



GOING 'ROUND

Front Range Woodturners Newsletter

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JULY DEMONSTRATOR –Emily Ford **Tuesday, July 2nd–In Person and via Zoom**

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Emily Ford is our July demonstrator. She will doing an IRD for us on Captive Ring Baby Rattles and Spin Tops. Even though it will be via zoom, it should be a really fun demo! She has a great personality and is fun to watch and listen to. You can tag her @sheturnswood.



Emily Ford, better known as Sheturnswood, has been captivated by captive rings since 2015. She took up turning specifically to learn to make captive ring baby rattles. She had just had a baby boy who she felt deserved a very special handmade toy that could last for years. Not long after she turned her first rattle, she fell in love with the art and she set out to become a well-rounded turner.

She has demonstrated at the Utah Woodturning Symposium, Woodturners Worldwide Symposiums, and various expos. She has served several years as a board member of two local AAW-sponsored turning clubs and is the President of the Timpanogous Turners club in Provo, Utah. That club meets at Craft Supplies USA where she has been known to teach courses from time to time.

Shortly after she started turning, she created an instagram page to show off her unique works and you can really see her enchanting personality come through in each of her projects. The rest, as they say, is history. Sheturnswood has found her passion and hardly a day goes by that Emily isn't found out at her

WHERE TO FIND US:

Website: www.frontrangewoodturners.org

Facebook: <https://tinyurl.com/yacakdwa>

Ladies of the Lathe: <https://tinyurl.com/yap8m6x4>

YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/yxem4vw9>

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CLUB INFORMATION

Front Range Woodturners is the Denver-area chapter of the AAW (American Association of Woodturners), serving woodturners throughout Colorado's Front Range. We help woodturners gain experience by providing monthly demonstrations with professional turners, mentoring, a ladies group (Ladies of the Lathe) and youth mentoring.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Everyone is welcome to check out one of our monthly meetings. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at Rockler Woodworking, 2553 S Colorado Blvd. #108 in Denver. Meetings start at 6:15pm.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Individual - \$45, Couple - \$50, Student - \$22.50.

FRW members consist of the following:

Co-Club Members	43	Lifetime Members	19
Family Members	31	Roster	29
Individual Members	127		

Total Membership 249 paid for 2024

CLUB OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

President: Don Prorak

Vice President/Program Director: Jessica Edwards

Secretary: Patrick Crumpton

Treasurer: Larry Abrams

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Club Historian: Rick Orr

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Shop Tour Chair: Keith Motzner

Videographer: Larry Abrams

Wood Raffle: Lavonne Kaiser

Youth Chair: Don Prorak

lathe covered in sawdust with a smile on her face, dimple to dimple!

She lives in Clearfield, Utah with her husband, six children, four dogs, one cat, and three lathes. She still puts just as much heart and soul into her projects as the day she gave that special first rattle that started it all, to her son.

The Demo:

Join Emily as she walks you step-by-step through the process of turning spinning tops and captive ring baby rattles. Learn proper spindle tool presentation and tool techniques while learning some easy and simple projects that are great warm-ups for a day at the lathe! Emily begins the demo with a walk-through of tool selections, then moves onto proper spindle turning techniques that will bring ease and comfort when turning beads and coves. "If you can turn a bead and a cove you can turn anything!"

The first project will be a quick and simple spinning top. Emily turns these for wholesale orders and often sells 7,000+ a year. Learning efficient tool movements makes this a super-quick project that will bring delight to children of all ages.

After you are comfortable with the top-turning concepts and techniques, you will move on to turning a captive ring baby rattle. Emily will teach design, layout, and the safety protocols necessary for you and for the child using it. Emily's ultimate goal is to have you learn the toolwork and body movements required to get a nice round captive ring every time. Proper sanding and finishing techniques will also be discussed.



LADIES OF THE LATHE

Debra Higley-Feldman -
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Larry Hughes hosted a great LOTL class on segmented turning on June 15th at his shop. One is never old when there are glue and wooden puzzle parts to play with. We learned of segmented turning techniques, miter saw jigs and angle finders for precise wood wedges, sanding segmented rings using large sanding disks that are faceplate mounted on the lathe, and more. Larry gifted us his knowledge as well as candy and hot air balloon kits.



On July 2nd, **Don Prorak** will show us how to turn three-cornered bowls, which could also be tea light holders. The more adventurous could try the double tri-corner.

