



# High Desert Turning

Calendar Year Membership: \$20 individual, \$25 family Contact  
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## Next Regular NMWT Meeting:

**March 6, 2010**  
**9:00 AM to Noon**  
**Ralph Watts**

**Dyes and Air Brush Techniques**



Ralph Watts; Phu style vase

## March Meeting Program

The March meeting features Ralph Watts, demonstrating Dying Techniques.

## Future Meetings 2010

April	Bill Zerby, Sharping and Treen making
May	Sabo's (Steve for Hot Melt Glue Chucking and Madeleine for Turning w/ Visual Difficulties)
June	To be announced
July	Graeme Priddle

The 2010 programs will be listed next month. 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.

## February Program Summary

### Summary Of Kevin Fleming Presentation February 6, 2010

Kevin was one of the small number of turners who started the New Mexico Woodturners.

Kevin was one of the design team that produced the large Woodtek lathe with Woodworkers Supply.

Green wood turning - He does mostly green woodturning and as such has to deal with some extra challenges. He talked of the hose clamp technique to pull and hold base of a turning during the drying process, the use of glued blocks on outside of a bowl to pull a drying crack back together. Punky spots can be solidified with acrylic lacquer applied with a squeegee. Sherman Williams makes the acrylic lacquer but maybe have to thin it with up to 50% acetone. When turning green wood tighten chuck often, especially when turning item unsupported by tail center.

Tool making – he silver solders HSS tips on carbon steel rods to make special shape tools. Use water-based flux found at jewelry supply stores. Propane torches will work but MAPP gas gets hotter and faster. Handles are made to fit hand and not necessarily round. Off round fits hand

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			Equip/Workshops	John Ellis	771-1773

much better when deep boring and also do not roll off surface ALWAYS hitting floor on newly sharpened business end!

Finishes – Wax is a fast finish that looks good for a while but is not permanent. Deft lacquer is good except it turns somewhat yellow and turns wood darker over time. Krylon clear finish with UV resistant work well to retain color of wood over long term on woods like Osage Orange. It comes in matt or gloss. If gloss finish is too shiny, use red Scotch Brite pad or 4-0 steel wool.

Other noted comments:

- Catalpa is one of the most stable woods in North America.
- Leaving some shavings in hollow forms during turning seems to reduce chatter.
- Vacuum chips from inside of hollow forms with black plastic tubing from hardware store. Tubing can be heated and formed, and bent to fit the need.
- African Blackwood is especially good for small turnings like finials.
- When turning small long finials work from tip to back in small segments and finish as you go. Straight grain hard wood also helps.
- Keep ways of lathe clean and treat with WD-40 which repels moisture more than lubricates.
- Kevin spent a week at Arrowmont in a class taught by John Jordan.
- Kevin claims Ernie Newman from Australia as a mentor.
- Kevin sells his work at Kiva Fine Art Gallery in Santa Fe.

## *President's Corner*

In our first 2010 NMWT Board Meeting held on January 26, 2010 a committee was formed to up date our club by-laws. We, the Board, feel that the by-laws should accurately describe the operation of the club and conversely the club should operate according to the by-laws. Rich McCartney will chair the committee and John Vogel, Ron Bahm and Jim Griffin are members. Jim was active in up dating the Albuquerque Woodworkers Association by-laws a few years ago. They will report at the April Board Meeting.

Board members filled out a questionnaire concerning the direction the club should take and what activities the members will support. The results will be discussed at the next meeting. The membership will be asked for their input also. Many activities are commendable but unless they are supported by the membership, spending time and money on a project will be a failure. For example: we could have a mentorship program at high school shop classes and NMWT members would teach turning techniques. But, if only one or two members commit to the program it won't get off the ground and will fail. (This was only an example; I won't try to push any activity without the full support of the Board **and** the membership).

The March workshop will be "Dyes and Air Brush Techniques" presented by new member, Ralph Watts. He volunteered this subject at our planning session during the December Workshop and it was very well received. I am looking forward to it! Graeme Priddle, a professional turner from New Zealand, will be our first outside professional demonstrator this year. He will present on July 3. And yes, we will have a meeting on July 3 and Woodworker's Supply will be open!

**Gallery Of Turnings**



1 Bill Kalb; cottonwood, quebracho



2. Al Mirman; ash bowl large



3. Rom Bahm; Segmented bowl



4. Kevin Fleming; myrtle burl



5. Bob Henderson; ambrosia maple



6. Irling Smith; oak, maple, bloodwood, holly, pervian walnut.



7. Ken Pilkington; cottonwood/ English walnut



8. Bill Mantelli; birch



9. Wes Bigney; Segmented bowl



10. Bob Stauch; closed form sycamore,



11. Bob Stauch; closed form catalpa

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***Discounts & Rebates***

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

Catalog #245 --10% off, Everything on page 17, and Wizard tints on page 19

Catalog #BB-10 (big catalog) -- Airbrush items and video on page 94

NM Woodturners get an additional 10% discount !

**Woodcraft**  
[www.woodcraft.com](http://www.woodcraft.com)

*Wood of the month*  
Padauk and Purpleheart

Check the store flyer for current specials. As always, we look forward to seeing you at Woodcraft - Bill Zerby, Manager

**CLUB CREDIT FOR NMWT MEMBERS**  
Woodcraft donates a portion of every sale to NMWT members 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](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**

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

**Stock Building Supply**

Offers a discount to members, mention us and ask for club discount.

**For Sale!**

TOTAL SHOP dust collector.  
One HP, 12 in impeller, extra collector bags Runs good . The reason for sale is I bought a new cyclone type - \$150  
[kejpr@q.com](mailto:kejpr@q.com) Kenneth Pilkington

**Wanted**-Small lathe, with rpm that can be adjusted down to around 200 or 300.

Contact Jim at [jmhubert@msn.com](mailto:jmhubert@msn.com), or 286-2122. Thanks, Jim Hubert

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?**

**Classes**

**Woodcraft**

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

Provides classes in turning, sharpening 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](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 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.

***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
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
Janet Smith	823-2439	Pen turning & finishing

***The Library Corner***

We are in the process of converting all of our tapes to DVD's. The tapes will be available for check-out, but only by request. We have many new DVD's from the Symposium.

***NMWT 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 seven 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.

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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.

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) and to Bobby Dickson for our newsletter.

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)

[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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