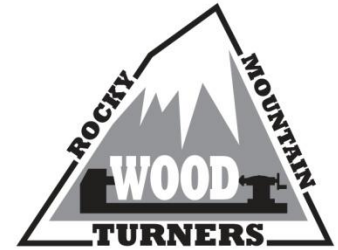




Rocky Mountain Woodturners
*A chapter of the American Association of
Woodturners*



September 2012 Newsletter

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This Newsletter is coming out early to allow our membership to better plan for the upcoming Symposium and many other activities..

Next RMWT Meeting

There will NOT be a regular RMWT meeting in September. The regular September meeting would have been the day before the setup/start of the RMWT Symposium and would have made it difficult to both have the regular meeting and taking care of the needs of the Symposium.

October 4 **Stu Batty**, topic to be announced

November 15 **Mike Mahoney** Intro

Nov 16 Mike Mahoney All day demo at woodcraft \$25 RMWT members \$35 non-members

Nov 17 Mike Mahoney Hands-On at Trent's studio \$175 (open to 6)

Nov 18 Mike Mahoney Hands-On at Trent's studio \$175 (open to 6)

December 6 Christmas Party TBD

RMWT Board Meeting

August 13, 2012

The meeting was at the Wild Boar in Fort Collins. Present were; Pete Herman, Allen Jensen, Frank Amigo, Drew Nichols and John Giem.

- Need to send out email to membership with reminder of the Rist Canyon art donations,
- Still two spaces available for the Paul Frennell class.
- RMWT has 124 paid members for this year, 2012.
- We are fortunate to have a group of members that set up our meeting room for our regular meetings. They do an excellent job of getting the furnishings and equipment setup for the meeting. We observe that the new video projector is making things much easier to see and understand. Unfortunately, our audio system is not cooperating. We have one wireless headset with a bad connector. Guess what, that is the one we tried to utilize at the August meeting. That is why we were getting intermittent sound from our demonstrator. We are asking

our Setup Committee to help us to get the audio system(s) properly setup and functional (with a good wireless mike). We want the two good mikes operational so that we can hear the speaker(s) as well as see them. We will have the second wireless microphone available for anyone speaking from the floor. We want everyone to be able to hear each speaker's message even if you are on the other side of the room.

- The Insurance Carrier for the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) has discovered that the AAW membership has grown considerably. Consequently, the AAW is requesting each Chapter to send into the AAW \$1 for each member to offset the additional insurance costs. The RMWT Board approved the request.

- The Rocky Mountain Woodturners, RMWT, now have 124 paid memberships for 2012.

RMWT Activities

Carving Class

Note: There are still two openings in this class. If you have an interest, please contact Frank or Elizabeth Amigo as soon as possible.

J Paul Fennell will be giving a carving class in the Amigo workshop the week before the Rocky Mountain symposium, September 3 through 7. He is an excellent carver and by the end of the week you will be doing excellent work. His website is jpaulfennell.com. No carving experience is necessary. The fee for the class is a ridiculously low \$400 for the week. There's still time to apply for a RMWT Educational Opportunity Grant for the class. For more information or to sign up for the class, contact Frank or Elizabeth Amigo, 970-568-3899, efamigo@msn.com. There are still openings available. Fennell has specified that he must have at least five students in order to hold the class.



Symposium News

The Rocky Mountain Symposium we are putting on in September is a fantastic opportunity to meet new friends and learn new interesting ideas and techniques from world class woodturners and artists. This year the Trade Show has the largest selection of vendors yet. From them we can see the latest tools and techniques in woodturning. A new feature of the Trade Show is that in addition to the regular booth activities, several of the vendors will be presenting short demonstrations on the main stage.

When considering whether or not to attend, keep in mind that this is among the best bargains you can find, it gives you the 'the best bang for the buck'. You have a short travel time, low cost if any for lodging, excellent source of new information, refreshing your older skills, a hands-on-workshop with skilled instructors, and a great Instant Gallery. There is a large number of attendees coming from other states traveling hundreds of miles to get here and we have this in our own backyard.

Remember, if you get your registration in soon (before September 1) you will save \$20. That is enough to pay for the cost of lunches at the Symposium. A list of the demonstrators, the schedule, more information and a registration form is available on line at www.rmwoodturningsymposium.com.

Auction Donations

The Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium with its live auction to raise money for Educational Opportunity Grants is fast approaching. We need your help to make it just a little easier on the people who set up the auction. Please don't wait to select your piece to donate for the auction. Instead, between now and the end of August pick out your piece and send me an e-mail about it. Please include a description of the piece, the dimensions, and its estimated value in your message. It will help us to get a head start on setting up the auction. We don't need the actual piece early, just the e-mail message. Then just bring your piece to the symposium. We appreciate your help.

[Editor Note: The EOG Committee must prepare bid sheets for all items donated for the Auction. By your providing advance information, it will aid in the preparation of the bid sheets so that it will not be necessary to do all of them at the last minute.]

