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Events Calendar

All following events are tentative.

November 4 Bill Hall's shop tour 2432 Austin Ave,
Loveland

November 9 Doug Schneiter (Square Edge Bowl Elections of
officers for year 2001! Don't miss this one.)

November 11 Loveland High Woodshop tour. W. 29th St.
(South side of building.)

December 7 Christmas Party @ Mountain Shadows club
house (map will follow in next months issue.)

January 4 Keith Gotschall: Beaded Edge Bowl and Platters

February 8 Mike Paulson Hollow form

March 8 Monthly Meeting

April 5 Monthly Meeting

May 3 Giulio Marcolongo from Australia There will
be a charge at the door.

June 7 Monthly Meeting

July 5 Monthly Meeting

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Thursday – 11/9/2000 7:00 PM

**Industrial Science Building
Room 105
Colorado State University
Ft. Collins, CO**

Officers meeting beginning @
5:30 at Avo's.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Agenda

- Nominations and
- Election of Officers
- Announcements
- Show & Tell
- Wood Raffle
- Monthly Challenge:
- Demo

Committees:

Symposium Committee
Chairman: Wayne Van Every
Non-Profit & Charter Committee
Chairman: Dick Moody
Fund Raising Committee
Chairman: Dale Kechter

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Nancy Quick-Brewer

President Jon Fosse opened the October meeting letting everyone know how great the symposium was! Everything went smooth and we had a good turn out! Stating that there were 143 paying attendees in attendance with two who had to cancel at the last minute due to family emergencies. There were people from 13 states in attendance! Seems we did quite well. Quite a turn out! We are going to do our best to make next year even better!

YES! The club lathe is now all ours! After the symposium, a check was written to Dale Nish of Craft Supply to pay it off in full!

A reminder was given about the shop tour at John Martin's and also that his wife was going to graciously open her "silk screen" shop up to those who may have interest in that.

October's demonstrator Dick Sing was announced, the wood raffle was held, then the show and tell, which was described by Lee Carter. Thanks Lee, your expertise is always appreciated! Once again there were some beautiful pieces brought in for show and tell!

For the monthly challenge Don Deathridge won the \$15.00 gift certificate at the Wood Emporium in Loveland.

Treasure's Report: Jim Ferry states that after all the R M W T symposium bills and paying off the clubs lathe, there is a grand total of \$5294.69 in our bank account.

Get Well Soon: Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Roger Layton who has been ill for sometime now. Hurry and get better Roger! We miss you!

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES (cont.)

November Challenge: This months challenge is a Christmas tree ornament. All who attended the last meeting should have a good idea on how to make one of these since we had such a fantastic demonstration by Dick Sing not only showing us how to do this, but also explaining how and why! Great demo Dick!

New Members and Visitors: We had one visitor at the October meeting, Welcome Mark Kurzmack! Hopefully his 14 year old woodturning son will be attending with him next month! Dad told me that his son turns better than he himself. Maybe we will have to have an upcoming father-son challenge.

Up Coming Shop Tours: The next shop tour will be Nov. 4 at Bill Hall's home at 2432 Austin Ave, Loveland beginning @ 10 A.M.. Take Hwy 34 to Boise. There is a Texaco right on then, N. W. corner of Hwy 34 and Boise.. (Boise leads by the local hospital) Turn North on Boise to Silver Leaf Dr. then left to Austin. Shouldn't miss it!

The following week, on Nov. 11 is the shop tour of the Loveland High School, which is located on W. 29th St. (Just before you come to Taft Ave.) Loveland High School shop teacher, Doug Schneiter is hosting this one and says to go to the south side of the school. It is to begin @ 10:00 A.M. Should be pretty interesting.

