



High Desert Turning

www.nmwoodturners.org

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NEXT REGULAR NMWT MEETING

February 1, 2020

9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

**North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center,
7521 Carmel NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113**

Burls, Burls, Burls!

During February's meeting we will have Michael Alguire demonstrating all things burls! In this demonstration we will talk about:

1) the formation of burls and why they occur, the various ways to harvest burls and the effects harvesting burls have on trees.

2) different grain patterns (eyes/rays) you'll find in burls and when turning burls how the orientation will change how the grain patterns will show up.

3) complications you might encounter when turning burl and the different approaches you can take whether you're turning green or dry burl.

And then the fun part... we will make shavings and show what forms may complement different types of burl!



FUTURE PROGRAMS/ ACTIVITIES

Feb 1	BURLS, BURLS, BURLS!
Mar 7	WOODTURNING SPHERES
Apr 4	SHARPENING TECHNIQUES
May 2	PLATTERS WITH TOM WIRSING

PRESIDENT'S TURN



Our Club Is Growing...

I hope you all enjoyed our January presentation on Resin Casting with Epoxy. With standing room only, it definitely appeared to be of interest to many and a sign that our club continues to grow! A wonderful and somewhat related bit of research by the American

Association of Woodturners looked at how turners evolve from beginner to advanced, even to professional, and there is a repeating theme. How long turners remain active in organizations like ours ties to whether they believe the organization is of value throughout the journey. My belief from recent attendance is that we are on target, but we need each of you to let us know if you agree... please let any of the board members know how we can continue to help you on your turning journey, whatever it may be.

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And then there is the American Association of Woodturners upcoming international symposium June 4th through 7th in Louisville, Kentucky! More than 1,300 turners come together to learn, share and celebrate woodturning. Block your calendars now

Our February 1st demo with Michael Alguire will be "Working With Burls". Check out the Program details here.

Heads up on the upcoming Explora "Adult Night" on March 20th. Their theme is "Bee Friendly" covering pollination, plants, and preservation. They would love to have us come and demo! If you are interested in helping/demoing see Hy Tran for further details.

Safety tip: Always check the speed of the lathe before turning it on. Use slower speeds for larger diameters or rough pieces, and higher speeds for smaller diameters and pieces that are balanced. Always start a piece at a slower speed until the work piece is balanced. If the lathe is shaking or vibrating, lower the speed. If the workpiece vibrates, always stop the machine to check the reason. Tie back long hair, do not wear gloves, and avoid loose clothing or objects that may catch on rotating parts or accessories.

That's it for this month, and I hope to see you all on February 1st! Remember to bring your work for the instant gallery! Let's see what you've been doing.

-Rick

VOLUNTEER DEMONSTRATORS NEEDED!!!

Volunteer demonstrators needed for Explora! Adult Night, March 20th

Explora's next Adult Night program is "**Bee Friendly**" on Friday, March 20th, from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. We are looking to set up two lathes for demos. Four (4) turning volunteers would "bee" ideal. An announcement will be made at the February NMWT meeting. You may also direct any questions to past club president, Hy Tran.

BEADS OF COURAGE

Go to www.beadsofcourage.org to see to whom you will be making these boxes. Also, check out this story <https://youtube/WMCcJxO9mnY>. Don't forget to bring your boxes to the meetings and put them into the instant gallery. Scott Eckstein is our official representative for the local hospitals, give him your box(s) for delivery to the hospitals.

SUGGESTED OTHER WEBSITES

Found a good website? Want to share it with other club members? Questions or suggestions are welcome.

Please contact the club Webmaster Dave Stein at:

webmaster@nmwoodturners.org

JANUARY 2020 MEETING REVIEW

Casting and Turning with Epoxy Resin

We kicked off the first meeting of the year having Johnathan & Michael describe the in's and out's of epoxy resins including the various types, open and cure times, dyes and pigments, mixing by weight or volume, molds and much more.



Michael showed us how to turn an awkward shaped piece of burl timber to fit the bowl mold. The piece was placed in the mold and submerged in epoxy resin with a piece of "waste" wood to hold it down in the mold.

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After the break, the boys prepared another pour for a cylindrical mold. This time the audience directed the color combo and we have yet to see the result but we're sure it's unique.



To finish off the demonstration, Michael turned a prepared resin and wood blank into a nice catch-all bowl. As you can tell, working with resin is a fun, challenging and equally messy task as standard turning timber. Michael sure wears it well, though!



What a great demo, with standing-room-only attendance, to kickstart the 2020 New Mexico Woodturners club meetings!

