



High Desert Turning

Calendar Year Membership: 20 individual, \$25 family
Contact Jack Henning Henning8402@msn.com or
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AAW News

The Symposium online registration is now up and running.

<http://www.woodturner.org/sym/reg/default.asp?tE=1>

Chips, Cuts, and Splinters

President's Message for May

"Progress on Our Goals for the Year"

In the February Newsletter, and at the first 2007 club meeting, I set out some ambitious goals for this year. So far, we're making progress on several of them, and that's good news. Several members are working with youth turners on a regular basis at Valley High School, and more members are always welcome. We've scheduled a non-meeting special session for later this month, featuring nationally-known turner Frank Penta, and other special "hands on" sessions are in the planning stages. Our current total membership is up, exceeding last year's total already. And, of course, NMWT has been successful in landing the 2009

American Association of Woodturners annual Symposium for Albuquerque.

A couple of the other goals, however, are yet to be addressed. For these, I'm asking your help.

First, we have many former members who have not stayed active with the club. While some may have moved away or retired, and perhaps some have chosen to spend their "hobby hours" in other ways, my belief is that many are no longer participating in NMWT because the club didn't, in some way, give them what they were looking for. I know many of these good people are still friends of one or more you current members. I'd appreciate it very much, if you are still in contact with any of our former members, to get in touch with them and provide an update on our current activities. Also, we'd like to know what additional activities, programs, or benefits they'd like to have NMWT provide. In other words, what would it take to renew their active interest in re-joining our club? I would personally like to know what you hear, how the Board and I can work to

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rekindle their interest, and what they might feel is missing from our range of member benefits. Feel free to call me anytime at 771-1773, or email me at NMWTwebman@aol.com.

Second, and related somewhat to the above, we'd like to reach out to others in the community who haven't yet taken advantages of club membership. Some may have only minimal, if any, knowledge of who we are and what we do. Others, especially people new to turning, may not know that we welcome those at any level of experience turning, from the beginner (or even would-be beginner) to those with higher skills. All it might take is a personal invitation, and again I ask for your help. As you meet people with an interest in turning, take a few minutes to be an "ambassador" from the club and urge them to come to one of our meetings. A personal invitation is 100 times as effective as any flier picked up at a store, the State Fair, or an exhibit. If you'd like me to reinforce the invitation, don't hesitate to call or email and I'll do my part. Thanks.

To help with rising club costs we're asking members who currently get a printed (hard) copy if they would consider an e-copy of the newsletter. If you have Internet access, and would consider receiving the newsletter via e-mail or from the club web site. Please contact me at tom@doering.us

Turning Acrylic Pens

By Ron Bahm 3/3/07 NMWT meeting

I start by saying I have only turned about a dozen acrylic pens so I am just relaying what has worked for me, as of this date. Better techniques will develop from all of us.

1—Acrylics are different depending on source. They drill and turn somewhat different than wood.

2—Cut blanks at least 1/8" too long. Drilling seems to break out that last 1/16".

3—Use a good brad point bit and drill slow with 5 or 6 exits to clear the chips and let the bit cool. The object is to clear chips not molten material which sticks to bit and is difficult to remove.

4—Sand brass tubes lightly and I use medium CA glue to glue tubes in acrylic. Mark blanks if there is a continuation of "grain". Drill from both centers because bit will leave a clean entry and maybe a rough exit.

5—I sand ends on a faceplate.

6—Turn at fast speed, use a roughing gouge to get to round then I use a 1/4" round tool sharpened at 45 degrees with downward angle as a scraper to get to desired shape. Keep tools sharp. NO, I have not devised a way of clearing the "ribbons" of debris that stay around the mandrel as you turn!

7—Use cloth backed sandpaper then finish with micro-mesh wet to the 12,000 grade. Use automotive polish as final coat but not necessary.

Suggested sources of info:
www.woodmagazine.com,

www.penturners.org

Suggested sources of supplies:

Woodcraft, Woodworkers Supply,
PennState Industries

(www.pennstateind.com), Craft
Supplies USA

(www.woodturnerscatalog.com),
www.WoodTurningz.com.

Volunteers needed!

Members, don't forget to visit with Ernie Romero or Les Jolley at the May 7 meeting about a weekend woodworking youth program sponsored by AWA members, Ernie Romero and friend

Reggie Cheshire. Mentors are needed for program Sunday afternoons August 19 & if needed August 25 beginning with lunch at noon until 4 p.m. Ernie and Reggie need mentors to introduce and assist girls & boys, 7-15, to the art and joys of woodworking. It would be great if we could all get together for a Q & A over a cup of coffee and what's left of the donuts, after the May 07 AWA meeting.

Ernie and Reggie have hosted this FREE event two prior occasions. They will lead the kids by having them assemble, sand and "build" finger joint privacy boxes complete with hasps, lock and key constructed of white or red oak that they can take home. Each volunteer will be requested to supervise three (3) kids. The group will be limited to 30 young people so they need at least 10 AWA members to help support this 3:1 project. Volunteers will be also needed to help pre-cut stock for each child's box.

