

Rocky Mountain Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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Events Calendar All following events are tentative.

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| May 4 | Trent Bosch: Enclosed Vessels |
| June 6 | Ken Sager: Slide presentation and discussion.
There will be a charge at the door! |
| July 6 | Paul Bailey |
| August 4 | David Kahne: Inlay and decorating bowls
with turquoise. |
| September 7 | Stewart Mortimer from England: Spirals
There will be a \$10.00 charge at the door. |
| October 5 | Open |
| November 9 | Lloyd Jenkins: Bowl turning |
| December 7 | Christmas Party |
| January 4 | Monthly Meeting |

May MEETING

Thursday – 4/6/2000

7:00 PM

Room 105

Industrial Science Building

Colorado State University

Ft. Collins

Agenda:

- Announcements
- Trent Bosch
- Show & Tell
- Wood Raffle
- Monthly Challenge is: a turned button.
- Donation of bowls & vases for fundraiser Continues!

Committees:

Symposium Committee

Chairman: Wayne Van Every

Non-Profit & Charter Committee

Chairman: Dick Moody

Fund Raising Committee

Chairman: Dale Ketchner

Collaboration Committee:

Chairman: Bruno Melli

APRIL MEETING MINUTES

Nancy Quick-Brewer

There was an officers meeting held prior to the general meeting.

The April meeting got under way with few announcements. Nancy Quick-Brewer passed out free sample of Starbond adhesive accompanied with information on varieties, sizes, prices, and also info on Starbond activator. There is a good selection and great prices. If anyone is interested in ordering, send her e-mail at [Woodturns @aol.com](mailto:Woodturns@aol.com), letting her know what you are interested in ordering and she will place the order and deliver to those who have ordered at the following meeting from the date she receives the merchandise. Payment in full from members ordering will be due when delivered.

Out of our 74 current paid members, only 12 met the challenge of the month, which was a donation of a turned bowl to be sent to a gallery in Sacramento, CA as a fundraiser for our club! We were very lucky in getting an extra donated bowl from Stewart Batty while he was here visiting and doing a workshop at Lee's during the first week of April. The club wishes to thank those of you who did donate! Remember, Your donation of one turned piece, helps YOUR club! Anyone wishing to continue helping the club raise money may still donate a turned piece to be sent to and sold through the gallery. If interested in doing so, please contact one of the fundraiser committee members. Nancy Quick-Brewer, Wayne Van Every, or Dale Ketcher.

APRIL MEETING MINUTES cont.

AAW symposium: Just a reminder! The AAW symposium is being held in Charlotte, N.C. from June 30- July 2, 2000. Make sure you get your reservations in soon!

Fund Raisers: It was brought to the attention of all attending club members that we as a club need to come up with some good ideas for fundraisers. Anyone with any ideas, please mention it to any of the officers. The fund raising committee members are Dale Ketcher, Wayne Van Every and Nancy Quick-Brewer.

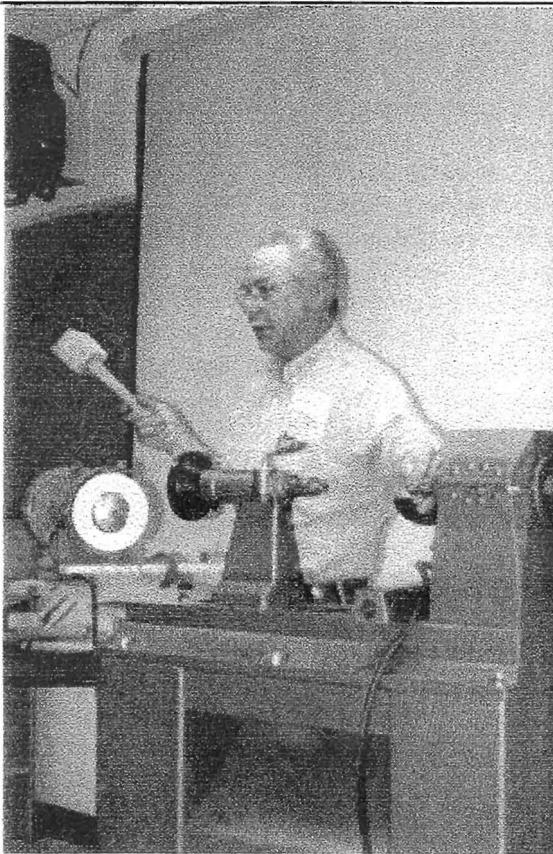
Demonstration: John Loftis gave a very nice demonstration on making tool, jigs, and fixtures. Dave Gillespie did an excellent job on his demo of a Flower Vessel. We apologize for having to cut his demo short due to problems with the lathe, but he did do a great job considering the problem that came up. Great job guys! Thank you!