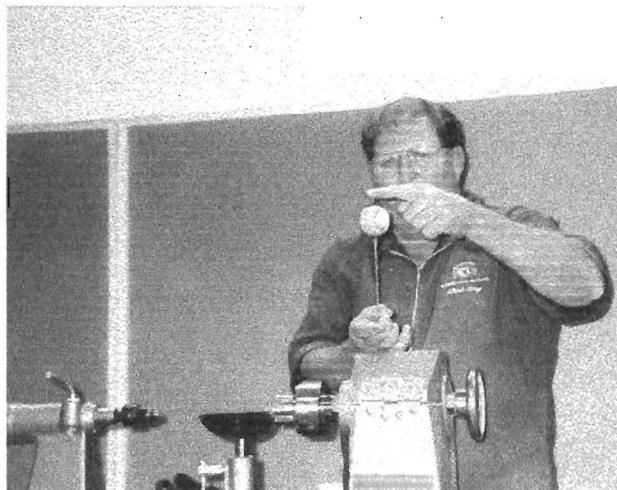
October's demo was done by Dick Sing of Joliet, IL. He showed how to make a desk clock and also a Christmas tree ornament. As he was explaining how to do something, he was also explaining why to do it. Not only did we have the pleasure of meeting, and working with Dick during the workshop at The Rocky Mountain School of Woodturning, the Symposium and the club meeting, he brought Cindy his wife with. A truly wonderful lady and ambassador for woodturning.

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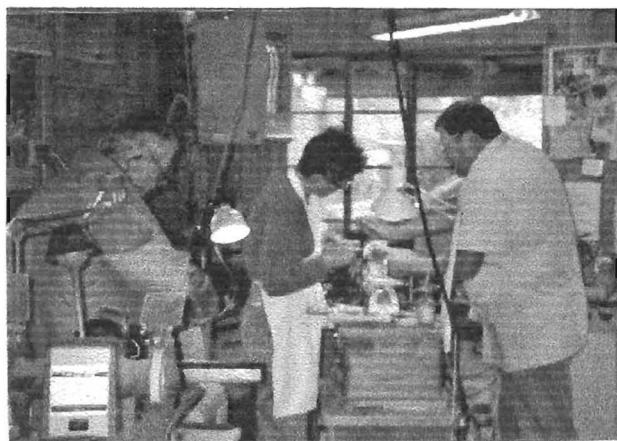
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Some photos of Dick:



Dick holding up his finished ornament, which is the November Challenge.



Dick gives Lisa Roberts few pointers at a class with at The Rocky Mountain of Woodturning.

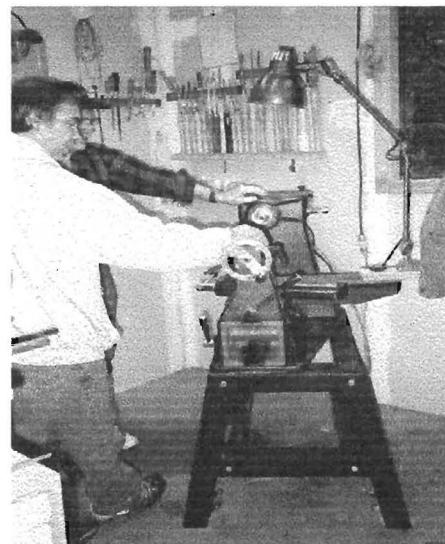


Dick and Cindy Sing

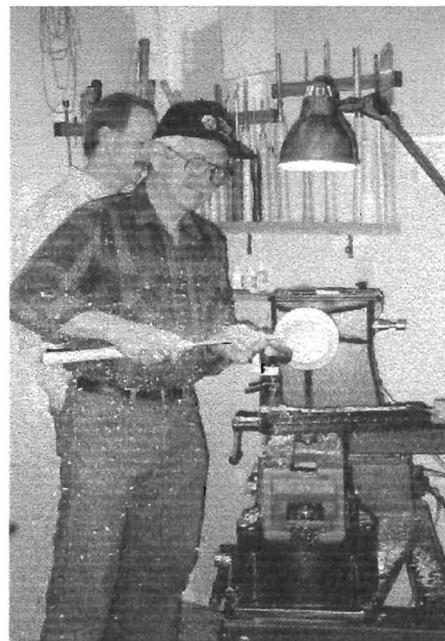
SHOP TOUR

Nancy Quick-Brewer

John Martin hosted a great shop tour on Oct. 7. Seems his new Stubby lathe was the center of attraction! There was quite a show of members.



