



### **Upcoming meetings**

May 4-Karen Strawn-hammered copper & other metals  
Jun 8-Dale Kechter-alabaster  
July 7<sup>th</sup>!!!-Chris Stott  
Aug Max Krimmel something new???

## **Newsletter May 2006**

### **Rocky Mountain Woodturners**

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

#### **Next Meeting**

Karen Strawn Thursday May 4, 2006  
Industrial Sciences Building Rm 105  
CSU, Mason and Laurel St. Fort Collins, CO.

#### **Karen Strawn – May Demo**

The May 4, 2006, meeting will feature Karen Strawn showing how to do hammered copper and other metals. This should allow you to add a different element to your turnings.

#### **April Demo: Steve DeJong**

The April demo continued a long line of interesting programs that Dave Nittmann arranges. Thank you David!

Steve DeJong, a member of the Denver Club, is a retired educator who has been turning for 15 years. A small-town kid from Pella, IA, Steve was “passed through” Jr. Hi on the condition he not continue in school. He is (was) a self confessed “daydreamer” for whom school was a major distraction. That he did finish a GED and progressed to earn a Ph.D. from CSU is a testament to what focus and stubbornness can accomplish.

Steve specializes in small pieces – some might even call it miniature. As he told the club about himself he was busy turning a 4” baseball bat with a skew. Then he turned a top from a piece of 2”x2” piece of wood mounted in the chuck. He started with the tip of the top and finished with the stem. Steve decorated the top with felt-tip art pens. Looked very easy. He recommends Staedtler Mars graphic or Tombo ABT that are available from most art supply shops.

The very small finial became Steve’s way of showing the 45 assembled turners various finishing

techniques. Using paper towel (Bounty) he demonstrated how he uses a mix of EEE abrasive with lacquer based sanding sealed. Extraordinary, glass-like surface.

The last piece he made was a box (almost thimble size). This piece shows just how small things can be crafted with care with ordinary tools. Again, a trick. Sand with paste wax in your finish sanding.

Another DeJong tip: Make sure you have some kind of washer between your chuck and the headstock. Metal to metal contact can make it very difficult to remove the chuck. When all else fails, cut a washer out of a plastic container top (yogurt, margarine, etc.) Even a piece of cardboard is better than having to use pipe wrenches to take your chuck of your lathe.

Steve’s Demo pieces will be auctioned at he May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **Membership Dues and Cards**

2006 Membership dues are \$35. Dues may be given or sent to Treasurer, Richard Bailey (12519 Locust Pl., Thornton, CO, 80602).

Your membership card will get you a discount at several local turning supply retail stores. You can get your membership card for Secretary Lee Whiteside.

#### **Club Auction**

One of the regular features of the Rocky Mountain Woodturners meeting is an AUCTION. A volunteer auctioneer, usually the President, will auction almost anything: wood, tools and supplies that one turner has excess and someone can use. The proceeds go to the club for our supplies.

## Remember the Instant Gallery

The Instant Gallery is a term unique to woodturners. It is our way of showing what we have been up to recently. We know of no other craft that uses this term to show our work wherever woodturners gather.

No matter if you are showing your very first piece (it is likely as good or better than mine), or if you are showing what you have in a gallery marked \$350, bring it and let others get inspiration and encouragement.

Bring a turning you have done to the May meeting. Here are some pictures from the instant gallery table last month:



## American Association of woodturners Annual Symposium

June 22-24, Louisville, KY

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium will be held in Louisville, KY, June 22-24. Go to: [woodturner.org](http://woodturner.org)  
Or write, AAW Symposium, 222 Landmark Center,  
74 W. Fifth Street, St. Paul, MN, 55102-7704.

Our own Cindy Drozda, Trent Bosch and Allen Jensen will be among the demonstrators. Check it out! More information is available at [www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org)

## Coming Attractions

**Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium**  
September 16 -17, 2006

**The Ranch, Larimer County Fairgrounds**

Contact Allen Jensen, this year's coordinator for more information.

## Christmas Ornaments Wanted

An annual feature of the AAW Symposium is to make a turning donation to a community project. This year turners are asked to make Christmas ornaments to donate to Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville. Each year the hospital receives ornaments and decorated trees and auctions them or sells them outright to raise money. Last year they raised almost \$400,000 for the kids in need.

Bring your ornaments to the symposium or mail them to Greg Streif, 7308 Abbott Glen Dr., Crestwood, KY 40014.

## Newsletter Items

Send pictures and electronics to:

Kent Krueger [kent.krueger@ieee.org](mailto:kent.krueger@ieee.org)

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## The Shop

### Mouse Says:

If you get a bad catch, not to worry.  
Make a smaller piece – and get 60  
grit Sandpaper.



## 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 back yard.

Cindy Drozda, one of our RMWT members, is scheduled to teach monthly classes at Rockler Woodworking and Hardware in Denver. Cindy is an internationally recognized demonstrator and her woodturning workshops are in high demand at clubs around the country. In her work, she is known for fine, crisp details and pleasing forms. These Saturday classes will cover the design and technique skills that Cindy uses in her work.

If you have seen Cindy's work, and always wanted to learn her secrets, here is your chance! For those who are not familiar with Cindy or her work, please take the time to visit her website at

[www.cindydrozda.com](http://www.cindydrozda.com).

Cindy's teaching philosophy: "If Woodturners are athletes, then the class is a training camp, and I am the coach!" Whether you are wanting to learn cutting technique, process steps, or how to train your eye for design, you will be coached in your area of interest as we work on a project. Class projects will include boxes, hollow vessels, and, of course, finials. At any skill level, this is a tremendous opportunity to expand your woodturning horizons by working with a professional.

Classes are held at Rockler Woodworking and Hardware in Denver from 9am to 4pm. Cost is \$135 including materials. To reserve your place, contact Rockler at 303-782-0588, or [www.rockler.com](http://www.rockler.com).

Class schedule:

Saturday June 3, 2006 – Basic Box Class – Beginner level: make your first box

Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 – Banksia Pod Box – Intermediate level

Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006 - Finial Box – Cindy's signature piece! Intermediate level

Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 – Hollow Vessels - Intermediate level

Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006 - Basic Box Class – Beginner level: make your first box

Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006 – Lidded Hollow Vessel with Finial – Advanced level

Novice = Never turned before

Beginner = Comfortable with basic cutting techniques

Intermediate = Able to complete a project without assistance

Advanced = Comfortable with making bowls, boxes, vessels, or spindle projects

Here are pictures of some of the items Cindy will be teaching about.





**Lee Carter** operates the **Rocky Mountain School of Woodturning** in La Porte. He offers classes in Basics, Intermediate and Advanced.

May 16-18 Inter. Woodturning	\$270
May 31-Jun 1 Adv Woodturning	\$270
Jun 6-8 Basic Woodturning	\$270
Jun 15-17 Utah Woodturning Symposium	

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

e-mail [LLJTC4X4149@CS.COM](mailto:LLJTC4X4149@CS.COM)

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**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](mailto:trentbosch@yahoo.com)

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**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](mailto:cwtheobald@wyoming.com)

### **Wood Suppliers**

10% Guild discount at the following:

The Wood Emporium  
618 N Garfield Ave Loveland, Co 80537

Sears Trostel  
1500 Riverside Ave Ft. Collins, CO 80524

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

Kevin Kyhl also sells hardwood and turning stock in Ft. Collins once a month. You can email him at: [kyhlwood@direcway.com](mailto:kyhlwood@direcway.com) to get on the notification list of when he will be in town. He will give us a 15% discount on turning stock. 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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