



GOING 'ROUND

Front Range Woodturners Newsletter

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AUGUST DEMONSTRATOR –Elizabeth Weber **Tuesday, August 6th–In Person and via Zoom**

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Elizabeth is a woodturning instructor who lives in Seattle, WA. She began woodworking in 2015, and some of her first creations included several pieces of furniture in the Arts & Crafts style. She eventually turned to smaller objects and now specializes in bowls, spoons, and boxes. Her skills range from natural finish and simple forms to highly carved and painted forms that emulate natural motifs.



Elizabeth serves as club president for her local woodturning club, the Seattle Woodturners, and she helps run the local spoon club chapter, the Seattle Spoon Club. She was awarded the American Association of Woodturner's 2023 Professional Outreach Program's Artist Showcase and demonstrated at the 2023 AAW Louisville Symposium.

The topic for Elizabeth's presentation will be Carving a Wave/Leaf Motif onto Turned Pieces. She will discuss the story behind the piece and how to look at nature abstractly for inspiration. She will talk about the tools, tips, and tricks for creating the wave/leaf motifs on your turned objects. This consists of layout, and ways to highlight the wood or add additional textures to the piece through the use of rotary carvers, wood-burners, and hand tools. We'll explore various



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	32	Roster	30

Individual Members 131

Total Membership 255 paid for 2024

CLUB OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

President: Don Prorak

Vice President/Program Director: Jessica Edwards

Secretary: Patrick Crumpton

Treasurer: Larry Abrams

President Emeritus: Robyn Herman

Club Historian: Rick Orr

Coffee Chair: Gary Starritt

Communications Chair: Pat Scott

Group Buy Coordinator: Jay Miller

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Photographer: Jim Record

Publicity Chair: Robyn Herman

Shop Tour Chair: Keith Motzner

Videographer: Larry Abrams

Wood Raffle: Lavonne Kaiser

Youth Chair: Don Prorak

ways to add color to your finished work by using milk paint, and what finishes you can apply to your surface when you are done.



TURNING CHALLENGE / PERPETUAL TURNING

Don Prorak

The turning challenge for June was vessels with legs. We only had two entries, so both were winners!

Novice: No Entries

Intermediate: Matt Coupas

Advanced: Greg Broughton (again!)

Each will receive a \$15 Rockler gift card at the next meeting.

For the perpetual turning, Ryan Custer's beautiful lidded box was won by Rick Orr. I'm sure Rick will bring something wonderful in August! 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.

AAW MEMBERSHIP

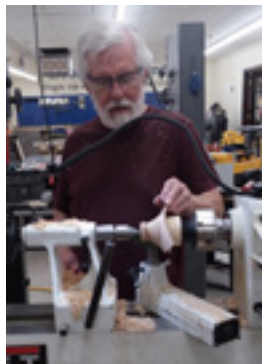
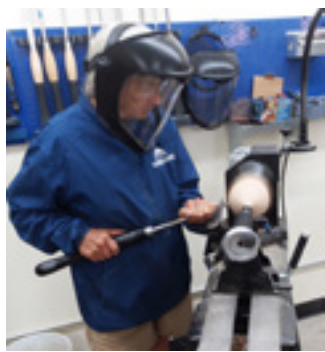
Front Range Woodturners is a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. Club members may become individual members of AAW, if desired. Benefits include resources, weekly emails on various woodturning topics, and the quarterly American Woodturning magazine. See AAW's website at www.woodturner.org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

LADIES OF THE LATHE

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On July 2nd, **Don Prorak** gave a LOTL class on turning a three-cornered bowl using a 3.5" cube of ash wood. The cubes for the class were provided by Roper. It was a great class and turning challenge with the spinning corners and grain oriented at a different angle than our tools are used to.



Our next get together will be a picnic and demo by **Merryl Saylan** at her shop on Oct. 13th. The last class of the year will be Shaker Boxes by **Raleigh Lockhart** at Rockler on the afternoons of Nov. 5th and 6th.

SHOP TOURS

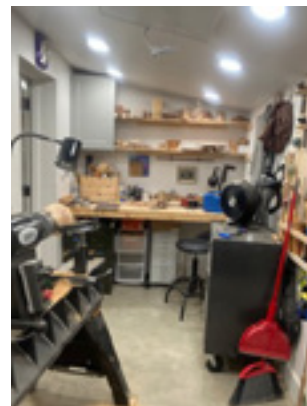
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July's shop tour was held at Covenant Living Community on July 20th. There was a good turnout to visit this great facility.



In August, we'll go to Louisville to visit Alex Bradley's shop on August 17th from 10:00 to 2:00. Her shop (98 sqft...with spillover into the garage) is a marvel of maximizing space. Then step into the house to enjoy an extensive collection of Phil Brown's work (www.fineturnedwood.com/about%20phil/). This is an excellent opportunity for a study and discussion of form with 48 of Phil's pieces on display.



Never before open to the public. Light snacks and drinks will be provided. Both local clubs are invited so come and meet new friends. After you could take those new friends with you to enjoy one of the main good restaurants on Main Street.



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.

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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Thornton	Bob Franklin Btheb66@gmail.com	General/ Stabilizing

JULY MENTORING CLASS

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The August mentoring class will be held on Monday, August 12th from 5:00 to 7:00pm at Rockler. The topic will be Turning Boxes, part one of two.

