

Rocky Mountain Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

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Events Calendar

September 12 Shop Tour –Trent Bosch 2PM

September 17 Monthly Meeting

October 17 Shop Tour – Duane Fisher 2PM

October 22 ¹⁵ Monthly Meeting

November 19 Monthly Meeting
Officer Nominations

December 17 Monthly Meeting
Officer Election

January 21 Monthly Meeting

February 18 Monthly Meeting

March 18 Monthly Meeting

April 15 Monthly Meeting

May 21 Monthly Meeting

June 18-20 AAW Tacoma Symposium

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Thursday – 9/17/98

7:00 PM

Jonathan's Wood Turnings
204 Commerce Drive "F"

Ft. Collins, Colorado

Bring Your Own Chair!

Agenda:

- Fund Raising
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- Monthly Challenge: Vases.
- Bring in wood to raffle, and you will get a free raffle ticket.
- This month's demonstration: A discussion on the club, where do we want the club to go, what do we expect from the club.

CLUB MEMEBERSHIP

Ray Kowrach

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 to Ray Kowrach.

If you bring a guest please make sure they leave there name and address with Wayne Van Every so they can receive two copies of the newsletter.

LIBRARY

Dick Brancik

Since the beginning of the club, the library policy has been, each member may check out one book or video for one month.

This allows other members the opportunity to use the library materials.

Please check your bookshelves for club books, videos and back issues of woodturning magazines so we can get them back into circulation.

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES (cont.)

Wayne Van Every

Wayne made a motion to have a program in the near future to discuss the club, what do we expect from the club, where do we want the club to go. Depending on what we decide will determine what we need for funds, and what the club should be considering for action items for the protection of the club, the clubs assets from legal action.

Treasure's Report: \$850.00 in the bank. Ray had prepared a analysis of what the costs were for the past year. The analysis is enclosed. The Front Range club is raising their dues in January.

Media Center Report: Dick reported that he has ordered the video and book by Richard Raffin on Turning Boxes. Craft Supplies donated a \$25.00 gift certificate to the cost of the video and book. Thank you Craft Supplies. The book and video should be here by the September meeting.

Old Business: Jim Ferry discussed the problems he was having. Last month Jim sent a box of Aspen to Iowa and Texas.. both sent back a box of Walnut. The wood from both was so badly checked it is pretty much worthless. It cost the club \$17.00 to send the Aspen and Jim called and told them the Walnut was cracked and they offered to replace it if we sent the cracked wood back.

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AUGUST MEETING MINUTES(cont.)

Wayne Van Every

It was decided to give up on the wood exchange committee due to the shipping economics.

Old Business (cont.): A bulletin board at Jon's could be used to post notices of surplus wood to exchange or sell with in the club, and the Newsletter can also be used. Surplus wood can be donated to the club for the raffle to raise funds in the treasury.

Doug announced Charlie has a Delta lathe for sale, as there are two Charlies I care not to venture a guess as to which one. Charlie, write me a description, with your name and phone number and I will put it in the Newsletter. Our Newsletter is also being sent to the Front Range Woodturners and the Pike's Peak Woodturners. So an ad in the Newsletter will get you further coverage.

New Business: Al Cummings was introduced. Al informed the Club that David Ellsworth would be in Denver for a demo on September 1.

The USAF Academy is going to sponsor a fine arts show during the month of December. If you are interested contact Al at 303/756-5987 for the details.

Al also has some high quality metal turning lathes for sale. If interested contact Al.

Shop Tours, Trent is leading off the shop tours. The first in the series of shop tours will be at Trent's September 12 at 2 PM. If you are interested on having a tour in your shop please let Trent or Wayne know so we can get the information and a map into the newsletter. The dates are open and we can probably accommodate one tour a month, so we need volunteers. Duane Fisher has volunteered for October 17th.

Jon Fosse shared his experiences from his recent trip to Australia. He brought pictures and literature from one of the clubs down under. Woodturning and their there "societies" operations are taken very seriously.

Doug expressed his views on the program for this month in which we will be discussing our Club, and the directions we can possibly go. What do we as members want the Club to accomplish for us and for the community.

David Nittmann reported that he did not have any further contact with David Ellsworth regarding a demonstration for our us.

Doug, discussed the article in the July Newsletter regarding the information Nancy Quick-Brewer researched with the local malls regarding demonstrating and selling pieces for fund raising. One of the major ramifications of turning in public areas is the requirement of liability insurance. This is one of the aspects needing discussion when the Club is discussed. Turning in the public raises public awareness and would attract more members. Without insurance we are very limited to methods we can employ to show people what woodturning is all about. There was significant interest in doing a show. Al Cummings suggested we contact Pete Roberts in Denver that does these types of shows for the Colorado Woodcarvers. These shows in the malls have been very lucrative for the Colorado Woodcarvers. We will need more follow up and information on this, especially the insurance aspect. Turning is inherently more risky in public than woodcarving would be. Thank you Nancy for your time and cost to contact the malls and meet with those people.

