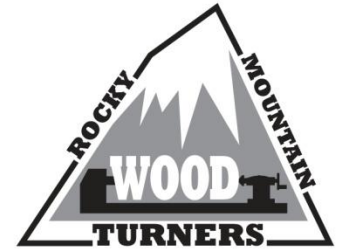




Rocky Mountain Woodturners A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners



December 2015 Newsletter

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Next RMWT Meeting:

The next regular meeting will be the **Christmas Party** on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at Nordy's Restaurant in Loveland, CO.

RMWT Christmas Party December 3, 2015:

The RMWT **Christmas Party** will be December 3, 2015 at 6:30 PM at Nordy's Restaurant, 4360 St Cloud Drive, Loveland, CO. This is our regular meeting night. Everyone attending will order from the menu and pay for their own meals. Please bring items for the Christmas Auction – all proceeds will benefit the club!

RMWT "Beyond the Bark" Show - December 2, 2015 to December 12, 2015:

The RMWT "Beyond the Bark" art show is fast approaching. Pieces for the show may be dropped off at one of two places by **November 28th**. Bring up to three pieces of your work to either Doug Schneider at the Woodcraft store or to Lloyd Jenkins's house, 1166 Cobblestone Ct. in Fort Collins. Please call first, 226-1166 or 231-0210.

The **Community Creative Center Form available on the website** must be filled out for each piece exhibited.

Pieces must be delivered by November 28th. The show will run from December 2nd to 5th and from the 9th to the 12th. The First Friday Art Walk and our reception will take place on December 4th, the day following the RMWT Christmas party.

The group exhibit will be at the Community Creative Center, the Carnegie building at 200 Mathews Street, around the corner from the library, in Fort Collins. The show will not be juried, so everyone will have equal opportunity to enter and exhibit, and we hope that all members will display at least one piece.

There will be an area for pens and other small items. These dates include the First Friday Art Walk, December 4th, which always brings a large audience to an exhibit. The gallery will be open Wednesday through Saturday

from noon to 6 PM each of these two weeks, with the Art Walk reception from 6 PM until 9 PM on that First Friday. Members may exhibit up to three pieces of their best work.

Please bring each piece in a box which is clearly labeled with your name. Include a 3 x 5 card or a note with the kind of wood, title of the piece, if any, and the selling price, if it is for sale. No commission will be taken on the sale.

We hope every member will have at least one piece and up to three in the show.

For more information contact Elizabeth or Frank Amigo

RMWT January 7, 2016 Demonstration at Woodcraft, Loveland: Trevor Rogers – “Twisted Stem Goblet”



I will demonstrate the twist design goblet and discuss the things I did in Lee Carter's classes.

RMWT February 4, 2016 Demonstration at Woodcraft, Loveland: Allen Jensen – “Beads of Courage Bowls”



RMWT Demonstration November 5, 2015: Ray Cole – “EOG Grant Report on David Ellsworth Class”



- Ray attended a 5 day “How a master Creates Bowls, Pots and Vessels” class by David Ellsworth at Anderson Ranch in Snowmass, Colorado and his demo covered some of the things he learned at the class.
- Uses green wood and must turn it thin to prevent warping.
- Must coat the wood quickly to retain moisture – David uses mineral oil
- Uses the Ellsworth 60 degree gouge
- Must have the Ellsworth jig for sharpening the tool correctly and sharp tools are the key to good turning
- Uses Abranet for sanding wet wood as sandpaper will clog

Please see the RMWT DVD or the RMWT YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/rmwoodturners> for Ray’s full demonstration.

November 2015 General Meeting Notes:

- Doug Schneider called the meeting to order.
- Doug welcomed all visitors and guests.
- Wayne Lousteau, Woodcraft Store owner, discussed the string of thefts at Woodcraft and his concern about bad store reviews on YELP or Google from this individual and is asking club members to post comments and reviews on YELP or Google, if they so choose. The YELP website to write a review is: <http://www.yelp.com/biz/woodcraft-loveland>
- Jim Felton has information on a Powermatic Table Saw for sale for \$1650. See Jim if interested.
- Ron reported \$4307.91 in checking and \$1350 in EOG fund.
- Allen reported that 222 people registered for the Symposium and after all expenses, the Symposium netted about \$6k. Wayne Lousteau of Woodcraft and Laguna donated the bandsaw for the Sunday drawing and the food and meeting location for the “Meet and Greet”
- AAW EOGs are due by 12/31/15.
- Ray discussed the “Beyond the Bark” art show – see details below. Ray needs more volunteers for 2 hour segments during the show.

