



# High Desert Turning

Calendar Year Membership: \$20 individual, \$25 family Contact Jack Henning [Henning8402@msn.com](mailto:Henning8402@msn.com) or 275-8402

## Next Regular NMWT Meeting: April 5, 2008

Al Mirman, Michael Mocho, and Bill Zerby will present an open panel discussion on various woodturning topics. Bring your questions, turning problems, and other topics for the panel to discuss.

### President's Message:

#### *Exhibition Successes*

Our club goals for the past two years have included presenting public showings of woodturning, as part of our effort to promote public awareness of our craft. In addition, we have shared in the AAW's goal of promoting wood-turning as a fine art form.

We have much to be proud of with the success of several showings and exhibitions. First, there was the two-month exhibit at the Albuquerque Sunport in late 2006. Last November, we had a display of our works at the Albuquerque Public Library. Recently, we conducted a month-long showing and sale of members' works at the Albuquerque Arts Alliance Gallery during March. All of these efforts have promoted our craft, brought interested new members to the club, and educated the public about the state of woodturning today.

None of these successful exhibitions would have been possible without the tireless work of several club members. In particular, I would like to thank Rich McCartney and Jim Preston, who have led the efforts in the recent showings. Also, Pat Beatty, Jack and Kathy Henning, and Ron Bahm have given excellent support, as have many other club members. Lastly, I want to thank all the members who have volunteered to show their work in these exhibits.

Great job, one and all!

### Classes

#### *Woodcraft*

[www.woodcraft.com](http://www.woodcraft.com)

Provides classes in turning and carving among other things. A partial list can be found at their web site or contact the store at 342-9663 for more information.

#### *Santa Fe Community College*

[www.sfccnm.edu](http://www.sfccnm.edu)

Santa Fe Community College offers both credit and noncredit courses taught by some of the most prominent artisans in the woodworking field. Classes are offered in Fall, Spring, and Summer sessions. For more information on SFCC classes contact club member Al Mirman,

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one of the Woodturning instructors, at 771-0490. Information can also be found at SFCC's web site.

## Discounts & Rebates

### *Woodworkers Supply Meeting Day Sale* [www.woodworker.com](http://www.woodworker.com)

Woodworker's Supply provides NMWT members with special discounts on a variety of items each meeting day. Look for an additional 10% off the MEETING DAY SALE ITEMS announced at every meeting. Also check out their "Scratch and Dent" price list.

### *Woodcraft Wood of the month*

**Save 25%** Banksia Pods reg. \$10.99 Sale \$7.99

**Save 15%** Makora ¾"X6"X36" reg. 15.99 ea. Sale \$13.59

**Save 20%** On All Pen Kits

**Save 25%** On All Acrylic Pen Blanks

As always, we look forward to seeing you at Woodcraft.

- Bill Zerby, Manager

### **CLUB CREDIT FOR NMWT MEMBERS**

Woodcraft donates a portion of every sale to NMWT member to the club each year. It's not automatic, however. YOU MUST tell the cashier to "Credit this sale to the NMWT Store Donation" when you pay for your items.

### *Crafts Supply* [www.woodturnerscatalog.com](http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com)

Offers a discount to members on large orders. Craft Supply has implemented a new club support program visit their web site or phone Kathy Lawrence at...  
1-800-551-8876

## For Sale!

### **SPECIAL SALE**

★ On Saturday, April 12th Larry Anderson will have his Spring wood sale in front of the Woodcraft store from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

1200 pen blanks including exotics; Half log Sycamore 12" thick.

Local wood include: Sycamore, Catalpa, Ash, Apple (some spalted), Apricot, Plum, Walnut, Ambrosia Maple, Sugar Maple, Silver Maple, Locust, Mulberry (figured), Alligator Juniper, Red Cedar (some curly).

Custom sawing and cutting large chunks of wood to order is available. For more information call Larry at 505 681-8220.

★ Ricon 6 "jointer with mobile base: excellent jointer but only used 30 minutes. Couldn't sell my old powermatic jointer so the Rikon has to go. \$375.00. \$50.00 worth of turning wood goes with the jointer. Call Larry Anderson at (505)-681-8220.

