



# FRONT RANGE WOODTURNERS

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## In Memoriam

David Nittmann, 1944–2014

David Nittmann died on August 13 after a valiant and protracted battle with cancer. He was 69.

Born in Schenectady, New York, David was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree with honors in wildlife biology and a Master of Science degree in watershed management from Colorado State University. From his earliest memory, David enjoyed playing with wood in his grandfather's workshop. Later, he worked in industrial, commercial, and residential construction before starting his own cabinet and

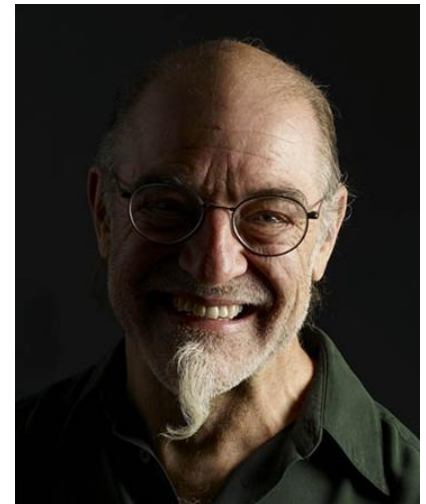
furniture shop in 1980. That venture led him to the lathe, which became his passion.

In 1994, he co-founded the Rocky Mountain Woodturners in Fort Collins, Colorado, where he served as president for the club's first three years. He remained active with that club and with the Front Range Woodturners in Denver, most recently serving as program director for both AAW chapters.

David was a well-known woodturning demonstrator and panelist. He demonstrated at national symposia as well as at regional events and woodturning clubs. He also taught at the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts and at the John C. Campbell Folk School. David's artwork was juried into the best national arts/crafts shows, including the Smithsonian, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the American Craft Exposition, the Washington Craft Show, and the Sculptural Objects and Functional Art (SOFA) shows in New York and Chicago.

In David's signature style, the "basket illusion," he turned, beaded, burned, and dyed his pieces to create the visual and tactile impression of a woven form. He was an authority on the use of color and used the airbrush to create beautifully colored images on his woodturnings. He often collaborated with Cindy Drozda, his long-time partner and love of his life, to create strikingly beautiful basket illusions with Cindy's elegant forms and graceful finials. He and Cindy also collaborated on presentations, their "Left Brain—Right Brain" demonstration being widely acclaimed.

David was beloved in the woodturning community and will be remembered for his broad smile, wonderful demeanor, keen sense of humor, dynamic intellect, and tremendous generosity in sharing his knowledge and talents with everyone. He will be profoundly missed by his family and many friends. David is survived by his son Eric Nittmann of Newport, Rhode Island; daughter Kerry Nittmann Manning of Fort Collins, Colorado; Kerry's four children: Riley, Ellie, Clara, and Garrett; his loyal feline companion, Carter; and Cindy Drozda of Boulder, Colorado.





Thanks to Dennis Fanning and Jim Proud for cleaning up in August.

### Turning Challenge

The August challenge was a hollow form.

The winners were:

Advanced: Grove Brown.

Beginner: Camille Wall.

September's challenge is a woodburned and/or carved, textured surface.

