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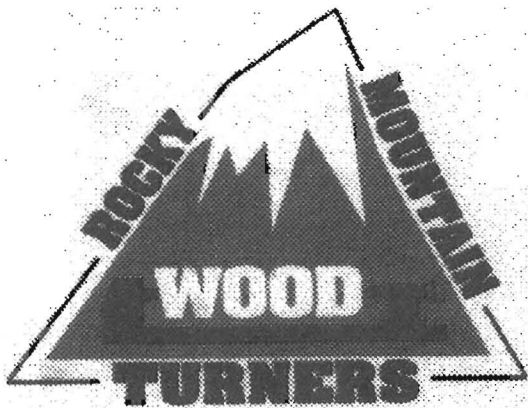
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Happy Birthday - To US

Lee Carter reminded the "Old Timers" and informed the rest of us that we - **Rocky Mountain Woodturners** - are 10 years old in 2004. Where's the cake?

Thank You Doc Thode

At the February meeting Doc Thode showed the club how he lays out, turns and constructs 1/3 scale early American furniture.

Instant Gallery

Anyone - everyone may bring a piece of his or her work to display in our monthly "Instant Gallery." Those who contribute to this show-and-tell will receive a ticket for a drawing for a \$15 gift certificate to The Wood Emporium.

Winners: Dan Bailey, Jan. Dennis Ross, Feb.

Auction

Members bring items of value that they no longer use in their shop. These items - wood, tools, jigs, books, shop drawings, etc. are auctioned. In Feb. the club made \$119.

2004 Symposium

Symposium Director, Mark Kurzmack, reported that the program would be much the same with guest demonstrators/teachers. However, we were informed that the High School will charge \$20/hour for any vendors. This will result in a significant change in supplies and food available.

Take a trip to our web site

RMWT.org will hook you up to a wealth of information - local, national & international. If you are in the least addicted to the Internet, you will sacrifice good turning time. Be careful.

Chapter Challenge

As a Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners we are invited to participate in the 2004 turning **Challenge**. This year is the year of the 10 inch Cube. Club members are invited to take part. What can you do with a 10" cube?

e-group

Bruce Cohen has set up an interactive e-mail list on Yahoo. Club members with known active e-mail addresses are listed. You can go to Yahoo - Groups - RMWT and try it out.

Please let us know your current e-mail address.

Lend A Hand

Volunteers are needed to come a bit early to club meetings and help set up. Our lathe, supplies and library need to be moved from the building across the alley - and back again.

It's A Sinner- Opportunity

Steve Sinner will have an all day Demo on **Saturday, March 6, 2004.**

Members with 2004 dues paid can spend the whole day with Steve Sinner for \$20. Visitors and guests are \$25.

The Sinner Demo will be held in the **Wood Lab** of the **Industrial Sciences Building** at Colorado State University Campus. Not to worry, the Wood Lab is **just across the alley** from our regular meeting room. (The southwest corner of Laurel and Mason - one block west of College Ave on Laurel.)

The Demo will start at **9:00 a.m.** There will be a **lunch break** so you can go to one of several close restaurants. The Demo will end at **4:30 p.m.**

For Sale

Band Saw - 27" antique, partially restored. Wonderful machine, classically beautiful C-shaped frame. \$200, Bruce Cohen 303.440.4838

Kiln Dried Bowl Blanks - various local woods. 7" - 8" x 3"-3 1/2". Four for \$20. Dan Bailey 970.482.1604

Wanted

Electric Chain Saw.
Lee Whiteside 970.461.1583

Services - Instruction

Lee Carter call 970.221.4382 for schedules.

Trent Bosch call 970.568.3299 for schedules.

Kurt Theobald call 307.245.3310 for schedules.

The Shop Dog says:

Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

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:
Rocky Mountain Woodturners
Box 273021
Ft. Collins, CO 80527-3021

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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.

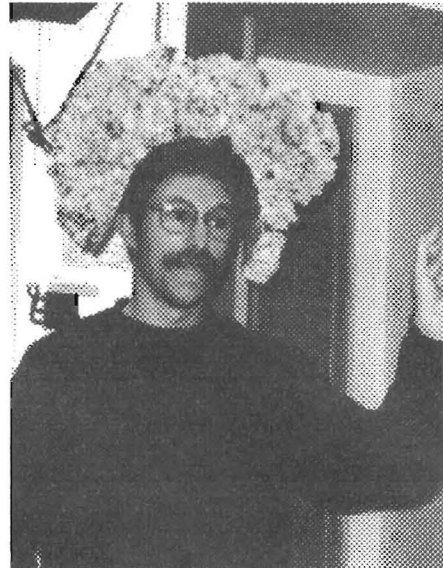
The President will even auction his hat!

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

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