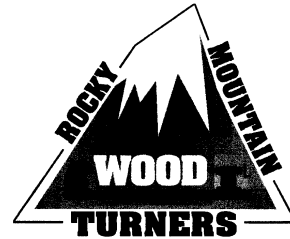




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Rocky Mountain  
Woodturners

Newsletter  
May 2007



## A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

### Next Meeting at the Loveland Woodcraft.

Next to The Merchantile, off the Crossroads Exit

May 3, 7pm Thursday  
3718 Draft Horse Drive  
Loveland, CO 80538

### **Have A Seat !**

An unknown wood turner donated 25 additional folding chairs to the club. The generosity is timely as our club membership is swelling. We now have an excellent place to meet with a LOT more room! Bring a friend next time!

### **Check out our Website!**

Joy is our new web designer, and keeping the web page up to date. Check back often as she will be posting missing past newsletters! Plus, there will be other surprises. I just can't say right now, because I don't know! ☺ Here is the address: [www.rmwt.org](http://www.rmwt.org) At the time of the writing of the newsletter, the site was down for maintenance. So keep checking back!

### **May Meeting!**

Pete Holtus –  
*Lidded Boxes and Wood Stabilization.*

Pete is a wonderful demonstrator. His wit and humor is worth the attendance alone. He has done many classes on Basic Woodturning 101, turning writing pens, bowling turning and his specialty of lidded boxes. Don't miss this one!

### ***Upcoming Demonstrators !!!!***

June

Malcolm Tibbits

Segmented woodturning

July

Bruce Hover

Sanding tips and tricks

### **April Demo Highlights**

Best quote of the night?

***Always turn just shy of a little deep!***  
***Trent Bosch...***

Trent Bosch and Allen Jensen put on a super, informative demonstration! They showed us how to correctly cut out your bowl blank from the pith of the tree. To keep the blank, a 'green' piece from drying out, put it in a plastic bag to promote mold and spalting. This gives the piece added colors and details before turning the piece. If you don't have the patience to wait several months before your piece gets all nasty looking, then by all means, go ahead and get to turning!

Trent's tool of choice is a 5/8" bowl gouge, M2 steel, that has been sharpened or morphed into swept-back sides. This gives you more of a cutting surface on the gouge. They showed us how to properly cut a dovetail foot into the piece so that your chuck will snug up fast and tight to the shoulder of the piece.

Tips –

- a. Put a big rubber band around the chuck so as to protect your gouge.
- b. Keep your gouge close to your body while rocking back and forth while cutting the blank.
- c. Keep a spray bottle handy and wet the piece down from time to time. Our dry climate will start a green blank to check with minutes.
- d. Keep your tool sharp by keeping your grinder within close reach. Just a touch usually is enough. You will get really good at grinding. Another tip is to grind on cheap gouges first. It won't matter if you grind them down to a nub! ☺

From here, Trent and Alan showed us the process of drilling out the center, hollowing out the inside with scraping tools. Also, they demonstrated the technique of blowing out the shavings that accumulate inside. Too many shavings will cause your tool to grab and blow apart your hollow form. Ouch!

A cheap bent wire is all that is necessary for checking wall thickness as you work your way on down. They suggested that cutting the wire from election signs are perfect! What a great way to recycle those little rascals!

***Oh, the best tip I liked? You DON'T have to turn your piece thin! But the wall thickness needs to be consistent.***

Woo-hoo! Why didn't they tell me this years ago!



### **Please return all video tapes**

One of our members volunteered to convert our tape library to DVD format. So we need the VCR tapes back for a short period of time. This will be great to have our videos on DVD.

### **Friendly Reminder☺**

A ten minute break allows more time for the demonstrator. Lights will be turned on and off to signal when it's time for the main demo to start!

### **Membership Dues Are Due**

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 from Drew Nichols. He will have a table set up, to hand them out, at the next meeting! Drew will NOT be at May's meeting as he will be out of town. I, Kevin Dunn, will fill in, but I will be not be able to get to the meeting until 8pm, as I'm preparing for inventory that we take the next day.

## **Hello Wood Turners!**

**We at Berthoud High School Industrial Technology Department want to say a big thank you! Mr. Richard Bailey brought our Construction classes five DVDs on woodturning and it has helped the students a great deal. Some of their work has improved to the point that more than a handful of students have now turned projects at a nice profit. Wood turning has completely changed some of the students attitudes toward school and how they view their futures. These students have found a talent they did not know existed and are now driven to excel in woodturning. Our hope is that this drive will also transfer to other areas of academics. We cannot thank you all enough for your support!**

**Thank You,**

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**Robb Sommerfeld  
Assistant Director  
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### **Notes From The President**

Hello David,

The AAW would like to remind the membership about the Return to the Community Project. This is a service activity in which the woodturning community can express its gratitude to

the city that hosts our annual Symposium. This year the AAW chapters in the Portland area have selected the Doernbecher Children's Hospital as the recipient of the project. Doernbecher Children's Hospital cares for youngsters from all over the Pacific Northwest and is an excellent facility. It is another one of those hospitals that is bursting at the seams with patients. The age of the patients run from neo-natal to teenagers.

