

Rocky Mountain Woodturners

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Hints - Tips - Jigs & Secrets

Bring yours to the November Meeting
Nov. 4, 2004 7:00 p.m.
Room 105 Industrial Science Building
Colorado State University
Corner of Laurel and Mason

We are a Turning Club of the current times, therefore, we will hold our Annual Election of Officers and Committee Chairs. Come prepared to hear absolutely NO campaign speeches!



Your good idea may help another turner keep her/his good humor. The jig you use to save your finger-tips may be just what is needed to save a whole finger. Your unique method of applying finish has the potential of becoming the way all the rest of us do it. (Thanks in advance.) Especially, if you have a *secret* way of doing something important, rest assured your fellow turners will steal it without shame and only rarely give you credit.

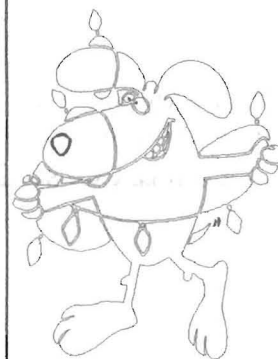
Bonnie Klein Shows How To Do It

Certainly one of the better turning demonstrators in the U. S., Bonnie Klein fired up the lathe she designed, used tools she designed and showed the assembled group how to use them. "Spin Tops" with a hidden "surprise" inside a threaded compartment under the stem are her specialty. Working with Eastern Hard Maple, end grain, two halves (top and bottom) glued to face-plates, Bonnie used a small spindle gouge and a round-nose scraper to rough-out, hollow-out the Spin Top.

Using her threading jig, she put 16tpi in the body and on the stem. Her chatter tool decorated the Top. (con'td)

What A Party On Our 10th!!!

Fifty Wood Turners attended the 10th Anniversary Party of the Rocky Mountain Wood Turners Club October 14th. Cake and home-made ice-cream was in abundant supply. Six of the original members were present: :Lee Carter, Paul Thode, Bruce St. Peter, Trent Bosch, Curt Theobald and David Nittmann.



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2004 Symposium Report

Kudos to *Mark Kurzmack* and his Symposium Committee for another great Symposium!

And **thank you** to all the club members who helped: set-up; move lathes in video demos; arrange rooms; move tables for vendors; tend the information table; tend the Instant Gallery; assist the auctioneer; clean-up; move lathes out; etc. The Symposium was a success because of your help!

Mark reported that 154 turners from 18 states were paid attendees. With the \$2,000 from Front Range Turning Club in Denver, finances for the Symposium came out pretty well, according to *Drew Nichols*, Treasurer. (all bills were not in.)

One of the high points of this year's Symposium was the Saturday night dinner and auction. We sat around tables for dinner (served by the DECA kids) and had opportunity to purchase items donated by the demonstrators and club members. A lot of fun!

Thanks to: Lee Carter, Kent Kruger and Dan Vincent for the home-made icecream!

Try a "negative rake" on your scraper. Ask *Cindy Drozda* what that means. Imagine a catch-free scraper.

3M countertop polish (TRIZACT in green, blue, orange & white) will put a crystal finish on acrylic.

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Christmas Party Scheduled Dec. 8

The Annual Rocky Mountain Wood Turners Christmas Party will be held at *Leslie Rice's* place in *Berthoud*. 7:00 p.m. You are welcome to bring your room-mate, special friend and/or your spouse. If your best friend is a dog, leave her/him home and find a human. Get a life.

Bring a "Pot Luck" dish and your own table service. Beverages will be provided by the club.

The highlight of the evening will be the auction of the Holiday Ornaments that are being made by you and other club members.

Bonnie Klein – (con'td) Short-hand notes from the demo: Chatter Tool makes many textures. Practice and learn; color with felt tip markers (clean, easy, controllable); threads are measured from tips of threads (not the base); sandpaper works wonder for fits; seal with shellac or sanding sealed *before* cutting threads; CA glue holds soft wood firm for threads (borrowing CA glue from *Doc Thode* may compromise quality); carnuba wax on a buffing wheel works well; natural Kiwi shoe polish is a good finish; cast acrylic plastic works very well for turning and chatter work – amazing! Go to Bonnieklein.com for more.

Doug Schneiter won *Bonnie Klein's* demo top. A collector's piece just for showing up lucky.