

# High Desert Turning

[www.nmwoodturners.org](http://www.nmwoodturners.org)

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## ELECTED OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, & COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2019

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## NEXT REGULAR NMWT MEETING

**July 6, 2019**

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

**North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center (NDBMGC), 7521 Carmel NE, Albuquerque NM**

### John Ellis presenting Turning Finials

John will present a range of topics related to finials. First, he will discuss the use of finials in woodturning projects, from top accents to elements in holiday ornaments. Then he will cover the design elements of all finials, elements, proportion, and balance. Then he will make several finials, providing tips along the way to help others learn the specific skills needed. Among those tips will be the unique ways spindle gouges and "detail gouges" are used to form very delicate elements. Many samples will be passed around during the presentation. He will conclude

with some details on making holiday ornaments with Sea Urchin shells.

Emailed with this newsletter is the handout John wrote to go with the presentation, and it will be posted on the club website. You might wish to print the handout and bring to the presentation to help in taking notes.

## FUTURE PROGRAMS/ ACTIVITIES

July 6	JOHN ELLIS
Sept 7	DAVID ELLSWORTH

## PRESIDENT'S TURN



On Saturday June 22, we joined with the Albuquerque Woodworkers' Association (AWA) in a booth at Science Fiesta. We occupied a large booth space on the East side of the Manuel Lujan center, and from

11am to 5pm, many families came by and engaged with the turners and the woodworkers. From the AWA, Shane Yost, Ros Barnes, Bonnie Ulman, and others made compound cuts on a bandsaw (“up-sized” scroll saw moose and reindeer), and also had Abacus kits. Michael Mocho and Aaron Hall had set up benches for families to use hand tools, especially planes—who could make the longest shaving? And of course, NMWT had two lathes, and Patricia Apt and Tom McLarty took a turn at demonstrating with me and Michael. We have two more volunteer opportunities coming up in July:

1. NMWT will be participating in Explora’s “Science of Wine” on Friday August 2 in the evening. Please see the separate article in the newsletter for more details.
2. NMWT and AWA are helping teach “Creative Woodworking” at Explora from Monday July 29 to Friday August 2. We need turning tools (see the separate article for more details)

Our demonstration at the July 6 meeting puts the fin(i)al accent on your boxes and ornaments. Although its most frequent use is probably on hand-rails and staircases, the turner can really show off their skill with a decorative finial on a box or ornament. Learn the elements of design and proportion (which are general and don’t only apply to finials), and how to turn the finial you intended to turn—and not a “smaller design opportunity.”

As you go from roughing out a cylinder between centers (and making a tenon for the chuck) to mounting your cylinder in a chuck, you’ll want to remove the live center point from your tailstock. This will reduce your chances of getting “turners’ elbow.” If you remove your tailstock, remember—the tailstock is heavy. Use good lifting (and lowering) practice—either have a nearby cart where you can place your tailstock, or use your knees in lifting and lowering. Your back will thank you for this!

## **Foundation Skills for New Turners with Michael Mocho**

New turners tend to get frustrated when they can’t seem to get the results they are looking for as quickly as they would like.

Although there are lots of books, videos, and YouTube



clips available (some rather questionable), the fact is that information alone is not enough to really develop the essential feel for effective tool control. One thing the videos don’t show is “the cuts start at the floor”. Your whole body is involved in the cuts, not just the tool.

This demonstration offered clear descriptions of all the critical elements involved in gaining a better understanding of the important factors that tool selection, lathe adjustments, material mounting methods, RPM, sharpening, stance, and movement all have on form and surface quality. Remember your ABC’s (Anchor, Bevel, Cut)

In addition to learning new strategies for developing your skills, you also gained a greater awareness of the amazing capabilities and fantastic creative possibilities of the lathe.