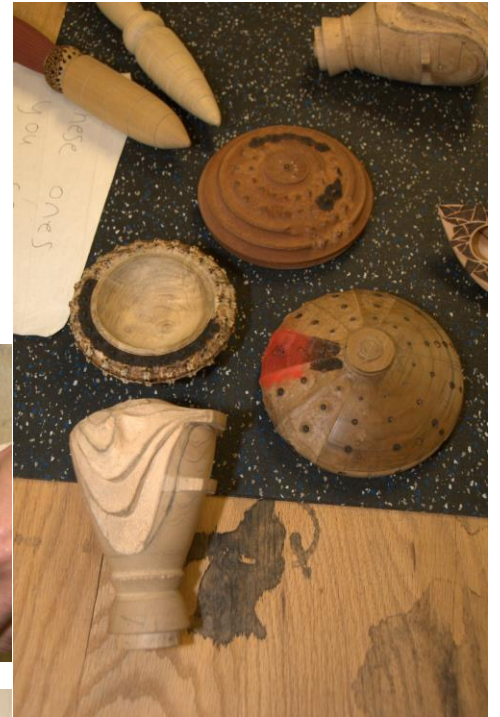


### Demonstration

Chair: Tom Wirsing

September 2<sup>nd</sup>: TBA

August 5<sup>th</sup> – Graham Priddle



### Upcoming Events

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**Monthly meeting times:** Social Hour is 5:30-6:15, Club Business, Gallery, and Wood Raffle begins at 6:15. Demonstration follows the break.

**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.

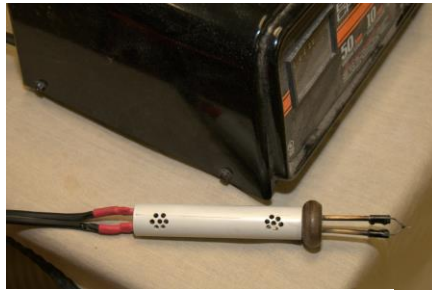
The next regular meeting will be on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Clean Up Crew

The September Clean Up Crew volunteers are Sandy Perry, Mark Hanson, and Christine Hanson.







## *Ladies of the Lathe*

**Chair: Vacant**

Until a chair for this activity has been found there will not be any LotL meetings.

## *Executive Board Meeting*

**Chair: Henry Williams**

The next Executive Board Meeting will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM in the basement of Rockler. The general membership, as always, is welcome to attend.

There are currently 2 open positions – Ladies of the Lathe Chairperson and the Coffee Chairperson. Please contact Henry Williams if you are interested in filling one of these positions for the remainder of the year.

## *Group Purchases and Individual Catalog Orders*

**Chair: Roger Holmes**

Please see the FRW website 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](mailto:roger_holmes@comcast.net)

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Parker, CO 80138 - 303-805-2663 -  
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Ted Mellin – 9043 W Coco Drive,  
Littleton, CO 80128 – 303-973-8216 -  
[woodturnerted@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## *Librarian's Corner*

**Chair: Bob Britt**

Additional videos arrived this month on a variety of topics. The ever popular Ron Brown has recently released the following which arrived this month:

Texturing for Turners Made Easy –  
BRO-13, 77 mins

Pepper Mills made Easy – BRO- 14, 70 mins

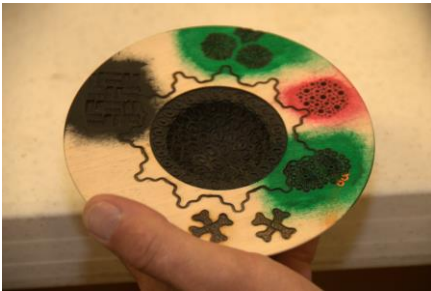
CA Finishing Made Easy – BRO-15, 62 mins

August FRW Demo- Grahme Priddle  
Woodburning Embellishments– PRI-01,  
120 mins

One goal of your Library Committee is to check in all the resources that were returned throughout the month (red drop box) , shelve it, and be open for business not later than 5:30 PM on each meeting date. If you arrive much earlier than that we might turn you away and state that we are not open yet. Please bear with us. If we can open earlier we will.

A number of years ago the limit on the number of items that a member could check-out each month was set at 9. That figure still seems reasonable and practical today. We have seen a few members however sign out or at least reach the sign-out desk with more than 9 items. Please keep that limit in mind as you select the items you wish to take home.

Bob Britt – FRW Librarian



## Web Site

**Chair: Ken Weinert**

Reminder: The club site address is <http://FrontRangeWoodturners.org>. The .com address is no longer active.

## Membership

**Chair: Alisa Limvere**

Any address, email, or telephone updates need to go to the Membership chair to ensure that it's updated in a timely manner.

## Mentor

**Chair: Bob Carver**

A reminder that if you have a topic for mentoring please let our chair know. At this point in time mentoring is on a request basis due to the poor response to previously scheduled meetings.

