

High Desert Turning

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NEXT REGULAR NMWT MEETING

April 4th, 2015
9:00 A.M. to Noon

Custom Tool Handles – Michael Anderson

Michael Anderson, a youth member of NMWT who lives in Chama, NM, will demonstrate the making of custom tool handles that have threaded inserts to accept various tools. An example of one of his tools was shown at the January club meeting and Michael was asked to demonstrate it to the club. The tool handle also features cross-inlaid feature woods, a ring of inlay, and a copper ferrule. As an addition, Michael makes a miniature handle to duplicate the main handle to accept a hex wrench insert to fasten the tool inserts in place.

Michael is working to become a professional woodturner and his progress has been amazing! He has been turning for only two years and has learned only by coming to the special basic

workshops given by NMWT, and attending some symposia. Last year, at the June 2014 AAW Symposium in Phoenix Michael won first place in the Youth Instant Gallery with a beautiful lidded box.

Be sure to attend this demonstration. Someday soon, you will be able to say “I knew him when he was just starting out...” NOT to be missed!

FUTURE PROGRAMS/ ACTIVITIES

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| April 4 | CUSTOM TOOL HANDLES |
| May 2 | TBA |
| June 6 | RUDY LOPEZ |

PRESIDENTS CORNER



This is the time of the year when your friends and neighbors are pruning or even removing trees

New Mexico Wood Turners, Vol. 16, Issue 4 from their yards. You know what that means: FREE WOOD. And in most cases: freshly cut (green) wood. It's such a joy to use a sharp bowl gouge to change the shape of a chunk of green wood into a rough cut bowl. The long streamers of wood fly from the cutting edge of your gouge and fill your shop with the smell of freshly cut wood. I can hardly wait. There are many indigenous and imported species that you can have fun with: mulberry (one of my favorites), ash, elm, maple, ponderosa pine, juniper, apple, pear, cherry and many more. If you're lucky enough to gather more wood than you can use, share your good fortune with your fellow woodturners.

Keep Turning and Be Safe,

Bill

MARCH 7 PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Sharpening Systems featured a number of lathe-tool sharpening systems that were demonstrated and evaluated. Pros and cons were presented and systems available for members to try. The information presented here is the demonstrators' opinion and is presented for information purposes and not endorsement of any one system.

A Tormek wet grinding system for slow speed grinding, using a 10" wheel and leather honing system was demonstrated. Andy said he thought it was a good system for maintaining an edge but not for shaping tools. He felt it required a lot of add-ons to do the sharpening, and thus he would not recommend the Tormek for others to buy.

Derek Rolf demonstrated a modified belt-sander sharpening system. Derek liked the system for shaping and flat work tools like planes and wood chisels, but he missed the hollow grind aspect of the grinder wheel. Thus he would only recommend the belt system for flat tools, not lathe tools.

A Worksharp disk-sander sharpening system which has a see-through disk for viewing the tools

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being sharpened was demonstrated. Like the belt sander, the thought is this system is better for flat work tools rather than lathe tools.

A standard 8" grinder with white aluminum oxide wheels in 80 and 120 grit was demonstrated. Some of pros of the system are the price and versatility. Some of cons are exploding wheels upon start-up and shutdown, reducing diameter with usage, needing to be trued and flattened.

Diamond matrix wheel (120 Grit) was demonstrated. Some of the Pros are remains true and doesn't reduce in diameter and is easy to restore with an old aluminum oxide wheel. Some of the cons are expensive and can wear out fast if overheated. Keep those tools cool.

CBN (Cubic Boron Nitride) wheels for high speed steel only were demonstrated. Some of the Pros are remains true and doesn't reduce in diameter. Some of the cons are expensive, should only be used with high speed steel and can quickly remove steel from tools.

Bill Neddow did a review of Grinder Wheels in the AAW publication "American Woodturner April 2011(c.ymcdn.com).

HELP WANTED

Free Wood and Help Removing Tree:

Our NMWT member Frank Warren has an Ash tree in his yard which is dying and needs to come down. Frank has just come out of the hospital and is physically unable to remove the tree. If anyone with a chain saw can fell the tree and cut it into sections, he will donate most of the wood to the club. It is about 13" in diameter and about 40' tall. The work needs to be done sometime this spring. Frank can be contacted at 505-962-9212, in Rio Rancho, or by email at fwarrensr@earthlink.net.