So, this is the Stubby huh?

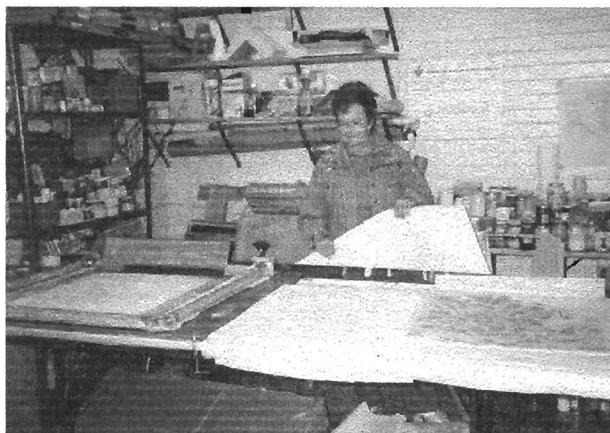


Curt looks over John's shoulder as he make those chips fly.

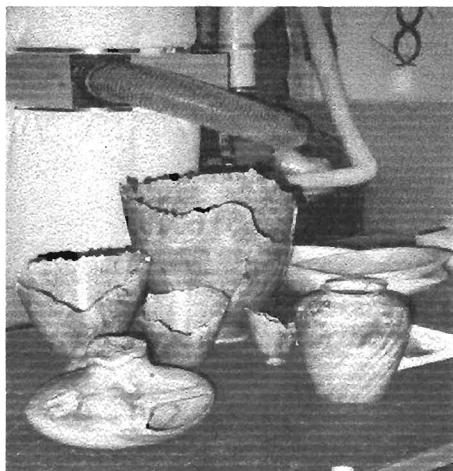
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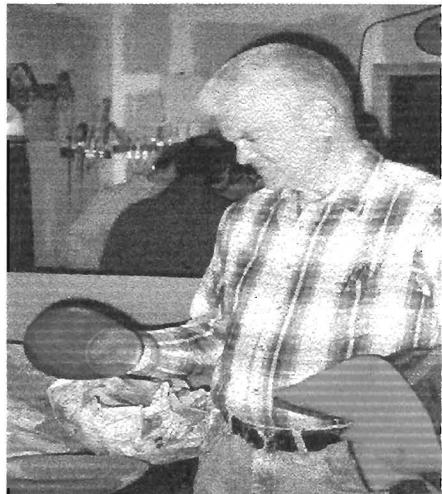
SHOP TOUR (cont.)



Mrs. Martin also graciously opened up her "silk screening shop" for those of us who wanted to take a peek. What talent this lady has! Thank you to both of you for your great hospitality!



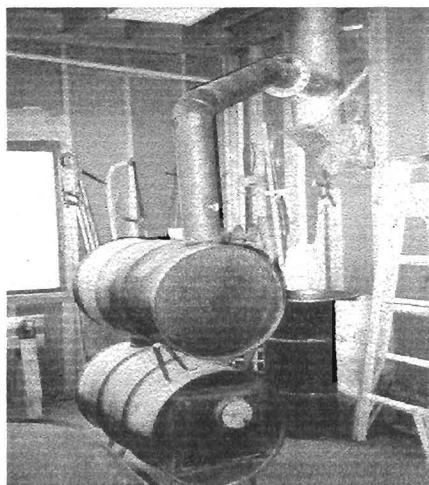
A small showing of John's beautiful work.



