



Rocky Mountain Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

January 2024 Newsletter

News & Announcements:

- The January demonstrator, Linda Ferber, was a little different than our typical demo. Although there wasn't any turning, we couldn't have asked for a better demo on embellishing. Our meeting attendance is holding steady at around 50 members in person and on zoom. The remainder of Bob Ball's generous wood donation was raffled off, and the EOG fund had it's best wood raffle night in recent memory. [Instant Gallery](#). [Youtube video of Linda's Demo](#)



- Bad news: The board has reviewed the budget, and it's time to raise the club's membership fee to keep up with expenses. Good news: the increase is less than the cost of a fancy pen blank. The increase will go into effect on **February 16th**, one week after the February meeting. So there is still time to save that \$5 this year.... <https://www.rmwt.org/membership-paypal.htm>
- Winter Newsletter Addendum: That sounds so much better than "Mistake Correction." Jessica Edwards was mistakenly named as Jessica Andrews in the Winter newsletter. Sorry Jessica, and please come back soon.
- Have you ever thought about requesting an Educational Opportunity Grant, and then decided against it after reading the application? Well then, you're not alone! The BOD has updated the guidelines and application, so take another [look](#) and let the club help you learn something new!

- At the next meeting, please take a moment to introduce yourself to our newest Board of Directors members, Jenni Elke and Margaret Stiles (Treasurer & Vice President, respectively.) If you'd like to:
 - Renew your membership, talk to [Jenni](#)
 - Check on or change your contact information, talk to [Margaret](#)
 - Ask why you're not getting the newsletter, talk to [Brandon](#)
 - Join the Twirling Sisters, talk to [Jenni](#)
 - Get more information on the pen turners group, talk to Harry Farmer
 - Contribute an article to the newsletter, talk to [Brandon](#)
 - Schedule a time to cut some blanks at the wood bank, talk to [John](#)
 - Recommend a demonstrator for the club, talk to [Margaret](#)
 - Apply for an EOG, talk to [Clarence](#)
 - Help out with the meeting AV gear, talk to [Dave](#)
 - Help with the webpage, talk to [Hoyle](#)
 - Volunteer for the fall symposium, talk to [Allen](#)
 - Advertise some gear for sale, talk to [Brandon](#)
 - All complaints go to [Chris](#)

- Dan Swaim turned this beauty and gifted it to Bob and Ann Ball as a thank you for their generous donations to the club. The blank was labeled as Myrtle Burl, and Dan produced this stunning 11" bowl from it.



- Let's get the AAW Symposium to come to us! The Rocky Mountain Region is overdue to host a national event, so please reach out the AAW and let them know you'd love to volunteer to make that happen: memberservices@woodturner.org
- Keep an eye out for the new RMWT website! The new website will have much more functionality than the current version, and allow members to keep track of membership status and renewals, sign up for workshops, register for zoom meetings, choose special interest groups, post for-sale items, engage in forum discussions, and a lot more. More details to come!

- Coming soon to a shop near you! The BOD has decided to try and reignite interest in the Open Shop program. Visiting someone else's shop is a great way to see how your fellow members and mentors do what they do. Learn a new turning skill, how to improve your process, store your tools, hide shop purchases from your spouse, etc. Each open shop will have a theme that covers an aspect of turning that the host is particularly well versed in. The details are still being ironed out, but keep an eye out for an email with details and steps to register. Topics being discussed are pen turning with Clarence Sitzman, hollow forms with Dave Landers, and vacuum chucking with John Giem.
- At the January Social Hour, members showed off bowls, miniatures, roses, goblets, eggs, alien vases, and an incredible "rocket" vase inspired by Ray Bradbury. Clarence showed off 100's of pens he's recently turned for the honor flight program. Attendees discussed upcoming symposium demonstrators, leg routing jigs, the wind in Cheyenne, and a few other totally unrelated topics. The next social hour is planned for February 22nd, and the topic will be "Valentines & Easter Turnings."
- Wood Bank - Contact John (jgiem@comcast.net) if you'd like to arrange a visit to the lot (no gear or experience required.) Rumor has it that there has been a deposit of fresh Aspen recently.
- The Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium is scheduled for **September 27-29, 2024**. Registration will open soon, so be sure to jump on it early for the best price. See demonstrator descriptions [here!](#)



2024 Regional Demonstrators

Michael Anderson
 Christian Brisepierre
 Linda Ferber
 Joe Fleming
 Chris Hoehle
 Vinny Luciani
 Randall Olander
 Doug Schneider
 Chip Siskey



Jean François Escoulen
Dale Larson
Rudy Lopez
Jacques Vesery
Kimberly Winkle
 + REGIONAL DEMONSTRATORS



SEPTEMBER
27 - 29
2024
LOVELAND
COLORADO

February Demonstrator -

***Kailee Bosch* - Brushes and Material Exploration:**

In this demo Kailee will introduce brush making for woodturners. She will demonstrate her favorite ways to make brushes including bundling your own brush fibers. During the second half of the demo, she will share with participants how she has combined turning with other processes such as 3D printing and metalsmithing to make brushes & more!



Kailee Bosch is a wood artist from Fort Collins, Colorado. She started turning in her father's shop when she was young, but her practice has evolved to include a variety of different materials and processes. Kailee is interested in blending traditional craft practices with digital fabrication techniques. She has taught youth turning workshops for the AAW and demonstrated for various clubs and symposiums around the country. Kailee was an ITE resident at the Center for Art in Wood and has participated in several other residencies at Anderson Ranch Arts Center and Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts. She has a BFA in Sculpture and Pottery from Colorado State University.



And don't forget about Kailee's Half-Day Class on Brushes for Woodturners. In this class participants will have the opportunity to make a variety of brushes of different shapes and sizes. All levels are welcome. Everyone will have the opportunity to make a simple basting brush and a larger scrub brush. Participants will learn how to bundle their own fibers so they can continue making brushes at home. Please see the [sign up form](#) for more information.



The Twirling Sisters:

The January meeting was held at John Giem's workshop as an introduction to vacuum chucking. John demonstrated the basics of a vacuum system as well as how to employ the method on the various projects that the attendees brought along. John provided a few handouts of his past AAW articles and step by step process on how to make a chuck. In addition to answering questions on his system, John was able to provide input on some of the



attendees gear. And as a club mentor, the gals also got to pick his brain on other recent project hurdles. As is usually the case, everyone stopped to enjoy a delicious pot-luck lunch together. Stay tuned for details on upcoming meetings, and reach out to Jenni if you'd like to hear more about the Twirling Sisters events.