Possibility of a charter bus trip to the 99 Tacoma AAW Symposium. Contact Wayne if you want to discuss this or volunteer to help put it together.

We had an excellent Show and Tell. Please bring in your turnings and share them with the club. We all enjoy seeing each other's successes and failures as we all continue to learn about woodturning. Thank you.

We had the wood auction. Please bring in your bits and pieces that you do not want. The proceeds go to the club.

August Challenge Winner: Trent Bosch

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MEMBER EXCHANGE

FOR SALE: Malachite or Blue Lapis for inlay work.
Jerry Smith - 303/466-7912 or Earl Ellis - 303/426-7130

FOR SALE: Delta/Rockwell Model 46-450 heavy duty lathe, 1 hp, 12" swing 36" between centers. Lots of accessories. Great machine!! \$1000.00 Trent - 970/493-6476

FOR SALE: Jim Ferry has a friend with a Shopsmith for sale. Contact Jim for further information at 970/482-4695.

FOR SALE: Compact Hobbyist Lathe (metal) with all accessories. retail \$4100.00, selling for \$2100.00
Contact Al Cummins at 303/466-7912

FRONT RANGE (FRWT) CLUB NEWS

Gen Kirkus

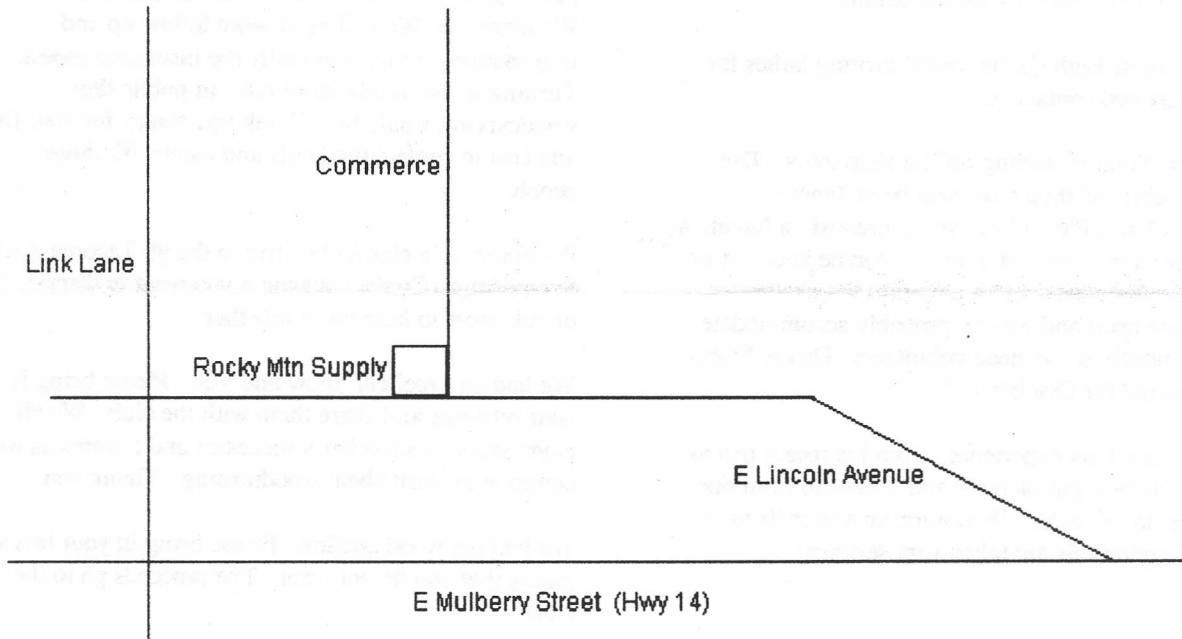
Meetings are held at Schlosser Tool and Machinery 301 Bryant in Denver 303/922-8244. Contact Abe Flexer at 303/604-0605

PIKES PEAK CLUB NEWS

Dick Breckon

Meeting at Woodcraft Supply on North Academy and Vickers in Colorado Springs Meetings are held the last Thursday of each month at 7 PM. Contact Dick Breckon evenings at 719/597-9718

**DON'T FORGET THE MEETING IS AT
JONATHAN'S WOOD TURNINGS!!!
204 Commerce Drive Unit – F
Ft. Collins, Colorado**



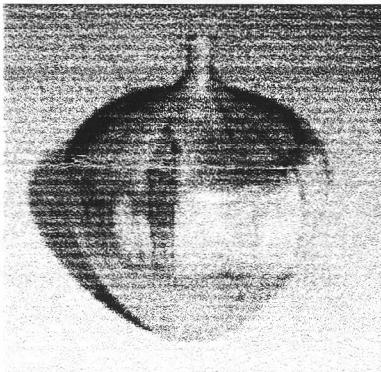
FROM THE INTERNET

Wayne Van Every

Another in a series of project articles from off of the Internet. Please enjoy.

