



Pikes Peak Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

Bemis School of Art

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May 5th 5:30 pm

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

A big shout out goes to Doug Schneider from Ft. Collins who was our April demonstrator. I never cease to be amazed by the talent out there. Doug's "Basket Illusion" demonstration was no exception. I've noticed over the years that when folks find their niche they make it look simple and easy. Then during the demos there are the "Ah Ha that's how it's done" moments, accompanied by the "Duh, I should have thought of that"! While I'm not running out to buy hundreds of colored pens, I do believe I have a few laying around which will let me give this a try. Now where did that beading tool go? Oh I don't have one. Guess I'll have to dream something up.



Our May demonstration is for the birds. Literally as Dennis Liggett is going to fly his coop, up north in Monument, and migrating south to The Bemis School of Art in order to show us how he makes "Bird Houses". Looking forward to this one. The birdhouses loaned to the Fine Arts Center to decorate a tree were a huge success last holiday season. Hopefully I'll learn enough to make mine more presentable to the birds instead of looking like what the birds leave on my windshield.

The April bowl turning class was a big success. Everyone had a great time and all four attendees finished their bowls to take home. One of the students is also one of our newest members. Our fifth student was a no show do to a family emergency. A hearty thanks to the usual suspects who turned out to assist with the teaching. With only four students we had a lathe free so, Butch took the opportunity between helping students to turn the outside of a bowl. He had to leave early so he put the completion of the interior up for grabs – to be continued. Now if it had been a pen?



Robert is in the final stages of coordinating the "Maker Monday: Wood Burning and Painting Class" at the Cheyenne Mountain Library located at 1785 S. 8th St. There are two classes set for Monday May 22nd from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. In addition to folks to assist in the class, Robert could use help with: turning some platters 8" in diameter and 1" thick, and airbrushes and or airbrush compressors and wood burning tools you might be willing to loan out for the class to use. Please contact Robert and let him know how you can help. Contact info for all Chapter Board Members are on the last page.

The El Paso County Fair runs from July 15th through July 22nd this year. Robert is just starting the coordination for our demos on July 20th, 21st and 22nd. He's looking at starting them later in the day so we can run later when the crowds get bigger. In addition to demonstrators we'll also need folks for crowd control, passing out our cards and just talking up woodturning to the crowd.

There is still room for the Richard Raffan all-day demo at the Rockler Store in Denver on Sunday June 18th. We will have sign up forms at the meeting. Just fill out the form and mail it along with your check for \$30 to the Front Range Woodturners club. You can find the form on their home page near the bottom of the page <http://www.frontrangewoodturners.org/>

Quick reminders:

Milo is making name tags for chapter members. They look great and only cost \$10.00. See Bill Kane to order yours.

A big thank you to Ernie and Robin over at Bear Tooth Woods for their support. Don't forget to use code PPWT2017 at check out for your 10% discount.

The July meeting will be held Saturday July 1st at Dennis Korth's house. It will be a picnic and tool swap and maybe a demo of sorts.

The Presidents Challenge for this month was a bit tough to come up with. Not everyone has the tools, templates burners nor for that matter the patience to complete a basket illusion bowl or platter. So the challenge is to make something that is related to basket weaving. It could be an Illusion Bowl or maybe a template for marking the burn lines. If you're a computer graphics whiz you might create segmented grid sheets for designing color patterns. Heck it could even be a handle for or a tool to be used in real basket making. Just be prepared to tell us how your item relates to basketry.

Don't forget the American Association of Woodturners 50% discount for New Memberships. It's a real bargain. The offer expires June 30th. To be eligible you must never have been a member. More info here: <http://www.woodturner.org/?page=NewGenMembership>

See you all at the next meeting on Friday, May 5th, until then be safe and keep on turning.

Vic

April's Instant Gallery & Presidents Challenge



New Members

Kenneth CaHow
Jeff Cartwright
Andy Martin
William Smith

It is May and if you haven't paid your 2017 dues, please bring them to the meeting or mail them to:

Bill Kane

9631 Kilniver Ct,

Colorado Springs CO 80908.

If for what ever reason you are not planning to renew, let Bill know at williamkane1@q.com so he won't pester you for money. Thanks.

May Demonstration: Birdhouse Ornaments with Dennis

Do you ever wonder where these ideas come from? Dennis first learned about the miniature birdhouse ornaments from Bob Rosand, who made one because he didn't have big enough wood for a real birdhouse.

In the early 90's, there were a lot of mini lathes, and Bob taught folks to make the ornaments. Right after that, Dale Nish started making a new style every year for his family members. Dale taught the ornaments at the Utah Symposium, and sold kits through Craft Supplies.

Dennis liked the challenge of developing a new style every year, and he is now well into his second decade of ornament building. To work in a series, he sticks with consistent dimensions, and then assembles several ornaments at a time.



For our club, Dennis will show a variety of styles, turn one or two, and reveal the many keys to success that he has discovered in the production of hundreds of birdhouses.

At the 2016 Bemis holiday art sale, the club sold over \$900 in ornaments from our inventory, so it is time to stock up! Dennis will provide some helpful guidelines to get everyone started. The wonderful thing about this project is that you will be able to use branch wood and little bits of scrap that you have saved. It is also a wonderful project for using Colorado Aspen, which turns easily in the spindle-wise direction, sands like a dream, and makes a poor landscaping tree.

