



# High Desert Turning

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### *In Memorium*

It is with much sadness that we report the passing of one of our founding members, Red Hollenbach. Red passed away on Christmas Eve. He was an active member of NMWT ever since its founding, gave many presentations, mentored other turners, was a board member and officer, and was a great friend to many of us.

### *Next Regular NMWT Meeting:*

**January 07, 2012**  
**9:00 AM to Noon**

### *Future Programs/ Activities*

Jan 7	<b>Bill Zerby demonstrating Tool Sharpening</b>
Feb 4	<b>Designing bowls and basic bowl turning with Ray Berry</b>
March 3	<b>Natural Edge bowls- demo tbd</b>
April 7	<b>Square edge Bowls- demo tbd</b>
May 5	<b>Platters- demo tbd</b>

If you would like to participate in any of the above or have ideas for a program or topics, please contact . Alan Becker at 467-8382

### *Introduction For Bill Zerby*

Our January 7, 2012 presentation will be by Bill Zerby on sharpening. This is an expertise of Bill's and since it is free, we are in for special training. I know from personal experience that a sharpening class with Bill changed my turning success dramatically. You will learn that a sharp tool is a safer tool, a sharp tool will reduce sanding and many other details combined with humor! If you turn, this class is a must.

### *Scholarships For Workshops/Silent Auction*

A Silent Auction will be held during each NMWT workshop to raise money for a scholarship fund. The earnings from this fund will be used to reduce member's cost of attending hands-on sessions with professional turner-demonstrators at the discretion of the NMWT Board of Directors.. You may place any item that you think will sell in the auction but I plan to bring only items relating to woodworking or woodturning. There will be auction sheets on a table outside the WWS meeting room. Take a bid sheet, write the name of the item on the sheet and put your item with the sheet. If you want the item to go for a certain amount, put

your name and the minimum bid on the sheet. The Auction will be over at the end of the break. Money will be collected for items sold during the last part of the meeting. All money collected will go into the scholarship fund. Items not sold will be returned to the owner and the owner will remove the items from Woodworkers Supply.

If you wish to donate any unsold items to the raffle, please also write that at the top of the bid sheet, and the unsold items will be in that meeting's raffle.

### ***Special Item For January Silent Auction***

The monthly Silent Auction will start up again in Jan. Bring turning items and wood for the auction.

A special item will be a **powered dust mask - the Air-Mate by Racal Health & Safety**. The helmet with face shield and ear muffs has the battery pack mounted on a belt. They sell for \$250 to \$300 and the minimum bid will be \$100.

### ***December 03 Program Summary***

## **ANNUAL GIFT EXCHANGE AND PLANNING SESSION**

December 3, 2011

The December meeting began with a special presentation:

John Ellis was presented with a certificate commemorating his very valuable service to the New Mexico Woodturners. Specifically, he and his wife, Carol, have hosted almost every outside professional demonstrator in their home and have hosted the associated Hands-On Turning sessions in their shop. In addition, John also has hosted numerous hands-on jig/fixture manufacturing sessions

in his shop. He has been the caretaker of club lathes and other equipment including facilitating the movement of the lathes to demonstrations such as the State Fair. He is a past-president of New Mexico Woodturners and helps with virtually every club activity. In fact just recently, he assisted Ron Phillips in teaching a week-long hands-on instructional workshop in spindle turning. Without the active participation of John and others like him, our club could not function. Please join me in an expression of appreciation for John Ellis. Carol Ellis is also included in this expression of appreciation. She is a gracious hostess and adds much to other people's view of our club.

### **GIFT EXCHANGE**

The annual gift exchange constituted the first part of the meeting. Rich McCartney presided and gave each person that brought a gift one raffle ticket. These tickets were put into a can. The gifts (unwrapped) were put on a table. Thirty-five people attended the meeting and Rich said he gave out 32 tickets. This is over 90% participation which is fantastic. Rich began by drawing a ticket from the can. The owner of the first ticket chose a gift from the table and drew another ticket from the can. This procedure was followed until all tickets were drawn. Since some people brought more than one gift, there were nine gifts left at the end of the exchange; these gifts were then put into the raffle. The Gift Exchange was a very successful and fun event especially when we have a high degree of participation as we did this year.