Spheres:

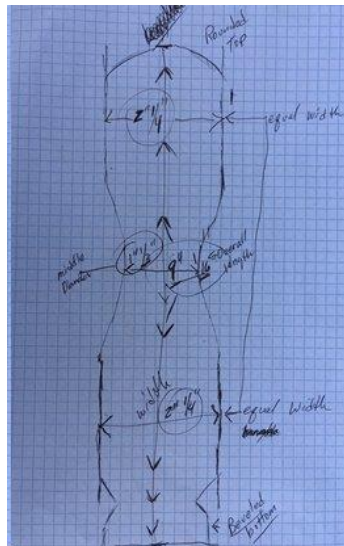
Mr. Ernest Flores would like a member to make two spheres out of pine. One would be 8" in diameter and the other 4". He intends to have

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New Mexico Wood Turners, Vol. 16, Issue 4 them in two halves each so he can place a piece of 1/4 Plexiglas in between the halves. He has sketches for a couple of options which, I can scan and email to anyone interested. Mr. Flores does not use email. He can be contacted by phone at 505 315-3005, here in Albuquerque. For any questions and for the sketches, contact John Ellis at nmwtwebman@aol.com, or 505 771-1773.

"Shakers":

The Teppan chefs at Azuma Sushi & Teppan Restaurant would like to have a pair of "dummy" shakers made for use at the Teppan tables. They can be made out of most any hardwood and should have a simple mineral oil finish as they will be exposed to water frequently. Final materials and other details will be discussed with any interested parties. They need not be hollowed since their use is mostly ceremonial. The shakers are to be 2-1/4" in diameter and 9" tall. A quick sketch was provided, shown at the right:



If you are interested, please contact John Ellis for more details at nmwtwebman@aol.com, or 505 771-1773.

SILENT AUCTION

Silent Auction will be held during each NMWT workshop to raise money for a scholarship fund. The earnings from this fund will be used to reduce member's cost of attending hands-on sessions with professional turner-demonstrators at the discretion of the NMWT Board of Directors.

You may place any item that you think will sell in the auction. Bring only items relating to wood-working or woodturning. There will be auction sheets on a table outside

the WWS meeting room. Take a sheet, write the name of the item on the sheet and put your item with the sheet. If you want the item to go for a certain amount, put your name and the minimum bid on the sheet. The Auction will be over at the end of the break. Money will be collected for items sold during the last part of the meeting. All money collected will go into the scholarship fund. Items not sold will be returned to the owner and the owner will remove the items from Woodworkers Supply.

SCHOOLS

Santa Fe Community College 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 the Fall, Spring, and Summer sessions. For more information on SFCC classes, contact club member Al Mirman, one of the Woodturning instructors, at 771-0490. Information can also be found at SFCC's web site.

DISCOUNTS & REBATES

WOODWORKER'S SUPPLY

www.woodworker.com

Meeting Day Specials for the April 4th meeting will be announced at the meeting.

CRAFTS SUPPLY

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

ALBUQUERQUE HARDWOOD LUMBER CO

NMWT members receive Wholesale Prices. ABQ Lumber has hardwoods, Thermofused Melamine, plywood, veneers, and furniture grade white pine.

STOCK BUILDERS SUPPLY

www.stockbuildingsupply.com

5815 Edith Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107
(505) 345-2865

Wholesale Prices to NMWT Members

ALBUQUERQUE EXOTIC WOODS

www.abqexoticwoods.com

Jake Jacobson has a store specializing in exotic woods, located at 4224 Menaul Blvd NE.

Hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 8:30 – 6:00.
(Monday by appointment)

Contact: (505) 293-WOOD (9663)

CRANE MOUNTAIN WEAPONS

Contacts: Pat, Marti, or Joe - 271-0797. This business uses exotic woods for gunstocks and sells off-cuts as turning blanks.

You can also run an ad to FIND or TRADE something.

INSTANT PHOTO GALLERY

The photographer will only be available until 8:45 A.M. on the day of the meeting to take photos of the instant gallery items.

LUMBER & MILLING SERVICES

Wes Thompson 505-384-2544

Doug Malmstrom 505-907-3015

Custom milling of your lumber or ours.

FOR SALE

Remember, your items for sale will run for one month unless you request an extension.

There is no charge for listing items, and we welcome members to use this space for anything related to woodturning.

