



Upcoming meetings

Jun 9 Randy Childers-Abrasives
Jul 7 TBA John Betts Turned
fly rods
Aug 4 TBA
Sep 8 Stuart Mortimer
Nov Alan Lacer

Rocky Mountain Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

Next Meeting

Thur May 5th 7:00 PM
Industrial Sciences Building Rm 105
Allen Jensen

Auction

If you have extra turning blocks, unused tools, duplicate anything you do not use, **baked goods**, or something you thought you could use and later discovered you couldn't; bring it to the May 5 meeting. Bruce will auction it off.

Dennis Ross won the \$10 Gift Certificate from **Treeline** last month.

May Challenge – A Banana Bowl (without blood stains)

Lee Carter also demonstrated how to make a Banana Bowl out of a tree limb. Can be done with the bark still in place.

The simple version: Mount on a screw chuck. Put it in the middle of a piece of tree limb that has enough room to spin on your lathe. If/when you turn the lathe on, you have a real **Knuckle-Knocker! Pay attention!**

Shape a tenon that will fit your chuck and rough out the form. Think banana shape.

Mount on tenon. Finish the shape. You now have made your Knuckle-Knocker into a propeller-like, spinning weapon sure to remove any unwanted fingers.

You can make an interesting, decorative bowl.

The Presidents' Platter

The Presidents' Platter lists all the Rocky Mountain Woodturners Club presidents since we became a club ten years ago.

Our three Lifetime Members are also on the platter: Lee Carter, Doc Thode and David Nittmann.

Allen Jensen Demonstrates in May

Allen will be turning medium sized hollow vessels and talking about how to create a nice flowing form and of course, how to hollow the vessel. Below is a picture of a piece similar to what will be turned.



Lee Carter Demo: A show of hands indicated that Lee Carter had provided instruction for almost all of the club members. (At the end of the evening, EVERYONE could say that Lee Carter had taught them!)

Dr. Carter demonstrated how to turn and mount exquisite **talc** and **alabaster** hollow forms. He claims the finished decorative piece as one of his signature items. Talc is available through Treeline and alabaster is available naturally in Owl Canyon or through Dan Jones at Colorado Alabaster Supply in Ft. Collins.

Mounting: Lee mounts the talc and alabaster pieces on multi-level pieces of **Manzanita Burl**. This product is available from Treeline – treelineusa.com – 800.598.2743.

Make each level for the turning on the drill press with an end mill, so the display areas are parallel to the base. Finish with High Gloss Deft or plastic coating.

Talc and **Alabaster** can be turned with “regular” woodturning tools. Since the process is all a *scraping* action, any hard steel can be made into tools. i.e. screwdrivers, allen wrenches, chisels, etc. Grind them to suit your need. Some alabaster has crystals imbedded. These may be dug out with a pick or turned as is with a carbide tool. (thanks, Dale Kechter)

Lee makes measuring tape cases, pocket watch case/back, Bolo tie fittings, pens, mirrors as well as cups, vases, plates, ... anything you can make on a lathe.

Major Issue – Dust! Make sure you are protected! Glue pieces to faceplate. Lee makes faceplates by mounting an appropriate machine nut in a piece of wood.

Tips: Keep between center as long as possible. Jamb chuck not too tight. Reinforce with hot glue spotted around circumference. Use needle-nose pliers to remove glue.. Can also use tape to hold material on jamb chuck.

Sand to 320 and steel wool. Wet sand 400 – 600. Use tooth paste or Scratch Out (from body Shop) with cheese cloth to polish. Finish with sealer and friction polish and carnauba wax.

Lee Carter has handouts for those who want to know more.

Here's a picture of Lee, hard at work.



Here are some pictures of Lee's work.



Symposium Brochures

This year the Symposium brochures will be mailed in envelopes, and we can include some additional flyers with them. The flyers must be related to woodturning and you must be a member of one of the Colorado clubs (RMWT, FRWT, Pikes Peak, or the new Pueblo club). Our brochures are mailed directly to over 1300 AAW members in the western US. We are looking for ads for woodturning classes, tools, supplies, etc.

