins. However, due to popular request, everyone is invited to bring a special salad and/or dessert (we love to try all the recipes!). We will have door prizes, auctions, swap and tool sale, show and tell gallery with optional "For Sale" stickers, and lots of camaraderie. We will also be introduced to our new officers for 2004!

Bring items clearly marked to donate for the auction or to place in the show and tell or tool swap.

REQUIRED RSVP IN ADVANCE! Please RSVP to Kathy Kula at 303-433-9637 or Alisa Limvere at 303-648-3414 so that we have an accurate head count for the food purchases.

The Woodworking Show

The Woodworking Show was very successful for us this year. We had multiple turners capturing the attention of passers-by: Jill Rice, Bear Limvere, Marty Christensen, Gene Wentworth, Steve DeJong, Ron Bentall, and more.

Gene brought lots of his work to show off, with the most attention going to his miniatures and "pretty bottoms."

We gathered lots of signatures for our guest list and handed out lots of brochures. Good work, everyone!

Thanks, Bill!

Many thanks to Bill Hopper for making a knock-out bar for our demonstration lathe. It was a little embarrassing when Stuart Batty didn't have one and had to make-do during his demonstration. Now, that won't happen with our new knock-out bar!

Woodfinishing Seminar

Colorado State University's Wood Utilization and Marketing Association and the Rocky Mountain Section of the Forest Products Society are offering a one-day seminar on wood finishing. Bob Flexner, former editor of the *Finishing and Restoration* magazine, will be the instructor. Date of the seminar is December 8, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm. Location of the seminar is Room 208, Lorry Student Center, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO. Cost of the seminar is \$20 per person, and includes Bob Flexner's book *Understanding Wood Finishing*. For information, call 303-808-6175. This sounds like an excellent seminar for anyone who has ever tried to put finish on wood.

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Wood Sealer

FRW has negotiated a discount price with our Rockler for green wood sealer. We have reserved 20 gallons at \$11.99 per gallon. Ask a Rockler employee to point out what type of sealer is included and just show the cashier your membership card to get the discount. After the 20 gallons are purchased, we go back to the standard 10% discount.

Channel 6 Auction

Gene Wentworth just wanted to give a heads up to start thinking about any piece that you want to donate to the Channel 6 Auction in March. If we get 8 or more pieces, our club is given our own table.

This action supports Channel 6 and is for a very good cause.

Correction

Last month in the newsletter, credit was incorrectly given for the Sapele platter in the Show & Tell to Barbara Craig. The correct information was that Lavonne Kaiser. Humblest apologies from the editor.

Club Discount on Supplies - Update

Klingspor Catalog Orders: Those who signed up at the October meeting are now on Klingspor member list. You can now order from Klingspor catalog and get a 10% discount (except for machinery). Members can be removed from this email list upon request. You can contact Dave at davedorothy@comcast.net or at 1516 Lodge Court, Boulder, 80303.

The Cutting Edge. David has received the order from the Cutting

Edge for those made an order. He will bring the items to the December meeting for you to pick up.

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 do not return items on time, you may have your library privileges revoked. If you cannot attend the meeting, contact Jim Applegate or drop-off the items at the Colorado Blvd. Rockler store.

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 policies 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.

Featured Providers

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 before the end of

the break, so that they can get out quickly after the end of the meeting.

Guiry's Wallpaper and Art Supplies - All six Guiry's locations are providing to members of Front Range Woodturners discounts on most everything in the store. Give the contractor account number of 7837 and name of "Front Range Woodturners" to the Guiry's cashier to get your discount.

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

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.

Materials Suppliers

Wood Suppliers

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

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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

Victor Machinery Exchange, Inc.
251 Centre Street
New York, NY 10013
Phone: 800-723-5359
<http://www.victornet.com>

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

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Misc. Suppliers

Brandon Mackie has a source of filters for those of you who want to create or maintain filtration in your shop. Contact him at the next meeting or at ihatemondays1@hotmail.com.

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

Miscellaneous

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

People brought the following items for the Show and Tell.



Bear and Alisa Limvere – Segmented ornaments in a variety of woods.



Pete Holtus – Maple burl platter.



Martin R. Christensen – Maple bowl.

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Earl Ellis – Aspen and cocobolo ornament.



Close-up of Steve DeJong's ornament with turned internal tree.



Woody - Aspen and walnut ornament.



Pete Holtus – Aspen and walnut ornaments on wire stand.



Ron Bentall – Silver maple crotch burl bowl.



Steve DeJong – Ornaments in a variety of woods and techniques, including wooden "icicles." Winner of the November challenge!



Phil Houck – Crabapple, maple, black cherry, and walnut ornaments on wooden stand.



Ron Bentall – Silver maple crotch burl bowl with pecan inlay on bottom. The other half of the burl from the above bowl.

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Steve Claycomb – Aspen and walnut ornaments, cedar bells on birch holder.



Brandon Mackie – Box elder burl lidded box.



