



Rocky Mountain Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

May 2023 Newsletter

News & Announcements:

- The May demonstration by Allen Jensen covered the finishing of a rough turned bowl. Allen shared many useful tips on getting the best finish and dealing with difficult grain. In case you missed it, click here [▶ Allen Jensen - Finishing Rough Turned Bowls](#)
- Logo Gear - Raleigh continues to go above and beyond, and will have multiple sizes of the smocks on hand to try on at the June meeting. The first order will be submitted the next day. You can order anytime, but we will submit them in batches, so there may be a delay. If you already used the order form, but you'd like to modify it (multiples, different sizes, etc, email the [Secretary](#).) Click here for the [Order Form](#).
- Wood Bank - Embrace the Ash, because we've got ample supply, and we're likely to see more for several years to come. There is also maple, walnut, black locust, and random species of crotch sections. We're on the hunt for variety, so keep your eyes peeled. Contact [John](#) if you'd like to arrange a visit to the lot (no gear or experience required,) and contact [Brandon](#) if you'd like to arrange a log pickup.
- Help Wanted:
 - [Woodbank Helper](#) - The woodbank is in need of some consistent help, particularly with cutting the monthly EOG raffle blanks. This time of year, the cutting typically happens on the Thursday of the meeting. If you're interested, but lack the gear or experience, John can provide. Reach out to [John](#) if this sounds like you. If you need more convincing, realize that you'd have first crack at some choice blanks...



- [Workspace Coordinator](#) - The club needs a volunteer to help identify partnerships and coordinate with venues to facilitate more hands-on turning opportunities. Reach out to any board member if you're interested.
- [Demonstration Coordinator](#) - Raleigh has been amazing in this role, but all good things must come to an end. Luckily, he has set you up to succeed, with demonstrations and several follow on classes scheduled through mid 2024. This is a great opportunity to ease into the role. Please reach out to [Raleigh](#) if you're ready to carry the torch!
- Summer Picnic - July 15th, Chris's backyard pizza oven will be fired up, and the Luster Twins will be taking on all challengers at bags... More details to follow.
- Bylaw Updates approved, **Thank you** to all members who voted!
- BOD Meeting 5/23 - Attendees discussed developing a survey for the members to voice their opinions on topics, presenters, class opportunities, concerns, and generally provide feedback on the club's efforts. Reach out to any board member if you'd like to sit in on future Zoom meetings.
 - The May balances are: Checking \$10,950, Savings \$4,850, & EOG \$4,040

- [May's Instant Gallery](#)



- May's Social Hour - The May discussion topic was hollowforms. The June topic will be pens, or mandrel turned items, and as always will include some great tips and tricks from the peanut gallery.

June Demonstration:

For June ... our featured demonstrator will be Pat Carroll, all the way from Ireland!

Pat Carroll has worked as a builder/carpenter, but woodturning was a craft he knew very little about before 2001. He had done some research and found a woodturner in his nearest town. Lucky for him, this woodturner was one of the finest turners in Ireland. Willie



Stedmond, (One of the founding members of the Irish Woodturners Guild), was giving night classes to which he attended a few. It is

always his first advice to anyone interested in woodturning, get some lessons, and join a club. He also did the latter and met some great people who helped and encouraged him along the way. His turning has progressed and moved through different areas of this wonderful craft as the years went on.



Pat had many years and long periods of no woodturning time whatsoever due to work and other commitments, but the draw was always there. The need to make shavings! He is very proud of the recognition he has received from his peers and other artists over the years for his work, demonstrating and winning pieces. Pat is also very honored to have his work in collections across the world.



As of late, with the dawning of virtual woodturning, he also has entered into the world of delivering Interactive Remote Demonstrations, Working as a team, Pat, his daughter Chloe and Helen Bailey, are able to offer an excellent well-prepared service to clubs and individuals. They also run a meeting called "[Meet the Woodturner](#)", where they interview artists from all over the world and get a fascinating insight into their woodturning lives and careers. Their audience is from all over the world and attendees get to ask the guests questions through a chat box on the virtual platform use. These fantastic meetings have made the world a small

place for the woodturning family to come together for evenings of great entertainment.

Listen to an interview with Pat [here](#).



Pat will be demonstrating how to turn and finish a beaded trinket box.

[Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium:](#)

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Early Bird Pricing Ends JUNE 1st
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Pen Turners Update:

The May pen turner's meeting was a well attended round table discussion on pens turners from atypical materials. There were pens turned out of trex, cactus, fabric, leather, cut-offs, pine cones, [chaos](#), monkey pods, antlers, cannibalized pen carcasses, dyed antlers, metal key shavings, goat horns, and antelope nubins. June's demonstration will be a surprise by Patrick, and July is planned to be leather pen turning by Larry and Peter.

Twirling Sisters Update:

The Twirlings Sisters ladies group is excited to announce that we have been selected to participate in the Greeley Art in the Park Event on Saturday and Sunday, July 29th & 30th. We could use some more volunteers to work the booth for sales or turn pens or tops or other quick items. There is already a group that has expressed interest in helping and we intend to set up a Zoom call to plan out the logistics. If you are interested in joining us, the cost is a \$20 flat fee + 5% of sales will go to the women's group. Please contact [Jenni](#) to be included.

The gals met at Merrill's for an afternoon of power tool embellishment. We used power carvers and burning tools on our pieces.



The next meeting is at Jenni's on June 29th where Raleigh Lockhart will be demonstrating how to apply color with airbrushing.



Meet Your Mentors:

Met Dan Swaim! Segmented master extraordinaire!

Dan is a RMWT mentor for segmented and stave-constructed wood turning. He started turning in 2014 and has been a member of RMWT and AAW since then as well. Using past experience as a furniture maker, he focuses on “constructed forms” that utilize grain orientation as a design feature. He has demonstrated twice for RMWT and been recognized several times in local wood turning shows.



One of his jigs has been featured in a full article in the AAW journal, American Woodturner.

Dan is interested in assisting members with improving safety and efficiency in segmented turning. Jigs, fixtures and techniques can be shared that safely streamline the segmenting process and improve accuracy.



Mentoring may be in person at your shop or his, or virtually via Facetime if you prefer. You can also email Dan, or pick his brain at the monthly meetings. He’s happy to discuss any problems you may be encountering, Dan is located in southeast Fort Collins and is available at danjswaim@aol.com or 970 689 4071.

▶ Dan Swaim - Shallow Stave Bowls

▶ Dan Swaim - Segmented Turning - Design, Efficiency ...