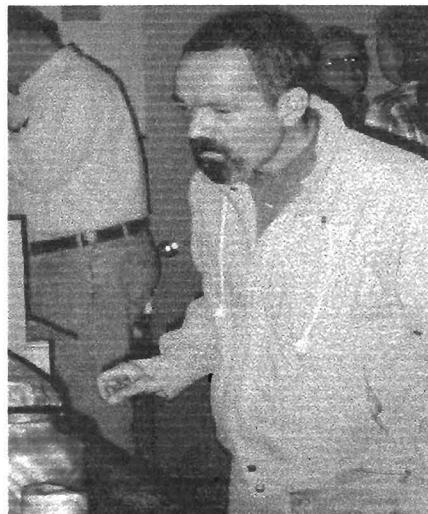
Nice piece of work John.

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SHOP TOUR (cont.)



Looks like one heck of a good shop heater John!



Uh Oh, Dale's headed for the homemade cookies that the Martin's furnished! I don't blame him, as they were simply delicious!

A "Pine Cone" From "Down Under"

Cindy Drozda

This unusual piece of Nature's art work is the seed pod from the Australian Banksia tree. In spring, the Banksia blooms with spires of yellow and red flowers that produce this hard wooden seed pod. The pod continues to mature on the tree until the heat from a forest fire causes it to burst open, releasing the seeds. These large pods come from a Bonksia variety that grows on the west coast of Australia, where they must be as plentiful as pinecones on the forest floor.

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RMWT SYMPOSIUM 2000

Wayne Van Every

Whew, it's behind us for another year! The event was success. I would like to thank the committee that planned and executed so well. Dick Moody, Curt Theobald, Kevin Dunn, David Gillespie, Dale Ketcher and Dick Branecki. Also Jon Fosse and Nancy Quick-Brewer for the significant contribution they made as well. Dick Sing and Mike Mahoney did an excellent job. What can I say about Dale Nish dropping in to spend the day in the Hands On Learning Center. Our club had 12 demonstrators, while the Front Range Woodturners and Pikes Peak Clubs each provide 2 demonstrators. The program was diverse and had something for everyone. The facility was beautiful and even the weather was perfect! It is going to be tough to top the 2000 Symposium next year, but we'll try!

An area of personal disappointment for me was the low turner out of high school and college students. There were two teachers that showed up and we had a pair of teenage girls from Denver and pair of teenage boys from LaPorte. But overall there were very few 18 to 30 year olds. We sent a brochure to 472 public, private, parochial, alternative and handicapped 9-12 grade schools in Colorado. We also mailed to schools in southern Wyoming, and put brochures at CSU, UNC, Aims and Rocky Mountain Community College. It may take a coordinated effort of the three clubs using a hands on approach to reach this age group. In school demos by our turners would probably go a long way in that effort.

Here are some facts and figures of what we were able to accomplish. Attendance; a total of 172 attended, 146 attendees, 4 students and 19 demonstrators, plus Cindy Sing, Dale Nish, Dick Moody and Kevin Dunn's wives. This is not counting anyone that dropped in to view the gallery. RMWT out of 84 members 33 attended. FRWT out of 62 members 15 showed, and PPWT with 38 members had 9 come. 62 were attending their first woodturning symposium. There were 2 doctors from Cheyenne. 18 dozen donuts were consumed. We were 14 items short of having everyone, including the demonstrators win a prize at the raffle.

Financially the symposium generated \$3991.02 of revenue for the club. The balance owed to Craft Supply for the club's Woodfast lathe of \$1035.00 was paid to Dale at the closing ceremony, leaving a net gain of \$2956.02. Assets purchased were, 3 each 12awg 25 foot extension cords, 3 each cube taps, a CO Dept of Education mailing list floppy, 4 brochure racks and left over coffee, sugar, stir sticks and napkins for the Christmas dinner party.

RMWT SYMPOSIUM 2000 (cont.)

We had a wide assortment of lathes, Vicmarc, Woodfast, Delta, Jet, Record, Bonnie Klein on site. I had even talked Oneway into donating a set of casters so I could get my Oneway 2436 there, but they didn't get shipped out in time. So we'll work on that for next year, and maybe John will let his Stubby to be brought over. Cindy's Delta, Burno's Jet and BMC West's Record all sold. Bruno has a new Oneway 1810 on order.