For Sale: Jet Midi Lathe, 10 x 14 variable speed

Model JML-1014VS with manual.

Asking \$165 OBO

Grinding Wheel:

Norton 32A, 60 grit

8 x 1 x 5/8, blue,

32A60-K5VBE

Mounted, Never used, in original box.

Craft Supply #234-2046.

New \$50, Asking \$25

OBO

Grinding Wheel: Norton 32A 100 grit

8 x 1 x 5/8, blue, 32A100-K8VBE

Mounted, Never used, in original box.

Craft Supply #234-2080

New \$50, Asking \$25 OBO



Jim Griffin

302 Nicklaus Dr SE, Rio Rancho

891-4144, grffn302@gmail.com



Alfred Mirman – Ponderosa Pine Hollow Vessel



Ralph Watts – Maple Hollow Vessel



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Scott Eckstein - Wedge segmented Zebrawood/
Walnut Vase



Irling Smith - White Oak, Red Oak, Peruvian
Walnut, Satinwood and Holly Segmented Vase

| Name | Phone | Description |
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| Bill Zerby | New # 263-6632 | Basic spindle turning & tool sharpening |
| Dan Shipman | 296-9754 | Basic turning, hollowing & segmented construction |
| Irling Smith | 865-9230 | Segmented turning & design |
| John Ellis | 771-1773 | Basic turning, plates, tools & handles |
| Alan Becker | 467-8382 | Intermediate Hollowing |
| Ron Phillips | 867-0612 | Specialty tools, rests & steadies |
| Ralph Watts | 792-4860 | Advanced turning, carving, coloring, and finishing |
| Ron Bahm | 881-8845 | Pen turning |

LOGO WEAR SHIRTS/ SMOCKS



NMWT OFFERS CUSTOM TURNING SMOCKS

After much looking I have finally found a domestic source for a quality turning smock. A picture accompanies this article. The smock design and material are identical to that offered by AAW. The smocks come in five colors: Royal Blue, Navy Blue, Burgundy, Tan and Grey and in seven sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL, XXXXL. The smocks are sized to fit over a shirt so if you wear an L shirt you should order an L smock. AAW sells their smocks online for \$50 plus about \$9 shipping and handling plus \$3 extra for your name (added here). NMWT will charge \$50 per smock with NMWT logo plus \$3 for your name if desired. The price includes sales tax. The XXXXL size is \$3 extra and there is no price break for volume. A company in Colorado is manufacturing the smocks.

Normally, if you order and pay for an item at one meeting I can have it at the next; however, if you say please and buy me a cup of coffee, I can probably have it in two weeks.

Prices for NMWT's Shirts and Hats

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| Long Sleeve Denim Shirt | \$27.00 |
| Short Sleeve Denim Shirt | \$25.00 |
| Polo (golf) shirt | \$22.00 |
| Short Sleeve T-Shirt | \$15.00 |
| Caps (baseball) | \$11.00 |

- All items include embroidery
- Add \$2 for XXL and \$3 for XXXL
- Names Embroidered on Shirt \$3.00
- Logo on Customer Supplied Garment \$9.00
- Contact: Tom Cour: 867-8771

MENTORS

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!

LIBRARY CORNER

A good selection of educational DVD's are available for check out during club meetings

NMWT WEB SITE

www.nmwoodturners.org

Please visit our web site. Webmaster Mike Gardner continues to made many additions and improvements that are very useful to club members and the public. If you have not been there lately we now have a slide show on the Home Page and the Gallery is divided into sections with slide shows.

NEWSLETTER ENTRIES

If you have tips, news, "For Sale" or newsletter entry (try to stay 250 words or less, no embedded photos ; send photos as separate attachments), Please send it to news@nmwoodturners.org for publication in a future newsletter. **Must be received by the last Saturday of the month to make the most current newsletter.**

SUGGESTED OTHER WEB SITES

Found a good WEB site? Want to share it with other club members? Questions or suggestions are welcome. Please contact the club Webmaster Mike Gardner at: webmaster@nmwoodturners.org

www.cleanturn.net, www.pennstateind.com,
www.tufftooth.com, www.woodmagazine.com
www.penturners.org, www.woodturnerscatalog.com
www.WoodTurningz.com, www.woodweb.com
www.woodturningvideosplus.com
www.sofasandsectionals.com/wood-turning-resources
www.woodworkersjournal.com

Another resource is:

www.albuquerque.craigslist.org

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