Steve Claycomb – Trees made of apple, Russian olive, and cedar.



Jerry Smith – Miniature bird house ornament.

In addition, people brought the following:

- Lars Nyland – Parallel Strand Lumber (PSC) hollow-form bowl. Example of what can be done with "man-made" lumber. ❖

Demonstrations

Max Krimmel demonstrated turning alabaster. He is a renown turner who creates beautiful, translucent treasures. As he says, "We make things because we have to."

He mounts his blank with a 1" hole and a pin chuck. This is a chuck with a flat surface and a round pin that jams the work once tension is put on during rotation. The downside of this mounting technique is that you cannot remount the piece to be exactly the same.

He turns only at very slow speeds – 200 rpm or less. If heat is built up in the alabaster, it turns opaque and then cracks and dusts.

He uses only scrapers to turn all his bowls. He uses the McNaughton system to turn off the outside rough surface by hollowing

near the outside of the blank. Then he stops the lathe and uses a hammer to knock the rough outside away. He also uses the system to save the centers for more bowls.

After rough turning his pieces, he soaks them in a bath of WeldBond glue, a little Ritt whitener, and water in a vacuum container. This bath helps to stabilize and strengthen the alabaster. The Ritt whitener fluoresces under black light, and allows him to see if there are any weak spots or gaps in the absorption of the bath.

One of his trademarks are beautiful segmented wooden rims and bottoms. He makes a segmented circle, trues the face of the segmented circle on a faceplate, and turns it into a ring to fit the rim or the bottom of his bowl. He added a slot to his maple faceplate to allow a screwdriver under the double-face tape to help remove the segmented ring after turning.

By carefully turning a rabbit on the rim and a 90° angle on the bowl, he can produce a "wrapped" rim, where the wood seems to wrap around the alabaster. He uses WeldBond glues to glue the wood to the alabaster. Before finishing, he uses mineral spirits to remove the alabaster dust from the wood pores; otherwise, the white dust will show up after finishing.

He reverses the piece on a vacuum chuck to finish the bottom.

His tools are primarily 1/2" steel with a brazed carbide tip. HSS steel just doesn't hold up, especially if he hits a quartz inclusion in the alabaster. He also suggests using the blue Nitra gloves to protect the hands from the drying effects of the dust.

His last step is to photograph every piece he makes, for his own reference, if nothing else. ❖

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Tips and Techniques

Dave Hawley presented a technique to save money on sanding disks. By buying the sandpaper in sheets and punching out your own disks, you can cut the cost to almost 20% of what pre-made disks would cost.

His technique uses a fixed-diameter hole saw of the correct diameter. This must be the kind that looks like a giant bandsaw blade on edge welded to a solid shank (the adjustable kind won't work).

By filing down the teeth and sharpening the edge with sandpaper wrapped around a dowel, he created a circle punch that cuts a disk with a single whack of the hammer. For best results, he suggests using a hard rubber mat for backing while punching, but wood would also work.

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

www.woodworkingbasics.com

www.treelineusa.com

www.woodturnerscatalog.com

www.kestrelcreek.com

www.choicewoods.com

www.woodturner.com

www.woodturningonline.com

www.kazistudio.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.

New Policy – All ads that are older than 3 months will be deleted, unless you contact the newsletter editor.

REDUCED For Sale – Sawsmith (Shopsmith) 2000 Cabinet Table Saw - \$540 Takes it All! 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. . Call Dave Hawley at 303-443-2332 or 303-417-1363.

For Sale – 026 18" Stihl chainsaw with extra chain blade, carrying case, 5 ½" wedge, 7 ½" wedge, bar oil. All for \$400. Original cost \$500. Call Mike Tatem at 303-770-6080.

REDUCED For Sale - 16" Delta scroll saw, 2 spd, like new: *reduced* \$70; Generac 4000 watt generator, *reduced* \$350; 10" diamond saw blade, new, *reduced* \$25; set of 4 heavy-duty

Jeep/truck chains, *reduced* \$90; Bronco Tickets (I have a pair of season tickets) – looking for person(s) to buy one or more games for upcoming season. Contact Bob Butscher at 303-694-9617 or kotysplace@msn.com. ❖

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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:

Membership & Publicity Chairman:
Bear Limvere
phone: 303-648-3414

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

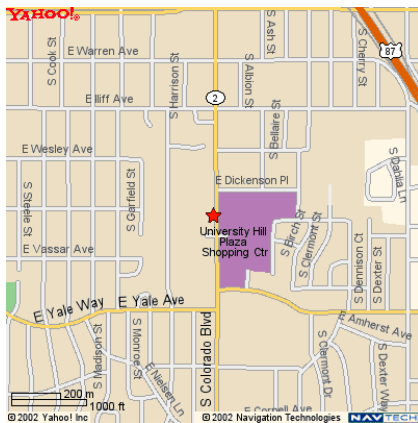
Social Chairperson: Rose Phillips
home phone: 303-740-9663 and enter 6014 during the message work, 303-715-0172

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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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