



Upcoming meetings

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 June 9th 7:00 PM

Industrial Sciences Building Rm 105

Randy Childers - Abrasives

Auction

While no baked goods showed up at the last meeting, it is still a good idea. Another good idea is a VHS or DVD that you've seen enough to have memorized or mastered (or gave up trying), pass it along to a club member who is yearning to learn. Any unused tools in the shop? Unread books or magazines? An excess block of wood? Our auction raises a bit of money (about the cost of the newsletter) and gives our President another opportunity to practice "calling an auction" (perhaps for an alternative income in retirement?).

Instant Gallery

Our monthly Instant Gallery fluctuates between many and few offerings. Fellow club members get inspiration from colleagues work. It's a simple way to share choice (availability) of wood, technique, form and finish. You may ask that your piece receive a "serious critique" .. or not.

June Challenge – Hollow Form

Allen showed us how to make a nice hollow form so let's see how much we were listening and how much memory is still working.

Randy Childers demonstrates in June

Randy will be telling us all we need to know about abrasives.

Allen Jensen Demo



Former Club President, Allen Jensen, demonstrated how he lays out and proceeds turning hollow forms. Choose the wood you want to use and have an idea of what you want to do with it. Sounds like that is a given, but proceed with an eye to what comes out of the wood when you start to work it. Grain patterns, cracks and inclusions may lead to a change in plans.

Mount the block between centers so that either end can be adjusted to line up desired grain patterns. Then complete your design rough out and mount on a chuck.

Allen carefully demonstrated and drew pictures to show how to use your bowl gouge to cut so that the wood fibers are "supported" during the cut. This may mean cutting from the center out – or in on end

grain; up or down on side grain, depending how the particular wood is mounted. Cut so that the wood fiber you are cutting is “supported” by a fiber that is longer than the one you are cutting. Yes, this means you have to **think** and **pay attention** to what you are doing with a sharp tool in your hand and wood spinning in front of you. What a concept! (Possibly a new concept to some). Not cutting with “supported” grain can lead to “tear out” and possible infinite sanding.

Shear cutting is a method Allen uses to refine shape. The tool is held with the flute horizontal. The lower edge of the blade addresses the surface to be cut. No bevel contact. **Light touch!** You can go both directions. You want a sharp tool and expect very fine shavings. Done well, you can make subtle refinements in shape and cut sanding time.

Hollowing is a lesson to itself. There are many hollowing tools, large and small. Drill the center of the vessel to depth required. Hollow using the same “support” the fibers concept. This will lead you to hollow from the top down rather than just enlarging the center hole. Remove shavings as you go. This may be tedious, if you are going in through a small opening. Vacuum and/or air pressure can be used, as well as ‘fishing out’ with a tool or instrument. When the shavings fill the hole, the tool will be impeded and the tool will not cut properly.

Make sure you are checking wall thickness and depth as you go. The thickness gauge, measuring tool you use needs to be square to the surface of the wall, so that an accurate measurement can be made.

Allen had sets of hollowing tools that he made available to club members for purchase.

RMWT Symposium

More Symposium updates: The website is constantly being updated so check back regularly. The tentative daily program schedule is there so you can start to decide what you want to see and try to figure out how you are going to be in 3 rooms at once.

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

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). 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.

AAW National Symposium

July 22-24 in Overland Park, Kansas

The American Association of Woodturners hosts an annual symposium for people like you and me. Turners come from every corner of the United States and from many places that are “off-shore” for us. Last year in Orlando there were over 800 in attendance. There are 238 Chapters of the American Association of Woodturners. Rocky Mountain Woodturners is one of the AAW Chapters.

Several members of Rocky Mountain Woodturners have demonstrated at the national event in past years: Lee Carter, David Nittmann, Cindy Drozda, Curt Theobald, Trent Bosch, Bruce Cohen. And many of the “big Name” turners who have been here have demonstrated at the AAW: Alan Batty, Stuart Batty, Chris Stott, Stuart Mortimer; England. Marilyn Campbell; Canada. Guilio Marcolongo. Stephen Hughes; Australia. Dale Nish, Bihn Po, Dick Sing, Bonnie Klein, Don Derry, Mike Mahoney (and many more whose names I cannot remember at the moment.)

The AAW Symposium is second only to the Rocky Mountain Symposium - for those of us who live here. Yes, Provo is a great place, too.

Check it out online: woodturner.org The National AAW may not get closer to us than Kansas City (Overland Park) for many years.