INSTANT PHOTO GALLERY

****The photographer will only be available until 9:25 A.M. on the day of the meeting to take photos of the instant gallery items****



Bob Rocheleau with a Cedar live edge bowl



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Bill Schattsneider with an Alligator Juniper bowl



David Waldrep with a Black Walnut bowl



David Waldrep with a Box Elder Burl bowl



Doug Kampman with a flame vase (species not specified)



Doug Kampman with a spalted Maple bowl



Ian Ahlen with an African Mahogany shallow bowl



Scott Eckstein with a Box Elder Burl natural edge bowl with turquoise inlay



Ivan Blomgren with a Black Walnut fluted vase



Jim Scott with a Maple basket illusion shallow bowl



Jose Sena with a Box Elder Resin egg upon a Red Alder base



Jim Scott with Juniper branches in resin vase



Tom Durgin with a Maple basket illusion shallow bowl

DISCOUNTS & REBATES

WOODWORKER'S SUPPLY

www.woodworker.com

Meeting Day Specials for the Dec 7th meeting will be announced at the meeting. The specials are good thru Monday.

CRAFT SUPPLIES USA

www.woodturnerscatalog.com

Offers a discount to members on large orders. Craft Supplies USA has implemented a new club support program. Visit their web site or phone Kathy Lawrence at 1-800-551-8876

NORTH WOODS, LLC

www.nwfiguredwoods.com

PO Box 808 Forest Grove OR 97116
800-556-3106, 503-357-9953

ALBUQUERQUE EXOTIC WOODS

www.albuquerqueexoticwoods.com

Johnathan McDonnell has a store specializing in exotic woods, located at 1570 Juan Tabo NE.

Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 8:30 – 6:00.

Closed Sunday and Monday

Contact: (505) 299-6945

NMWT members can get a 10% discount upon presenting a current membership card. Military and first responders also get a 10% discount.

RUGBY ARCHITECTURAL BUILDING PRODUCTS

1050 18th St. NW (505) 924-2270

NMWT members receive Wholesale Prices. Rugby's have hardwoods, Thermofused Melamine, plywood, veneers, and furniture grade white pine.

BMC STOCK SUPPLY

www.buildwithbmc.com

5815 Edith Blvd NE

Albuquerque, NM 87107

(505) 823-2200

Wholesale Prices to NMWT Members



Woody Stone with a Mesquite bowl



Woody Stone with a Poplar hollow form,



Taz Bramlette with a massive Box Elder Burl natural edge bowl

NEWSLETTER

If you have any tips, news, sale items or a newsletter entry, please send it to news@nmwoodturners.org, with photos as attachments, for publication in a future newsletter. **Must be received by the last Saturday of the month to make the most current newsletter.**

NM WOODTURNERS DISCOUNT AT PENN STATE INDUSTRIES

Do you shop at Penn State Industries? Would you like to receive a 10% discount on all your purchases at Penn State Industries?

Register as a member of New Mexico Woodturners at Penn State Ind, and automatically get 10% off whenever you shop online at Penn State! (This works even if you are already a customer at Penn State).

To register—send an email to hy.d.tran@gmail.com with the name, address, and email to which your Penn State Ind. catalogs get sent. Once we register you, you'll automatically get 10% off every time you shop!

break, settle up with the treasurer. **Your contributions go to benefit the Red Hollenbach Scholarship Fund which is used to reduce the cost for members to attend professional demonstrator's hands-on sessions.**

SCHOOLS

Santa Fe Community College, www.sfcc.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, information can also be found at SFCC's website.

LUMBER & MILLING SERVICES

Doug Malmstrom 505-907-3015
Custom milling of your lumber or ours!

LIBRARY CORNER

A good selection of educational DVDs are available for check out during club meetings.

DVD Rental

Please use and return DVD's in one month if possible and donate \$1.00 for each DVD checked out to help with expenses. If you encounter any problems with DVD's, please notify Michael of those problems.

NMWT WEBSITE

www.nmwoodturners.org

Please visit our website. Webmaster Dave Stein continues to make many additions and improvements that are very useful to club members and the public. We now have a slideshow on the Home Page and the Gallery is divided into sections with slide shows.



Also, check out the NMWT on Facebook! Join, like and please share your photos, tips and connect with NMWT group members.

MARKETPLACE: FOR SALE, TRADE & WANTED

Run an ad to SELL, FIND or TRADE something among membership

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.

WANTED: Used Powermatic PM3520B
lathe in good condition. Tailstock swing-away is ideal but not necessary. No additional accessories needed. Please contact Scott at (406)274-2931.