### **PLANNING SESSION**

Each year for the past several years John Ellis has presided over a planning session replete with flip charts, priority voting etc. This year he preceded the planning part with a sort of "fact finding" activity. He said the Board needed some input pertaining to the activities the club membership would support. Specifically, the board wants to know if the membership supports outside professional demonstrators

and how to pay for them. Somewhat surprisingly the membership seems to support higher annual dues along with a budget with a substantial earmark for education. The members also said that they were more likely to attend a Professional Demo if the subject was one that they would be likely to use. This part of the planning session gave the Board some much appreciated input.

John reported that about two thirds of the workshops presented in 2011 included subjects that were from last year's planning session. He then presented the items suggested last year that were NOT included the the 2011 programs and asked for new items. This resulted in another flip page of suggestions. All flip chart pages, both new and left-over from 2011, were then taped to the wall and the members present were asked to put a (magic marker) dot by their top six subjects. According to John's tally the top 12 vote getters were:

- Tools and tool handles
- Natural edged bowls
- Christmas turnings
- Designing bowls
- Square bowls and platters
- Thin wall turnings (new this year)
- Turning green wood
- Finials
- Jigs and fixtures by members
- Thread chasing
- Platters
- Turning Burls

All of this information will be used by the board in planning for 2012 and beyond.

I was concerned about the level of participation in both the gift exchange and the planning session. I was afraid we might be losing some of our "edge" but I was pleasantly surprised. Thank you very much for your participation and guidance.

Tom Cour

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## *New Members*

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**Rich Mc Natt Welcome!**

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## *President's Corner*

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### **President's Corner**

#### **December 2011**

This will be my last President's Corner and it is an opportunity to reflect a bit. First I want to thank all of you, the two boards that I have worked with and the membership. All of you have been very supportive of me. The membership especially has been very supportive of both me and the boards for the past two years. When I accepted the presidency I was under no illusion that it would be a "piece of cake". I know from past experience that you must have committed and active leadership for an organization to function well. In the beginning I had a few goals: 1) group purchases that benefited our members but did not compete with Woodworkers Supply or (at the time) Woodcraft; 2) hands-on workshops to build jigs/fixtures and/or tools; 3) offer Demonstrations and hands-on workshops by outside professional demonstrators; 4) continue to participate as much as possible in the State Fair and other exhibitions.

The Board continued to meet once a month but changed the venue from an evening meeting at Holland's Rose to a breakfast meeting at Milly's Restaurant on Jefferson. The result was a big jump in attendance ( + an inch or two in my waistline). From the previous paragraph: 1) We had a group purchase per year including 3M respirators complete with HEPA particulate filters from Rio Grande Jewelry Supply and diamond grinding wheels purchased through WoodCraft; 2) the first year we conducted a hands-on workshop at John Ellis' shop and built two bandsaw jigs (a log slicer and a bowl blank cutter). The second year Ron Phillips conducted

a hands-on workshop at his shop where we built a two or three wheel steady rest; 3) Graeme Priddle, professional turner from New Zealand and Jimmy Clewes, professional turner from England were featured in 2010. Molly Winton, professional turner from Seattle and Craig Timmerman, professional turner from Austin, Texas were featured in 2011; 4) we continued to participate at the State Fair, both as exhibitors and as demonstrators. Plus we exhibited at the main Albuquerque Library and at two branch libraries.

In 2010 Our by-laws were rewritten to reflect our current management. We established a written Policies and Procedures Manual to guide our operations on a consistent basis.

We worked toward a goal of becoming a 501c3 educational non-profit. This designation will allow any donation to our club or a possible educational fund within our club to be totally deductible for tax purposes. Alan Becker, Hart Guenther and Rich McCartney are heavily involved in this effort.

Once again thank you for your support and allowing me to serve as your president. I will continue to serve the New Mexico Woodturners at your pleasure.