- Friday and Saturday 11/6 – 11/7 will be the turning pens for Veterans at Woodcraft. Last week, 4-H kids turned over 100 pens.
- The January meeting will include election of officers for 2016. All current officers will run for re-election, but are willing to let someone else run if you are interested. There is also an opening for Program Coordinator, which also includes the duties of finding accommodations, equipment, etc. for the demonstrator.
- The EOG has been renamed the **“David Nittmann Educational Opportunity Grant”** in honor of David’s co-founding of the club and the Grant and long time service and positive influence of the club.
- Anyone interested in video camera operation, please let Doug know.
- The Wood Bank has lots of wood available – good wood for turning and old wood for fireplaces (Or for Doug’s turning)
- The Mentor Directory is now on the website – see below for link and contact Hoyle to be included in the directory if you would like to be a mentor.
- Jerry Sherman cuts and brings all the wood from the Wood Bank that is raffled each month and raises approximately \$700 - \$900 per year for the club. **Thank you Jerry!**
- Ray Cole did the Instant Gallery Critique.

Next RMWT Pen Turners Meeting:

The next Pen Turners meeting will be at Woodcraft Loveland on January 21, 2016 at 6:30PM. There will not be a December meeting.

Pen Turners Meeting 11/19/15:

Guest tonight: Howard Willock – Howard heard about us through the Pens for the Troops.

There was discussion as to what we wanted to have for demos the next few meeting. Main thoughts: Start again with basic pen making with the slim-line kits and other simple kits. Another thought- Finishes- Have several demonstrators display their skills at different types of finishes.

Tonight’s demo is called “Half and Half Pens” by Harry Farmer.

Start by taking two different pen blanks and using double sided tape to hold together. Put this into a vise to glue together. You can then cut these blanks in a ‘wave” form. You can then take these pieces apart, and join the pens with the “opposite” portion of the blank. Now glue these together. You can actually make two pen blanks out of these blanks.

When you glue together- use Gorilla glue. Wear gloves when using gorilla glue or your hands will turn black. Put it heavy on one of the pieces, and press the pieces together. It takes overnight to set. You can use CA glue, epoxy and even yellow wood glue. Put down some plastic paper so you don’t get these stuck to the table. Clamp these together. It takes overnight to dry. Harry continued the demo with a blank that he had made previously. When turning, Harry likes to make a mark in the center of each blank (slim line design). (Several people brought up that you might want to experiment with dyes (liquid or powder) in the Gorilla glue to color the dividing line.

Harry likes the center mark to make the enter slightly bigger in diameter than the ends. Harry uses Klingspore sandpaper that he cuts in 7 in inch strips. He sands about 450rpm with 150 grit, then 220 grit, then 240 grit, then 280 grit, then 320 grit, then lastly 400 grit, then if you have it, 600 grit. Finally 4-0 steel wool. Lebanon brand. This is a straight fiber, not oily. For finishing, Bounty is the only paper towel that won't smoke, use the paper towel to remove much of the dust. He uses Pen turners finish. He reduces the rpm to about 125-130. The first coat dries in about 5 minutes (in the winter, maybe 10-15 minutes to dry) He normally uses 6 coats of the finish, and then leaves them overnight. The next day he polishes them to 12,000 grit.

After discussion, we decided that December was too busy of a month to have another meeting, so we won't have a meeting in December. In January, we will be having a pen swap, using a slim line pen kit only.

Peter Lederer gave a brief talk on a way to save money on making non-stick ends that don't stick to CA glue. Use a piece of Deltirn, at the Fort Collins Plastics. He got a long piece of $\frac{3}{4}$ " Deltirn, drill a $\frac{1}{4}$ " hole and trims them from there. That's All Folks.

RMWT Executive Board Meeting Notes 11/23/15:

Christmas Party- A few places are still available for the Christmas Party. Please contact Ron Thompson if you want to attend. There are still 20 open slots. Remind everyone to bring something for the auction. The auction will be held right after dinner. This is a great opportunity to sit and talk to friends and wives etc. (Maybe your friend is your wife???)

Deadline for turning in pieces for the show is next Saturday the 28th. There are only a few pieces already in. GET IN GEAR!! The show is the 2nd thru the 5th the first week, and the next week 9th thru 12th. Pick up pieces on the 13th. (Sunday).

January meeting will be election of officers. If anyone wants to run, please come forth. If you are interested but don't want to step out quite yet, you are very welcome to come to the board meetings to see how things work, and be ready for next year. Our biggest vacancy now is the program chairman. Keep in mind there are people willing to help out for any position!!

We've spent about \$125.00 of the \$200.00 allocated to the show. MSP- to allocate the balance of the funds to go to veggie trays etc. for the art show. On Thursday we will be in contact with the Plein Air painters to plan the work.