Club News

*Max Krimmel is looking for someone to give him a ride to the AAW Symposium in July. He can be reached at www.maxkrimmel.com if you are interested.

*Robin Luther, who is a member of the Front Range Wood turners, has a source for wood in Wisconsin and will be going there near the end of July and bringing back some wood. He is taking orders for wood (100bdf Minimum). The price list is attached for those of you on email. For the paper copy folks, I'll try to remember to bring a copy to the meeting. Some sample prices are:
Cherry 4/4 = \$5.15, 12/4 = \$6.65
Hard Maple 4/4 = \$4.35, 8/4 = \$5.90
Honduras Mahog 4/4 = \$5.75, 16/4 = \$6.65
You may contact him at rrluther@comcast.net or 303-617-8492

*Shirley Holland let me know the website for where they get Transfast dyes. It is:
<http://www.homesteadfinishing.com/htdocs/TransFastdyes.htm>

*Here's some info from Bruce about Richard Raffan.

Greetings,

As an executive member of your turning club, I'd very much appreciate it if you would forward this workshop notice to your club members.

Richard Raffan is returning to Calgary for the fifth time this July to conduct two workshops and a demonstration. As he is planning retirement, this may be his near to last teaching trip.

The workshop descriptions are below and are also listed on the internet at www.blackforestwood.com please look under "Guest Instructors".

For those interested in the family tourist possibilities, the Calgary Stampede is July 8 to 17. Details can be found at <http://calgarystampede.com/>

As an added advantage for Americans traveling to Canada, the American dollar is worth about 25% more than the Canadian dollar. The workshop tuition has been converted to the approximate US

dollar equivalent in the descriptions below. Typically the tuition for the 5 day course is about \$200.00 US dollars less than a 5 day Richard Raffan workshop held in the USA.

If there are any questions and/or to register please call our toll free number 1-877-686-6061.

Thank-you.

All the best with your wood turning.

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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 Instant Gallery table.





October: Open - working on Tom Wirsing to Demo
November: Maybe Alan Lacer

The Shop
Mouse Says:

“A gilded cow
pie, is still a
cow pie.”



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

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

Coming Attractions

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

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

August 6th Saturday: Chainsaws in the park. Sept

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

Sears Trostel
351 Linden
Ft. Collins, CO 80524

Rockler's in Denver – You have to show your membership card.

I need to confirm with Ron Vanous but it looks like we will be able to get 10% off at Paxton's. I'll keep you posted.

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

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Robin's Home Improvement Inc.

Wood	Size	Cost per bf
Alder	4/4	\$ 3.60
	8/4	\$ 3.75
Ash	4/4	\$ 2.40
	8/4	\$ 3.10
Birch White	4/4	\$ 4.05
	8/4	\$ 5.60
Birch Natural	4/4	\$ 3.40
	8/4	\$ 4.30
Black Walnut	4/4	\$ 4.65
	8/4	\$ 5.45
Butternut	4/4	\$ 3.95
Cherry	4/4	\$ 5.15
	8/4	\$ 5.60
	12/4	\$ 6.65
Red Elm	4/4	\$ 2.60
Hickory	4/4	\$ 3.00
	8/4	\$ 4.65
Mahogany Honduras	4/4	\$ 5.75
	8/4	\$ 5.90
	12/4	\$ 6.45
	16/4	\$ 6.65
Maple Hard White	4/4	\$ 4.35
	8/4	\$ 5.20
Soft	4/4	\$ 3.05
	8/4	\$ 4.05
Birdseye	4/4	\$ 6.25
Poplar	4/4	\$ 2.20
	8/4	\$ 2.40
	12/4	\$ 2.90
Red Oak	4/4	\$ 3.25
	8/4	\$ 4.05
Rift Quartersawn	4/4	\$ 4.00
	4/4	\$ 4.20
White Oak	4/4	\$ 2.80
	8/4	\$ 3.95
	Quartersawn	4/4

All wood to be S3S 13/16 rough planed

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	8/4	\$	5.40
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Imports must call for firm price

Jatoba	4/4	\$	4.05
Makore	4/4	\$	5.25
Padauk	4/4	\$	4.65
Purple Heart	4/4		
Rosewood	4/4	\$	6.45
Sapele	4/4	\$	4.10
	8/4	\$	4.20
Teak	4/4	\$	17.15
Yellow Heart	4/4		