I purchased a pair of 110 to 220 volt step up transformers, to power my Oneway and Lee's 220 volt Woodfast at the Chilson Center. I am willing to loan them to anyone having a 220 volt lathe that they want to use to demonstrate where only 110 volts is available, e.g. schools, clubs, etc. Or if you get a new 220 volt lathe and want to use it before you have a 220 volt outlet wired into your shop. They will be available for the symposium again next year, Bruno's new Oneway is the 220vac, 1hp. model so if he brings it we will have the power to run it. Dick Sing and Doug were on Lee's 220 volt Woodfast and there were no problems with the lathe running on the transformer all day. If you want one of your own I can get them for about \$150 each, which is cost.

Dale Nish took all the mats I had made up from conveyor belting material, plus he wants more. I am working on getting more for him, which he agreed to make a donation to the club for. And, some for the club, which, will be available to anyone wanting it for a nominal donation to the club. Several have asked me about them getting some.

Lastly, I have reserved the Chilson Center next year, again for the last Saturday of September. The partitions we used in two of the rooms were made of foam insulation panels purchased by Curt for his shop. We'll need to come up with something else for next year. We're open to ideas, we dodged the standard curtains as they are \$5.00 per lineal foot to rent, and we would need 50 feet.

Again, thank you everyone that so graciously donated their time, labor and gas to attend, demonstrate and help out. It was a wonderfully rewarding experience for many of us.

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FUND RAISERS

Nancy Quick-Brewer

We are always looking for any good ideas for fund raisers! If you have any thoughts on this, please contact one of the committee members. They are Dale Ketcher, Wayne Van Every and Nancy Quick-Brewer.

WOOD RAFFLE

Nancy Quick-Brewer

Bring wood, tools anything you want to donate to the club, to the meeting! It's been great to see the turn out of those of you that bring wood, glue, etc. for the raffle lately. How about everyone bring at least one piece of wood to the up coming meeting? Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Nancy Quick-Brewer

The deadline for submitting articles and information for the Rocky Mountain Woodturners newsletter is the 20th of each month.

BRING A GUEST TO THE MEETING

Nancy Quick-Brewer

If you bring a guest, be sure that they fill out an information form 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!

LIBRARY & VIDEO NOTICE

Nancy Quick-Brewer

Please check your shelves for any books or videos belonging to the RMWT library and return at the November 9th meeting so a current inventory can be taken of all materials.

BE A VOICE HEARD, VOTE!

Wayne Van Every

Ladies and Gentlemen: The November meeting is a critical meeting that you need to attend. We will need members to be nominated, and/or volunteer for officer positions. You must be an AAW member to be a club officer. We need everyone to participate in our club.

Remember November 7th is Election Day, get out and tell your government what you think!

THE INTERNET

Nancy Quick-Brewer

Be sure you check out the Rocky Mountain Woodturners Web site! Bruno has been doing a fantastic job adding new things for us!

<http://www.verinect.com/~drmelli/rmwt.htm>

Other sites to check out:

www.lathes.co.uk

www.woodworkingbasics.com

www.treclineusa.com

www.woodturnerscatalog.com

www.Kestrel Creek Gallery

www.Choicc Woods.com

MEMBER INFO EXCHANGE

Nancy Quick-Brewer

If you have sold your listed item, please let me know so that I can remove it, but please let me know if you have something you'd like to buy, sell or trade, or maybe consider donating to the club.

