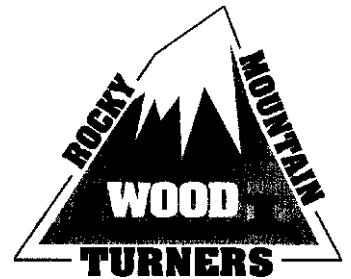




Rocky Mountain Woodturners
A chapter of the American Association of Woodturners
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Next RMWT Meeting

The next meeting of the RMWT will be on September 3, 2009. Katherine Kowalski will be demonstrating how she makes crochet hooks. Be sure to visit her website at <http://www.DaystarHandworks.com> to see some excellent examples of her work.

RMWT Activities

Shop Tours

Due to the Symposium, there will not be a Shop Tour in September.

Board Meeting

The RMWT Board held a meeting on August 13, 2009. In attendance was Drew Nichols, Katherine Kowalski and John Gien.

The EOG Committee sent a request to the Board to change two provisions within their charter. The request to remove the phrase 'financial need' was approved. The other request is still under study.

A proposal to add a fifth member to the Board is being passed on to the By-Laws Sub-Committee.

All RMWT members are being asked to bring a Weed-Pot to the September meeting. These will be used as center pieces for the tables at the Dinner Saturday night at the Symposium.

The Board has approved the request by the Wood Bank to order a drum of End Grain Sealer. Drew is to follow-up. Concern has been expressed concerning the length and timeliness of the RMWT meetings. The Board has established a revised schedule for conducting the meetings. See the sidebar for details.

RMWT Meetings

Each month the Rocky Mountain Woodturners meet at Woodcraft of Loveland, located at 3718 Draft Horse Drive, Loveland, Colorado. We meet on the first Thursday after the first Tuesday of each month.

New Meeting Format

6:00 – 6:15 – Setup and Social Time, come visit, share ideas and ask questions

6:15 – 6:45 – The general business meeting.

6:45 – 7:05 Instant Gallery and Raffle

7:05 – 7:15 Break

7:15 – 8:45 – Demonstrator time.

8:45 – 9:00 – Clean up and out by 9 pm sharp!

Scheduled Meeting

Demonstrators

September 3, Katherine Kowalski.

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August Demonstration

Nick Cook was the demonstrator at the August 6, 21009 meeting of the RMWT. His web site is www.nickcookwoodturner.com and is full of useful information and articles.



Nick is one of those unique people who seem to be able to do two things at the same time. While demonstrating turning various items on the lathe he kept up a continuous flow of information about woodturning. Some of his jewels of wisdom were:

- The skew is an important and very useful tool.
- It must be kept razor sharp.
- You can't cheat with a skew
- He uses a skew angle of 70 degrees with a bevel of 20 degrees on each side.
- Repetition is a great teacher, do one thing many times to become proficient and efficient.

Nick turned many items during the demo. Some of which were:

- Baby rattle, use two 1x2x6 wood blanks and use router to cut 1" box core at one end of each, positioned the same. Mark end with box core, clean up, place 9 dried beans in recess and glue together.

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After glue dries, turn rattle leaving chamber with beans intact. Vary the sound by changing the thickness of the chamber walls and by using different 'rattles' in place of the beans.

- Pepper grinder. Nick used special bits from Packard Woodworks to bore out the body of the grinder. These bits are not used in a standard chuck and their quick-change characteristics can save a lot of time. When assembling the top to the body in preparation for turning, the joint between them often 'disappears' making it hard to get the features in the right place. He makes the top-to-body joint visible by placing a ring of card stock between the top and the body.
- Salt Shaker – Nick made a unique salt shaker that contained only one hole. He drilled a hole in the body using a Forstner bit and then cut a small dome at the top center. He then turned a plug to fill the end of the hole in the body. The plug was shaped like a funnel with a 1/8" hole up through the center. When assembled, shaker is filled by turning it upside down and pouring salt into the funnel. The length of the funnel is 2/3 of the depth of the hole in the shaker's body. In usage, the combination of the funnel's length, the interior funnel shape and the dome in the top allows a small amount of salt to be expelled when it is shaken vertically.
- Nick also turned a top, a snowman and a bulb planter.

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Learn From the Best...

Our Club, RMWT, is 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. For detailed information on workshops visit www.trentbosch.com or contact Trent via email or phone.

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Lee Carter operates the **Rocky Mountain School of Woodturning** in LaPorte, Colorado. He offers classes in Basics, Intermediate and Advanced. Lee also offers private tutoring. Seven different brands of lathes are available. Call Lee Carter at 970-221-4382 to sign up or have him answer any questions. e-mail LLJTC4X4149@CS.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 Website is www.curttheobald.com

John Giem, Woodworker

Individual or small group woodworking instruction customized to the needs of the student. Offering both woodworking on the lathe and combined with regular power tools. Classes are held in John's workshop in Fort Collins, CO, which is equipped with a complete set of woodworking tools. Contact John to discuss your interests and needs.

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www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=56