



# Rocky Mountain Woodturners

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**Newsletter**

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### **Wood Acquisition**

Open

(A Volunteer Is Needed!!)

If you are interested in helping with one of the above committees, volunteering for a demonstration, writing an article for the newsletter, please contact the name listed.

## **Events Calendar**

- February 3** Mike Mahoney @ Front Range
- February 4** Mike Mahoney Evening Session 6:30 PM  
@ Lee Carter's
- February 5** Mike Mahoney Day Session 8:30 AM  
@ Lee Carter's  
Monthly Meeting 6:45 PM  
**Mike Mahoney @ CSU 7:00 PM**
- March 19** Monthly Meeting
- April 16** Monthly Meeting
- May 21** Monthly Meeting
- June 18** Monthly Meeting
- July 16** Monthly Meeting
- August 20** Monthly Meeting
- September 17** Monthly Meeting
- October 17** Mini Symposium (Tentative)

Dave Nittmann

## FEBRUARY MEETING

**Thursday - 2/5/98**

**6:45 PM**

**\$5.00 to Attend**

**Room 105**

**Industrial Sciences**

**Building**

**Colorado State University**

**Ft. Collins**

- NEW BUSINESS:
- Mike Mahoney  
Demonstration Begins at 7:00 PM.
- Because of the demonstration there will not be a raffle and there was not a theme chosen for the month.

**MIKE MAHONEY**

David Nittmann

February, 5th

Mike is from Utah and a student of Dale Nish. Mike is known for his work in hollow forms with natural edges. The demonstration will be at 7 PM at CSU. There will be charge to attend.

There is the possibility of a daytime "hands on" session on February 4<sup>th</sup> and a possible evening session as well. Contact Lee Carter 970/221-4382 if you are interested in attending.

Mike will be demonstrating afternoon and evening sessions February 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Front Range Club. Contact Dave Nittmann at 970/493-0851 for the times and the location. RMWT members are welcome to attend for a fee

## MEMEBERSHIP DUES

Ray Kowrach

Club membership dues are due. Members that have not paid by the end of February will be removed from the active member listing and will discontinue receiving the monthly newsletter. The membership dues are \$20.00, and \$12.00 for students. Fill out the enclosed Member Information Form and include it with your funds. Please get your dues turned in to Ray Kowrach.. If you miss Ray at the meeting you may hand them or mail them to;

Wayne Van Every  
PO Box 266  
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## JANUARY RAFFLE WINNER

Wayne Van Every

## JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Wayne Van Every

Guests introduced themselves.

Committee Reports;

Secretary:

55 newsletters were sent out.

The clubs schedule is now posted on the Wood Online Website.

Treasure:

RMWT had not paid Wood Emporium in 6 months, Ray has paid the tab.

Bank balance is \$924.12

26 Members have paid their dues.

\$4.00 was given to the to the club from the Broomfield Senior Center for the clubs 10% of the

proceeds from the silent wood auction.

The new officers have been listed on the bank account.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was discussed and voted to lower the gift certificates to \$15.00 for the Monthly Challenge.

Ray talk with Loren at Wood Emporium about pre-purchasing \$15.00 gift certificates.

\$200.00 was allocated to the Library to procure additional media.

Mini Symposium - OCT 17, 1998. 3 people have committed to demonstrate, David needs 6 additional volunteers to demonstrate.

Front Range Woodturners are willing to support the project. It will be open to the public and there will be a fee to cover expenses, and additional volunteers are need for;

- Project Manager
- Advertising
- Tooling/Equipment
- Seating
- Wood/Materials
- Refreshments
- Fee Collection

1998 Program discussion, see page 5 to rank the activities.

## MIKE MAHONEY SESSIONS

Lee Carter

**The day session with Mike at Lee Carter's Rocky Mountain School of Woodturning that was scheduled for Wednesday 2/4/98 had been moved to Thursday 2/5/98, 8:30 AM. Cost is \$60.00**

The evening session scheduled for Wednesday 2/4/98 is still on and is from 6:30 - 9:30 PM, cost is \$25.00.

There is some room in both sessions if you are interested in spending time with Mike in a hands on learning environment.

Contact Lee Carter at 970/221-4382.

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## PBS CHANNEL 6 AUCTION

David Nittmann

The PBS Channel 6 Auction is coming up in April. Last year the club joined with The Front Range Woodturners and donated turned objects to the auction. All pieces must be valued at \$75.00 or more, and if the club donates more than 10 pieces we can have our own table. All the pieces must be completed by the end of February and David Nittmann indicated he would transport the turnings to Denver.

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## TIP

Ray Kowrach

**Carving:** Carving a wheat pattern can be easily done by using a Moto Tool. Use a long cone shaped tool to carve the stalk and wheat grains. Extra force will darken or burn the pattern or consider liming wax.

## PROSPECTIVE NEW

### MEMBERS

Wayne Van Every

You can help make the club grow by bringing friends and family that may be interested in woodturning. Guest will be sent 2 issues of the newsletter at no cost.

In order for us to do this we will need them to fill out a guest slip so they can be placed on the mailing list for 2 months. My tape recorder did not pick up the names of the guests that came to the January meeting.

I have slips that we can have these prospective new members fill out. So have them see me at the meeting, email or call.

