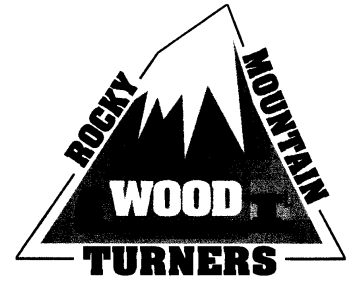




Rocky Mountain Woodturners  
A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners  
November 2010 Newsletter



### **Next RMWT Meeting**

The next meeting of the RMWT will be on November 3, 2010, 6:30 PM.

### **Rick Orr**

A demonstration on Rain Sticks and Fly Rod Cases will be presented by Rick Orr of the Front Range Woodturners. Rick will review the six steps he follows in turning the many segments that go into a rain stick or fly rod tube. Fitting the various sections as well as finishing techniques will be covered. The entire process is outlined in a PDF file available on the Front Range Woodturners web site.



### **Shop Tour**

The next Shop Tour will be announced soon. If you would like to volunteer to host a Shop Tour, please contact Drew Nichols . [dcnichols2004@msn.com](mailto:dcnichols2004@msn.com) , 970-566-4662

### **Member News**

- In the December 2010 issue of the *Woodworker's Journal*, John Giem has an article: "Counter Cat" Holiday Gifts.
- E-mail Katherine ([Katherine@DaystarHandworks.com](mailto:Katherine@DaystarHandworks.com)) if you have a news item to report: awards, art shows, demonstrations, etc. in which you are participating.

### **Club News**

It's that time again – time to start thinking about serving the club as an officer or on a committee! We need **YOU!** Our Board of Directors & their duties includes:

**President** – Ambassador from the club to the community

**VP** – Signs up new members, prints name tags & membership cards, calls the wood raffle

**Treasurer** – Receives monies, makes deposits & disperses funds via checks  
**Secretary** – Takes minutes at the meetings

Volunteering only takes a few hours per month, and is a great way to get to know the turning community better. **PLEASE**, if you've been a member of the club for a long time, or if you are new, please consider helping the club in this essential way. Katherine Kowalski will help transitioning volunteers for any of the Board positions. Elections are coming up in January!

### **Wood Bank News**

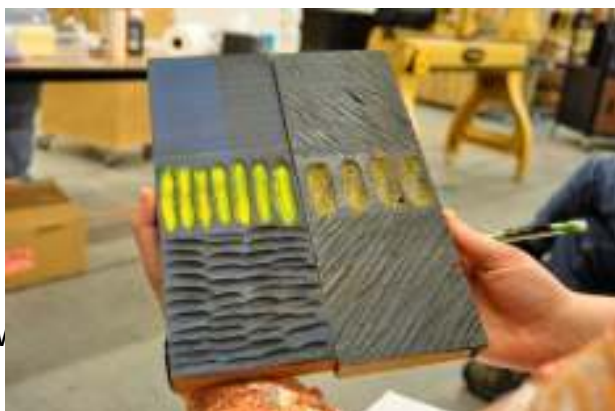
The Wood Bank just received some fresh Elm from one of John Giem's neighbors. The pieces are of good quality and range from 8 to 30 inches in diameter. Most pieces are around 4 ft long. If you want to take advantage of this opportunity, call John Giem at 970 223-0844 – home, or 970 227-6618 – mobile.

### **Last Month's Demonstration**

Reported by John I. Giem

The October 7, 2010 meeting featured Merryll Saylan.

- Her emphasis is on form and textures using stains for colors.
- Some of her work utilizes heavily textured wood, painted and then sanded through leaving patterns from the interaction of the texture, paint and sanding.
- She has found that the chemicals in milk paint (Old Fashioned Milk Paint Company) applied to wood can cause a change in the color of the wood. When sanding through the milk paint, the wood's color can be quite different than its normal color.
- Scraps of various types of wood are utilized for experimentation with different textures, dyes and finishes. The processes are documented on the backs of the panels and saved for future reference.



- She draws the patterns for her texturing directly on the wood using a flexible transparent ruler and a small square to keep the designs straight and aligned.
- A large selection of different rotary carvers and angle grinders will help you achieve different textures.
- When carving, she normally wears a face shield, dust mask and anti-vibration gloves for protection. High speed is essential for effective carving.
- There is a direction to the carvings. Changing directions will be evident in the final results. Plan ahead and consider how you will position your work and how you will accomplish the carving so that you can take advantage of the directionality in your designs.
- A piece of Scotch Bright disk mounted on a mandrel is a good abrasive when used at low speed, effective for cleaning up torn fibers.



- Merryll likes to use alcohol instead of water for usage with the fabric and aniline dyes. Alcohol dries faster and does not raise the grain of the wood.
- You can color and seal in one operation by mixing dyes with finishing oils and then applying to the wood.
- Use Vinyl gloves, not latex, without powder when applying the dyes and oils.
- Artist supply stores are a good source of different colors that can be mixed with your oils.
- Mix the finishing oil and dyes in small disposable plastic containers or cups using small wire whisks (kitchen supplies) and apply with acid brushes. Acid brushes are considered disposable, made with coarse bristles and metal handles. They are available at most hardware or home supply stores.
- Finishing oils are usually applied to the wood and let set for a few minutes and then a cloth is used to wipe off any excess.

- A dark wax should be used with the dark stains (light colored waxes may leave a white residue).



### ***Clubs and Member's Websites***

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Want your Website Listed? Contact the Newsletter Team!!!

### ***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](http://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.

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**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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**Katherine Kowalski** is a Woodturner & Contemporary Artist, offering private/small group instruction in woodturning technique, as well as specialized classes in hollow forms, bowls, fine spindlework, and color theory/technique. (All levels of instruction are available). Classes are held at Katherine's shop in Cheyenne, WY.

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**Woodcraft** has classes for beginners in woodworking, shop safety, intro the machines, bowl turning, pen and pencil turning, hollow forms, Christmas tree ornaments, tool sharpening, etc. Please see the current schedule here:

<http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=566>

### ***10% Guild Discount***

#### **Sears Trostel**

1500 Riverside Ave  
Ft. Collins, CO 80524

#### **Rockler** in Denver

You must show your membership card.

#### **Woodcraft**

3718 Draft Horse Drive  
Loveland, CO 80538  
970-292-5940

Discounts on day of Club Meeting.

#### **Wood Emporium**

618 N Garfield Ave

Loveland, CO

### ***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.

### ***Meeting Format***

6:30 -- Meeting begins, with a 10-15 minute break in between the business meeting and the demonstrator start.

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

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