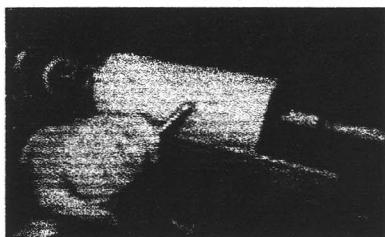
Miniature Hollow Vases

by Grant Barrett of Timaru



March 1997 - Small hollow forms can be a joy to behold and a pleasure to make. So many, however, appear appealing but when you pick them up they are heavy and cumbersome, not hollow but only a small hole drilled down the neck. I prefer my hollow vases to be completely hollow and light to pick up. Here's how I achieve that.

1. Rough down your cylinder to the desired dimensions depending on whether you wish to make a large or a small vase. I prefer to make smaller vases so I take the cylinder down to about 80mm-100mm using branch wood. Yew is my favourite as it has interesting grain patterns and I use it here in this example.

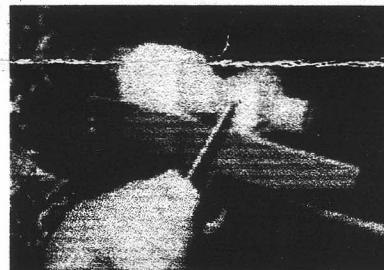


Rough turn to a cylinder

Miniature Hollow Vases (continued)

2. Turn a spigot on one end (to be parted off and shaped later to form the neck of your vase) to about 25mm-30mm, again depending upon the size of your vase. Taper it slightly with the narrowest diametre at the end of the cylinder. Rough turn the shape of your vase.

HINT: If your timber is cracked pour Loctite 406 into the cracks, wipe with shavings while lathe is stopped and sand along the cracks to colour the glue.



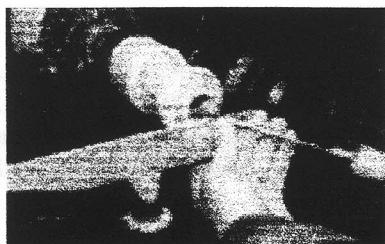
Turn the rough shape of your vase and a tapered spigot at the far end

3. Turn a small concave in the end of the tapered spigot about 10mm-15mm deep. Part off the spigot and place to one side. I use a concrete nail sharpened much like a severe angled skew chisel for this but a small detail gouge will do the job also. Taking the parted off spigot reverse so that the narrow end is facing the top of your vase and with the vase revolving push it against the flat surface. This will mark an outline so you know how big to make your opening to begin hollowing out the vase.

HINT: Before parting off the spigot draw a pencil line across the top of the vase and onto the spigot. This will assist you to match the grain later on when you glue the spigot into the hollowed out vase.

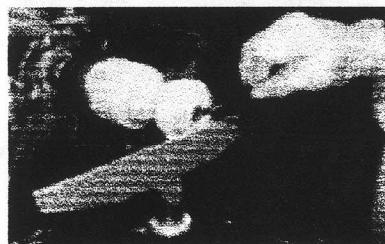
4. Taking a drill bit drill a hole into the vase through the top to the required depth. Then using your desired hollowing tool (I use the Viking Hook Tool by Soren Berger) begin to hollow out your vase ensuring you have a consistent wall thickness throughout. When it comes to hollowing under the shoulders of the vase I use the bended lance tool also by Soren Berger.

Miniature Hollow Vases (continued)



Hollowing under the shoulders using the bended lance tool

HINT: A quick and easy way to get the waste out from the inside of the vase as you hollow is to insert the end of an old toothbrush as the lathe is spinning. Angle it slightly and the waste will pour out.



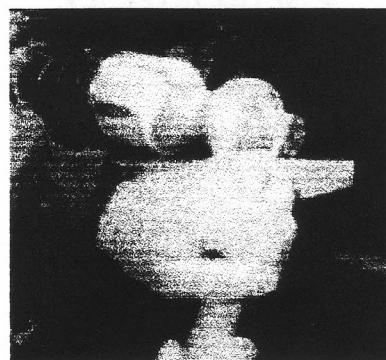
Use the end of an old toothbrush to remove internal waste

5. When finished hollowing fit the tapered spigot (narrow end first) into the opening of your hollowed vase. It need not fit deeply inside, just enough to gain a good fix. Run Loctite 401 (thicker than 406) around the inside of the opening to the vase and fit the tapered spigot. Burnish around the join with shavings while the lathe is spinning. This will help dry the glue.

