



# High Desert Turning

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### Next Regular NMWT Meeting:

**December 7, 2013**  
**9:00 A.M. to Noon**

### Gift Exchange / Program Selection

Bring an unwrapped item — something to do with woodturning, such as wood, tools, jigs, or ?? The more people participating, the more fun we have.

You'll get a numbered ticket. When your number is called at random, return your ticket, pick the next ticket, then pick a gift.

In the likely occurrence of there being more gifts than tickets, there will be a second drawing of tickets until there is no gifts left.

Easy, no?

Then...

What demos would you like to see next year?

Don't complain if you don't vote!

### Future Programs/ Activities

Dec 7	<b>Gift Exchange/ Program Selection</b>
Jan 4, 2014	<b>Finials &amp; Thread Chasing/ Michael Mocho</b>
Feb 1	<b>TBD</b>
March 1	<b>Jimmy Clewes</b>

### 2014 Dues

Hart will be ready to accept your annual dues, which are \$25 for the year at the December meeting. The dues schedule was explained in the November 2013 newsletter and is also displayed below. If you wish to mail them to him, send to:

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

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*President's Corner*


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I congratulate the incoming officers of New Mexico Woodturners and know our direction will not change. We came from a great beginning over 20 years ago and will continue to have a noteworthy chapter and improve all of our skills.

It was never my intent or interest to serve as President of this chapter but I am thankful for the experience I gained from involvement in this group. I felt serving was one way to give back to a group of devoted wood turners who have shared so many skills. It has been a pleasure to work with the Board of Directors for two years, they are a great bunch of guys and I encourage all to get involved no matter what you do.

Our chapter is in great financial condition because of many years of wise planning and spending and I know this will continue.

In the past 2 years we have helped several estates dispose of tools, become a 501-C-3 group, purchased 5 new chapter lathes, disposed of existing lathes, established a scholarship fund that helps with tuition of professional workshops and more.

I wish all a Merry Christmas and will see you next year!

Keep Turning!  
Ron

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*November 02 Program Summary*


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### **Ray Berry – Carbide Turning Tools**

By Tom Cour

Ray Berry was born in West Texas and raised in and around his Dad's machine shop. He began working with wood in junior high through high school. While in school he built a complete bedroom suite including a cedar chest. He also completed a round dining table six foot in diameter with a three foot lazy susan in the middle. He still has all of these furniture pieces. He now enjoys bowl turning as well as projects with the scroll saw and band saw. He also enjoys teaching wood turning especially to young people. He was in charge of the Youth Section during the AAWT Symposium held in Albuquerque in 2009.

Tungsten carbide was developed during 1920's for drawing dies used in the production of tungsten filaments for lights. Since then many compositions, crystal sizes, binder and coating compositions have been developed for a variety of uses of tungsten carbide from machine tools and metal working applications to woodworking. While the cutting edge of carbide tools may not be as keen as high speed steel, mild steel or steel from cryogenic or powder metal technology, it is many times more durable. Ray pointed out that some professional turners that do not like to use carbide tools but many do.

Ray used tools from two sources for his demonstration: 1) Easy Wood Tools and 2) Mike Jackofsky. Mike's tools were designed specifically for bowl turning and deep hollowing.

Ray began his demonstration by turning an Osage Orange (or Bois d'Arc) billet round and then turning coves and beads on the rounded billet. For this exercise he used several Easy Wood carbide tools. Ray has found that addressing the tool nearly flat and horizontal to the tool rest then tilting the tool slightly achieves a much smoother cut. The cut is similar to what you would achieve from a shear scrape

The carbide cutter is installed at a 14 degrees downward angle on the Jackofsky tools. The carbide cutters come in a variety of shapes and sizes from square to rounded to round. The round cutters seem, to me, to be the most versatile. The edge of carbide tools last much longer than high speed steel. When the edge on a round carbide cutter begins to get dull, the mounting screw is loosened and the cutter is rotated to expose a fresh edge. When the entire disc becomes dull, simply throw away the cutter (or recycle it to a machine shop) and install a new disc. Carbide cutting edges are not expensive (\$5 to \$20).

Ray invited us to try out some of the carbide tools. Bill Zerby, who had never used a carbide tool, readily volunteered and was impressed by the result.

After the break Ray passed around some product literature on the Easy Wood carbide turning tools and other products then demonstrated bowl turning and hollowing with the Jackofsky tools. The

Jackofsky turning tools come in a variety of shapes from straight necked tools to curved tools used to hollow under the neck of a hollow form.

As mentioned earlier, Ray demonstrated the carbide tools using dry Osage Orange from eastern Oklahoma and Kansas. This is a very hard domestic wood which machines to a fine surface very well.

I have not used carbide tools but just observing Ray and Bill using the tools I think they might have a short learning curve for me and I think I might like to try them. In fact, Ray said that we could try them out at Exotic Woods with no obligation to buy - I just might do that!

Before Ray's presentation I knew very little about the use of carbide tools, now I am intrigued and would like to know more about their use. Ray's presentation was well presented and very informative.