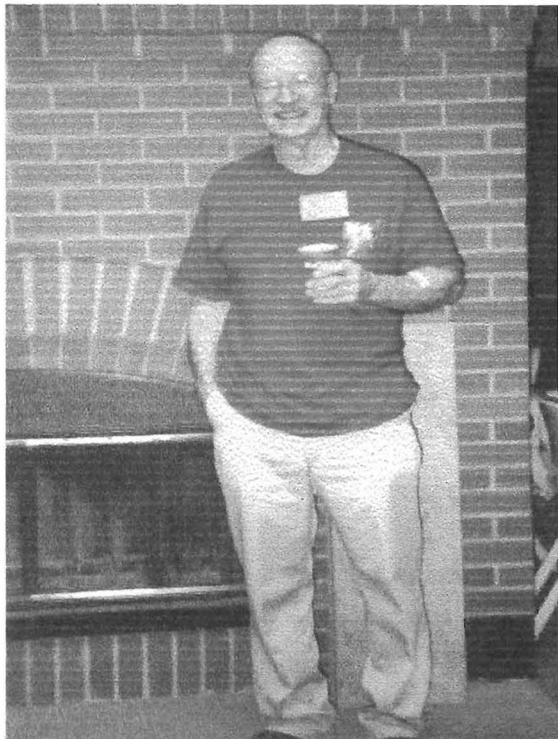
For Sale: Delta 10" table saw, newer model 34-760, used very little, has a dust collector chute under neither \$240.00 call Wayne Van Every 970/378-8815.

For Sale: Deep hollowing tools. Hagner duplicator attachment model LKH 950. This is a rear mount which allows you to copy a pattern and do regular turning without removing the duplicator \$1500.00, original cost approx \$3000.00. 10 inch Craftsman radial arm saw on stand \$125.00. Also some stainless steel carts with casters approx 24 x 36 and 36 high, \$30.00 each. Dick Breckon @719-597-9718 evenings or weekends are best

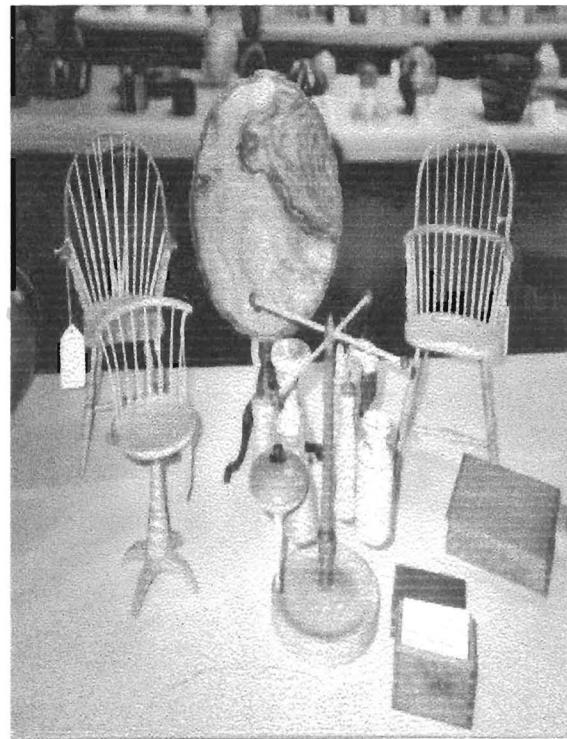
For Sale: Craftsman bench top drill press \$50.00, Steady rest for Jet mini lathe \$20.00. Call Tommy Keeton @ 719-536-0345.

For Sale: Electric motors 3 each, 1/3 HP / 1725 RPM electric motor and 1 each 3/4 HP/ 1735 RPM electric motor, will trade for 1 Hp / 3450 RPM. Have an old lathe for sale? Email dittic@aol.com or fax 970-568-0760.

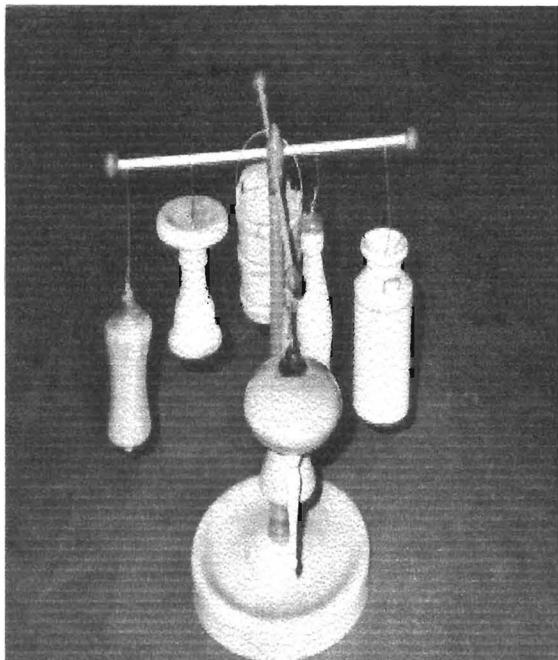
November's Member In Spot Light
Paul "Doc" Thode and a bit of his great work
Nancy Quick-Brewer-