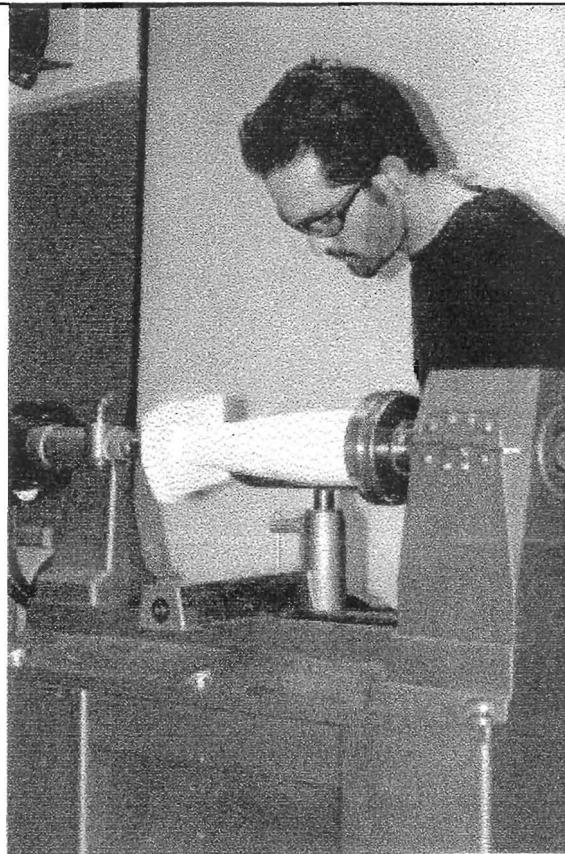
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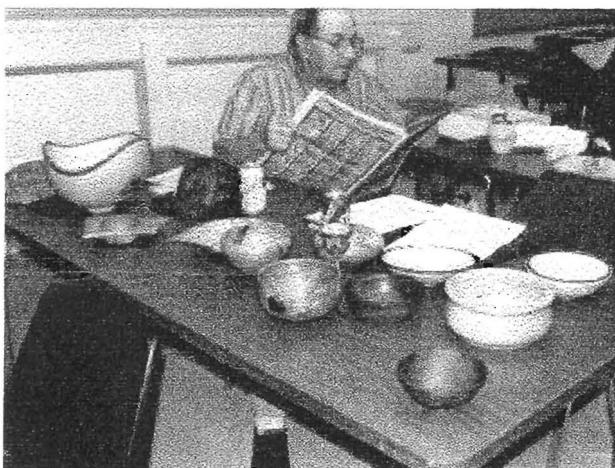
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John Loftis beginning his demonstration on making tools, jigs etc. I think he means business!



Dave Gillespie beginning his demo of a Flower Vessel



Looks like Earl Ellis is taking a peek at the sales ads during the break, or maybe he is guarding the bowls that were donated to the fundraiser!

Show & Tell: April \$15.00 gift certificate went to Duane Fischer! :-). The certificate is for Loren's Wood Emporium at 618 N. Garfield Ave. Loveland, CO.