**CREATIVE WOODWORKING CAMP AT EXPLORA,  
MON-FRI 7/29 TO 8/2 2019**

Due to popular demand, we're going to be teaching the woodworking camp at Explora again in Summer 2019! The camp dates are Mon-Fri, July 29-August 2, 2019, from 9:00am-12:00pm. In this camp, teen-aged students (middle school and high school) will be exposed to woodworking. In the first two days of the camp, we explore carving with a knife, grain direction, and hand tools such as planes, chisels, and gouges. By the second day, the students make a spoon. In days three to five, the students are introduced to the lathe, and by the last day, they make objects such as honey dippers and finger tops. (And yes, they use a skew, and quite well too!)

**Reminder: Members from AWA and NMWT will be teaching this camp.** We have sufficient carving tools, but we still need turning tools: We need to borrow sets of spindle turning tools (spindle roughing gouge, spindle gouge, skew, and parting tool). Please bring your tools to the club meeting July 6.

We will return your tools to you (freshly sharpened) at the August 3 meeting.

You will be helping 10 teenagers have a fantastic turning experience!

Please contact Hy Tran (hy.d.tran@gmail.com) if you have tools to lend, but cannot come to the July 6 meeting (or cannot spare them for the entire month of July, and would rather hand them over on July 20 or 21).

Thank you!

**NMWT AT THE "SCIENCE OF WINE"**

Explora is trying a new adult event, themed "The Science of Wine" on Friday August 2, 2019 evening. New Mexico Woodturners will set up a booth to: (a) publicize our club and its activities, and (b) sell wine-related items. Possible examples include:

- Turned bottle stoppers
- Bowls, plates (after all, you have to have munchies with your wine!)
- Decorative items—after all, you need conversation pieces to go with your wine!

Hy Tran and other board members, will turn some bottle stoppers and donate them to the club, for the club to sell as a fund-raising item to support our club activities, such as supporting professional demonstrators, or purchasing tools and accessories for the club lathes. Hy invites you to join us. If you want a try at turning bottle stoppers (it's great spindle practice!): Hy will be turning stoppers the weekend of July 5 (Friday before the club meeting and Sunday after the club meeting), and again the weekend of July 27—if you want to have a turn at making a stopper at Hy's garage, contact him (hy.d.tran@gmail.com) and we'll schedule some time.

Thanks!

**2019 NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR REMINDER**

**Turnings can only be entered at the Creative Arts Building at Expo New Mexico on Monday August 19, 9 am to 5 pm and Tuesday August 20, 9 am to 5 pm.**

**We need volunteers for the following dates and tasks:**

**Turning Demonstrators and Video Monitors:**

Thursday September 5 thru Sunday September 15.

Three sessions daily; 9:30 am – 1:30 pm, 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm, and 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm. **For insurance**

**purposes, Demonstrators must be AAW Members.**

**Check-in Entries:** Monday August 19, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Tuesday August 20, 9:00 am, to 5:00 pm.

**Judges and Judges Aides:** Monday August 26, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Tuesday August 27, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

**Photographer and Aide:** Wednesday August 28, 9:00 am to ???

**Lathes and Equipment Transport Crew:**

Wednesday August 28, 9:00 am to ??? and Monday September 16, 9:00 am to ???

**Display Set-up:** Wednesday August 28, 9:00 am to ???

**Entry Pick-up:** Monday September 16, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

**State Fair Coordinator Bill Mantelli** will have Volunteer Sign-up Sheets at the July 7 and August 3 NMWT Meeting or you can call 400-0266 or email wjmante@comcast.net to volunteer for any of the positions.

You can get NM State Fair Entry Information on line by going to EXPO NM, click on New Mexico State Fair ENTER SITE, under Participate, click on Competitions, then on Creative Arts click on MORE,

then under 2019 CREATIVE ARTS RULES & PREMIUM BOOKS click on WOODTURNING.

**THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING,  
Bill Mantelli**

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### BEADS OF COURAGE

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Beads of Courage: The size of the box, as a minimum, must be 6 inches wide x 5 inches deep. These boxes do not have to be round, they can also square. Of course, you can make them larger, to allow the kiddos to put all their beads in a safe place. Go to [www.beadsofcourage.org](http://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.

