



# High Desert Turning

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### **Next Regular NMWT Meeting:**

**December 03, 2011**

**9:00 AM to Noon**

### **Annual Gift Exchange and Planning Session for 2012**

See page 2 for details.

### **Knight Tool Sale**

The Knight Estate Tool Sale will be held for AWA and NMWT Members and my classmates and instructors at Santa Fe Community College Fine Woodworking Department. This sale will be held Sunday, December 11 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and Monday December 12 from 9:00 am to 12 noon. The sale location is 8605 Camino Osito. Turn east off of Wyoming onto Spain, turn left off of Spain at the second street, which is Camino Osito. The third house on the left is 8605.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2012**

At the November 5, 2011 NMWT workshop President Tom Cour called to order a General Meeting for the express purpose of electing Officers for the 2012 Calendar year. The following candidates were introduced by John Ellis of the nominating committee:

<b>President</b>	<b>Ron Bahm</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Alan Becker</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Rich McCartney</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Hart Guenther</b>

A motion was made to elect the above candidates by acclamation, the motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

The remaining positions are filled by appointment by the board and are as follows:

<b>State Fair Coordinator</b>	<b>Bill Mantelli</b>
<b>Web Master</b>	<b>Dave Stein</b>
<b>Logistics</b>	<b>Gale Greenwood</b>
<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>Bobby Dickson</b>
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<b>Raffle</b>	<b>Jim Breeden</b>
<b>Librarian</b>	<b>Pat Beatty</b>
<b>Equipment/Workshops</b>	<b>John Ellis</b>

### ***Scholarships For Workshops/ Silent Auction***

**Note:** The monthly Silent Auction will **not** be held at the December meeting in lieu of the Gift Exchange.

A Silent Auction will be held during each regular NMWT meeting 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..

#### Procedure:

1. You may place any item that you think will sell in the auction but I plan to bring only items relating to woodworking or woodturning.
2. 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.
3. If you want the item to go for a certain minimum amount, put your name and the minimum bid on the sheet.
4. 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.
5. Items not sold will be removed by the owner from Woodworkers Supply.\*
6. \*Optionally, you may specify on the auction sheet that if unsold, the item will go into the raffle.

All money collected will go into the scholarship fund.

### ***Future Programs/Activities***

Programs for 2012 will be listed in the newsletter early in 2012.

### ***Gift Exchange and Planning Session for 2012***

The December NMWT Meeting will be comprised of a Gift Exchange and a Program Planning Session for 2012.

#### **Gift Exchange**

This is a fun event if everyone participates. Bring an unwrapped gift pertaining to wood turning such as a tool or the parts for making a tool, a woodturning book, wood suitable for turning, a jig, one of you best turnings, or a woodturning kit to name a few. It will be OK if a few people bring more than one gift that way there will be a choice for the last person to select. Each person bringing a gift will get one numbered ticket when they put their gift(s) on the table. At the beginning of the gift exchange the Master of Ceremonies (Rich McCartney) will draw a number, that person will select a gift and draw a number then that person will select a gift and so on. Gifts left over after the exchange will be put into the raffle.

#### **2012 Planning Session**

John Ellis will run the Planning Session as he has done for the past few years. This a brainstorming and prioritizing session designed to determine what the NMWT membership wants the club to do in the coming year. And more important, the Board needs to know what activities the membership will support. I hope that we have a good turnout and each of you give some thought to what you expect of your club.

Tom Cour

## ***November 05 Program Summary***

### **NOVEMBER 5, 2011 WORKSHOP**

#### **PART 1 - Review of the 25th AAW Symposium by John Ellis, Rich McCartney and Tom Cour**

John Ellis prepared a PowerPoint slide show using photos that were taken at the 25th Annual American Association of Woodturners Symposium held last June in St. Paul, Minnesota. St. Paul is also home of the AAW headquarters and Gallery.

John presented slides and briefly discussed the opening ceremonies, the structure of the Symposium, the exhibits and showed slides of a few of the presenters. He discussed the rotations of presenters and how well the symposium is run. He told of the panels and some of the topics discussed.

