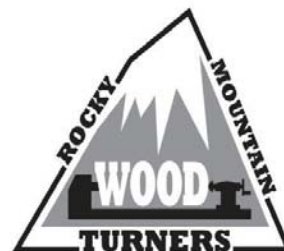




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January 2020 Newsletter

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Future RMWT Meetings:

The next RMWT meeting is Thursday, February 6th. We hope our club members can all make a New Year's resolution to bring a piece this year for the instant gallery. Since Valentine's day is fast approaching, a good idea is to share your sweetheart projects (even those still to be finished) with our club to provide inspiration for everyone.

Our own Tom Wirsing, will be demonstrating turning a Tulip Bowl. This demonstration is all about creating beautiful flowing curves and perfectly smooth surfaces on a delicate thin-walled bowl.



Future demonstrators:

March 5th: Allen Jensen - Turning a bowl, From the Tree to the Table, will show the process I use to convert locally harvested urban timbers into beautiful salad bowls. Using wood the right way will ensure the bowl will dry correctly and withstand daily use. I will cover the process from selecting and harvesting the wood, rough turning the blank, drying, remounting and returning the dry bowl, sanding, reverse chucking methods, and food safe finishing techniques. Along the way I will cover efficient use of the bowl gouge to remove material quickly, and then cover techniques for clean cutting to reduce sanding. This is a fast paced, in-depth demo for anyone interested in turning bowls.

April 9th: Matt Monaco - Have not selected a demo yet from his list

General Meeting January 9, 2020

The demonstrator, Kirk DeHeer, is from Utah and teaches at Craft Supplies. His presentation was on the topic of Catches-Understanding how they happen and how to avoid them. During the demonstration he emphasized the fundamentals of ABC.

A: Anchor the tool on the rest,

B: Ride the Bevel,

C: Cut-He showed the 3 types of cuts-bead, plan/fat and cove. He culminated the session by applying all the techniques in turning a lidded box.

Pen Turner's Club- Jan. 23, 2020

The January club turnout was the largest ever with 28 attendees and they will be celebrating their 7th year in March. The demonstrator, Marty Christiansen (in picture below), presented on the Cheapest Pen closed end pens, that can be used with a Bic pen insert. These inserts come with either plastic or metal ink inserts.

Demonstration- To protect the pen tip, Marty inserts a brass tube that gets glued into the tip of the pen. The brass tube is 3/16" diameter tube. The tube is .185 inches outside diameter. Marty drilled .191 diameter. 1st hole to drill is a #10 drill bit (3/16th inch). Mount the blank in a pen chuck. Drill first hole You can get the tube at ACE hardware. Get at Ace Hardware, 3/16" by 6 inches long.

Some people will use the drill bit itself for the spindle. (Various ways of doing this).

The February 20th demonstrations will contain two short presentations:

Jewelry-Cufflinks and Bolo tie by Glenn Hayhurst

New Segmented Pen Technique by Peter Lederer



Officer Reports:

President: Clarence Sitzman - Reminded members to get their dues paid up early this year. New for 2020 will be a single membership rebate drawing at the April meeting. This is an easy New Year's Resolution to achieve!

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS- Per the rotation system established several years back, this year we will be electing a new secretary and treasurer for a 2-year term. A big THANK YOU to those who have served in these roles for the past many years and gave many hours of their time to our group!

Jim & Pam Felton have worked as a team on the job of Vice President for the past 7 years. They have done a wonderful job of keeping up on the membership enrollment, helping with the Symposium sign ups, attendee guidance and wherever they were needed. They are part of the glue that holds this club together.

Mike Mroz is stepping down as Secretary and has been an integral part of the information network that keeps us informed of club events, and creating on-line lists for everything from the Christmas dinner list to the Beyond the Bark shows.

Camille Wall has been an extraordinary program director creating many years of educational and fun presenters for our club meetings. Camille will be greatly missed!

Russ Skinner will be taking over and has been working alongside Camille to learn the process.

Chris VanWoerkom was elected as the new Vice President

Jenni Elke was elected as the new Secretary

Vice President: Jim Felton - Membership Status, through the January meeting 40 members that have paid their dues for 2020.

Treasurer: Dave Amos - Account Balances Checking – \$5,340.17; Savings - \$4,847.66.

Secretary Report:

Since we are all turners, he thought it might be better to have a special anniversary bowl gouge made with the club sponsoring \$10.00 for each person wanting an anniversary gouge. I have talked to Bob at Woodcraft about this possibility of having the gouges engraved at Woodcraft. There was a motion that we look into having these gouges made, and that the club sponsor the \$10.00 for each gouge ordered by a member. MSP.

Youth Education:The BOD has agreed that it is important to encourage our youth to become turners. Clarence Sitzman report- I have had several youth's (or is that Utes?), to my shop to turn pens, key chains, small bowls etc. At least one of the kids that have visited his shop became very interested in turning, and his grandfather bought him a lathe and beginning tools. The BOD has approved these visits as a club function, and therefore I am covered for insurance purposes. If anyone knows of someone who would like to at least try turning, please contact me at 970-980-8403 or SeeSitzman@aol.com.

Pen Group Director: Next honor flight is in September- We need to start thinking about making pens for this flight. Harry will be checking into the different type of pen kits available. We will need to make 123 pens for the veterans for that flight.

EOG Committee: No new requests this month.

Special Club Projects: Wig stands--A quick update...we have given 65 wig stands to the American Cancer Society. They now have 20 in their inventory.

2020 RMWT Symposium: Allen Jensen announced the dates for this year are September 18-20th so mark your calendars!

Board of Directors Meeting January 28, 2020

Our President is working on the engraved, 25th year Anniversary Bowl Gouge in conjunction with Woodcraft. He will be teaching young people (5-7th grade) at his home shop on Feb. 2nd.

