



High Desert Turning

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Next Regular NMWT Meeting:
December 01, 2012
9:00 AM to Noon

Gift Exchange & 2013 Program Planning

Note: For the **Gift Exchange:** Members are asked to bring one or more items related to woodturning to put on the "gift" table. I may be a tool, a book, a piece of wood, a jig, or any other item you think another member might enjoy. The item must be unwrapped. Each person bringing at least one item will receive a "gift" ticket.

At the start of the Gift Exchange, gift tickets will be drawn and the ticket holders will have their choice of any item remaining on the table.

At the end of the Exchange, all remaining gifts will be placed in the auction for the day.

This had become a great tradition over the past years, so be sure to select some great items to give. Who knows what other special item you'll go home with? It's a fun event. Be sure you're ready.

Future Programs/ Activities

Dec 01	Gift Exchange & 2013 Planning
2013	
Jan 05	TBA
TBA	Jimmy Clewes

Programs for 2013 will be selected based on the results of the Program Planning process at the December meeting.

2013 Dues

Hart will be ready to accept your annual dues, which are \$25 for the year at the December meeting. The new dues schedule was explained in the August newsletter. If you wish to mail them to him, send to:

Hart J. Guenther
2300 Punta De Vista Dr NE
Albuquerque, NM 87112-2512

President's Corner

Our December meeting is always a fun time of exchanging items and planning for the new year of programs.

The Christmas holiday is upon us whether we are ready or not! This is a time with family and friends, and hopefully time away from work where we can relax and do something rewarding.

For several years I have made turnings or woodworking items for grandchildren that will hopefully remind them of the "ole" man and pass down to another generation something of personal connection. These items may not be of great value to us but I have been surprised at the comments years later. Christmas tree ornaments, pens or whatever can open the eyes of a little one on Christmas morning. One of the favorites I have done was a wood coin box with an antique post office brass combination lock door. Maybe this gives you some ideas.

I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and hope this time is rewarding to each of us personally.

May this time remind each of us the reason for the holiday and not just a commercial exercise.

Ron Bahm

November 03 Program Summary

November Meeting Summary

Finishes for Woodturning

The presentation at the November meeting was organized by **Dan Shipman** and included four additional presenters, each with a specific topic focus. Dan gave an Overview of Finishes and stepped briefly through the handout he'd put together. He then showed slides of his shop-made buffing system, including buffing mandrels that are mounted to



an old electric motor, and mandrels that are attached to a #2 Morse taper for use on a lathe.



John Ellis presented Friction Finishes and Buffing Techniques.

He showed the group various ready-made buffing products made by Beall company, including buffing wheels, bowl buffs in three sizes, and buffing compounds. He demonstrated the Mylands Friction

Finish on a dowel of wood, first applying the finish while hand turning, then buffing with the lathe spinning at over 3500 rpm. He discussed shellac-based sanding sealer and polishes that have a wax component, as well as the use of lacquers as a wipe-on finish. While the shellac/wax products can be buffed at high speed soon after application, lacquer must cure for at least 24 hours (48 better) before it can be buffed or it will gum. John also covered some safety issues related to buffing and storage of materials in plastic containers.

Alan Becker came next, covering the use of CA Glue as a Finishing Material. He demonstrate-ed the application of thin CA glue on a piece turning on a lathe. Alan also provides some excellent insights on the best way to store CA glues, tips on shelf life, and a method for making an applicator for CA finishes and using fingers cut off nitrile gloves to protect yourself. An important part of



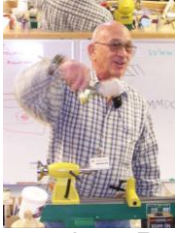
Alan's presentation was on safety issues when using CA glue. Besides the danger of skin contact (always have solvent or acetone handy), there are real dangers from inhaling the fumes. Some people can become

sensitized to the fumes and suffer breathing problems and eye irritation.

Next was **Tom Cour** with the topic of Wipe-On Varnishes. He defined a wipe-on finish as regular polyurethane diluted with a solvent, usually mineral spirits. Although they can be shop made, he recommended Minwax Wipe-on Poly, which is available in both satin and gloss versions. Tom described the process of applying a wipe-on varnish, first by applying a liberal amount with a rag, waiting a few minutes, then wiping off the excess. Coats dry



quite rapidly, in less than an hour, and then can be reapplied. Multiple coats are recommended, and the final finish can be rubbed out for a very high quality appearance. Covering safety with this system, Tom cautioned that rags used for varnish application must be disposed of carefully and not simply tossed in a wastebasket. Spontaneous combustion is a major risk, so rags must be hung in the open to dry or stored in an air-tight container.



The final presenter was **Ron Phillips**, who covered Spray Finishes for Turners. He covered the basic equipment needed, including types of spray guns, air compressor requirements, and the appropriate environment for spraying. Ron touched on “rattle cans” (purchased cans of pre-mixed spray finishes), and emphasized that “the worst spray guns are better than the best spray cans.” Guns provide much more control of pressure, spray pattern, mixture of finishing product, and quality of application. Ron covered the types of finishing materials that can be applied with a spray setup, including catalyzed lacquers which produce extremely durable finishes. Ron passed around some samples of sprayed applications with multiple coats.

All the presenters provided excellent handouts and had plenty of copies for all in attendance. If you missed the meeting and would like a copy of the handouts, they are posted on our website and can be downloaded and printed. The handouts cover far more detail than can be included in this overview.

