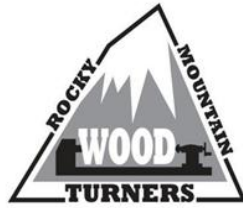


Rocky Mountain Woodturners
A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



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December 2022 Newsletter

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January 4th Meeting – IMPORTANT NEWS

Just a reminder to everyone of the importance of our 2023 kick-off meeting. We will be electing a new President as Bob Franklin's term is expiring as well as a new BOD member to fill Jenni Elke's roll as Secretary/Newsletter Publisher and Club Communications. Please attend to voice your opinion and help shape the future goals of our organization. We also have a need for your involvement in new chairperson committees and in roll to help with our September Symposium. Additionally, the new club logo will be revealed!

Santa Sale!

Perhaps you are aware that our club Librarian, Terry Leahy, is Santa Claus during the holidays. The board has decided to sell off the commercial DVD's in our club library for a fantastic price of \$5 ea. Santa will bring them to the January meeting and all the proceeds will be going to the club general fund.

January Demonstration

For January 2023 ... our demonstrator Merryll Saylan is a local Northern Colorado resident. Merryll has such an impressive background and another individual that has paved the way for Woodturners today! Her

demonstration "Texture loves Color" Merryll is a pioneer in this field and will be great to her point of view on the use of Texture and Color!

Description Merryll will demonstrate the many surface textures she has used in her woodturning and the application of color. Merryll Saylan began woodturning in the mid-1970s. On her earliest works, Merryll recalled, "When I first started, I had been making sculpture, but to pay my studio rent, started turning bowls. I also made turned and constructed furniture." In 1982, a house's workshop space in Berkely, California and caught the attention of Merryll and her partner, Edward Saylan. The two, with the help of fellow artist friends, would remodel the house over the next three decades. Merryll came from a background in modern and contemporary design. During her second tenure attending UCLA for her undergraduate studies, she chose design as her major. During her time in college, she tended to her three children after classes. She was one of the first women in the woodturning field; in an interview with the American Association of Woodturners, she stated, "It was definitely a guy's game in the beginning. I remember reading that in one of the earliest newsletters."

From the early 1980s on, Merryll helped pioneer the application of color in wood art. Additionally, her combining of materials, as well as the surface texturing in her works, helped make her pieces more unique during an era of wood art in which furniture-making was the norm and the natural look of the wood was a primary concern. In 1986, she became a member of the newly established AAW and would serve as president of its board from 1995 to 1996.

Merryll's life and work are documented in the Smithsonian American Art Museum. Several of her works are exhibited in museums across the United States; the Mint Museum of Craft + Design in Charlotte, North Carolina houses her *Jelly Donut*, as well as her *Untitled* (1998) piece. In 2018, Merryll put her Berkeley home up for sale and moved to Colorado to live closer to her son and grandchildren.

Contact Links www.merryllsaylan.com





Pen Turners Update

Harry Farmer will give the second part of his demonstration on how he makes segmented pens in January.

Christmas Party News

The auction at our annual Xmas party produced \$1000 for the EOG fund! There were many wonderful donations from our members and we thank everyone who participated in both the making and purchasing of items. Jenni Elke has agreed to be the chairperson for the 2023 event and will be sending out a survey to the club membership to ask for feedback on some ideas for the next party. Keep a look out for this email in January.

Board of Directors December 27th Zoom Meeting

President- The board closed out the year with a discussion on potential objectives for the upcoming year. Everyone was in agreement that we want to focus on more membership educational events.

Vice President-We set a new membership record for 2022 of 129 member compared to 2021 which had 127.

Treasurer-Balances: Checking \$4750.18, EOG \$3156.00, Savings \$4848.92. We have been successful in keeping within our established 2022 budget.

Secretary- We'll be reaching out to the smaller turning clubs in the state to ask them to participate in our club with joint discounted membership so they can view our excellent demonstrations and social hour meetings. We will be kicking off a Ladies of the Lathe group in the New Year and have already had many offers of mentoring and teaching assistance to help this be successful.

December Social Hour

The December 29th meeting had 16 participants and we had a terrific discussion about CBN grinding wheels and wood burners. The burner conversation morphed into how we each sign our turnings and whether to date them. The January 26th turning challenge will be "Something New" where you interpret what new means to you-using new tools, trying a new turning technique etc. We plan on having a Shop Tool Maintenance & TLC discussion.

Wood Bank Info.

There have been a number of different trees given to us by the arborist of Fort Collins. The bank is at capacity and has a variety to choose from including maple, black locust and cottonwood. Any member can contact John Giem, the Wood Bank Manager at 970-227-6618, to arrange a visit to collect turning wood.

Charitable Acts Club Project

If you have completed wig stands please take them to the club meeting in January as Joe Lesko will be there to pick them up and distribute. Our club has been very dedicated to this project and produced over 270 wig stands that are given by the American Cancer Society and Hannah's Hope to cancer patients in need. Currently the American Cancer Society in Greeley is running low on inventory so please keep up the turning efforts.

Items For Sale: If you have any wood shop or woodturning tools and/or equipment for sale and would like an ad posted, please send your information to Jenni Elke, jenni.elke59@gmail.com to get that information in the upcoming editions of the newsletter. Sale ads will run for three months unless notified to stop sooner or to continue longer.

CLUB MENTORS

Definition: Members volunteers that will share advise and/or instruct in specific areas of their expertise. They desire to help turners overcome challenges and provide hands-on guidance in techniques.

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Doug Schneider	Hollow Forms & General Turning Tool Sharpening	970-308-7164 or dougschneider@gmail.com
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John Giem	Photography / Woodbank & cutting blanks/ General turning/ Chucking/ Vacuum Systems	970-227-6618 or jgiem@comcast.net
Dave Landers	Bowls / Hollow forms /Chainsaw operation /Computer video	303-506-8341 or dave@dlwoodturning.com
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Rocky Mountain Wood Turners

www.rmwt.org

AAW – American Assoc. of Woodturners

www.woodturner.org

Trent Bosch

www.trentbosch.com

Learn From the Best...

The Rocky Mountain Woodturners Club, RMWT, is well known around the nation because we have some of the best national and internationally known demonstrators and best teachers. Basic, Intermediate, Advanced and Specialty turning right here in our own back yard:

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

Doug Schneiter is scheduled to teach several woodturning classes at Woodcraft - Loveland in 2021. See Woodcraft class schedules. Doug also teaches specialized one on one classes at his Loveland studio. Contact at dougschneiter@gmail.com

Trent Bosch Woodturning Workshops:

Trent Bosch Woodturning Workshops are held in Trent's personal studio north of Fort Collins and are scheduled throughout the year. There is a maximum of 4 students in each class, which allows for plenty of individualized instruction. Trent's studio is equipped with the highest quality equipment for your use. For more information visit trentbosch.com or trentboschtools.com or email Trent at trent@trentbosch.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 Fort Collins studio which is equipped with a complete set of woodworking tools. Contact John at

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