Selling Christmas Ornaments

One of the other things that Bob Rosand figured out twenty-five years ago, was that the birdhouse ornaments are too labor-intense to wholesale to galleries. We ran into this problem with the gallery at the Fine Arts Center last year. If the turner needs to make \$35 per ornament, the retail gallery price would be \$70. That is well over the public's expectation of what they should cost. Generally, \$45-50 is the ceiling at which you can sell ornaments. We sold the donated Club ornaments between \$20 and \$45. At \$25 or \$30, people will buy more than one. If you use precious wood, or make a masterpiece, keep that one for yourself, or for a gift.

Around the Club

PREVIEW: JUNE Interactive meeting

Robert and Kay will bring some marbling supplies to the June meeting so that folks can dip their own turnings into a vortex of color. Because many of us will be using the colors, they will come out with random swirls instead of regular patterns.

We will use dishpan-size tubs, or smaller, so please make a small piece for this event. **DO NOT APPLY ANY FINISH OR SANDING SEALER.** Lighter colors of wood show off the color better than darker woods. When you arrive, we will coat your turning with an alum solution and dry it before you can dip into the colors. You may also want to bring some latex gloves for this experience. The alum is a strong alkali that dries out your skin.

Some things to turn: Shallow Bowls under 5 inches in diameter, turned pen sections (unassembled), small box, small fruit shapes, spinning tops, Christmas ornament, or any other small turning that you like to make.

We will be using various acrylic paints. When you get back in your shop, you may want to seal the colors with an acrylic lacquer. If you leave your tenon on the piece for dipping, you can remount the piece and sand off the marbling if you don't like the results.

Non-participants are welcome to bring some cookies to share!

Tony Bevis would like to share a blast from the past picture. Can you guess who these characters are? Check with Tony if you can't



Vic made his own beading tool. If you would like to make one yourself I'm sure he would be more than happy to fill you in on the details. I'll bet it's a lot cheaper than the ones at WoodCraft



Up Coming Events

May - Monthly meeting May 5th 5:30 pm. Dennis Liggett demonstrator (birdhouse ornaments).

May 22nd - Wood Burning and Painting Class" at the Cheyenne Mountain Library located at 1785 S. 8th St. There are two classes from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Contact Robert. He is looking for helpers.

June - Monthly meeting June 2nd 5:30 pm. Interactive meeting with turning and decoration for members.

June 18th Richard Raffan all-day demo at the Rockler Store in Denver on Sunday.

July - Monthly meeting July 1st tool exchange and picnic at Dennis Korth's house. See above writeup on **Club Tool Exchange July 8th**. (Please note the change from last months newsletter)

July 15th through July 22nd El Paso County Fair. Robert is just starting the coordination for our demos on July 20th, 21st and 22nd.

August - Monthly meeting August 4th 5:50 pm. Bemis class (sharpening tools) Saturday August 5th 9 to 4. Bemis class (open studio) Saturday August 12th 9-4.

September - Monthly meeting September 1st.

October - Monthly meeting October 6th. Rudy Lopez demonstrator.

November - Monthly meeting November 3rd.

December - No regular meeting. Bemis Art Fair booth for PPWT December 1-2-3.

For Sale

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PPWT2017

10% off your total (excluding shipping, insurance, and taxes) with a maximum discount of \$100.

Code is valid from 1/01/17 until 12/31/17

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On the second page of the checkout process, enter the code listed above and click the REDEEM button. You must click the REDEEM button in order for the discount to be taken on your order. You can tell if the discount was applied to your order on the next pages as it will be delineated as a cost reduction where your total is displayed.

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Ernie and Robin McFarlane

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Dr. Bob Gibbs - rough out cored dry bowl blanks, Wisconsin hardwood burls 488-9487

Dennis Liggett - CA glue, accelerator and Epoxy. 719 481-8754

Who Ya Gonna Call?

Dr Bob - basic turning techniques, bowls, platters, hollow forms, coring, drying and storing, bottle stoppers, natural edge work, winked bowls and boxes 488-9487

Dennis Korth--teacher-coach 634-1260

Tony Bevis--a professional turner
660-8305

Juergen Schleicher - a professional turner
540-9921

Dennis Liggett-- a twist work specialist,
teacher; 481-8754

Dick Breckon--our club's founder;
597-9718

Vic Vickers --pen specialist, 683-3350

Scott Longberry --494-1265

Robert Brewer --640-5235

Take the initiative, and call these folks
when you need help!

TRAINING AVAILABLE IN COLORADO

ROCKY MTN SCHOOL OF
WOODTURNING with Lee Carter in Ft.
Collins: Excellent foundation for tool use,
all levels. Call 970- 221-4382

TRENT BOSCH (Ft. Collins): Small classes
for 3 days, using Trent's tools and lathes.
All levels. TrentBosch.com

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available. AndersonRanch.org

Red Rocks Community College in Arvada
and Lakewood offers a Fine Woodworking
Associate Degree with woodturning
classes. Request their catalog: rccc.edu
Class is scheduled after students sign up.

MICHAEL ROPER teaches at Red Rocks
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