Vice President reported we have 61 paid memberships (53%) so it is looking favorable for our renewals by March.

Secretary is developing a Membership Benefits Summary to highlight the many advantage of our organization. Also working with our treasurer on financial statements, so we can file our Colorado State Tax Exemption paper work again.

Treasurer reported account balances of checking=\$9,779.67 and savings =\$4,847.66

We need folks to sign up for a rotation (1 meeting commitment) to do video recording of our demonstrators or a rotation to take pictures of our instant gallery projects.

Today's Trivia: ABC's of Wood, A and B

Ironwood -Desert Ironwood, Olneyatesota

Grows in SW US & NW Mexico. Color ranges from orangish yellow to a darker red or brown with darker violet to black streaks. Some pieces may be almost entirely black. Due to the small size of the tree the grain can be wild or gnarled. It has a fine even texture and excellent natural luster. The workability is very difficult due to its density. It has high cutting resistance and is usually limited to very small projects. It turns, polishes and finishes well and is very stable in service. It has a distinct somewhat unpleasant smell when being worked. Ironwood is perhaps one of the most highly regarded of all woods for knife-making handles. Because of its high thermal value, it is also cut and used as charcoal. Due to the small size of tree, its restricted distribution and relative rarity mean that it is priced extremely high for a domestic hardwood. Expect it to be on par with high end imported hardwoods.



Jarrah Wood, *Eucalyptus marginata*

From Australia, Color ranges from a light red or brown to a darker brick red and tends to darken with exposure to light. Jarrah can also exhibit a curly figure. Grain tends to be interlocked or wavy with a medium to coarse texture. Jarrah tends to be difficult to machine on account of its high density and interlocked grain. It has a moderate blunting effect on cutting edges. Jarrah turns, glues and finishes well. Jarrah is a widely distributed timber throughout southwest Australia, and prices for local lumber should be moderate. Prices for imported Jarrah tend to be in the mid-range for exotic lumber. Curly pieces, or burl block are likely to be much more expensive. Because of its great durability and common occurrence, Jarrah is a useful timber for exterior projects in Australia. Its vibrant red color and high density add to its marketability for use as a flooring material. Jarrah burl is also prized among wood turners, with its tight knots, swirling grain, and rich colors giving an aesthetically pleasing appearance.



Wood Bank News:

There is a large amount of Claro Walnut Burl for sale in Superior, CO; contact Cortland Hacker at 720-810-9822.

Wood Bank News: All RMWT members are encouraged to come check it out. First come, first served. White Oak, Walnut and Platter blanks are available for your New Year's projects. Please call first, just to be sure I am home (and to get directions). John Giem: (970) 227-6618, mobile and text, jgiem@comcast.net.

Items For Sale:

If you have any wood shop or woodturning tools and/or equipment for sale, please send your information to the Newsletter Editor and keep the Editor updated if items are sold. If you want an ad placed in this newsletter, please contact me (Clarence Sitzman) at seesitzman@aol.com and I will try to get that information in the upcoming editions of the newsletter.

Woodshop Estate

Selling a ton of woodworking and metalworking equipment and lots of wood too. Includes what looks to be a Rikon 18" band saw, numerous drill presses, a Delta Unisaw (looks like it has a Biesemeyer Fence), not to mention smaller pieces of woodworking equipment and hand powered equipment and hand tools. For the metal working equipment, there is a metalworking lathe, mill, metal cutting band saw and other pieces of equipment. There are 100s and 100s of board feet of lumber, a lot of oak and what looks like cherry, maple, walnut and softwood too. There is enough there to equip a small business. There is so much stuff, that the 20'X20' shop in Gunbarrel (Boulder), is almost completely full of stuff.

Complete package with all equipment and wood for \$10k. Contact Chante, her email address is: yellowsunhorse@gmail.com and cell phone number is: (720) 447-4875.

Air Shield Pro Air circulating face shield. Includes 2nd battery, 10 Visor overlays, ear protector: PRICE reduced to \$200.00, Bruce Pilkington 970-396-0372

From Evan Larson- Clarence, I have a scale chair I'd like to sell. I was hoping you could connect me with a member that may be interested in it. If no one comes to mind, that's ok too. My mom passed away & I believe she bought the chair when she lived in Fort Collins. I'm hesitant of putting it on eBay & having it not going to the right caretaker. I did a little checking against full size rocking chairs. It's apparently 1/5 scale. Looks like Paul normally did 1/3 scale miniatures. Here's the dimensions: 8-1/8" tall, 5-1/4" wide, 7-3/4" deep. There's a little discussion about his scaled furniture and another chair/dresser shown on this page: <https://www.woodworkersinstitute.com/wood-turning/features/profiles/north-america/doc-thode-an-american-national-treasure/>

Here are the pictures that he had attached. If you are interested in this chair, please contact Evan personally at the number above.



Editor's note: Sale ads will run for three months unless notified to stop sooner or to continue longer. Please call or e-mail your ad to the Newsletter Editor: 970-980-8403, seesitzman@aol.com

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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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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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Woodcraft has classes for beginners in woodworking, shop safety, intro to the machines, bowl turning, pen and pencil turning, hollow forms, Christmas tree ornaments, toolsharpening, etc. Please check out the classes being offered at web page: www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=56

Doug Schneiter is scheduled to teach several woodturning classes at Woodcraft - Loveland in 2019. See the class schedules at Woodcraft. Doug also teaches specialized one on one classes on turning at his studio in Loveland. Contact at dougschneiter@gmail.com

Harry Farmer: I have taken over Dan Bailey's CA glue business from him.

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