



18th Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium, Sept 15 – 19, 2017

In 2000, the first Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium was held at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado. It continues to be the premiere woodturning event on the Colorado Front Range. The Symposium is run by the Rocky Mountain Woodturners, a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners.

RMWTS is currently held at the Larimer County Fairgrounds in Loveland Colorado. The venue has separate sound isolated rooms for the demonstrations, a roomy Trade Show floor, Instant Gallery room, Banquet seating area, and plenty of free parking.

Loveland Colorado is about an hour north of Denver International Airport. Accommodation, food, and services are available close to the Symposium venue.

The event features live demonstrations by internationally known and local presenters. Recent past demonstrators include Jimmy Clewes (NV), David Nittmann (CO), David Ellsworth (PA), Trent Bosch (CO), John Jordan (TN), Cindy Drozda (CO), Binh Pho (IL), Glenn Lucas (Ireland), Stuart Mortimer (England), and Marilyn Campbell (Canada).

There is a banquet and live auction of artwork and woodturning products on Saturday evening. Proceeds from the auction support the RMWT chapter's Educational Opportunity Grant program.

Open to the public for the duration of the symposium are a Trade Show featuring vendors of supplies and materials related to woodturning, and a Hands-On area, staffed by instructors, where attendees and members of the public of any skill level can try woodturning. In 2017, the Hands-On area features Pens for the Troops, and is sponsored by Woodcraft Inc and the the RMWT Penmakers Club. The pens that are created will be sent to our military personnel to thank them for their service.

Also open to the public is an Instant Gallery where registered participants bring in up to 3 pieces of their woodturned artwork. Beginning in 2016, the Symposium Instant Gallery features the "Beneath the Bark" Exhibition of turned wood art. Items are for sale in the Gallery, and a portion of sales supports the Symposium.

Attendance at the event has been 160 – 200 registered participants, with several of them coming from other states, and occasionally other countries.

Visit the Symposium website for registration and event details:
<http://www.rmwoodturningsymposium.com/>

Interact with RMWT on the club's facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/Rocky-Mountain-Woodturners-369788089701725/>

PRESS REGISTRATION

The Woodturning community is vibrant and growing! Woodturning is a large worldwide group of friends that all like to hear about what others are doing. RMWT invites qualified media to cover our event with a complimentary press badge that provides:

- Exhibit floor access
- Access to all of educational seminars and demonstrations
- Access to all networking events
- Access to all special events
- Assistance in coordinating experts for interviews

Press credentials will only be issued to representatives of the media who cover our field on a regular basis by publishing articles or writing reports on woodturning. Show management reserves the right to qualify all registrants and grant press credentials only to certain members of the media.

Members of the press should register at the RMWT Symposium Registration Table. For more information on requirements, please contact Cindy Drozda, cindy@cindydrozda.com. Press Badges will be issued onsite with qualifying credentials.

