



# High Desert Turning

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**Next Regular NMWT Meeting:**

**July 02, 2011**

**9:00 AM to Noon**

**July 02 Program Intro**

**By Ralph Watts:**

Who would have believed that at age 63 I finally found what I wanted to be when I grew up? It happened as I was winding down from a career in Mechanical Engineering, design and construction. The purchase of a lathe for my wood working shop seemed to unleash a torrent of creativity that was an unexpected but pleasant surprise. After selling many standard turnings, I began to carve and sculpt works based on nature, sea life, seeds, pollen, trees, and science fiction themes.



In 2008 I won first place in the Visual Arts Society of Texas national competition (Genetic Bioship); Best wood art (Bush & Cheney, not shown) in the Oak Ridge Arts Society open competition and a collaboration with a friend, won best 3D Art Award (Venusian House Plant) in the same show. One of my first carvings, Witch's Stash was accepted in the American Association of Woodturners national symposium in Kansas City. A "Stool" was selected by AAW for the Richmond show and Kokopelli carved into the lid of a mesquite bowl made the Albuquerque AAW Symposium gallery.

In July I will be presenting a how-to; "Put a leg on it". The demonstration will cover how to layout, turn, and carve legs for your vessel or bowl. Three methods for turning your leg design will be shown, discussed, and explained. Methods for cutting away waste to reveal the legs will be demonstrated along with carving and finishing details.

### ***Future Meetings***

July 02	<b>Ralph Watts- Sanding Sticks and Legs for Bowls</b>
Aug 06	<b>TBA</b>
Sept 03	<b>Craig Timmerman – Multi-Axis Vases and Techniques (guest)</b>

If you would like to participate in any of the above or have ideas for a program or topics, please contact Ron Bahm at 881-8845.

### ***KUDOS For Our Web Master***

## **NMWT WEBSITE WINS THIRD PLACE IN AAW COMPETITION**

As you know your NMWT Board of Directors decided to enter the website competition as a part of the 25th Anniversary of the annual AAW Symposiums. This year the Symposium was held in St. Paul, Minnesota, home of the AAW Headquarters.

Dave Stein, our webmaster, prepared our entry. He worked very hard and made many improvements on an already outstanding website. On June 10th Dave was notified that our entry was awarded third place.

**Kudos to Dave for an outstanding achievement!**

### ***June 07 Program Summary***

#### **DAVE STEIN**

Dave Stein is the NMWT Webmaster. He has recently upgraded our website and entered it in the AAW Website Contest at the St. Paul Symposium. Dave started out his education in engineering but, in his words, ended up in photography and film. He has always been intrigued by machines and mechanical devices and their development.

When he became interested in woodturning he wondered if he couldn't duplicate some of the more interesting machines in wood. More specifically, he wondered if he couldn't turn essentially all the parts of the selected devices. So he gave it a shot. The result: Best of Show in 2009 in the Novice Class AND Best of Show in 2010 in the Intermediate Class.

He started his presentation with a slide show featuring machines and devices from some time back. He showed a picture of the kind of telephone that I remember my family having during the 40s and 50s. No dial - remember: "Number Please?" Dave pointed out that most parts comprising these devices are round; hence they can be turned on the lathe. In fact, he pointed out, the design pattern was probably constructed of wood. The slide show also presented the turned parts of his two projects.

Descriptions follow:

#### **2009 Best of Show - World War II Battle Movie Camera**

Dave owns a World War II battle camera. This is a heavy very rugged 1940's era movie camera used to film World War II battles. He took apart the camera, actually or virtually, and set out to turn the individual parts. I believe all parts were turned. The body of the camera was turned as a spindle but required two center setups since the lense and the view finder were on different center lines. When assembling the camera Dave decided to attach the film can covers with magnets. In our climate it is very hard to maintain a tight box lid, especially in a vertical configuration such as a movie camera film can. When I saw this piece on display at the 2009 State Fair I was astonished at the detail!

#### **2010 Best of Show - Old Time Gramophone**

The old time gramophone was a strictly mechanical contraption with a large bell-shaped horn which acted as a speaker/amplifier. I started out with the sound recorded as grooves

on a wax cylinder and later evolved into the discs I grew up with. Of course the machine I grew up with was run by electrical power. Dave did research to come up with a machine the parts of which could be duplicated on a wood lathe. Most of the machines he found had square cases which housed the mechanics, namely the wind-up mechanism which turned the disc or cylinder. However he did find a model with a round base. The challenge was to make the bell and the tubing which transmitted the sound from the grooved disc to the bell shaped speaker/amplifier.