Tom Cour

### ***AAW Drawing Announcement***

The following paragraphs are forwarded from the most recent AAW Newsletter. Note the announcement of special year-end drawing for a Powermatic lathe.

### **Monthly Drawings/Grand Prize Drawing**

It is almost time to have our year-end drawing for the Powermatic lathe. The name of one lucky member will be drawn at random from the membership roster at the end of the year. That member will win a Powermatic 3520B lathe including shipping\*. Their chapter will also win either a full-size Jet lathe or 5 mini-

Jets including shipping\*. We thank Walter Meier Powermatic JET company for their continued support and donation of our annual grand prize.

\*Shipped within the continental United States. Shipping allowance for Canada and overseas.

### **Thank Our Sponsors**

Please make sure that you thank all of our business members for their support of the AAW. These companies and individuals help make the organization great and offer many special benefits to our members. Let them know you appreciate them when you do business with them. We also thank those donors to the monthly and year-end grand prize drawings. You can find a complete listing of those on the [website](#).

### **Grants**

The EOG applications for this year's grants are now open online. The deadline is January 15. You must **apply online**. New this year with the EOG grants 10, AAW symposium registrations will be awarded.

### **Update officers, for annual insurance certificate**

Most chapters have their elections around this time of the year. Please make sure to inform the St. Paul office of your latest chapter officers. Also needed is any mailing address change for your annual insurance certificate mailing.

### **Membership Drive**

Don't forget to check for the latest information on our membership drive program. There are great incentives for bringing in new members or encouraging past members to rejoin.

AAW is excited to kick off our membership drive. As we continue to grow, we look forward to welcoming new members and renewing friendships with returning members. This year we look forward to expanding our programs and implementing new ideas, and as always, sharing with you, this amazing time. Our membership drive is designed to work through and in support of the local chapters. For each

10 memberships (new or lapsed two years or more) the chapter will receive a complimentary symposium registration. The start date for the promotion was November 1<sup>st</sup> with an end date of December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Click here to participate in the offer.** We hope that you'll choose to join and spread the word to your friends.

### Woodturning Fundamentals

In a continuing effort to reach all of our membership with skills-related information, we have begun a "woodturning fundamentals" program. This educational effort will provide a wide variety of wood and turning fundamental information. Based via e-mail and our website, it is intended to supplement the journal and will be published in months when the journal is not published. Please **follow the included link** for more information.

### Donations for insurance fund

We often get inquiries from the chapters regarding contributing to the insurance fund. We appreciate any donations made to help offset this expense and we accept donations in any amount. A commonly used guideline is \$1 per member.

### Safety committee announcement

While the AAW has a long-standing commitment to safety, we are always striving to improve. We have created a committee whose whole purpose is to bring safety information and best practices to the forefront. This group, headed by **Don Derry**, will create, seek out, and publicize information on safety through our best practices area. Individuals and chapters are encouraged to submit materials and ideas.

### CLASSES

#### *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.

### *Discounts & Rebates*

#### *Woodworker's Supply*

#### *Meeting Day Sale*

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

The specials will be pages 176-177 from #255 catalog – Band Saw Blades

#### *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

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***For Sale!***

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?**

***Exotic Turning Blanks***

**EXOTIC TURNING BLANKS**

Jake Jacobson and Jens Pleugmann  
 Jake Jacobson (505) 417-2361  
 Jens Pleugmann (575) 517-9961  
 Their website address is:  
[www.abqexoticwoods.com](http://www.abqexoticwoods.com)

***Instant Photo Gallery***

The instant photo gallery will resume as soon as technical difficulties are overcome. Sorry for the inconvenience .

***Mentors***

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
Ed Hume	291-9792	Preparation, inlay & polishing Turquoise
Ron Phillips	867-0612	Specialty tools, rests & steadies

Name	Phone	Description
Ralph Watts	792-4860	Advanced turning, carving, coloring, and finishing
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

"

Add \$2 for XXL and \$3 for XXXL

Names Embroidered on Shirt \$3.00

Logo on Customer Supplied Garment \$9.00

Contact: Ron Bahm 881-8845

***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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