The August LOTL did not have enough signups to hold a class, and the Sept. LOTL would have been the day after Labor Day. The second Saturday or Sunday in October is planned for a LOTL picnic; more on that later. The last LOTL class in 2024 will be the afternoons of Nov. 5th and 6th at Rockler; **Raleigh Lockhart** will teach Shaker Boxes.

SHOP TOURS

Keith Motzner -
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The July shop tour will be held at Covenant Living Community on July 20th from 10:00 to 2:00.

In August, we'll go to Louisville to visit Alex Bradley's shop. Mark your calendar for August 17th from 10:00 to 2:00.

September and October are still open.

Shop tours are a great way for both old and new members to get better acquainted and to see how the other half turns, as well as seeing other members tools and equipment. You may even pick up some new ideas or techniques for your own shop. Contact frw.shoptour@gmail.com if you'd like to schedule a tour of your shop.

AAW MEMBERSHIP

Front Range Woodturners is a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. Club members may become individual members of AAW, if desired. Benefits include resources, weekly emails on various woodturning topics, and the quarterly American Woodturning magazine. See AAW's website at www.woodturner.org for more information.

MENTORS

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Some FRW members have volunteered to be one-on-one mentors to help other members. No matter what skill level you are, a few hours of personalized instruction may be all you need to master a new tool or technique. Check out who is available in your area. If you're interested in being a mentor, contact Marty.

LOCATION OF MENTOR	NAME/ CONTACT INFO	AREA OF EXPERTISE
Arvada	Dennis Fanning dcfanning@aol.com	General
Boulder	Dave Hawley Dbh001@gmail.com	Beginner/ General
Brighton	Don Prorak donprorak@comcast.net	Beginner/ Youth
Centennial	Keith Motzner kmotzner@me.com	Wood Gathering & Prep/ Sharpening/Tool Skills
Centennial	Les Stern sternsclass@hotmail.com	General
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Denver- Rockler store	Larry Abrams laabrams.51@me.com	General
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Louisville	Roger Holmes roger_holmes@comcast.net	Beginner
Thornton	Bob Franklin Btheb66@gmail.com	General/ Stabilizing

JULY MENTORING CLASS

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The July mentoring class will be held on Monday, July 8th from 5:00 to 7:00pm at Rockler. The topic will be part two of turning a bowl from a bowl saver blank.

QUARTERLY GROUP BUYS



FRW places group buys once a quarter-in January, April, July and October-to get discounted pricing from the below manufacturers. The next group buy will be in July. Jay Miller is the group buy coordinator and Ted Mellin is his assistant. See the FRW website for more info, price lists and order forms.

Industrial Abrasives - send orders to Jay Miller
Industrial Abrasives is our principal vendor for sanding supplies. Prices for hook & loop mandrels and discs remain the lowest in the marketplace and their backing is a heavier weight than the competition.

Starbond - send orders to Jay Miller
Starbond is our CA glue supplier. Our minimum order is \$100, but we receive an additional discount at \$200, making shipping free. Sign up for Starbond's newsletter to be notified of sales that beat our wholesale prices.

Craft Supplies - send orders to Ted Mellin
Craft Supplies sells a very wide range of products. Our minimum group purchase is \$1000. Members may not place individual orders to get a discount.

Spence Industrial Supply - send orders to Ted Mellin
We will be purchasing band saw blades from Spence once a year, in April, unless a member can meet the minimum order in another quarter. All blades are carbon steel flexback in 1/4" (4 tpi), 3/8"(3 tpi), or 1/2" (4 tpi) width, hook tooth, and .025"thick. Our minimum buy is 20 blades for each width in any length.

Send orders and checks to:

Jay Miller
9637 W. Vandeventor Dr
Littleton, CO 80128
303-945-4306

Ted Mellin
9043 W Coco Dr
Littleton, CO 80128

Individual Catalog Orders

Two additional companies, Klingspor and Penn State Industries, offer discounts to members who wish to place individual catalog orders. To take advantage of these discounts, you must be on their list of FRW members. To be placed on the list, please sign up at a meeting or send an e-mail to Jay Miller (jaymiller9637@comcast.net).

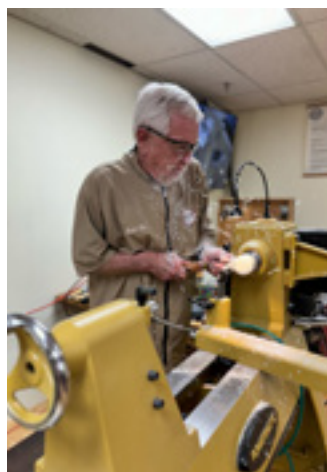
BROWN BAG DEMO

Robyn Herman

FRW recently initiated a new learning experience called the Brown Bag Demo. In these mini demos, you can get close, ask questions and make comments. The demos are held in our meeting space in Rockler's basement. There is no cost, participants just need to sign up and bring their lunch.

