



High Desert Turning

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Abbreviated Newsletter for July

This edition of the newsletter will be shorter than usual since the regular editor, Tom Doering, is away for a couple of weeks. The regular format, complete with photos and expanded coverage, will resume next month.

Upcoming meeting on July 7, 2007

Program: **Jim Jaworski** will present a demonstration on narrow spindle turnings, including a thin-stemmed goblet, knitting needles, and other useful objects. Jim is a regular craft show exhibitor and easily qualifies as one of our resident experts. He is also a member of Mountain Top Turners in Ruidoso, actually a Vice President of that AAW "sister" club, and makes the trek every month to our meetings in Albuquerque all the way from his home in Las Cruces! Don't miss this meeting. Jim has a reputation for talented work and an entertaining presentation style.

Review of June 2007 Meeting

Longtime member and friend of NMWT Al Mirman, who is also a woodturning instructor at Santa Fe Community College, gave a very detailed and comprehensive presentation on making lidded boxes. Al walked through the 9-step process, which he also had documented in a handout for those at the meeting. (Contact John Ellis if you would like a copy of this valuable handout, or any past handouts from prior presenters.)

Al had prepared models of each step, which he passed around the room while he was actually demonstrating the turning process and unique skills needed. The lidded box, for those who are new to the process, involves at least two fairly advanced steps, aside from the general techniques of spindle turning. First is the process where the top is fit precisely over a tenon on the base of the box. This step requires lots of patience because if the tenon is cut even slightly too small the project is ruined. Second, the box-tenon is then fit over a jamb

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chuck so its bottom can be finished. Again the trick is tight fit, but not so tight as to split the box.

Thanks to Al for a well-prepared and excellent demonstration.

Special Notice: Exhibition Opportunities in the Works

At the June Board of Directors meeting, several options for public exhibitions were discussed. As you might recall, our goals for the year as a club include additional public showings of woodturning, similar to the very successful display at the Albuquerque International Sunport last November through January. Rich McCartney and Kathy Henning pulled off a fantastic exhibit there, and we received many positive comments from the general public.

Looking for other places to have similar exhibits, contacts were made with the **Albuquerque Public Library**, the **Convention Center**, and the **Albuquerque Arts Alliance**, an organization that serves the entire community of arts in our community. At this point, it seems that there are two distinct and promising exhibit venues:

First, the Public Library is VERY enthusiastic about having us exhibit in the main Library, and probably in some of the Branch Libraries as well. They are interested in having a one-to-two month exhibit EVERY YEAR!

The Arts Alliance has a Gallery, located adjacent to their office at the corner of Lomas and San Mateo NE in The Courtyard shopping center. The Arts Alliance Gallery schedules monthly exhibits of arts groups, by advanced application, and encourages the sales of items exhibited. While there is a minimal exhibition fee, and a 15% service charge for collecting purchaser payments, the Board believe this may be a terrific opportunity for club member to not only show their work, but to generate sales as well, if they want to go that route. (Not all pieces placed in the Arts Alliance Gallery need to be for sale.)

The Board would like to get a sense of the interest members have in one or both of these opportunities. At the July meeting, we will have a brief discussion of these potential exhibits. Among the questions that you will be asked to voice an opinion on are:

1. Would you be willing to place one to three pieces in a “rotating” exhibit that would be shown at the Libraries and similar venues? Your pieces would be kept for a period of time, perhaps a year, and then exchanged for new pieces for the following year(s). Full credit and descriptions would be part of the exhibits.
2. Would you be interested in showing some of your pieces, for sale or not, in a month-long exhibit at the Arts Alliance Gallery. The club would pay the basic exhibition fee, but members who wish to sell their work would have to pay the 15% “commission.” **Think about it.**

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AAW News

The 2007 AAW Symposium in Portland, OR, was a huge success. NMWT had at least five members attend. We'll ask for their comments at the July meeting.

Chips, Cuts, and Splinters

President's Message

(see notice of special exhibition opportunities on previous page.)

Classes

Woodcraft

www.woodcraft.com

Provides classes in turning and carving among other things. A partial list can be found at their web site or contact the store at 342-9663 for more information.

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 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.

Coming up Next

August...presenter to be determined. If you'd like to do a demonstration, please talk to Rich McCartney.

Discounts & Rebates

Woodworker's Meeting Day Sale

www.woodworker.com

Wood Worker's Supply provides NMWT members with special discounts on a variety of items each meeting day. Look for an additional 10% off the 3 MEETING DAY SALE ITEMS announced at every meeting.

Woodcraft – July - Wood of the Month – Western Red Cedar and Red Heart

As always, we look forward to seeing you at Woodcraft.

Polli Goen-Carlberg
Manager
Woodcraft

CLUB CREDIT FOR NMWT MEMBERS

Woodcraft donates a portion of every sale to NMWT member to the club each year. It's not automatic, however. YOU MUST tell the cashier to "Credit this sale to the NMWT Store Donation" when you pay for your items.

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

Events

State Fair

See Ron Bahm for questions about this year's fair.

For Sale!

⇒ **You can also run an ad to FIND something, or perhaps TRADE?**

Future Meetings

2007

Meeting Schedule for 2007

July 7
August 4
October 6
November 3
December 1

Note: no meeting in September because of the State Fair

Gallery Of Turnings

Gallery will return in next month's issue.

In the News

Is no news REALLY good news?

NMWT Mentor List

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
Jim Ferguson	877-1125	Segmented (open) Computer Design
John Ellis	771-1773	Basic turning, plates, tools & handles

Name	Phone	Description
Red Hollenbach	823-2260	Basic turning & small items
Ron Phillips	867-0612	Special Tools (rests & steadies)

Raffle

You will receive one free ticket for bringing a gallery item(s) to the meeting, and three free tickets for bringing a raffle item(s). Check your wood supply, old or new unused tools, books etc for raffle items.

Video & Resource Library

The New Mexico Wood Turners has a modest collection of magazines which have been donated to our library and which I have at my house. A list of the magazines and issues follows:

American Woodworker	Nos. 13-82 1990-1998
American Woodturner	1988-2004 (AAW Publication)
Fine Woodworking	Nos.54-120 1985-1996
The Wood Turner	Nos. 1-8 (UK Publication)
Wood	Nos. 5-129 1985-2000
Woodturning	Nos.1-96 1990-2001 (UK Publication)
Woodwork	Nos. 2-37 1989-1996

Tom Cour - Librarian

Videos

Note the new \$1/item/month contribution.

AAW Symposia Videos

The Resource Library includes tapes from past AAW Symposia (1998 – 2001) which may also be checked out. The tapes feature some of the excellent technical demonstration given during the symposium as well as items from the huge instant galleries each year. They are well worth checking out. Starting later this year we will have DVD's of all the tapes for checkout.

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 Rich.

Magazines

An index of issues and topics is in the making and will be posted on the upcoming website. If you have a collection of prior issues of any woodworking or turning magazines, please consider donating them to the Resource Library for other members to use.

WEB Sites

Found a good WEB site? Want to share it with other club members? Then send the info to me at: Tom@doering.us

www.nmwoodturners.org

Questions or suggestions are welcome. Please contact the club Webmaster Dave Stein at: dave@seriouslight.com

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

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

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