Rich defined Chapter Collaborative Challenge and the rules that must be followed to enter. Some of the entries are unique and quite involved including many, many small turned pieces. He discussed the Youth Program which is a big deal at the Symposiums. Youth 12 to 17 years of age with a member sponsor are encourage to enter. At the end of the Symposium a drawing is held and all of the lathes, tools and accessories used in the program are given to the participants that draw the lucky numbers. Rich also described the huge trade show that is featured at each Symposium. Participants, including yours truly leave a large portion of the year's budget with the vendors.

I discussed the instant gallery, the awards banquet, the book signings and notable AAW personalities. Attendees are encouraged to submit turned pieces to the instant gallery. I think each participant could

enter three pieces either for sale or not. Most of the entries are unique and quite outstanding. Many awards are presented at the banquet, usually held on Saturday night. NMWT received third place in the annual Web Site contest thanks to the hard work of Dave Stein our web master. John had several slides of various AAW personalities including David Ellsworth, one of the AAW founders and the first President.

I have now been to three Symposia: Portland, Oregon, Albuquerque and St. Paul. We plan to go the next year's in San Jose, California. We will be in San Jose in part because our oldest grandson lives and works there but also because we enjoy the atmosphere of the Symposiums, the rotations, the activities and meeting turners from all over the world. As I said at the November workshop, I think every turner ought to attend at least one Symposium. Pick one close and in a place that you would like to see. When we went to Portland we drove and went through areas of Utah, Nevada, California, Oregon and Idaho that we had never seen and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, The Symposium also has a spouses program including craft rotations and tours of the area.

#### **Part 2 - Coin Sized Miniatures by Doug Crawforth**

Doug began turning miniatures in 1985 to collect different kinds of wood in artistic forms. He soon began selling them in galleries. In 1992 he became a full time woodturner working in a wide range of sizes but prefers miniatures. He said most of his miniatures are in the 1" high range. He now has people around the world collecting his work and sending him wood. One customer in Australia has collected over 300 of his pieces. He claims to have turned around 700 different species of wood.

Doug uses face plates and glue blocks and turns the form off the glue block. He says that this saves an incredible amount of wood compared to using a chuck. He starts a piece by

mounting a chunk of wood on a glue block using CA glue. Then he mounts the glue block, centered, on a face plate. He uses glue blocks made from scrap pine. Before the glue block becomes so thin that the screws are too close to the surface he adds more pine. He claims the wood he now uses for glue block is from a deck on his parent's house. He rough turns the chunk into a cylinder. Then departs from the conventional and hollows using shop made tools. When he is through hollowing, he carefully shapes the exterior. His designs favor classic Native American pottery shapes. He sands starting with 180 or 220 grit up to 400 or 600 grit and finishes with Waterlox.

He constructs his blocks randomly segmented with various species of wood. The resulting pieces are quite unique. Although he says most of his work is about 1" high he has turned vessels in the neighborhood of 1/4".

Doug is completely self taught. He has never had formal training, has never watched an instructional video. In fact, he said, he had never seen another person turn until he joined our club. Despite what some of us would call a severe handicap, he turns out a beautiful, unique art form. To me this was a very interesting albeit unconventional approach to turning. At one point he said, "at different art shows people would walk up and ask me if I knew Red Hollenbach". I always said, "no". But then he grinned and said, "now I have". And I think he winked at us.

Tom Cour

If you would like to participate in a program, or have ideas for a program or topics, please contact Alan Becker at 467-8382.

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### *New Members*

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**Ken Williams, Jose Sena, Elizabeth Griego, Darrell Feldmann, and Dan Collins.**

**Welcome !**

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### *President's Corner*

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The next meeting, which is on December 3, 2011, will comprise a gift exchange and a planning session.

For the gift exchange everyone should bring a gift, preferably associated with wood turning, such as turning wood, jigs, tools, books etc. The gifts should not be loose but visible; please do not wrap the gifts. I usually bring my gift elements taped together. Bringing more than one gift is OK. That way the last person to draw has a choice. The remaining gifts at the end of the exchange will be put into the raffle. You will be issued a raffle-type ticket when you put a gift on the table. The exchange will begin by drawing a ticket - that ticket holder picks a gift then draws another ticket and so forth until all tickets are drawn and all ticket holders have chosen a gift. Then, as I said above, the rest of the items on the table to be raffled. This is a fun event but only if everybody participates!