★ Turning wood: Pieces ranging from 6" to 8" dia (approx 15" logs) in locust and globe willow (these were cut and the ends sealed this past summer) and recently got some black walnut in several 3' to 4' logs that are 8" to 10" and some apple and poplar. I'd also like to find someone to cut some logs into 4/4 stock. If interested contact Joe Matteson in Espanola at (505) 747-6698 or [thebiologyguy@la-tierra.com](mailto:thebiologyguy@la-tierra.com)

★ **NMWT Denim Shirts**: Ron Bahm at 881-8845 or [RDBACB@juno.com](mailto:RDBACB@juno.com).

★ For those of you who have equipment or material for sale, you can have it posted here in our newsletter, but another resource is:  
[www.albuquerque.craigslist.org](http://www.albuquerque.craigslist.org)

⇒ You can also run an ad to FIND something, or perhaps TRADE?

## Raffle

You will receive one free ticket for bringing a gallery item(s) to the meeting, and three free tickets for bringing a raffle item(s). Check your wood supply, old or new unused tools, books etc. for raffle items.

## Future Meetings

### 2008

Meeting Schedule for 2008

Apr 5	Al Mirman, Michael Mocho, Bill Zerby: Open discussion
May 3	Al Mirman: Chainsaw use, selection & safety. Janet Smith: First aid
June 7	Steve Sabo: Hot melt glue chucking
July 5	Open
Aug 2	Tom Rader: Wood toxins Dan Shipman: Dust collection
Sep 6	Tom Cour: Salt & pepper shakers
Oct 4	Gale Greenwood & others: Turning Christmas presents
Nov 1	John Ellis: Overview of AAW Symposium
Dec 6	All members: Christmas gift exchange

## Gallery Of Turnings

Gallery will return to the newsletter in future editions.

## NMWT Mentor List

Members are always welcome to contact the people on the following list for guidance to better turning ideas, and techniques -- Free to members so give a Mentor a call!

Name	Phone	Description
Bill Zerby	891-9188	Basic spindle turning & tool sharpening
Bob Clancy	281-4469	Basic turning & Bowl Turning
Dan Shipman	296-9754	Basic turning, hollowing & segmented construction
Irling Smith	865-9230	Segmented turning & design
Jim Ferguson	877-1125	Segmented (open) Computer Design
John Ellis	771-1773	Basic turning, plates, tools & handles
Red Hollenbach	823-2260	Basic turning & small items
Ed Hume	291-9792	Preparation, inlay and polishing of Turquoise
Ron Phillips	867-0612	Specialty tools: Rests and steadies

## Video & Resource Library

The New Mexico Wood Turners has a modest collection of magazines which have been donated to our library and which I have at my house. A list of the magazines and issues follows:

American Woodworker	Nos. 13-82 <i>1990-1998</i>
American Woodturner (AAW Publication)	<i>1988-2004</i>
Fine Woodworking	Nos.54-120 <i>1985-1996</i>
The Wood Turner (UK Publication)	Nos. 1-8
Wood	Nos. 5-129 <i>1985-2000</i>
Woodturning	Nos.1-96 <i>1990-2001</i> (UK Publication)
Woodwork	Nos. 2-37 <i>1989-1996</i>

## *Videos*

Note: \$1/item/month contribution.

### *AAW Symposia Videos*

The Resource Library includes tapes from past AAW Symposia (1998 – 2001) which may also be checked out. The tapes feature some of the excellent technical demonstration given during the symposium as well as items from the huge instant galleries each year. They are well worth checking out. Starting later this year we will have DVD's of all the tapes for checkout.

### *Magazines*

An index of issues and topics is in the making and will be posted on the upcoming website. If you have a collection of prior issues of any woodworking or turning magazines, please consider donating them to the Resource Library for other members to use.

### *Lathes*

NMWT owns several lathes, which may be checked out. New members who have yet to purchase their own lathe are encouraged to take advantage of this club benefit. If you meet or hear of someone who might benefit from this resource, please pass their name on to Rich.