Costs and details:

1/3 page (cut to fit in a standard legal size envelope): \$50

Full page (prefolded): \$125

You must supply the flyers already printed and ready to go in the envelopes by June 15. It is fine to combine your ads, and print on both the front and back to reduce the cost. A copy of all ads should be submitted by June 1 for approval. We can accept only a limited number of extra pages to keep the total weight under 1 ounce. Call Mark Kurzmack at (970) 490-2297 to reserve space as soon as possible.

More Symposium updates: The website is up and running so go out and take a look.

<http://www.rmwoodturningsymposium.com/>

Dues and Membership Cards

Membership cards are ready for those who have paid their 2005 dues (\$25). Membership cards will get you 10% discount at several turning supply places. See Lee Whiteside, secretary.

Below are some of the pictures from the critique table.





Basics, Intermediate and Advanced. Here's his current schedule.

May 17,18,19 Basic Woodturning	\$245
May 24,25,26 Basic and Novelty Boxes with Unique Inlay	\$245
June 7,8,9 Intermediate Woodturning	\$245
June 16,17,18 Utah Symposium	Provo
June 21,22,23 Basic Woodturning	\$245

Call Lee Carter at 970.221.4382 to sign up or have him answer any questions.

e-mail LLJTC4X4149@CS.COM

Trent Bosch Woodturning in Ft. Collins offers three-day sessions of non-stop turning and carving classes.

Call Trent Bosch at 970.568.3299

E-mail trentbosch@yahoo.com

Curt Theobald offers three-day workshops in **Segmented Woodturning** in his studio in Pine Bluffs, Wyoming.

Call Curt Theobald at 307.245.3310

E-mail cwtheobald@wyoming.com

Wood Suppliers

10% Guild discount at the following:

The Wood Emporium

618 N Garfield Ave

Loveland, Co 80537

Turning Supplies, Bowl Blanks, Finishes

Sears Trostel

351 Linden

Ft. Collins, CO 80524

Rockler's in Denver

Kevin Kyhl also sells hardwood and turning stock in Ft. Collins once a month. You can email him at: kyhlwood@direcway.com to get on the notification list of when he will be in town. He will give us a 15% discount on items from the turning room only. Just mention that you are with the RMWT and he'll take care of you.

Dan Bailey has bowl blanks for sale all roughed out, dried and ready to turn. He also has access to CA glue that is less expensive than other sources. Call Dan 970.482.1604

Coming Attractions

For those of you interested, here is a listing of Denver's upcoming presenters.

May 3rd: Jimmy Clewes - Full day Demo - He will also be teaching a two day class at Rocklers on the 4th & 5th of May.

Working on.

June 7th: Phil Houck - Natural Edge End grain Bowl.

August 6th Saturday: Chainsaws in the park. Bring your own Picnic. Try to coordinate with Ft. Collins and Colorado Spring clubs.

Sept 5th: Maybe Stuart Mortimer in coordination with Ft. Collins Club, Loveland Symposium.

October: Open - working on Tom Wirsing to Demo

November: Maybe Alan Lacer

Shop Tips: Place and leave ½ " maple dowel in the head stock of your lathe to use as knock-out rod. Seems to stay in place and you just hit with wood mallet when you want to remove the drive center.

Russian Olive turns well green. Don't sand too much, as the density of the rings varies a great deal and leaves waves (bumps). Better finish when a roughed out piece dries before finishing.

Learn from the best...

Our Club is becoming known around the nation because we have some of the best turners, nationally known demonstrators and best teachers of **Basic Turning, Intermediate, and Advanced and Specialty Turning** right here in our own backyard.

Lee Carter operates the **Rocky Mountain School of Woodturning** in La Porte. He offers classes in

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