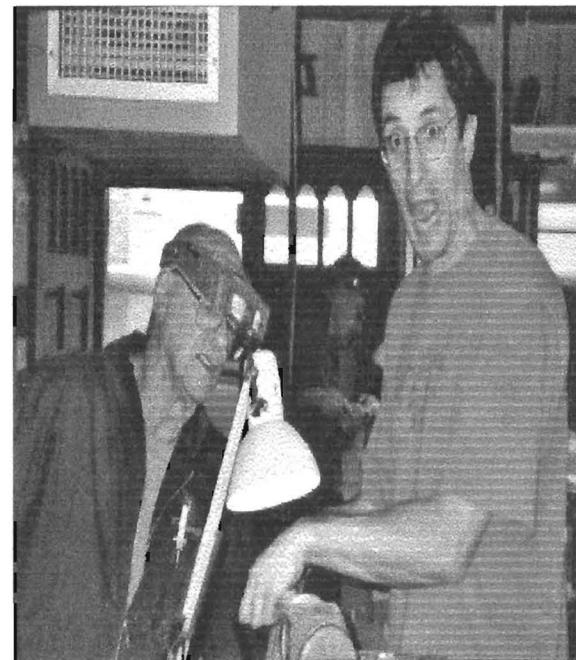
Meet Dr. Paul Thode, physician, family man, and woodworking artist extraordinaire.



Some of Doc's awesome miniature furniture pieces, the drawers are even dovetailed!



An assortment of Doc's miniature turnings, which are very accurately detailed.



Doc likes to spend his days at Lee's when there are classes, here he is giving Bruno a hand, while Bruno hams for the camera. These classes are always fun!

Here's a small biography from our always interesting and good friend, Doc Thode.

Dr. Paul Thode, Jr.
Woodworking Biography

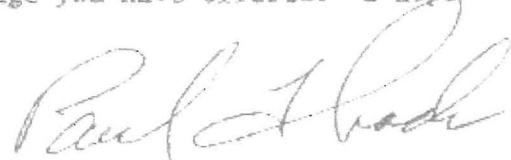
I was born and raised in Denver, Colorado. My father had hand tools and a small combination table saw, jointer and lathe. The first turnings I did were pine cowls for radial engines in model airplanes. I took shop courses in Jr. High and High School with a few of the standard projects -- nothing very outstanding. After Medical School and the Army, my family and I moved to Fort Collins in 1949, where I practiced medicine for 37 years as a G.P. I had continued interest in home shop work, with an accumulation of tools, and renovation of some Antique furniture.