### *Acknowledgements*

The New Mexico Woodturners are grateful for Michael Mocho's donation of three instructional DVDs. The videos are:

- Wet Turning with a difference by Stuart Mortimer.
- Yo-Yo Turning by Ed Davidson.
- Creating Outlays from Inlays Using Turquoise and Other Materials by Larry Fox.

These DVDs are logged into our library and are available to be checked out on meeting day or, if you call me and make arrangements, at my

home. Thanks again Michael for your generous donation.

### Tom Cour - Librarian

## *News . . .*

As the weather warms, gathering wood to turn is somewhat precarious. When we walk by our wood pile that noise we hear is not crickets. The quality of our favorite piece of turning wood just went south.

Bill Zerby told me that 90% of the moisture is lost through the end grain. I put this information to the test.

I waited three days after cutting to end seal the wood. The wood was out in the sun for two weeks. All the wood species were fine except the fruit woods. Salt Cedar was the worst. For temporary storage, try putting the wood piece in a plastic bag but cut some air holes.

Another approach is to remove the bark either by squaring up the piece with a chainsaw, small axe or with a roughing gouge on the lathe. Seal the whole piece. Do not put in a bag as you need to check for cracks every few days. Put the piece on two sticks so it will dry evenly. Ash and sycamore are very stable but figured mulberry, apple and plum will need to be closely watched. I have a piece of plum 9x9x9 that started showing edge checking after about six weeks.

I left six pieces of elm, that had been squared and completely sealed, out in the sun for two weeks and they look good. I had to add a small amount of sealer to one piece on the end grain side at the pith. The pieces were large so now they will be put in plastic bags with air holes until I have time to cut them into turning blanks. Caution: I am not concerned by any fungal growth on the elm. Do not put wood, such as maple, in bags if you are concerned about

coloring from fungal growth. Spalting may not increase.

- Larry Anderson, Newsletter Editor

### **Next Month's Newsletter**

We want your opinion. For the average wood turner, should you put your money into a good bandsaw or tablesaw? **Comments please.**

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### **WEB Site**

[www.nmwoodturners.org](http://www.nmwoodturners.org)

### **Web Sites of Interest**

[www.cleanturn.net](http://www.cleanturn.net)

[www.pennstateind.com](http://www.pennstateind.com)

[www.tufftooth.com](http://www.tufftooth.com)

[www.woodmagazine.com](http://www.woodmagazine.com),

[www.penturners.org](http://www.penturners.org)

[www.woodturnerscatalog.com](http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com)

[www.WoodTurningz.com](http://www.WoodTurningz.com)

[www.woodturningvideosplus.com](http://www.woodturningvideosplus.com)

[www.woodweb.com](http://www.woodweb.com)

[www.woodworkersjournal.com](http://www.woodworkersjournal.com)

Found a good WEB site? Want to share it with other club members? Then send the info to the website at: [www.nmwoodturners.org](http://www.nmwoodturners.org)

Questions or suggestions about the web site are welcome. Please contact the club Webmaster Dave Stein at: [dave@seriouslight.com](mailto:dave@seriouslight.com)

The New Mexico Woodturners are also grateful to Red Hollenbeck for the donations of almost ten years of the prestigious British journal Woodturning to our library. Red's donation includes Woodturning from June 1997 (#53) through March 2006 (#159). This covers every woodturning subject imaginable and some you can't imagine. Also, over twenty years of WOOD magazine. Red's donation gives us Wood from September 1984 (#1) through September 2005 (#164). The magazines are available to be checked out. I will not bring the entire magazine library to the meetings but if you call me during the week prior to the meeting I will bring the issue(s) that you want. Or, if you call and make arrangements, you can check them out at my home. Thanks again Red for your very generous donation.

### **Menaul School Project**

There has been some interest in being instructors. Instructors will not teach every day. You will only teach the turning project that you want, which can be your specialty. Projects will last from one to three days. The class hours are from 1:00-3:30pm., Monday through Friday. There will be two instructors at all times. The class dates are from June 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 11<sup>th</sup>. The school will be closed on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Pay is \$10.00/hr for each instructor. We have two volunteers at present. For more info call me at 681-8220 or e-mail me. Larry Anderson:

[Larryda41@msn.com](mailto:Larryda41@msn.com).

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