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*It Doesn't Take a Geek: Web Help Wanted*

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NMWT's website is hungry for woodturning news and information. And FYI, web publishing is much more than the geeky, nerdy, techie stuff. I mean, any monkey can learn to program (no offense to programmers or monkeys), but a website lives by its content -- content that is current, useful, and interesting to its audience. That means you! You are the best reporters and contributors we could want -- no web knowledge needed!

So, send in your tips, quips, ideas, gripes, thoughts, and hard earned wisdom about woodturning, woods, tools, trivia, spouse relations, or whatever. Have a story? An anecdote? Cool photos? Woodturning gossip? Don't keep it to yourself. Share it with the woodturning community.

Send it polished or send it rough. Our extensive editorial staff will get it ready for prime time. You can look at our site for ideas, but also think "out of the bowl."

Email to: [webmaster@nmwoodturners.org](mailto:webmaster@nmwoodturners.org).

-Dave Stein

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*Silent Auction*

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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

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*Schools*

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***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.

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*Discounts & Rebates*

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***Woodworker's Supply***  
[www.woodworker.com](http://www.woodworker.com)

Meeting Day Specials for the December 7th meeting are the Books and DVDs on pages 631 thru 634 of the BIG catalog.

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

New Mexico Wood Turners, Vol. 14, Issue 12  
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 505-467-8382 [alan-  
becker@comcast.net](mailto:alan-becker@comcast.net) with your name and  
email address.  
Check their web site [oneway.on.ca](http://oneway.on.ca) for  
products.

### ***Albuquerque Exotic Woods***

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

**Jake Jacobson**

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

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.

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#### *Lumber & Milling Services*

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<b>Wes Thompson</b>	505-384-2544
<b>Doug Malmstrom</b>	505-907-3015

Custom milling of your lumber or ours.

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#### *For Sale*

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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.

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

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#### *Instant Photo Gallery*

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Pat Beatty- Elm Coin Bowl



Bill Mantelli - Walnut Vase



Bill Mantelli - Natural Edge Pinon Bowl



Jim Preston - Wenge, Curly Maple, Bloodwood, Ebony Vase



Don Thompson - Sea Urchin, Birch Ornament



Nate Davey - Maple Burl Platter



Ralph Watts - Indian Rosewood Box



Ralph Watts - Cherry Boxwood Box



Taz Bramlette - Oak Burl Platter



Taz Bramlette - Oak Burl HF



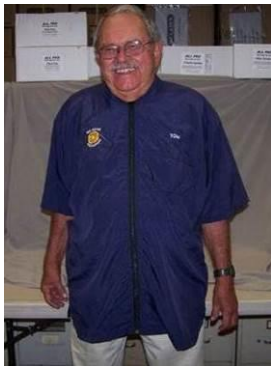
Irling Smith - Arcadia, Curly Maple Segmented HF

**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**

**Policy: Loaning Lathes to NMWT Members**

With the recent purchase of new Delta lathes and sale of older Jet and Delta lathes, the Board clarified the policy on loaning lathes to members. One Jet lathe was retained for loan to members, and more may be obtained as needed. The new Delta lathes will be used exclusively for demonstrations, classes, and workshops.

**Summary of New Policy**

1. Borrowers must be NMWT members in good standing.
2. The Equipment Coordinator (currently John Ellis) is in charge of access, maintenance, and scheduling.
3. Borrowers must pick up and return lathes to storage.
4. Loans will be for two months or less, but may be extended if not requested by another member.
5. Loans will be on a "first come" basis with waiting list, if necessary.
6. A list of all items loaned and Loan Conditions must be signed by borrowers at pick-up.
7. Borrowers are responsible for any damages or loss of borrowed items.
8. Borrowing members must seek instruction for using the lathes safely.
9. NMWT assumes no liability related to the use of the lathes.

A copy of the full policy may be obtained from the Equipment Coordinator.

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***Policy: Loaning Lathes to Other AAW-Affiliated Chapters***

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The Board decided that the Delta lathes purchased in January may be loaned to other AAW-affiliated chapters and adopted a policy to facilitate that process.

Summary of New Policy

1. Use of the loaned equipment is limited to chapter workshops, demonstrations, or classes, but may not be for personal use.
2. Equipment will not be loaned when needed by NMWT.
3. Loaned equipment must be transported to and from NMWT storage by the borrowing chapter.
4. A list of all items loaned and Loan Conditions must be signed by the borrower when picked up.
5. Damages beyond normal wear and tear are the responsibility of the borrowing club.
6. A "Usage Fee" to offset normal wear and tear of \$15 per calendar day per lathe will be charged to the borrowing chapter and must be paid at pick up.
7. The NMWT Equipment Coordinator is responsible for scheduling, arranging for pickup and return, and collection of Usage Fees.

A copy of the full policy may be obtained from the Equipment Coordinator.

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***Library Corner***

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

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***Web Sites***

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**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.

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***Suggested Web Sites***

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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](mailto:webmaster@nmwoodturners.org)

[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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