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## TIP

Ray Kowrach

**Sphere Guide:** Use small sections of pipe as guides to check the roundness of a sphere in progress. Select a size of pipe that has the same inside diameter as the diameter of the sphere you are turning.

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## MEMBER EXCHANGE

Wayne Van Every

Trent Johnson (Greeley Hat) is looking for oval hat blocks. If interested contact Doug Schneider for the phone number.

Lee Waldman is looking for a used lathe. If interested contact Doug Schneider for the phone number.

Judy Motis is looking to buy a full size used lathe in good condition. 307/742-5670 (evenings)

## THANK YOU

Linda Fellion

I would like to thank the Rocky Mountain Woodturners Club members who donated turnings to the Women's Center's annual fund raiser, the Winterfest Chili Warmup, which includes a live and silent auction.. The auction raised approximately \$9000.00. Money raised from this event is a critical piece of the Women's Centers annual budget.

Most funding which comes from to the agency is restricted to use for direct client services, with no funding for indirect costs, such as rent and phones, essential to making direct services available.

The donations make a real difference in the lives of people in our community. The mission of the of the Women's Center is to *enhance the status of women and their families and to advance the welfare of the community through program services which change as the community needs indicate.*

If you have any questions about any of the services, please contact Linda at 970/484-1902. Once again, thank you for supporting the Women's Center.

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## TIP

Ray Kowrach

**Birdhouses:** Small birdhouses can be mounted on a brass rod for potted plants. Turn so it appears the birdhouse is on a stump. Small birds can be mounted on the perch.

### CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEWSLETTER

Wayne Van Every

The Newsletter needs to hear from you!! I need articles, technical tips, equipment that needs a new home, information you would like to communicate to the club.

If you can bring copies of the materials you would like to see included you can bring me a hard copy (preferably typed as I can scan it) or on a 3.5" diskett in either PC Word or TEXT format. I do reserve the right to edit the material content and format. For your information we can go up to 6 pieces of paper with the newsletter before the postage goes above .32 cents

Please have your material at the monthly meeting or to me by the beginning of each month. The newsletter comes out of my turning time so anything you can do to help me put it together more quickly would be appreciated.

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### WOOD ACQUISITION

Wayne Van Every

We need someone to volunteer to be wood ferret. Someone who can scrounge the club up some good wood resources and maybe work on some exchanges with clubs in other areas of the U.S. If you enjoy wheeling and dealing with other wood ferrets, hogs, pack rats and chucks, please let Doug or one of the officers know.

A PC with access to the Internet would be a great advantage. You can contact almost all the other AAW chapters for the cost of AOL or one of the other Internet access providers (@ \$20.00 per month).

Doug we may have to offer and incentive like free membership or something....

### MEMBER CATALOG

Wayne Van Every

This is still in the works but due to our shorten window between monthly meeting this is not ready to launch this month. So keep thinking about it.

At the suggestion of Kevin Dunn there is a questionnaire being developed. The questionnaire is to collect information on the members that are willing to participate. We are gathering member information such as shop equipment, skills and techniques that you are proficient at. This information will be compiled and published in a catalog of sorts. That will allow other club members to seek you out if they are trying to learn a new technique or try out that Oneway lathe. Please make sure you are willing to avail yourself to other members of the club that want to learn from your experience.

**SPACE AVAILABLE STILL**

CALL 970/346-8711

## 1998 PROGRAMING

The following two lists are ideas for the 1998 Monthly Meeting Programs. We need your input to rank the programs to better serve your individual needs.

The BASIC PROGRAMS list contains 14 ideas that are listed in no particular order. Using the number 1 through 14 number the ideas in order of importance to you personally. Starting with 1 as the most important. There is room for 5 write in ideas. Be sure to include tour write in items in the ranking.

The ADVANCED PROGRAMS list contains 14 ideas that are listed in no particular order. Using the number 1 through 14 number the ideas in order of importance to you personally. Starting with 1 as the most important. There is room for 5 write in ideas. Be sure to include tour write in items in the ranking.

**Remove the list from the newsletter and bring it with you to the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and turn it into Wayne Van Every, if you can't attend the meeting please call, mail or email me, we would like to hear from everyone.**

### BASIC PROGRAMS

- \_\_\_ Buying a Lathe (Lathe Slide Show)
- \_\_\_ Lathe Basics
- \_\_\_ Tips & Techniques on Tool Use
- \_\_\_ Taming the Skew
- \_\_\_ Understanding Wood
- \_\_\_ Where to Buy Wood
- \_\_\_ Where to Get Ideas
- \_\_\_ Form / Proportion / Design
- \_\_\_ Basic Spindles
- \_\_\_ Basic Bowls
- \_\_\_ Turning a Sphere (Balls & Eggs)
- \_\_\_ Sanding & Finishing
- \_\_\_ Basic Photography
- \_\_\_ Chucking Methods

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### ADVANCED PROGRAMS

- \_\_\_ Thin Spindles
- \_\_\_ Multiple Axis Turning
- \_\_\_ Twists and Spirals
- \_\_\_ Alternative Materials
- \_\_\_ Segmented Projects
- \_\_\_ Staved Construction
- \_\_\_ Decoration & Color
- \_\_\_ Chip Carving & Inlaying
- \_\_\_ Tool Making
- \_\_\_ Furniture
- \_\_\_ Form Within Form
- \_\_\_ Marketing
- \_\_\_ Craft vs. Art
- \_\_\_ The Club, why?

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