April Challenge: Lets try something new for this challenge. How about a turned button! This should be interesting at least it's something different!, To be included in the chance of winning the \$15.00 gift certificate, you must bring a turning of what the challenge is for the month. If you bring more than one item for the challenge, you will still only receive one ticket for the drawing of the gift certificate at the Wood Emporium in Loveland

The show and tell was graciously done by Jerry Smith . Thanks Jerry, we appreciate it!.

Wood Raffle: Bring wood! Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each. We are in need of more wood being donated. I'd like to see every member bring at least one piece each this up coming meeting!

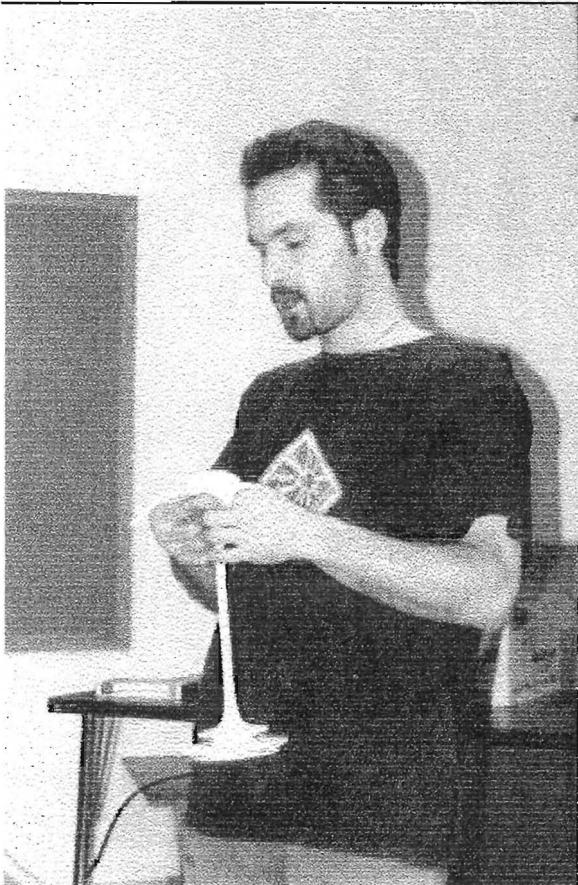
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ADOBE ACROBAT SOFTWARE

Nancy Quick-Brewer



Dave explaining how he makes the petals and designs on the petals.

MARCH MEETING MINUTES cont.

Membership: The club dues shall remain at \$20.00 for non-students and \$12.00 for students. After July 1 dues are 50% for the remainder of the year.

New Members and Visitors: We were pleased to have two visitors with us this month! Sorry guys, I did not receive information sheets on you, but hope to have you both as new members real soon! We have Cindy Drozda as a new member. Cindy comes up to our meetings from Boulder. She does an excellent job with her turnings! Welcome Cindy!

Tips or Tricks: Anyone with Tips or Trick's that you would be willing to share with the other members of the club, please send them to me or give them to me at one of the meetings, so they may be shared with everyone!

Be sure you have downloaded the Acrobat Reader as All members with current emails will be getting the newsletter via a PDF format this requires that you have Adobe Acrobat reader loaded on your computer. The reader software is free and can be downloaded from our club's webpage located along with the newsletter at: <http://www.verinet.com/~drmelli/rmwt.html> If by chance you have changed your email address and not updated it with me, please drop me a quick note, so you can receive your newsletter! Dave and Jack let your members know also. I apologize to those of you who did not receive your newsletters in April. Weather it be that I did not have currant email addresses or what; I will definitely try to get one to all of you this time!

RMWT SYMPOSIUM 2000

Wayne Van Every

Anyone interested in serving on a committee or serving as a committee chairperson, please let me know. We need to get the Facility Committee up and running so the site search can begin. We will be having a meeting soon to decide on committees and a theme. It is a lot of work but as everyone involved with the 1999 Symposium will tell you, it is well worth the effort.