## Newsletter

**Editor: Ken Weinert**

Comments and articles for the monthly newsletter should be directed to the editor. It's appreciated if updates can get there by the 20<sup>th</sup> which will help get the newsletter out in a timely manner.

## PHEOG

**Chair: Kim Komitor**

While the activities for the year are concluded, you can always be thinking of an event or training that would interest you for next year.

We are also looking forward to hearing from this year's awardees as they fulfill their obligation to the club.

Camille provided an excellent article on her trip to the AAW meeting. Thank you.

## Publicity

**Chair: Bob Carver**

We have a great opportunity to give back to the woodworking community. There is going to be a group of blind woodworkers in town on September the 10th-12th and they are looking to try some woodturning. The event will be held on September the 10th and we are looking for people to help out with mentoring.

Some of the turners have had some experience at turning. They are looking at turning a pen and maybe a bowl. They have some experience with the Easy Tools so if you have some of these tools and are willing to loan them for the day that would be very helpful.

If you can help in any way please send me an email or give me a call. ([rbobkb0xt@aol.com](mailto:rbobkb0xt@aol.com))(720-290-1662)..

## Wood Raffle

**Chair: Denise Newman**

Your participation in the raffle at the monthly meeting helps support the club.

## Shop Tour

**Chair: Debbie Gove**

August's shop tour was at Gene Wentworth's shop on the 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1 to 5.

Since the newsletter went out before the shop tour was held, any report/pictures from this tour will be in next month's newsletter.

## Youth Mentoring

**Chair: Doug Hill**

September 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 to 5:30 PM  
October 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 to 5:30 PM  
November 9<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 to 4:00 PM

## Instant Gallery

Perpetual Turning – Ron Ainge took home the Tom Wirsing maple bowl.

No pictures of August's gallery were available at the time of publication.

## Elections

It's getting to be that time of the year again. Please consider stepping up to be a part of the guiding body for your club.

Nominations and/or volunteers are being accepted now through the October general meeting for the 2015 Executive Committee election to be held at the November general meeting.

Please contact one of the club officers to nominate someone or to express your interest in a given position.

**2014 Chairperson volunteers needed** (contact Henry Williams if interested)  
Video Chair (**no video coverage unless someone volunteers!!**)  
LOTL Chair  
Coffee Chair

## Announcements

### Guild Day

Rockler is hosting a Multi-Guild Day on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be needed to represent the Front Range Woodturners at a table or lathe on the main floor of Rockler.

In addition there will be a gallery set up downstairs for each of the guilds/clubs to display member pieces during the weekends of October 25/26 and November 1/2.

Plan ahead to participate in the Multi-Guild Day and to display some of your work in the gallery.

### Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium

September 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

Held at the ranch on the Larimar County Fairgrounds. See <http://www.rmwoodturningsymposium.com/> for all the details.

### Empty Bowl Event

Bring donated bowls to the Sept meeting. Earl Waibel is coordinating our donations to this Oct 2 event.

## Classifieds

**SIX TABLE TOPS**, perfect for shop benches and assembly tables. Heavy, stiff and straight construction with walnut Formica tops, 2' x 4'. Four are new in

the box; one is slightly used, one is a little marked up from use. \$25 each or best offer. One set of tubular, height-adjustable legs, \$20. I can bring them to the meeting.

Chuck Kubin, 303-733-0254.

**COTTONWOOD ROOT BALL.**

Larry Hughes has a neighbor in Parker, CO who has a 4 foot cottonwood root ball available. She would like to know if anyone would like to take this and move it off their property. It's already dug out of the ground and ready to go. Please let me know.

Larry Hughes [303 525 4507](tel:3035254507)

**WANTED TO BUY**

I was not able to make it to the meeting back in the spring when turquoise was being sold.

I am interested in buying surplus turquoise purchased by club members.  
William Kossack [303.464.1833](tel:3034641833)  
[wskossack@comcast.net](mailto:wskossack@comcast.net)

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