Next years dues \$40 per individual, \$55.00 for a family, student- 21 and under- \$25.00.

Your New Newsletter Editor:

After nearly three years of being your Newsletter Editor, I have turned the Newsletter responsibilities over to Clarence Sitzman, our current club Secretary. We have worked together on this December issue to bring Clarence up to speed and Clarence will be editing and issuing all future newsletters.

RMWT Mentor Directory:

Seven RMWT club members have registered to be mentors for those who would like to discuss and practice woodturning techniques that they have not yet mastered. Please contact a mentor directly from the directory on the website at: <http://rmwt.org/mentor.htm>

Wood Bank Guidelines:

<http://www.rmwt.org/articles/2013-rnwt-wood-bank-guidelines.pdf>

Other Items and Events:

Desert Woodturning Roundup: February 26 – 28, 2016 in Mesa, Arizona

See: <http://www.azwoodturners.org/DWR/> for full information

Utah Woodturning Symposium: May 12 – 14, 2016 in Provo, Utah

See: <http://utahwoodturning.com/> for full information.

AAW 30th Annual International Symposium: June 9 – 12, 2016 in Atlanta, Georgia

See: <http://www.woodturner.org/?page=2016Atlanta> for full details.

Southwest Association of Turners Symposium: August 26 – 28, 2016 in Waco, Texas

See: <http://www.swaturners.org/> for full information.

Stuart Batty Videos:

34 FREE woodturning educational videos from Stuart Batty at vimeo.com/woodturning.

All the videos were shot in HD with six camera angles. These videos can also be downloaded and watched on a tablet, computer, or smart phone right at your lathe. There is over 16 hours of footage on woodturning techniques, tips and information that does not exist in other woodturning videos.

Items For Sale:

If you have any wood shop or woodturning tools and/or equipment for sale, please send your information to the Newsletter Editor and keep the Editor updated if items are sold.

Editor's note: Sale ads will run for three months unless notified to stop sooner or to continue longer. Please call or e-mail your ad to the Newsletter Editor at the address below.

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**10% RMWT Member Discounts (with
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970-667-5621 Fax

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1500 Riverside Ave
Ft. Collins, CO 80524
970-482-1928
970-482-9895 Fax

Woodcraft – Loveland

3718 Draft Horse Drive

Loveland, CO 80538

970-292-5940 Phone

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loveland@woodcraft.com

Rockler's in Denver – You have to show your membership card.

Clubs and Member's Websites:**Rocky Mountain Wood Turners**

www.rmwt.org

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Learn From the Best...

The Rocky Mountain Woodturners Club, RMWT, is well known around the nation because we have some of the best national and internationally known demonstrators and best teachers of Basic, Intermediate, Advanced and Specialty turning right here in our own back yard:

Trent Bosch Woodturning Workshops:

Workshops are held in Trent's studio in Fort Collins, Colorado. There is a maximum of four people in each class, which allows for lots of individualized instruction. The cost is \$500 for the 3-day intensive workshop and \$650 for the 4-day. Meals are also provided at no extra charge. His studio is also equipped with the highest quality equipment available for your use. For detailed information on workshops visit www.trentbosch.com or contact Trent via email or phone.

Trent Bosch

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Rocky Mountain School of Woodturning operated by **Lee Carter** in LaPorte, Colorado. He offers classes in Basics, Intermediate and Advanced. Lee also offers private tutoring. Seven different brands of lathes are available.

Call Lee Carter at 970-221-4382 to sign up or have him answer any questions.

leecartermsw@yahoo.com

Curt Theobald offers three-day workshops in Segmented Woodturning in his studio in Pine Bluffs, Wyoming.

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John Giem, Woodturner

Custom woodworking and Individual or small group woodworking instruction tailored to the needs of the student. Offering both woodworking on the lathe and combined with regular power tools.

Classes are held in John's studio in Fort Collins, CO, which is equipped with a complete set of woodworking tools. Contact John to discuss your interests and needs.

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Woodcraft has classes for beginners in woodworking, shop safety, intro to the machines, bowl turning, pen and pencil turning, hollow forms, Christmas tree ornaments, tool sharpening, etc. Please check out the classes being offered at web page: www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=56

Doug Schneider is scheduled to teach several woodturning classes at Woodcraft - Loveland in 2015. See the class schedules at Woodcraft. Doug also teaches specialized one on one classes on turning at his studio in Loveland. Contact at dougschneider@gmail.com

Instant Gallery:











Thank you Jerry Sherman for handling the collection of wood for the wood bank and the cutting and delivering all of the wood pieces for the raffle each month! All proceeds from the raffle go to the David Nittmann Educational Opportunity Grants.