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### ***President's Corner***

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by  
Tom Cour

I am writing this column a little early this month. I am taking a two weeks Projects course at Santa Fe Community College beginning June 6; I have five chairs that I desperately need to finish. After that we are going to the AAW Symposium in St. Paul Minnesota. So, if I don't write it now it won't get written.

Just this week we received word from the State of New Mexico that our application to be a 501c3 educational non-profit has been accepted. We now have to file an initial report with New Mexico then send some forms to the U.S Internal Revenue Service. However, according to Alan Becker, we can tell any of our contributors that we are now a 501c3.

Ron Phillips hosted two hands-on workshops this past month to make two-wheel steady rests and/or supplementary tool rest bases (banjos). Total steady rests completed were about 15. I haven't used mine yet but Dan Shipman says his works great. I heard through the grapevine that Dan painted his

and that may make all the difference in the world. I may have to paint mine! Ron is to be commended mightily since he did much of the work prior to the workshop such as procurement of materials, cutting steel to dimension and welding parts together. We do appreciate this Ron!

Ron has a considerable amount of steel left over in the form of hot rolled bar (strap), cold rolled round 1" and 5/8" and some 1" and 1/2" black iron pipe. Most of this material had to be purchased in 20' lengths, but leftovers can be cut into shorter pieces. He also has a supply of inline skate wheels that are an integral part of the steady rests. Ron will sell at his cost. If you are interested call him at (505) 867-0612.

Two more things: the nominating committee will be looking to fill Board of Director vacancies shortly. We need people willing to commit to keep our club active and progressive.

The State Fair is will begin late August or early September --- soooo -- get your pieces ready. And clear your calendars to allow for participation as demonstrators.

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### ***CLASSES***

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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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### ***Advertisements***

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#### **Northwest Woodworking Studio**

Dear Guild Members,



Our "Hobby Wood" and "Thin Wood & Veneer" categories will be closing out.

We know many wood turners enjoy other areas of woodworking, such as scroll saw, intarsia, box making, laser engraving, laminating, and many other wood projects where thin sliced wood is desired. So this is way I decided to contact the AAW chapters.

We hope your chapter will take a moment to visit us on line at [www.forgottenwoods.net](http://www.forgottenwoods.net). Please share this information at your next AAW club meeting or forward this email letter to AAW members with our permission.

Thank you very much and I appreciate your time!

Belinda Peck  
Forgotten Woods LLC

**Discounts & Rebates**

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

The specials for July 2 will be table saw blades/dadoes page 178 and 179 from WWS catalog # 252C.

**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 [oneway.on.ca](http://oneway.on.ca) 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!**

Tools for Sale:

- Delta 1 1/2 HP Dust Collector - \$200
- Rigid bandsaw w/ 14" base, 6" height - \$150
- Sorby 8 pc. Beginners Turning Tools - \$125
- Jet Mini Lathe - 10" swing, 16" between centers, w/ small faceplate, chuck and cast stand - \$250
- Jet 5 pc. mini turning tools go w/ lathe
- Tormek Supergrind 2000 w/ woodturning sharpening jigs - \$400
- Supernova 2 chuck w/ 4 sets of jaws, 1 screw - \$100
- Beall 3 buff mandrel w/ big & small bowl buffs and bars of wax - \$125
- Packard wood sealer 2-1 gallon jugs - \$25
- Assorted wood to go with lathe

Will sell all together for \$1100. Will send pictures upon request. Will negotiate prices. Located at Holloman AFB, Alamogordo Contact Joseph Hosak 575-446-8332 or email at [jmhosak@gmail.com](mailto:jmhosak@gmail.com)

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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?**

***For Sale Table***

The Club is still providing the “For Sale” Table on meeting days. Bring your unwanted items, tools, wood, etc.

***Instant Photo Gallery***

Instant Photo Gallery will be back next month, be sure to bring your projects to the meeting.

***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
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

Name	Phone	Description
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**

Long Sleeve Denim Shirt \$27.00 including embroidery

Short Sleeve Denim Shirt \$25.00

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Polo (golf) shirt \$22.00

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Short Sleeve T-Shirt \$15.00

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Caps (baseball) \$11.00

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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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***Correction On Nichrome Wire***

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From Ray Berry:

I was mis-informed that Rio Grande Supply carried the nichrome wire that Molly used in her demo. They do not carry it, and I could not find any supplier here local that does. Sorry for the problem I caused.

Ray B.

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Albuquerque, NM 87123**