Presentation Summary by **John Ellis**

New Members

We now have 144 members with 5 Life, and 66 who have paid/credited for 2013 dues.

New Members - Taz Bramette, Dennis Chavez/Eric Walters (Fathers Building Futures), Peter Frazier-Koontz, Gabe Jaramillo, Larry Linford, Greg McClury, Ken Peterson, & Daryl Smith. Welcome !

About the Donated Wood

At the November meeting we had a number of turning blanks donated by Mike Heiser, who used to live in Albuquerque and was a member of Albuquerque Woodworkers Association. I wrote a ‘thank you’ note to Mike and asked him to tell me about himself so I could pass it along to our members. Here’s a picture of Mike. I’ve also included pictures of his work.



After retiring from Sandia Labs, he wanted to move where there was lots of water and wood. He now lives near Brevard, in western North Carolina, which is in a virtual rain forest. He comes back here occasionally to visit his kids and grandkids, and said he’s try to bring more wood in the future when he has occasion to drive instead of fly. Last month he’d brought some furniture he’d made years ago for his daughter to give to his granddaughter.



He’s been turning for only about three years and has become very active in his local AAW chapter, Carolina Mountain Woodworkers. It’s the largest chapter in the US, having over 400 members! He’s the membership director, and evidently doing a great job. Some interesting things his club is doing: They have a trailer they call the Turning Learning Center (TLC) with 11 Jet mini lathes that they take to various locations, including their state fair where they actually teach people to make simple items, giving hundreds of people a chance to try turning.



They also have a Christmas-time project where members make ornaments. Last year, they made and sold over 400 ornaments, raising over \$3700 for a local hospice!

Mike asked if some of our members who made items from his wood would email pictures of what they made he could see how the wood “turned out.” If you were



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lucky enough to win one of his blanks in the raffle in November, please email a photo of what you make to me at NMWTwebman@aol.com and I'll forward the pictures to Mike. It would be a very nice gesture and might even keep the supply of beautiful donated wood coming our way.

John Ellis

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, but items relating to woodworking or woodturning are recommended. There will be auction sheets on a table outside the WWS meeting room.

Procedure: Write the name of the item on a 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

Each month, Woodworkers Supply has a club special for meeting day purchases only.

December Meeting Day Special:

Page 80-81, catalog #261C, Wood Turning Tools and Accessories including chucks.

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, Lampine Thermofused Melamine, plywood, veneers, and furniture grade white pine.

Oneway Manufacturing

www.oneway.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.

Alan Becker 505-467-8382

alan-becker@comcast.net

Albuquerque Exotic Woods

Jake Jacobson and Phil Weaver

Phil and Jake have just opened a new store specializing in exotic woods. It is located at 2801 Eubank, NE #F, Albuquerque, 87112. They are in the Eastdale Shopping Center, s.w. corner of Candelaria & Eubank, between H&R Block and Pudge Brothers Pizza. Look for the sign in the window.

Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 8:30 – 6:00.
(Monday by appointment)
Call (505) 293-WOOD (9663)

Crane Mountain Weapons

Contacts are: 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

Jet, 10" variable speed lathe in excellent condition. It is 5 years old and I am asking \$150 for it. Members call: 505-450-4431.
Grimes77@aol.com... Richard Grimes

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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?**

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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.

Instant Photo Gallery

Tom Anderson



Ralph Watts



Ralph Watts



Ralph Watts



Jim Preston



Don Best



Chris Enke



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
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
Alan Becker	467-8382	Intermediate Hollowing
Ron Phillips	867-0612	Specialty tools, rests & steadies
Ralph Watts	792-4860	Advanced turning, carving, coloring, and finishing

Denim Shirts/ Smocks

CHRISTMAS IDEAS FOR NMWT MEMBERS

Official NMWT apparel would be a great gift to give to your NMWT loved one. This includes caps, turning smocks and a variety of shirts with the NMWT logo and name embroidered on the item (no names on caps). Cost and brief description of items are listed below in this newsletter.



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 on line 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

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. 771-1773 or nmwtwebman@aol.com.

Library Corner

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

Web Sites

NMWT Web Site

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.

Suggested 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 Dave Stein 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/wood-turning-resources>
www.woodworkersjournal.com

Officers & Directors for 2013

At the November meeting, a General Membership session was held for the purpose of electing Board Officers for the coming year. Other than the Officers, all other Directors are volunteers selected by the Board for specific functional areas. If you would like to volunteer for any area please contact one of the Officers listed below.

Board Officers:

President - **Ron Bahm**
 Vice President & Program Director - **Bill Mantelli**
 Secretary – **Jim Griffin**
 Treasurer – **Hart Guenther**

Directors:

State Fair – **OPEN**
 Webmaster – **Dave Stein**
 Logistics – **Gale Greenwood**
 Lead Video – **Hy Tran**
 Assistant Video – **Derek Roff**
 Newsletter – **Roger Umber**
 Photographer – **Bill Kalb**
 Raffle – **Jim Breeden**
 Librarian – **Pat Beatty**
 Equipment & Special Workshops – **John Ellis**
 Green Wood: ABQ – **Greg Hoefler**
 Green Wood: SF – **Eric Hester**

Contact Information for the new Board will be published in the January newsletter.

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