The planning session will be conducted by John Ellis as in previous years. We really need members input on this part of the program since we don't always know what member want of the club and more important what activities the membership will support. The membership has exhibited declining interest in having outside professional turner/ demonstrators present hands-on workshops. We have noticed, for the most part, the same people attend. We need to know if subject matter, the individual presenting, the cost or something else is causing the lack of interest. So we really need the input from all of you at this meeting, especially if you give it some thought before hand.

Several of the members of NMWT and AWA spent all day on November 19th and I spent half of the next day along with Lorri Knight and her

mother sorting and pricing her father's (Dick Knight) tools. The first sale will be open to AWA and NMWT members and some of my instructors and classmates from the Fine Woodworking Department at Santa Fe Community College. This sale will be held from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday, December 11 AND from 9:00 am to 12 pm on Monday December 12. There will be a public sale but it will be held at a later unspecified date. The location of the sale is listed on the front page of this newsletter.

New Officers were elected at the November General Meeting and are listed elsewhere. Ron Bahm will be our new president and Alan Becker will be our new Vice President next year. As outgoing President please give these two guys and the entire Board of Directors of New Mexico Woodturners the same support that you gave me!

Doug Crawforth presented the workshop at the November meeting. He specializes in miniature random segmented vessels in the image of pueblo pottery. Doug is self-taught and makes many of his own tools. By his own admission he has not viewed any instructional videos or had any lessons. In fact, he said, he had never seen another person turn before attending one of our club meetings.

Tom Cour

### **CLASSES**

#### ***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 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 Meeting Day Sale***

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

The specials will be pages 176-177 from #255 catalog – Band Saw Blades

#### ***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

#### ***Albuquerque Hardwood Lumber Co***

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

#### ***Oneway Manufacturing***

[www.oneway.on.ca](http://www.oneway.on.ca)

Any member who may want to receive sales email direct from Oneway, please provide Alan Becker with your name and email address. Alan's contact information is below. Check their web site for products. 20% discount on most products plus shipping!!!! 25% discount on most products and free shipping on individual orders over \$850.00. Combine your club orders and take advantage of this sale!!!! Sale does not include lathes!!!!

Contact for more information:

Alan Becker 505-467-8382

[alan-becker@comcast.net](mailto:alan-becker@comcast.net)

### ***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.

→ **You can also run an ad to FIND or TRADE something?**

## ***Exotic Turning Blanks***

### **EXOTIC TURNING BLANKS**

Jake Jacobson and Jens Pleugmann  
 Jake Jacobson (505) 417-2361  
 Jens Pleugmann (575) 517-9961  
 Their website address is:  
[www.abgexoticwoods.com](http://www.abgexoticwoods.com)

## ***Instant Photo Gallery***

The instant photo gallery will resume as soon as technical difficulties are overcome. Sorry for the inconvenience.

## ***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!

<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Description</b>
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
John Ellis	771-1773	Basic turning, plates, tools & handles
Red Hollenbach	823-2260	Basic turning & small items
Ed Hume	291-9792	Preparation, inlay & polishing Turquoise
Ron Phillips	867-0612	Specialty tools, rests & steadies
Ralph Watts	792-4860	Advanced turning, carving, coloring, and finishing
Janet Smith	823-2439	Pen turning & finishing

## ***Library Corner***

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

## ***Denim Shirts***

### **Prices for NMWT's Shirts and Hats**

All items include NMWT logo embroidery:

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

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

## ***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 John Ellis.

## ***Web Sites***

### **NMWT**

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

Please visit our web site. Webmaster Dave Stein 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.

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

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

### ***Suggested Web Sites***

[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)  
<http://www.sofasandsectionals.com/woodturning-resources>  
[www.woodworkersjournal.com](http://www.woodworkersjournal.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)

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