FRONT RANGE (FRWT) CLUB NEWS

Dave Sifer

Meetings are held at Schlosser Tool and Machinery 301 Bryant in Denver 303/922-8244. Contact Pete Holtus at 303/364-5365

PIKES PEAK (PPW) CLUB NEWS

Jack Chick

Meeting at Woodcraft Supply on North Academy and Vickers in Colorado Springs Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM. Contact Bob Kerr evenings at 719/593-9641

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SHOP TOURS

Nancy Quick - Brewer

We need someone to volunteer to be in charge of lining up shop tours for us, as Trent has resigned and there are no scheduled up coming tours. Anyone interested in this duty, please contact any of the clubs officers immediately.

There was a great suggestion made by Kevin Dunn. He suggested that as a token of thank you to the hosts of the shop tours, each member attending bring a piece of wood to be given to the host. Next shop tour, don't forget to bring a "token of thanks" with you. .

Anyone interested in hosting a shop tour and pitch in later this spring or summer? The Christmas Parties have been such a success that a summer event was suggested and should be a fun time as well.

MEMBER INFO EXCHANGE

If you have sold your listed item, please let me know so that I can remove it.

FOR SALE: Malachite for inlay work.

Jerry Smith - 303/466-7912 or Earl Ellis - 303/426-7130

Wayne Van Every still has a list of things for sale. If interested, just give him a call at 970/378-8815. He may have just what you or one of your buddies is looking for!

FOR SALE: Dick Breckon of the Pikes Peak Club has some deep hollowing tools for sale. If interested give him a call @ 719/597-9718.

FOR SALE: Walnut bowl blanks 4" thick, 8" square, sealed. \$10.00 each. Other blanks becoming available. Call Dennis Korth @ 719/634-1260.

FOR SALE: 12" Delta Lathe With stand. E.L. Jacobs, Woodland Park 719 687-9581.

FOR SALE: Delta 10" table saw, model 34-760, used very little, \$240.00 Call Wayne 970/378-8815

THE INTERNET

Nancy Quick - Brewer

Anyone looking for some new woodturning sites, be sure and check out our own website as Bruno is doing a fantastic job of getting new and interesting sites put on there for us! Just go to <http://www.verinet.com/~drmelli/rmw.html>

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Jim Ferry

The club membership dues are \$20.00 and \$12.00 for students. Dues are half for new members joining after June. Fill out the Member Information Form, include it with your funds and turn it in Nancy Quick-Brewer.

If you bring a guest please make sure they fill out an information card and leave it with Nancy Quick - Brewer so they can receive their complimentary copies of the newsletter. As you know, without their names and addresses I can't send them a newsletter!

As of this newsletter, we have 74 paid up members! I'm hoping we hit 100 before years end!!

Jim Ferry stated at the March meeting that the clubs bank account now stands at \$2,292.88 this balance does not include the membership enrollment of the last meeting.

APRIL WORKSHOP

Nancy Quick - Brewer

A few photos of the work shop put on out at Lee Carter's shop by Stewart Batty while he was visiting in the states in early April.



The Gang that showed up at Lee's workshop door!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Nancy Quick - Brewer

The deadline for submitting articles and information for the Rocky Mountain Woodturners newsletter is the 20th of each month. Anyone interested in trying their hand at authoring an article is encouraged to do so, also send your for sale or trade items. Send it to me email, or give me a call!