Ernie states that he will underwrite the expenses but that donations are welcomed. He will provide the oak, plans and hardware. It would be helpful if each volunteer mill Three (3) project boxes in their shop. If you can't that's still OK as some of us will be able to mill more than three. If volunteers can't do box joints, then we can build the boxes with dado or rabbit joints, and other tasks can be fulfilled by volunteers

The group meets in the East Mountains at Ernie's shop. "The event that will begin by a prayer of gratitude at noon followed by the best meal we can put on for our volunteers and kids." Menu's that have worked in the past will be considered such as Domino's Pizza, KFC "original recipe" by the bucket. Along with sodas, milk, and water – this will be and ALL YOU CAN EAT lunch." Ernie is planning for a motivational speaker or for a volunteer to explain the project as folks are eating.

Ernie would like some feedback from members and volunteers about this project. Please contact him at either his work albdejr@nmcourts.com , personal e-mail Ejromero@aol.com

Contact Les Jolley, 345-2020 for more information.

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

May – This month, Jim McLain will show us how he turns a sphere. I understand these sphere's make great conversation pieces, and help keep the neighbors guessing at what's brewing in your workshop.

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 – May - Wood of the Month - Canarywood.

Canarywood (*Centrolobium orinocense*) is native to Central America. Generally, it has a nice, straight grain and colors ranging from lightest yellow to deep red. So red, in fact, that it is sometimes called "poor man's Tulipwood". The texture is medium to coarse. We've been using it to turn some beautiful pieces in the shop here at Woodcraft. It glues well, and turns very well. While it is not one of the more toxic woods, we still recommend safe dust-handling techniques as it is mildly toxic and can cause an allergic reaction in more sensitive woodworkers. Current pricing on this beautiful wood is \$7.85 bdft, and during May it will be 20% off.

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

Can you believe it? May is upon us, and before you know it, it will be time for the state fair. Every year the club provides turning demonstrations, and information about our group. Several members submit entries to be judged in hopes of bringing home a ribbon. So, with that thought, start preparing now for that best of show ribbon...

For Sale!

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

MODEL 40-601 18"
 BOUGHT NEW 02-85
 ORIG. COST \$935
 SALE COST \$400
 GOOD AS NEW



CONTACT KEN PILKINGTON @
 883-0223 OR E-MAIL-
kej@spinn.net

Another member, Jim Jaworski has these items for sale:
 Sorby HSS 1 " oval skew for \$30

Henry Taylor HSS fluted parting tool
\$45

I also will try to bring some pen blanks...Ambrosia Maple..some with curl..3/\$1..possibly some figured white oak. Contact Jim Jaworski for more info.

Future Meetings

2007

While topics are still in the planning stages, dates for regular Club meetings for 2007 are as follows:

Meeting Schedule for 2007

February 3	July 7
March 3	August 4
April 7	October 6
May 5	November 3
June 2	December 1

A tentative list of programs for those meetings will be announced in early 2007.

Gallery Of Turnings



Ron Bahm - Pens (Diamondwood & Acrylic)



Ray Berry 1 & 2 - Rectangle bowl
(wood unknown)



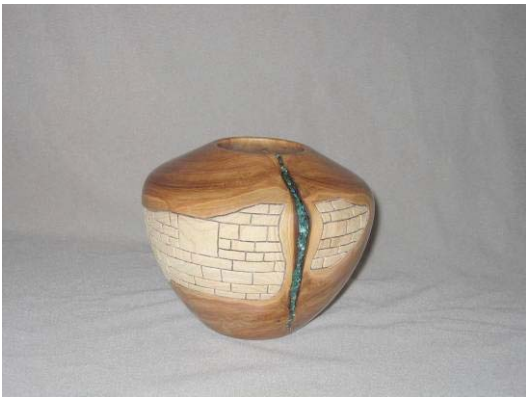
Colin Crawford 1 - Sycamore goblet



Colin Crawford 2 - Chatter tool



Gale Greenwood - Birdhouse (wood unknown)



Jim McLain - Chaco piece (alligator juniper)



Ken Pilkington 1 - Ironwood pot



Ken Pilkington 2 - Ironwood pot



Jack Schamaun - Wicket (pine & walnut)

In the News

No News is not 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
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

Woodturning is an excellent magazine published in the UK. In the April 1994 issue Merryll Saylan explores ways to blacken his turnings. He uses ebonizing techniques as well as scorching; the results are attractive and intriguing. In addition Berle Miller describes a way to wake a tall vase from yellow cedar.

American Woodturner is the official journal of the American Association of Woodturners. The March 1997 issue featured an article by Susan Schauer on making turned bird houses for real birds. Another article feature making pierced hollow forms by Ron Pessolano

The Woodturner is another British publication. We only have eight issues, but the articles are very detailed and "how-to". The October 1983 issue featured a detailed article on how to fashion a bowl from a log. There are also two very good articles on making pepper mills.

If you would like to check out a magazine(s) call me (Tom Cour) at 867-8771 and I will have it for you at the next meeting or if you want it sooner you are welcome to come by my house. I live in Rio Rancho. At the present time I have no plans to publish an index of all

the articles in all the magazines. There are five full file boxes of magazines.

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.woodweb.com

www.cleanturn.net

www.tufftooth.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