



High Desert Turning

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NEXT REGULAR NMWT MEETING

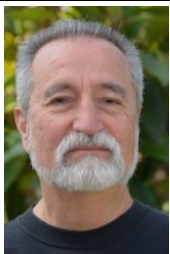
August 2, 2014, 9:00 A.M. to Noon

Presentation: Phil Weaver will give a detailed discussion of selecting wood for turning, titled "The Perfect Piece of Wood."

FUTURE PROGRAMS/ ACTIVITIES

August 2	PHIL WEAVER – SELECTING WOODS.
Sept 6	TBA

PRESIDENTS CORNER



The New Mexico State Fair is just around the corner. Participation at the high level that we have in recent years requires a lot of work for a few volunteers, or not so much work for a lot of volunteers. Help us have a lot of volunteers.

We have 68 slots for turners and 34 video monitor slots that need to be filled. Our insurance is through the AAW so you must be a member of the international organization to turn

at the fair. You can join instantly on line at www.woodturner.org. It's a great experience to demonstrate at the fair. Ask anyone who's done it.

We also have a need for judges, judges' helpers, a photographer's assistant, check-in personnel, volunteers to transport and set-up the lathes, volunteers to arrange the display cases, and volunteers to return the entries. As you can see, there are a lot of things that you can do to help. When you decide what you want to do, contact our State Fair Coordinator Jim Breeden at 352-0159 or jfbreeden@comcast.net or see Jim at the August 2nd meeting.

State Fair entries will be accepted Friday Sept. 5th and Saturday Sept. 6th, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm both days, so you still have plenty of time to finish your entries. Every entry, a ribbon winner or not, receives a written critique by the judges. This is an easy way to improve your turning skills. And it's free. Enter lots of stuff!

Thanks for volunteering,
 Bill

p.s. We've put together a Q & A about demonstrating or being a video monitor that will be emailed to all members, along with a sign-up schedule.

JULY 5 PROGRAM SUMMARY

Spindle Turning by Al Mirman

Al has been a woodturning instructor at Santa Fe Community College for 15+ years. He demonstrated the techniques of spindle turning, tool usage, and lathe maintenance. He explained that spindle turning is accomplished between centers, with the grain of the wood running parallel with the bed of the lathe.



Before any turning is planned, the headstock and the tailstock should be cleaned of any foreign matter within the bores. If not cleaned or inspected prior to any turning, it's possible the dead and live centers will wobble and create an

out-of-round piece. The tool rest should also be inspected for nicks and/or foreign objects, which will prevent the tool from gliding across the rest. A file can be used to resurface the tool rest and rubbing it with waxed paper will further allow the tools to glide freely. Nicks in the rest are primarily caused by sharp edges of tools with flat sides, i.e., roughing gouge, skewers, and scrapers. To prevent nicks, use a belt sander to round over the edges of these type tools.

The tool normally used for spindle turning is the spindle roughing gouge. This tool should not be used for any other purpose other than spindle work with the wood grain running horizontal with the lathe. The tool has a flat tang inserted into the handle, and could break if a catch occurs causing disastrous results! When rounding a piece of stock to shape you should always cut downhill. By cutting this way, the long grain of the wood fibers will be supported by the bevel, making a smooth surface and preventing possible tear out.

To maintain control of the gouge, tuck the handle tightly to your side while maintaining a

firm grip on the handle and tool end on the tool rest. Your stance should be with the feet at a comfortable distance apart to allow your body to move slightly side to side while turning – called the “wood turners stance”. This will allow you to maintain control of the tool.

While turning the piece to round, you should not be watching the tool end of the cut. Instead, look over the far edge of the spinning piece, called the horizon. This way you can see if the bevel is positioned correctly to allow a smooth conforming cut. The roughing gouge can also be used to make coves and beads.

Al also demonstrated the use of the skew and the spindle gouge to create beads and coves by rolling the tool over on the bevel during cut.

Al explained there are numerous types of dead centers that are used for turning; including Steb and prong. Steb Center: to be used on dry wood only. If used in green wood it will not grip properly and will spin. The steb center can also be used in a chuck to allow quick turnarounds without removing the chuck. Four and Two-prong dead centers: used for dry and green wood. They will bite deeper into green wood, so the wood does not spin as with the steb center.

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 July 5th meeting: To be announced.

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.

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: Hamlet 2060 lathe tools. These tools were purchased prior to 2009. They are no longer available. At the time, these were the top of the line powder metallurgy tools available. The two skewers are Alan Laser Signature specials. The bowl gouges are labeled 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, but when measured are actually 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4. These Hamlet tools

hold an edge extremely well. Below is the price I paid followed by my asking price. All eight can be purchased for \$500. See attached picture.

5/8" Skew	\$99.99	\$65.00
1 3/8" Skew	\$159.99	\$105.00
1/4" Bowl Gouge	\$56.49	\$35.00
3/8" Bowl Gouge	\$66.59	\$45.00
1/2" Bowl Gouge	\$85.49	\$55.00
5/8" Bowl Gouge	\$99.59	\$65.00
3/4" Scraper	\$94.49	\$60.00
1 1/2" Scraper	\$139.49	\$90.00

Call Andy, 505-280-6665 to see these beautiful, hardly used, like new tools. cash, check, credit card

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.



Jim Breeden – Catalpa Burl Bowl



Jim Breeden – Holly Root Natural Edge Bowl



Nate Davey – Maple Bowl



Jim Hubert – Locust Bud Vase



Vic Myers – Carving Enhanced Maple Bowl



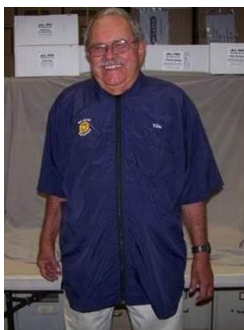
Vic Meyers – Carving Enhanced Oak Bowl

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!

Name	Phone	Description
Bill Zerby	891-9188	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

- 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

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.woodturningvideosplus.com

www.woodweb.com

<http://www.sofasandsectionals.com/woodturning-resources>

www.woodworkersjournal.com

Another resource is:

www.albuquerque.craigslist.org

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