Rick Orr gave a great demo on turning antlers for our June Brown Bag Demo. He told us where to obtain elk antler, current elk antler prices and how to choose prime antler pieces for turning. Rick brought several finished turned antler projects to show, as well as a very large raw elk antler beam to indicate the prime antler location(s) for turning.

He demonstrated turning techniques and how he turns an antler box. He showed several options using Corian or wood for the top and bottom.



Because the summer BBQ will be this month we will not be having a Brown Bag Demo in July.

TURNING CHALLENGE / PERPETUAL TURNING

Don Prorak

The turning challenge for June was hollow forms.

The winners were:

Novice: Don Sheffield (again!)

Intermediate: Kim Komitor

Advanced: Greg Broughton

Each will receive a \$15 Rockler gift card at the next meeting. It was great to see so many split hollow form entries, including creative alternate techniques.

For the perpetual turning, **Bob Franklin's** tea light holder was won by Ryan Custer. Looking forward to Ryan's contribution in July! Remember that the perpetual turning is not a competition; it is an opportunity to share our work. If you win the piece, the only expectation is that you replace it with something you are proud of and enjoyed making.

JULY BBQ

Our Summer Barbeque will be held on Saturday, July 13th at deKoevend Park, Shelter C from 11:00 to 4:00 with lunch around noon. The park is located at 6301 S University Blvd in Centennial.



There is a great shelter with lots of tables. We have space for 150 attendees. Bring along a camp chair if you'd like.

The club will supply burgers, brats, dogs, chips and drinks. Feel free to bring an appetizer, side or dessert.

We need volunteers to help in several areas--set up, food prep and clean up.

Please RSVP by Friday, July 5th! Include how many, your club affiliation, and if you want to help with one of the areas above.

Web Signup:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E054BA5A-72CA5FF2-49979282-front>

PHOTO GALLERY

Here are some projects that members have been working on this month.



Debra Higley-Feldman

made this 7x10" lidded box of Schacht laminated maple/walnut, walnut, and myrtle. The finish is Danish oil and Minwax floor wax (so she can walk on it?). Dave Hawley constructed the original laminated bowl blank; Debra segmented the blank into the body and lid, and then found a compatible laminate for the finial.

She also made this 11x5" hot air balloon from pieces Larry Hughes gave us from his LOTL segmented turning class. The trapezoids are mainly yellow heart, padauk, maple, beetle kill pine, and walnut. The basket is sapele. The finish is shellac followed by spray-on poly. Some of the assembly/turning steps are at: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057331244918>



Gordon Dalby made these 7 1/2" tall by 5" diameter pieces of cherry, figured maple, shedua, dyed black veneer, and walnut.



Curt Vogt was able to do a little turning this past month while trying to work on the vegetable garden took up lots of time. He set up a Facetime call with a friend who was looking for inspiration on box turning and he made this one to show the process. The box is made from maple with an inset piece of walnut on top of the lid. He included a slight taper shape towards the top and a gentle groove

on the lid to use when opening. It was finished with a few coats of lacquer and the shine knocked back with a very light hand sanding. The final finish detail was a hand buffing with Renaissance Wax that still kept the satin look and feel. The inside lid and box bottom are decorated, and the bottom inscribed with the box details and the presentation date as it was a wedding present for a friend.

Curt also wanted to express his thanks to the FRW for the efforts in posting some of the past meeting demos on YouTube. Especially the recently added ones featuring Pete Holtus. He has found them to be great inspiration and they have held a flood of memories of how skilled and helpful Pete's instruction was.



Here are some platters that **Scott DeWeese** finished this month. All are about 17" silver maple platters with pyrography, India Ink and spray lacquer finish.



Henry Williams made this off-center platter. Made of cherry, it's 15" in diameter by 2" high, textured with pyrography. He did a FRW club demo on this April 2011. The club library has a dvd and the website has his handout under the resources tab.



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 meetings. They keep the register open late on meeting nights just for us. but be sure to complete any purchases no later than the mid-meeting break. 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 good only at the Denver store and is not valid at other Rockler stores or for online purchases.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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Articles and photos for the monthly newsletter are always welcome. Please email your submissions by the 26th of the month for inclusion in the next issue.