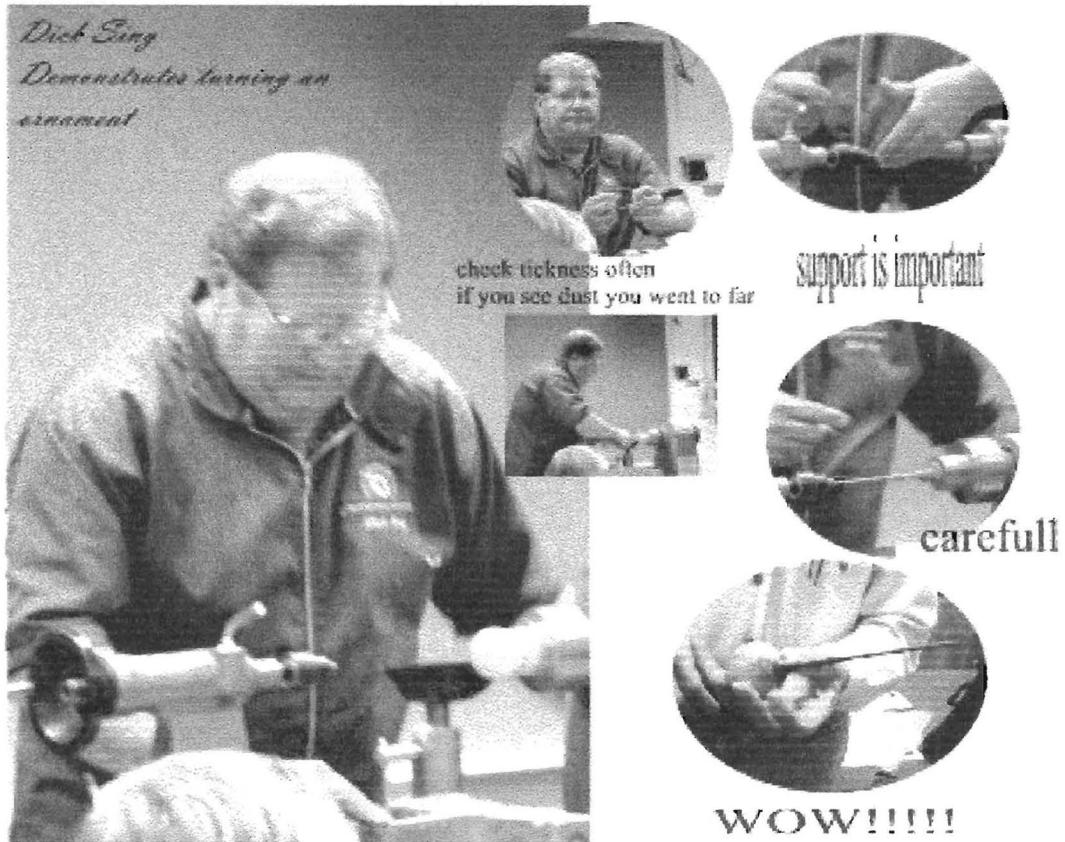
My mother got me started in miniatures, because she had a couple of antique dolls she wanted to display in a bay window in her home. In the early years she wanted no Antique furniture, preferring golden oak pieces. What with running rummage sales over many years and influence by friends, she ended up with nothing but Antiques. So, I started making 1/3 scale copies of pieces of her furniture for the dolls. Gradually I gained a greater appreciation of older pieces and the skills shown by some of the original builders. Access to an original sack-back Windsor arm chair led to examination and measured drawings of same, and I made the first of many Windsor chairs in about 1978.

Since then I have made about 12 different styles of Windsor chairs -- total production?? I have no idea -- but at 15 spindles per chair, some time has been spent on the lathe. Wood bending and carving have also entered into the equation. There has been as much enjoyment in fabricating jigs to reproduce furniture as in the final project.

Scale copies of my original cherry-tiger maple chests of drawers are now up to about 116, and when I count up the number of pins and tails in dovetailed drawers for the same, I feel I have some knowledge of the procedure --- add to this many Shaker pieces, using the same method of joining, and it gets a little goofy. My feeling has been that if you can look at pictures of my work and not be able to tell if they are full-size or miniatures, than I have accomplished what I have set out to do. Full-size pieces are no longer of much interest (13 grandfather clocks, slant-top block front desk with ball and claw carved feet, book cases, dressers, corner cupboard type structures for the T.V.'s and stereos, etc.). Scale work is more fulfilling and a lot easier to do in the clutter I call my shop.

Retiring, to me, only means adding skills, shifting to another lane of traffic, and keeping right on going -- preferably forward. Thanks to all of you for your friendship, support, and the knowledge you have offered. I hope I have reciprocated that friendship and help.





Thanks to Carl Schadel for the above photo montage of Dick Sing..