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 October. 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
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Littleton, CO 80128
303-945-4306

Ted Mellin
9043 W Coco Dr
Littleton, CO 80128

Individual Catalog Orders

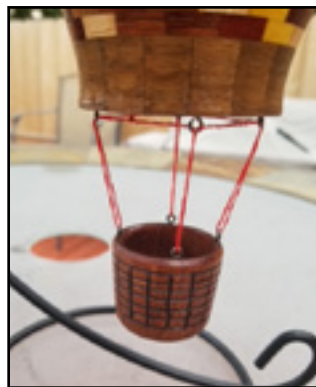
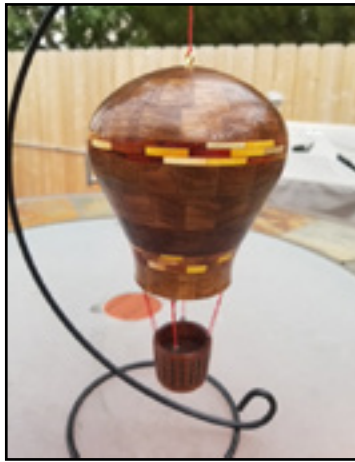
Two additional companies, Klingspor and Penn State Industries, offer discounts to members who wish to place individual catalog orders. To take advantage of these discounts, you must be on their list of FRW members. To be placed on the list, please sign up at a meeting or send an e-mail to Jay Miller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

PHOTO GALLERY

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



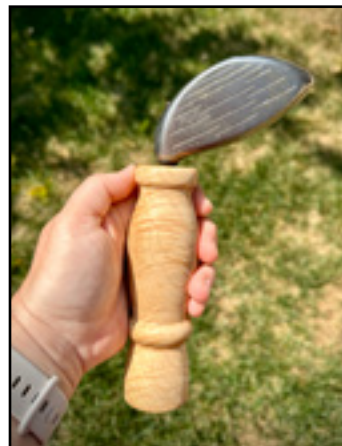
Matt Price attended the June LOTL class where Larry Hughes taught segmented turning, sharing his materials as well as extensive knowledge on the subject. One of the projects discussed was a hot air balloon and Matt recently finished his version. He had built a wedge sled for his table saw just before attending the class but hadn't yet turned anything segmented. With inspiration and knowledge from the class, he's very proud of the final product.



Ken Rollins has been making some 5" bowls from wood rescued from a firewood pile in Wisconsin. So far he has turned three of walnut and two from birch. He's still applying coats of Danish oil to get them slightly glossy. He has two more birch blanks to turn and he'll be returning to Wisconsin in September to look for bigger logs.



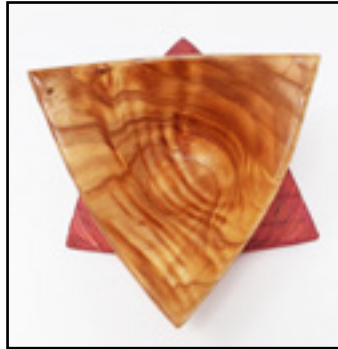
Raleigh Lockhart made this 7.5" cherry bowl. He decorated the rim with a pyrography tree. And of course, he made the apples as well.



Cathie McLean's niece crushed a golf shot that snapped the head off Cathie's dad's club. So she memorialized it by turning it into a beer tap handle for his kegerator. Before that, she made a little more traditional handle to practice on and colored it with alcohol ink.



Debra Higley Feldman turned a double tri-cornered bowl after Don Prorak's LOTL class. Made of ash, it's finished with tung oil and acrylic/mica/lacquer. The carved image is the underside before she added a final color. She also turned a 9" bowl of cracked, punky, spalted madrone with a bad attitude. It has a walnut base and was finished with tung oil.

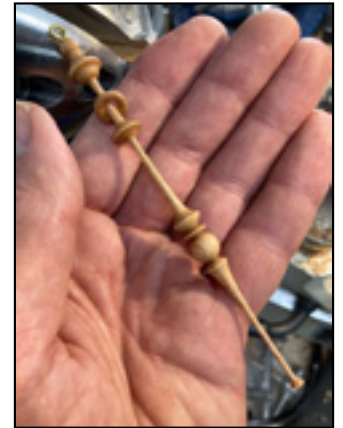
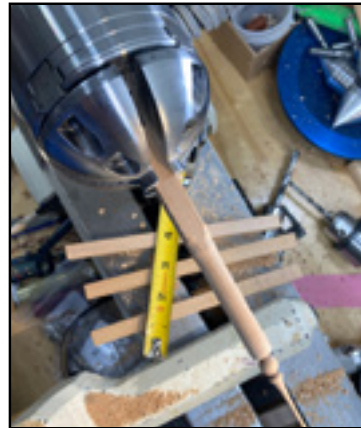


Larry Fox turned three bowls this month. Two were of Hawaiian koa, with diameters of 10" and 11". The other was Norfolk Island Pine with a 13" diameter.



Curt Vogt did not do too much turning this month but was excited to get a new jaw set for his Tekna-tool / Nova chucks. The Nova 6091 Dome Jaw Set was just recently introduced and nicely checked-off a wish-list item for Curt. As he describes it "Perfect for foolish / crazy people who like to turn things that can be measured against toothpicks."

He promptly put the jaws on one of his Nova G3s and turned a skinny icicle ornament with a captured ring. Pictured are the icicle in progress in the new jaw set and then the completed project.



Al Murphy turned this blue gum bowl, about 6" in diameter. He finished it with Danish oil.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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Articles and photos for the monthly newsletter are always welcome. Please email your submissions by the 25th of the month for inclusion in the next issue.