If you have an opportunity to visit the hospital while you are here you will find it a very cheerful, but sobering experience. Any toy that kids can play with, turned or otherwise, will be gratefully appreciated. Suggestions include finger tops, pull string tops, toy cars and trucks, as well as rattles for the little ones, but we are certain that the ingenuity of AAW members will produce some inventive toys. One word of caution: these kids are often very sick and sensitive to lots of things. As a result of the medications that they receive they often become extra sensitive. So, any finish that is put on the toys should be as neutral as possible and digestible. We suggest mineral oil as a finish. If you have something else, that is fine, but the finish on all toys needs to be identified.

The Pacific Northwest chapters of AAW wish to thank all woodturners in advance for the work that they will be contributing to the hospital for the use and enjoyment of the children, and look forward to being the local hosts for the upcoming Symposium.

### **HOST FAMILY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

World Heritage is seeking families, couples or single parents who are

interested in hosting a high-school-aged foreign exchange student. By hosting a student from another country, your entire family will discover a world of enlightening adventure. Students who spend a semester or year in the US are fulfilling a lifetime dream.

These students have full medical & liability coverage, speak English and have personal spending money. Host families provide room and board and the opportunity for the student to learn about democracy and the American lifestyle, while attending the 2007-2008 high school year at the public school.

TO BEGIN THIS EXCITING CULTURAL EXPERIENCE, PLEASE CALL JODY, World Heritage Area Representative, at 970-482-1022 or the WORLD HERITAGE offices at 1-800-888-9040. Visit our website at [www.world-heritage.org](http://www.world-heritage.org) or contact Jody at: [jody95@gmail.com](mailto:jody95@gmail.com)

### 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.



### Trent Bosch Woodturning Workshops

Workshops are held in Trent's studio in Fort Collins, Colorado. There is a maximum of four people in each class which allows for lots of individualized instruction. The cost is \$500 for the 3-day intensive workshop and \$650 for the 4-day. Meals are also provided at no extra charge. His studio is also equipped with the highest quality equipment available for your use.

### 2007 Dates

July 20-23, 2007 Advanced Workshop 4-day  
August 17-19, 2007  
September 7-9, 2007  
October 25-27, 2007  
November 8-10, 2007

### 2007 Available Dates

July 25-27, 2007 Special Sculpting, and Carving on Turnings Workshop

For detailed information on workshops visit [www.trentbosch.com](http://www.trentbosch.com) or contact Trent via email or phone.

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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)

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

April 17-19      Turning Green, Dry and Natural Edge Bowls  
 April 24-26      Basic Woodturning

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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# Olive Ash Blanks

Choice Woods  
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## Olive Ash Turning Squares & Bowl Blanks

This is something we have only had twice in the 16 years that we have been in business. Attached are some pictures of the olive ash.

The sizes below are some typical sizes we carry. We may have some other sizes that you may need, so give us a call and we will check to see what we can get you. We are limited on quantity. When this is gone we will not know when we will get more.

## Wood Suppliers

Woodcraft  
 3718 Draft Horse Drive, Loveland

### **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.

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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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Thanks for looking

Turning Squares  
 3/4" x 3/4" x 5 pen blanks \$1.25 Each 10 for \$10.00  
 2 x 2 x 11-12" \$3.50  
 3 x 3 x 12" \$9.00  
 3 3/4" x 3 3/4" x 12" \$15.00  
 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" x 12" \$18.95  
 4 1/2 x 4 1/2 x 14-15" \$ 22.95

Bowl Blanks  
 10 x 10 x 4 1/2 \$18.95  
 12 x 12 x 4 \$31.95  
 18 x 18 x 3 3/4" \$78.95

"Half Logs" (Semi Circle with bark on top)  
 15 x 15 x 7" \$76.56  
 18 x 18 x 5" \$81.25  
 14 x 14 x 4 1/2" \$49.00  
 Green Wood Sealer (Anchor Seal) \$12.95

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***I know there are more. Please email me  
your website and I will post them here!***

***My email is [dnnkk@msn.com](mailto:dnnkk@msn.com)  
Attention Kevin***

***Thank you and I hope you have enjoyed a  
piece of my mind!***