

Rocky Mountain Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners
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Calendar of Events

April 8, 2004
7:00 p.m. Room 105
Industrial Science Bldg.
Corner Laurel & Mason
Colorado State University

May 6, 2004 **Cindy Drozda**
June 10, 2004 **Dick Branecki**
July 8, 2004 _____
August 5, 2004 _____
September 9, 2004 _____

2004 Symposium
September 25-26
Loveland H.S.
Loveland, CO

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19th Annual American Association of Woodturners National Symposium
July 23-25, Caribe Royale, Orlando, Florida.

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April Demonstrator - Daniel Strawn

Daniel is a studio furniture maker from Boulder. He incorporates turnings and carvings into many of his pieces in clever and unusual ways. He is very innovative in his design work and will demonstrate his methods and discuss his design ideas to the club. He will show several examples of his work.

Daniel has been in the furniture business for more than 20 years, including vast experience in repairing the finest antiques. He is currently finishing up the furnishings on the "new" Denver University Law School, including the Judges offices and courtroom facility. His work is in fine galleries as well as collector homes throughout the United States.

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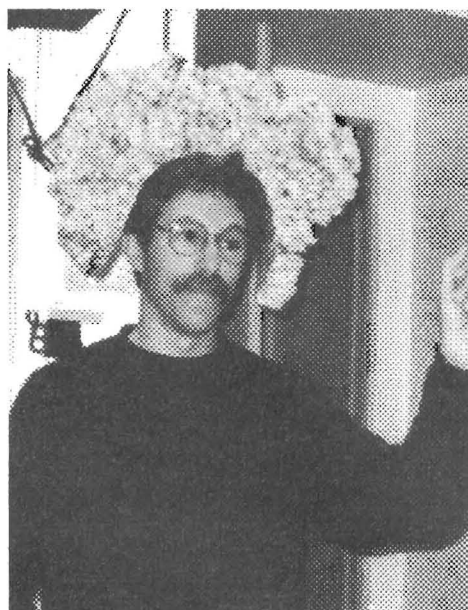
The President will even auction his hat!

Club President, Bruce Cohen, plays auctioneer at the March meeting. He is wearing Box Elder Burl with bold, gold earrings.

Bring your good, but unused turning tools, wood blocks, accessories, turning books and magazines that you will never read, and let another club member take them home.

Auction proceeds go to the club treasury.

Treasurer, Drew Nichols, tells us that the present balance is \$2602.00.



BITS OF INFO

Sears-Trostel, wood supplier in FT. Collins has a pallet full of teak off-cuts, mostly 3"-4" thick, may yield circles from 3" to 12". They want it gone. Mention you heard it through the club. – Bruce.

Club - April Challenge

Turn an Easter Egg.

Bring it for show and tell.

AAW Chapter Challenge

As a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners we are invited to participate in the 2004 Turning Challenge: What can you make with a 10" cube?

Get Involved – Lend A Hand

Come at 6:45 and help set up the meeting room...move the lathe, library.

Stay 15 minutes after and help clean up.

Classified Ads.

Wanted: The June 1994 AAW American Woodturner. There is an article on a two necked vessel. Call Ray Cole. 493.3480.

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For Sale: Orca Mini-Lathe – still in the box. 5" lathe, very true. Wonderful for pens. (New -\$330). Will sell for \$150. Former member living in Buena Vista. 719.395.3611 junkie4bay@netscape.net

Kiln Dried Bowl Blanks

Dan Bailey 970.482.1604

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Services – instruction:

Call for schedules and content

Lee Carter – 970.221.4383

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March Demo Report

Steve Sinner

Steve Sinner, Bettendorf, Iowa, professional turner and still a nice guy, was the March club demonstrator.

Steve's specialty is large vases or urns with art decoration and gold leaf rims. He showed club members how he set up the work and slides of pieces in galleries around the country.

Turn green. Dry upside down. Deep hollowing (15" to 36") accomplished with a 1 1/4" boring bar (welded double) 54" long held in a free-standing trap off the end of the lathe. Cutter is Exocet – no catches.

Center support is 20" steel circle with 3 roller contacts (use skate board wheels – they are hard.)

Dyes are used extensively, often fabric dye with water or alcohol. Final finish is Minwax Helmsman Spar Urethane. Key: dilute 3:1 with Parks 100% Mineral Spirits. And apply with Bounty paper towel on a slow turning lathe – 30 rpm. Slow speed does not let the finish run. (The brands are recommended from experience. He has tried others, and discovered not all mineral spirits are equal – Parks works. Towel other than Bounty falls apart and makes a "mess.") Woodcraft makes Exocet-like tools.

Feedback Wanted

The Program Director, David Nittmann, would like to hear feedback on the monthly demonstrations.

Was the demo helpful?

Do we want to have this demonstrator again?

Do you have other suggestions?

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Are you a dues-paying member?

Treasurer, Drew Nichols, will be happy to receive your \$25

2004 Annual Dues

At the next meeting or by mail to:

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The Shop Dog quotes John Bright:

"He is a self-made man and worships his creator."

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Coming Soon

To a Turning Club

Near You...

T – Shirts

W/ Logo

\$15.00

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May 10th. Demonstrator

Dick Branecki

Local boy makes good stuff.