SILENT AUCTION

Items will be placed on the table in the back and bids may be placed prior to the break. At the

NMWT LOGO APPAREL**Prices for NMWT Shirts and Hat**

- Caps (Baseball) \$12.00
- Long Sleeve Denim Shirt \$29.00
- Short Sleeve Denim Shirt \$29.00
- Short Sleeve Snap Shirt \$29.00
- Polo (golf) Shirt w/ pocket \$27.00
- T-Shirt V-Neck \$19.00
- Smocks \$50.00



· **All items include**

embroidered NMWT Logo

· Names Embroidered on Shirt additional \$5.00

· Contact: Ivan Blomgren @ 615-5096

Get order forms at club meetings from Ivan Blomgren or download from our website and turn in the completed order form(s) to Ivan with payment. *Orders are submitted on a quarterly basis and can be placed with Ivan up through the middle meeting of each quarter.*

Full payment for an order will need to be submitted with each order form before it can be processed! Order placement cut off dates for each quarter will be as follows:

ORDERS ARE DUE TO IVAN AT THIS, THE FEBRUARY, MEETING!!!

Quarter	Months	Order Meeting	Delivery Meeting
1st	Jan - Mar	February	March
2nd	Apr - Jun	May	June
3rd	Jul - Sept	August	September
4th	Oct - Dec	November	December

LET'S SEE YOUR SHOP & TURNINGS

I dare you to name one woodturner you know who doesn't like to drool over another turner's shop or turning setup! Since we all like shop eye-candy, in the coming months, we will be adding a new feature to the newsletter called "It's Your Turn!" - a focused article that shares you, your shop and some turnings.

Members of the NMWT may nominate a fellow member or themselves to be featured. The newsletter editor, each month, will visit a member to see your shop, get to know you a bit and share some photos of your shop and work. This will help our growing membership become more familiar with one another and we can better share the craft! FYI, the mentors are already nominated.

MENTORS***Photos coming soon...***

Name	Phone	Description
Bill Zerby Rio Rancho NM528/Southern	(505) 263-6632	Basic spindle turning & tool sharpening
John Ellis Placitas	(505) 463-7750	Basic turning, plates, tools & handles
Rick Judd East Mountain	(615) 280-8300	Hollow forms, bowls, lidded boxes, burls, natural edge
Ron Phillips Rio Rancho Rivers Edge II	(505) 553-6139	Beginning, basic and intermediate turning. Also, specialty tools, rests & steadies
Ralph Watts	(505) 500-5859	Advanced turning, carving, coloring and finishing
Ron Bahm Albuquerque NE Heights	(505) 881-8845	Pen turning and segmented work
Hy Tran Albuquerque Paseo/Ventura	(505) 844-5417	Beginner and Novice
Don Roden Albuquerque	(763) 234-5780	spindles, bowls, skew
Mike Heiser Santa Fe	(505) 388-4678	Beginning, basic and intermediate turning.
Jake Jacobson Cedar Crest	(505) 417-2361	Spindles, kits(pens) hollow- forms, bowls, burls, natural edge and inlay
Larry Linford Albuquerque	(505) 870-1601	Basket illusion pieces
Don Best Albuquerque	(505) 293-6214	Segmented bowls

Members are always welcome to contact the people on the mentor list for guidance to better turning ideas and techniques

Free to NMWT members; give a Mentor a call!

EDITOR'S CATCH

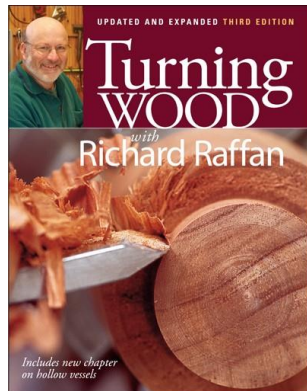
The iconic Richard Raffan has been on my mind as of late. Who is Richard Raffan, then? It's quite likely that Richard popularized the woodturning craft for the world circa the 1970's. Richard was a significant part of the "art turning" movement that landed handcraft, turned pieces into art galleries. He is well-known for his keen skew chisel use, his efficient hollowing technique and numerous books on woodturning technique and projects at the lathe. Richard is internationally recognised artisan and teacher, to boot! If David Ellsworth is the Father of Woodturning in America, then Richard Raffan may just be the Father of Woodturning!



My first exposure to the written word related to woodturning, the woodturning canon if you will, was Richard's book entitled *Turning Wood with Richard Raffan, 3rd Ed.* The book, at the time, like the Torah, was more meat than I could chew. Being that I needed milk before meat, I rushed out to the local Missoula County Public Library and requested his DVD entitled *The New*

Turning Wood with Richard Raffan. The DVD was extremely helpful to a self-taught, YouTube University grad like me. And, much to my surprise, it was nothing like my experience writing a book report based on watching Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*! Mrs. Irvin, my 9th grade English teacher, would never have known the difference had the report been on Raffan's classic literature! See the club librarian for this DVD.