HINT: Don't forget before gluing in the spigot to thoroughly clean out the inside of your hollow vase. You can use a drinking straw by placing one end inside the vase and blowing into the other end. It pays to shut your eyes for when all the dust comes gushing out.

6. Taking a small detail gouge turn the spigot to the shape of your neck and top and finish shaping the rest of the vase as well.

Miniature Hollow Vases (continued)



Starting to shape the glued-in spigot to form the neck and the top of the vase

7. Once shaped hollow out the opening. I use the ground concrete nail to open up a moderate concave and also to break through to the inside of the vase. You could also drill a hole through and use a small detail gouge.

HINT: Before sanding you may wish to disguise the neck join by deftly placing rings around or you may have some other form of embellishment in mind - sandblasting, carving etc.

8. Finally sand through the grits to finish off your piece. On yew I go through to 1200 grit then burnish with a soft clean cloth. Apply your desired finish and part off the lathe. Don't forget to clean up the bottom by hand to complete a thorough job.

Grant Barrett is a long serving member of the NAW committee and was its secretary until recently. He lives in Timaru. He is a hobbyist, and an immaculate woodturner.

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MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

Wayne Van Every

We have some discrepancies in the Treasurer's and Secretary's membership records. Ray does not have membership slips filled out on the following people;

Larry Weeks of Ft. Collins
Harold Irwin of Loveland
John Loftus of Estes Park
Dick Nauratil of Ft. Collins

Please contact either Ray or Wayne to rectify the record keeping problem. Thank you.

AUGUST MEETING

Wayne Van Every

Both Ray Kowrach and I will be absent from this critical Club meeting. Nancy Brewer has graciously agreed to act as Secretary and Treasurer. Thank you Nancy for covering on such short notice. I regret not being able to attend, as for me this will be an important meeting.

Fellow Club members the August meeting discussion on the direction of the Club is very important. We owe it to the incoming officers that are donating their time and energy in the support of the Club, direction as to the where we would like to see them take the Club.

It is difficult as an officer of the Club trying to determine what is expected from us after you have placed us here. What would you like us to do with the Club? Would we like to have a small, sedentary Club or do we want to aspire to be the dynamic, evolving, expanding clubs like some of our fellow chapters in the U.S. and the very active clubs in Australia and New Zealand?

I would like to propose we add a fifth officer to this upcoming election. The new position would be a Project Director. The position would work closely with the Program Director on the coordination of the Club Programs. The Project Director would break the programs into tasks that would be either given to volunteers or assigned to Club members. This would go a long way in distributing the workload of putting the programs and events together. As David stated last December, if we are to have a successful Club, the four officers alone can not carry the burden. We need participation from everyone.

AUGUST MEETING (Continued)

Doug and David, if possible lead the discussions to decision point and we can put the decisions on the election ballots and have them voted upon.

SHOP TOURS

Wayne Van Every

The first shop tour at Trent Bosch's was a success, with over 12 members showing up. The tour was informal and a lot of fun. The Jensen's brought a birthday cake for David Nittmann who shared it with the group, happy birthday David. Trent has a very small but a well thought out shop. He is well equipped and had some very good ideas such as a vacuum chuck system and the sanding disks. If you missed the tour you missed some informative and interesting ideas. Don't miss the next one! They are a lot of fun!

Contact Trent if you are willing to let us come and invade your woodturning sanctuary. We promise to touch everything and ask many questions!

Thank you Trent and family for your hospitality.

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Actual expense

Newsletter/Postage including July: Total 408.31

Books and tapes for library: Total 193.30

One Demonstrator: Total 250.00 \$352.00 was deposited

Gift Certificates, 10 ea. Total 150.00

Miscellaneous expenses Total: 50.00

Grand Total ----- 1051.61 Total deposits 1533.00

CURRENT BALANCE: 870.89

Proposed Expense

NEWSLETTERS AND POSTAGE: \$1000.00 ** DUES 1160.00

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY 200.00 ** AUCTION 240.00

12 GIFT CERTIFICATES 180.00 **

2 DEMONSTRATORS 500.00 ** ENTRY 600.00

MISCELLANEOUS 100.00 **

CHAIRS OR MEETING ROOM RENTAL: ??

INSURANCE ??

PARTY OR PICNIC ??

\$1980.00 \$2000.00