Thanks,
Elizabeth Amigo, EOG committee chair
efamigo@msn.com

Vessel – a hollow or concave utensil, as a cup, bowl, pitcher, or vase, used for holding liquids or other contents.

The Symposium Committee is requesting donations of vessels to be used as center pieces on the tables during the banquet. These vessels will be auctioned off later in the evening as part of the fund raising for the RMWT Educational Opportunity Grants. The vessels should have the artists name on the bottom and fit within a 6 inch cube. The Symposium Committee is planning on a surprise recognition for one or more of the vessel donations. This is an opportunity for exercising creativity and inventiveness, and no, the vessels are not required to hold a liquid without leaking.

Rist Canyon Mountain Festival

Second Chance- If you missed getting your donation(s) in at the August meeting there is still time. Contact Jerry Sherman, 970 631-2984, or Drew Nichols, 970 566-4662, for help in getting your donation(s) to the festival.

The RMWT Board is encouraging our membership to support the volunteer Fire Department in Bellvue by donating art work to be sold or auctioned at the Rist Canyon Mountain Festival September 2, Labor Day, 10 AM to 4 PM. The proceeds of the festival will be used to support the Bellvue volunteer Fire Department.

Bring your items to be donated to our next meeting on August 9. Each piece should be signed and labeled with the suggested retail price. Jerry Sherman will collect the donated items and take them to the festival officials. If you cannot complete your donations in time for this meeting, contact Jerry (970 631-2984 – mobile or 970 484-2619 – home) and he will help get the items to the festival.

Educational Opportunity Grant Information

Most of the funds that are awarded each year are raised during the Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium. Typically we are able to raise and distribute over \$4000 per year to promote woodturning education within our membership and community. One example is the set of classes just finishing up that were presented by Allen Jensen and Trent Bosch. An EOG enabled them to hold 10 classes of 4 hours each for members of RMWT at no cost. The classes were held at Trent Bosch Studios and included 5 students in each.

Another example of how these grants are a benefit is given below in these emails:

From: efamigo@msn.com
To:
CC
Subject: FW: Educational Opportunity Grant
Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2012 21:54:36 -0600

Jay,

This is your official notice of the EOG award. As chair of the EOG committee, I am happy to inform you that the committee and the Rocky Mountain Woodturners Board have voted to award you \$XXX for tuition for the J. Paul Fennell class to be held in September. I know I don't need to remind you of the requirement for a report, once the grant has been made and the class has taken place. The treasurer is prepared to issue the first 80% of the funds, when you are ready.

Best regards,
Elizabeth

From:
To: efamigo@msn.com
CC

Subject: RE: Educational Opportunity Grant
Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2012 14:30:44 +0000

Thank you very much to the EOG committee and all with RMWT.
I am greatly looking forward to the Paul Fennell class.
Nervous? Yes.
I've never carved but am looking forward to the challenge.
In my case, it's honest to say i can only improve!
Jay Schug

You can help the Educational Opportunity Grant program by attending our Symposium this September and donating items for the auction. Of course, bidding on items in the auction is also encouraged..

August Demonstration

The write-up for the August demonstration presented by Travis Bauer on Turning Footless Vessels will be in the October 2012 Newsletter.

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10% RMWT Member discount with some exceptions

Wood Emporium
618 N Garfield Ave
Loveland, CO

Sears Trostel Lumber & Millwork
1500 Riverside Ave
Ft. Collins, CO 80524
970-482-1928
970-482-9895 Fax

Woodcraft – Loveland
3718 Draft Horse Drive
Loveland, CO 80538
Phone: (970) 292-5940
Fax: (970) 292-5939
Loveland@woodcraft.com

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

Clubs and Member's Websites

Rocky Mountain Wood Turners
www.rmwt.org

AAW – American Assoc of Woodturners
www.woodturner.org

Trent Bosch
www.trentbosch.com

David Nittmann
www.davidnittmann.com

Cindy Drozda
www.cindydrozda.com

John Lynch
www.johnlynchwoodworking.com

Curt Theobald
www.curttheobald.com

Katherine Kowalski
www.KatherineKowalski.com

Want your Website Listed? Contact John Giem, Editor.

Learn From the Best...

Our Club, RMWT, is well known around the nation because we have some of the best turners, nationally known demonstrators and best teachers of Basic, Intermediate, 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.

Trent Bosch
Trent Bosch Studios Inc.
trent@trentbosch.com
970 568 3299

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, Woodturner

Custom woodworking and Individual or small group woodworking instruction tailored to the needs of the student. Offering both woodworking on the lathe and combined with regular power tools. Classes are held in John's studio 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, bowl, fine spindlework, and color theory/technique. (All levels of instruction are available). Classes are held at Katherine's studio in Cheyenne, WY.

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Web site: www.katherinekowalski.com

Woodcraft has classes for beginners in woodworking, shop safety, intro to the machines, bowl turning, pen and pencil turning, hollow forms, Christmas tree ornaments, tool sharpening, etc. Please check out the classes being offered at web page

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