

NOVEMBER 18, 1998

# FRWT NEWS

## Front Range Woodturners

A Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners

### NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 1, 1998

The next meeting of the Frontrange Woodturners will be our Christmas party! Our Christmas party will be on the regular club meeting night of December 1, 1998. ***This meeting will be at a special location: The meeting/party will be held at Rockler Woodworking and Hardware, 2553 South Colorado Blvd.*** This company is the former Woodworkers Store. So bring your salads, deviled eggs, pasteries and desserts and etc. and plan to have a good time! Breads, meats, soft drinks, and coffee will be furnished by the club! As a special event in conjunction with our party, John Nichols will be demonstrating his lathes for us to see **and for us to comment on and make suggestions!** John's lathes were featured in an article in the AAW magazine a few months back. For those of you not familiar, one of the lathes at our meeting will be a prototype lathe for handicapped turners. This lathe will be made to the users specs which would allow the turner to sit rather than stand at the lathe, making the lathe available even to those confined to a wheel chair. John will also have one of his expandable lathes for demo too. This will give turners from Colorado a chance to input on lathe construction. This is bound to be a memorable event so please plan to attend. In the spirit of the season, let's all try to turn a Christmas ornament for the gallery. Rockler is on the west side of Colorado Blvd. across from the U Hills mall, one block north of Yale. If you can come early, the lathe demo may begin around 4:00PM.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS!

- 1) 11/21&28 Toys For Tots toy constuction. Montclair rec center
- 2) 12/01 Frontrange Woodturners Christmas party (see above)
- 3) 12/5-6 Denver Woodworkers Show at the Merchandise Mart
- 4) 2/2/99 Johannes Michelson at Front Range Woodturners

The Rocky Mountain Woodturners meet every 3rd Thursday, 7:00PM @ Jonathan's Wood Turnings 204 Commerce Drive "F" Ft. Collins, CO  
970-663-7887

The Pikes Peak Woodturners meet the last Thursday , 7:00 PM@ Woodcraft Supply, Colo Spgs, N. Academy & Vickers  
719-597-9718



## THE CYBERLATHE

Craft supplies USA has a new web page which should be up and running after November 20, 1998. You will find them at [www.craftusa.com](http://www.craftusa.com).

Earl Ellis put on a really good demo for us at the November meeting. As you know, Earl does a lot of chip carving on his turned work and he was glad to share his tips and secrets with us. Earl brought along some of his work from his first piece to current work. Our fellow members sharing their work with us is what makes our club so valuable. If you would like to show your style and techniques, why not volunteer to demo your work for the club? While we're on the subject, while attending the demonstrations, please take unrelated conversations outside or hold them until after the demo. Extra voices in our small meeting room tend to drown everything out. I've been guilty of this myself, but I pledge to do better.

Also at the November meeting we learned of the Toys for Tots construction project underway at the Montclair rec center (old Lowry AFB) 729 Ulster way. Woodworkers are building toys for the Toys for Tots program Saturdays 11/21 & 11/28. Austin Hardwoods donated the wood and they need you and some of your tools to get the toys built. Refreshments furnished by the City of Denver. If you can help, please call 303-355-5746 to volunteer or for more info.

Those of you who did not attend the Sorby Tool demo at Woodcraft 11/12/98 missed quite a show! Peter Gill and Mark Baker of Sorby Tool were on hand demonstrating many of the new woodturning and metalspinning tools from Sorby. I was even invited to "give it a go" and got to try some of the tools myself. This was such fun that Al was inspired to invite them to demo for the club, which they are going to do! This will be in June, I think on our regular meeting date. More info later. Peter and Mark are quite friendly and knowledgeable and you will enjoy their demo. Besides, when was the last time a tool mfr. came to you to show you the tools?

## GO BRONCOS!!! 10-0!

See you at the Christmas party!

Dave