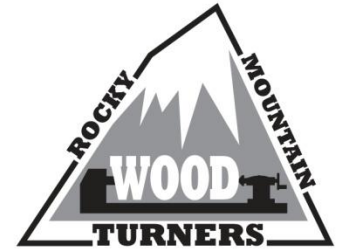




Rocky Mountain Woodturners
A chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



January 2013 Newsletter

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Next RMWT Meeting

The next regular meeting will be on January 3, 2013, at the Loveland Woodcraft store starting at 6:30.

At the January meeting will be the election of officers for the Rocky Mountain Woodturners for 2013. It is recommended that each of us think about whom we would like to have serve as officers for this next year and be prepared to nominate them to fill the positions. Three of the current officers have indicated that they are willing to serve third terms in their current positions. They are: Pete Herman, President; Drew Nichols, Vice President; and Frank Amigo, Treasurer. The current Secretary, John Giem, will not be running for reelection. He is freeing up time to be used in working on the documentation of the operation of the Rocky Mountain Woodturners Symposium that is held each September.

The **January 2013** demonstration will be presented by **Cindy Drozda** on **Bandsaws**. Many woodturners consider the bandsaw as an essential tool in preparing wood for mounting on the lathe. Cindy will show how to mount and adjust the blade on your bandsaw and how to easily make or repair your own saw blades. The presentation will include metal working techniques to make a jig and solder the right length blade for your saw.

The **February 2013** demonstration will be presented by **John Giem** on **Vacuum Chucking**. Vacuum chucks are another tool for mounting items on the lathe for turning. This method is not limited to just finishing off the bottoms of your bowls but also has many other applications. John will show how to check your vacuum system to obtain the best performance and will then demonstrate several different ways to mount and turn different items. Some of you may want to refer to John's articles on vacuum chucking that are published in the American Woodturner. They are *Understanding – and Improving – Vacuum Chucking Systems* in February 2011 vol 26, no. 1, and *Compliant Vacuum Chucking System* in June 2012 vol 27, no 3.

RMWT Board Meeting

On Tuesday December 18, 2012, the RMWT Board Meeting was held at the Wild Boar coffee house. Those present were Drew Nichols, Pete Herman, Frank Amigo and John Giem.

- The new barrel of wood sealer, Sealtite 60, has arrived. With the cost of shipping and price increases, the cost to RMWT members is \$12.00 per gallon.
- The election of the 2013 RMWT officers was discussed. Three of the current four officers are willing to run for reelection. Since John Giem, Secretary, will not be running for reelection, there was some discussion about how these activities will be transferred to the new Secretary. A lot will depend upon the skill set of the new Secretary but John has committed to helping the new Secretary in transitioning into the position.
- The need for more/better participation of the membership on the various committees was discussed. The participation in committee activities helps develop the skills and experiences for our future officers. For the future and health of the RMWT, we need to be able to draw on the wide talent within our membership.
- Help needed – committees.
 - + We need volunteers to form a committee to plan and schedule the cleanup of the meeting area after each meeting. Too often, the same few people do most of the after meeting cleanup. It is envisioned that the Committee would be able to schedule cleanup crews, on a rotating basis, for each meeting. To help, contact Pete Herman.
 - + Wood Bank – help is needed to spread out the work load so that the Wood Bank can continue to provide for our members needs. There are three basic activities within the Wood Bank; procurement, the Wood Lot and support for the monthly Wood Raffle at the meetings. Most of these activities have been handled by Jerry Sherman and John Giem along with some good assistance from other members. Drew Nichols has agreed to help with the procurement of wood resources and delivery of the wood to the Wood Lot. He needs support from the membership in this area. The Wood Lot is located at John Giem's in South West Fort Collins. John will continue to operate the Wood Lot and work with the members going to the Wood Lot to obtain wood for their needs. For the last several years, Jerry Sherman and John Giem have spent several hours before each meeting to cut blanks from the Wood Lot for the Wood Raffle. We need some volunteers to go to the Wood Lot each month and cut up blanks for the Wood Raffle. Remember, the proceeds from the raffle are used to support purchasing assets for the RMWT Library. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas supporting the Wood Bank, contact Drew Nichols, Jerry Sherman or John Giem preferably by email, jgiem@comcast.net otherwise by phone 970 227-6618 – mobile, 970 223-0844 – home. You can also give John a *written* note at the meeting offering to help. Written notes are easier to remember than oral comments.
- Announcements – If you have any announcements to be given during a meeting, please notify the President BEFORE the meeting so that schedules can be adjusted accordingly.
- Christmas Party – At the November meeting, by a show of hands, it was determined that 55 people planned to attend the Christmas Party. Provisions were made and food obtained for 60 people but only 32 people actually attended. From this it is recognized that we need to have a better method for predicting attendance and subsequent planning. Suggestions welcome.

- Asset Inventory – Part of the information for our application for Federal designation as a not-for-profit organization is an inventory of the RMWT assets. This is to be completed by the end of February 2013. To volunteer to assist in the inventory, contact Frank Amigo, Drew Nichols or Allen Jensen. There is contact information for each at the end of this Newsletter.

RMWT Dues

The RMWT Dues for 2013 are now being accepted. The forms are available on the web site, www.rmwt.org. The 2013 dues are \$40.00 for individual members, \$55.00 for family membership and \$25.00 for Students. Your Dues should be sent to or given to Drew Nichols. By your completing the registration form, we can check and update our records.

EOG Applications

The Rocky Mountain Woodturners raise funds each year to be given out as Educational Opportunity Grants to promote the development of woodturning in our community. Applications for an Educational Opportunity Grant are available on the RMWT web site, www.rmwt.org and are due by February 15, 2013. The majority of the EOG funds are distributed in the spring. It is recognized that in some cases, the availability of some training or courses may not be known at this time; consequently, the EOG Committee may consider grants later in the year on a case by case basis depending on the available funds.

Wood Bank

The new barrel of Wood Sealer has arrived, Sealtite 60. It is available for RMWT members at \$12.00 per gallon. You should plan on bringing your own containers (John has a few containers available). To obtain Sealer, contact John Giem (info below within Newsletter).

The current inventory includes Elm, maple, locust, Russian olive, Maple and mystery wood.

To arrange for pickup of wood or sealer or to help with the Wood Bank activities, contact John Giem.

Other items:

The February 2013 issue of the *American Woodturner* will contain the article *Bowl Saver Systems* by John Giem. It complements the demonstration Dale Bonertz gave on the McNaughton Bowl Saver System presented to the RMWT in January 2012. See the February 2012 issue of the RMWT Newsletter for the write up of Dale's demo.

For Sale

- Shopsmith Mark V, excellent condition with disk/belt sander attachment, it is also setup for table saw, drill press, and lathe. \$450. Call: 303-444-1861. Gary A. Zeff
www.sculpturalwoodturning.com



- Bench top guardian drill press, 1/2 hp, 5/8" chuck, 5 speed, \$75.00
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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

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www.trentbosch.com

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www.davidnittmann.com

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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, Newsletter Editor.

Learn From the Best...

Our Club, RMWT, is well known around the nation because we have some of the best national and internationally 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

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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, 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.

Email: katherine@daystarhandworks.com

Cell Phone: 307 220-0130

Web site: www.katherinekowalski.com

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 check out the classes being offered at web page

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

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