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### SILENT AUCTION

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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. Bring only items relating to wood-working or woodturning. There will be auction sheets on a table outside the WWS meeting room. Take a 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.

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### SCHOOLS

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#### **Santa Fe Community College** **[www.sfcc.edu](http://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 web site.

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### DISCOUNTS & REBATES

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#### **WOODWORKER'S SUPPLY**

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

Meeting Day Specials for the July 6 meeting will be announced at the meeting. The specials are good thru Monday.

#### **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

#### **NORTH WOODS, LLC**

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

PO Box 808 Forest Grove OR 97116

[800-556-3106](tel:8005563106), [503-357-9953](tel:5033579953)

#### **PACKARD WOODWORKS: THE WOODTURNER'S SOURCE**

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

Specializes in woodturning tools and supplies with a catalog available.

215 S Trade St, Tryon, NC 28782

1-800-683-8876

#### **RUGBY ARCHITECTURAL BUILDING PRODUCTS**

1050 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.buildwithbmc.com)

5815 Edith Blvd NE

Albuquerque, NM 87107

(505) 823-2200

Wholesale Prices to NMWT Members

#### **CRANE MOUNTAIN WEAPONS**

Contacts: Pat, Marti, or Joe - 271-0797. This business uses exotic woods for gunstocks and sells off-cuts as turning blanks.



### **LUMBER & MILLING SERVICES**

Wes Thompson                      505-384-2544  
Doug Malmstrom                505-907-3015  
Custom milling of your lumber or ours.

### **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.**

### **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 - Cottonwood Beaded Platter



Bob Rocheleau - Cottonwood Beads of Courage



Bill Schattschneider - Maple Beaded Bowl Bottom



Don Roden - Kaleidoscope



Don Roden - Spectrawood and Cherry Ballon Ornaments



Drake Ward - Walnut Pepper Mill



Jim Scott - Mesquite Natural Edge Bowl



Kathy Knoll - Ambrosia Platter



Ian A - Catalpa Eucalyptus Paduk Pupleheart Rings



Jim McLain - Alligator Juniper Hollowform



Michael Mocho - Ambrosia Maple Bowl on a Stand



Ray Davis - Walnut Ash Bloodwood Maple Urn





Roger Umber – Koa Bowl



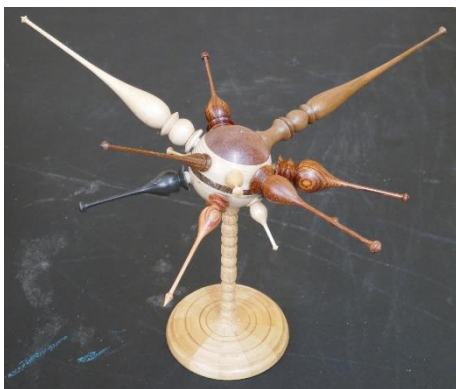
Scott Eckstein - Basket Illusion Balsam Poplar Bowl



Roger Umber - Maple Bowl



Taz Bramlette - Mystery Wood Hollowform



Ron Bahm - Finial Assortment



Taz Bramlette - Russian Olive Burl Hollowform



Roy Chamber - Redwood Flute

## MENTORS

Members are always welcome to contact the people on the following list for guidance to better turning ideas, and techniques -- Free to NMWT members so give a Mentor a call!