Many of you may not participate in social media and for many reasons I can empathize. However, I still dabble in the Facebooks a bit, if even just for the woodturning groups and burl auctions [my wife is rolling her eyes at me as I type this] I never win. Interestingly, Richard Raffan is my "friend" on Facebook and he often comments on honest, well-researched posts that seek higher education - perhaps from a person not accustomed to participating in a local, monthly woodturning club. He has been quite helpful and personable to me in my Facebook experience. Sensei Raffan recently posted this on January 14, 2020,



"Within a few days, it's fifty years since I first turned a piece of wood on a lathe. That was in Douglas Hart's workshop... but by late May 1970 I was running out of money and needed to turn stuff for myself that I could sell. Since June 1970 I've been lucky to be able to make a living selling what I've turn[ed] on a lathe. The teaching and book royalties have been a bonus, as are the people I've met, and stayed in contact with, in at least a dozen countries."

I smiled from ear-to-ear reading comments of gratitude to Richard for his grand contribution to the woodturning

world. Even other "greats" like Nick Cook, Mike Mahoney, Cindy Drozda, Tom Wirsing and Kirk Deheer offered their thanks and shared some of the impact that Richard had on them. It was a humbling experience seeing some small bit of homage being paid to a true mentor and genuine human. Perhaps a very atypical Facebook experience but a much needed and wonderful experience it was for me.



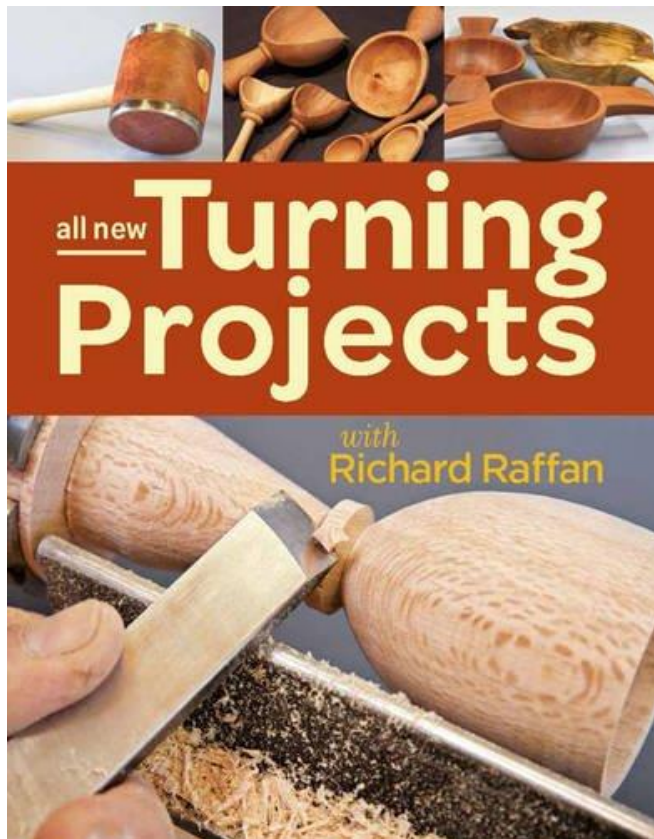
Whilst I am no Raffan, or even a smidgen close, when it comes to turning, I often think of the small things I do that can be attributed to the lessons learned reading and watching his contributions to empowering future woodturners. Many of those things come from his subtle mannerisms on his DVD, which portions are shared on YouTube via the Fine Woodworking channel. Here's a great snippet called ["How to Turn a Basic Bowl - Part 1"](#) and a lovely [part 2](#) to follow.

If you are interested in another Raffan book in the canon, I highly recommend a newer one of his entitled *All New Turning Projects with Richard Raffan* revised in 2015. This book illustrates his classic, bill-paying scoops, his tried and true technique for small bowls and his flat-as-a-pancake set of quartersawn plates.

I've found that I consistently use his insights and techniques in turning my spheres - the same techniques he uses for his soup ladles and handled bowls in this book (see top right).



I regret not taking a few minutes to offer my thanks to Richard for the "50 years" post last week. I should have! Thanks Mr. Raffan! Just this week I introduced a new friend to turning a bowl. He was exceedingly grateful and we arranged for a follow up meeting. How



would I feel if he held his feelings inside? Would I want to pass on my passion and developed skills as readily in the future without some gratitude? Find that mentor of yours and say thanks. Better yet, pass on the craft and have the joy of receiving gratitude and watching passion ignite! - Scott

2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES

2020 Membership renewals are due!

It is that time of year again to renew your membership for next year!

- A single membership is \$25 for one year, \$45 for two and \$65 for three years
- A family membership is \$30 for one year, \$55 for two and \$80 for three years

Please see treasurer, Mark Smith, at the meeting to renew. Or, you can mail your renewal check directly to Mark.

Make checks payable to NMWT and send to:

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