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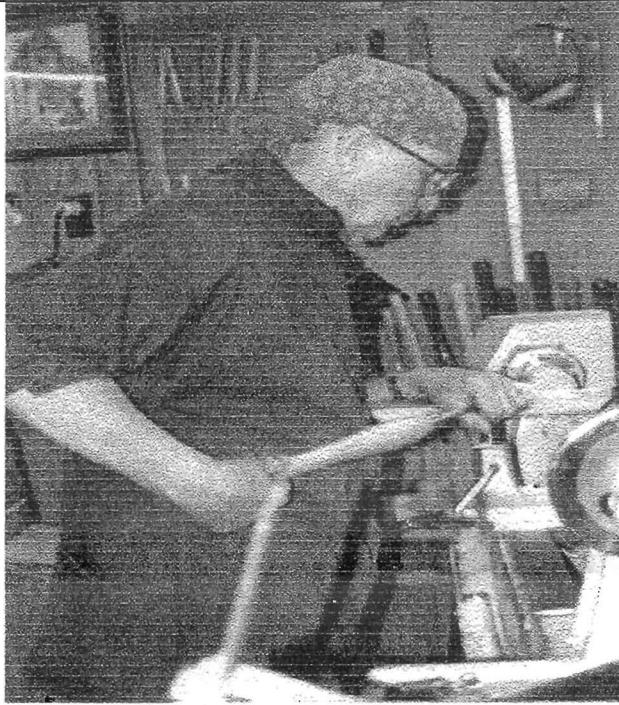
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John getting a secret tip from Stewart. Knit one, pearl two or is it knit two, pearl one?



Stewart Batty from Derbyshire England and Lee Carter.



The club's 1st caption contest.... send your entries to...



Hmmm, looks like John may have stumped Stewart! Look at those frowns.

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The 2000 PROVO WOODTURNING SYMPOSIUM

Lee Carter

The 2000 Utah Woodturning Symposium will be held June 1, 2, and 3rd at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. Participants can choose from 100 demonstrations given by some of the best woodturners in the world. These include Richard Raffan and Vic Wood from Australia, Hans Weissflog from Germany, Johannes Reiber from Norway, and Stuart Batty, Ray Key, and Stuart Mortimer from England. American woodturners include, Kip Christensen, Virginia Dotson, Tom Fortenberry, Mark Gardner, Mike Mahoney, William Moore, Dale Nish, Lane Phillips, Robert Rosand, and Joe Wagner. Demonstrations are 1 hour 45 minutes, and you can choose those you would like to attend. Register by completing the form to the right or write for more detailed information to:

Utah woodturning Symposium

P.O. Box 50196, Provo, Utah, 84605-0196 or call (801) 378-2021.

Enrollment is limited, so early registration is advised.

(Please type or print in ink only)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Enclosed is my check or money order in the amount

of \$: _____

TUITION:

On or before May 10, 2000

\$220.00

After May 10	\$230.00
• Single Day Registration	\$100.00
• Spouse Registration	\$110.00

Send checks or money orders to:

UTAH WOODTURNING SYMPOSIUM

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WOOD HISTORY

By Paul McClure

LIGNUM VITAE, (Guaiacum officinale) Lignum vitae (wood of life) was discovered by the Portuguese in the 17th century, and it was thought to cure every illness known to mankind. Grown in the Caribbean Islands and West Indies, lignum vitae is the heaviest of all woods, weighing n at 84 lbs per-cubic foot. Lignum vitae was sold by the ounce in Europe until the early 20th century when it was found to have no medical effects.

In preparation for the American Civil War, both the North and South were developing steam powered, ironclad warships: The Monitor and the Marrimack. Every time the ships put to sea, there were accounts of violent explosions with shrapnel shredding the engine room, killing the stokers and boilermen. The mystery of these explosions baffled everyone. Finally, it was discovered that the friction caused by the rotation of the steel propeller shaft super heated the lignum vitae bushings until they exploded. The bushing had to be kept cool, but with what? Oil was tried, yet to no avail; tallow had the same results; and with grease the explosion continued. Yet the solution was there all the time...seawater! Constantly run through the propeller shaft housing, the seawater cooled the lignum vitae so it did not explode. Many years later it was discovered that seawater also increased the lubrication properties of lignum vitae. By the mid 1800's lignum vitae was widely used throughout the united States for pulley's, bearing, and rub blocks in hand or water driven machinery because of its self lubricating properties. Lignum vitae is still used today in propeller shafts of ocean-going vessels since no adequate substitute has yet been found.

Lignum Vitae is an excellent turning wood and is used to craft items where weight is desired, i.e., carving mallets, gavels, and pool cues.