Name	Phone	Description
<b>Bill Zerby</b> Rio Rancho NM528/Southern	263-6632	Basic spindle turning & tool sharpening
<b>John Ellis</b> Placitas	(505) 463-7750	Basic turning, plates, tools & handles
<b>Rick Judd</b> East Mountain	(615) 280-8300	hollow forms, bowls, lidded boxes, burls, natural edge
<b>Ron Phillips</b> Rio Rancho Rivers Edge II	(505) 553-6139	Beginning Basic and Intermediate Turning. Also, specialty tools, rests & steadies
<b>Ralph Watts</b>	500-5859	Advanced turning, carving, coloring, and finishing
<b>Ron Bahm</b> Albuquerque NE Heights	881-8845	Pen turning, Segmented work
<b>Hy Tran</b> Albuquerque Paso/Ventura	(505) 797-2041	Beginner and Novice
<b>Don Roden</b> Albuquerque	(763) 234-5780	spindles, bowls, skew
<b>Mike Heiser</b> Santa Fe	(505) 388-4678	Beginning Basic and Intermediate Turning.
<b>Jake Jacobson</b> Cedar Crest	(505) 417-2361	Spindle, kits (pens) hollow form, bowls, burls, natural edge, inlay
<b>Larry Linford</b> Albuquerque	(505) 870-1601	Basket illusions
<b>Don Best</b> Albuquerque	(505) 293-6214	Segmented Bowl

## NEWSLETTER

If you have tips, news, "For Sale" or newsletter entry (try to stay 250 words or less, no embedded photos; send photos as separate attachments), Please send it to [news@nmwoodturners.org](mailto:news@nmwoodturners.org) for publication in a future

newsletter. **Must be received by the last Saturday of the month to make the most current newsletter.**

## LIBRARY CORNER

A good selection of educational DVD's is 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.

## LOGO WEAR SHIRTS / HATS

### Prices for NMWT's Shirts and Hat

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



- All items include embroidered Logo
- Names Embroidered on Shirt \$5.00
- Contact: Ivan Blomgren; 615-5096

Get order forms at club meetings from Ivan A Blomgren or download from our web site 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 last meeting of each quarter. Following the last meeting of each quarter the collected orders are submitted with anticipated delivery the following meeting (first 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:

Quarter	Months	Order Meeting	Delivery Meeting
1st	Jan - Mar	March	April
2nd	Apr - Jun	June	July
3rd	Jul - Sept	Sept	Oct
4th	Oct - Dec	Dec	Jan



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## **NMWT WEB SITE**

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*www.nmwoodturners.org*

Please visit our web site. Webmaster Mike Gardner 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.

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## **SUGGESTED OTHER WEB SITES**

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Found a good WEB site? Want to share it with other club members? Questions or suggestions are welcome. Please contact the club Webmaster Mike Gardner at: [webmaster@nmwoodturners.org](mailto:webmaster@nmwoodturners.org)

[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.woodweb.com](http://www.woodweb.com)  
[www.woodturningvideosplus.com](http://www.woodturningvideosplus.com)  
[www.sofasandsectionals.com/wood-turning-resources](http://www.sofasandsectionals.com/wood-turning-resources)  
[www.woodworkersjournal.com](http://www.woodworkersjournal.com)  
Another resource is: [www.albuquerque.craigslist.org](http://www.albuquerque.craigslist.org)

# NEW MEXICO WOODTURNERS AUXILIARY

*The NMWT Auxiliary is created for family, friends and those with interest in this skill who will provide support for the Club's activities.*

The Auxiliary will support the members by providing assistance for activities related to NMWT, such as helping to plan and manage details of Club-sponsored events that are not necessarily directly related to the mechanics or techniques of woodturning. The Auxiliary, at the direction of the Board of Directors and in coordination with appropriate NMWT Chairpersons would help arrange the details of events.

The Auxiliary would help in planning the annual professional demonstrator lunch by gathering supplies and helping with setup and cleanup. If needed, volunteers would help design the display at local venues, such as those at the Albuquerque International Airport. Volunteers may be needed for help with moving equipment to and from the State Fair each Fall and some would help in the display of entries and assist in returning pieces to owners.

Having a "volunteer corps" to assist the woodturners while helping the Club members pursue their creations will allow more time for the members to continue developing their talents and fulfill the Club's purpose of education and skill-building. The Club has determined that outreach is important so that more people will be aware of and drawn to the pleasure and *necessity* of manual arts.

This is not a "contract" but a request that if you or anyone interested in helping please contact Sally Breeden and allow your name to be placed on the list of



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