



High Desert Turning

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The President's Turn



Expanding into the world of virtual demonstrations...

Greetings again everyone! Are you as excited as I am about the upcoming virtual demo on May 2nd with Cindy Drozda? You say, 'What demo?' ... I guess some context is in order!

While we've all been sheltering in place, your board of directors has been actively working to find ways to continue to deliver quality demonstrations (and more) to you, our members! As part of this, we've stood up a new committee called the NMWT Virtual Committee focused on ways for our club to expand our educational programs and meetings. This committee is led by our own Jake Jacobson.

Lots of good stuff coming your way, but first and foremost, we have professional turner Cindy Drozda signed up for Saturday morning, May 2nd to deliver a live interactive remote demonstration of her Fabulous Finial Box. Please see the Programs section of the website or the newsletter for details on how to join the demo.

If you aren't sure what I'm referring to, please check your email as there were two emails sent to members on April 20th. The first email was announcing the demo, the second was to offer help for anyone wanting to join the demo but unfamiliar with using Zoom for virtual meetings. If you'd like more details on the demo please contact Jake, and if you'd like to take Kathy up on her offer to help with Zoom, sign up for one of her sessions before the demo.

NOTE: We will be sending the specific Zoom link for Cindy's May 2nd demo via email in the days prior to the session.

Looking forward, we are reviewing our demonstration program hoping that we'll be able to meet in person again soon but planning for more cool virtual professional demonstrations if needed. More to come as things in New Mexico progress.

Just as a reminder, we did change our email distribution process last month. You should have seen numerous emails since then. If you didn't please check your spam or junk folders and make sure to add the 'from' sender to your approved senders list.

Safety tip: for this month as we find ourselves in the shop keep in mind, do not over-reach! Although many of today's tools have long handles and shafts, this does not mean that they are designed to reach overly long distances over the rest. Overreaching can cause the tool to catch or break.

Stay well, stay safe, and we hope to see you (virtually) during Cindy's demo!

-Rick

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NMWT's Next Monthly Meeting

Regular meetings are...

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

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

May Interactive Remote Demo:

Cindy Drozda – Fabulous Finial Box



Cindy is a well-known turner and teacher as well as a frequent demonstrator at local clubs and regional, national and international woodturning symposiums. Her work, along with tools and accessories, may be viewed at www.cindydrozda.com.

Cindy describes the Fabulous Finial Box demonstration by stating, "In this demonstration, I show how to turn my signature style of Box with a finial, an in-fitting lid, and an inlaid decorative ring and foot made from contrasting wood. The Finial Box is an intricate, and interesting, project, with a lot of tips and techniques. This presentation includes box-making, turning a finial, design, material selection, and jam chucking."

FUTURE PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

May 2	CINDY DROZDA IRD* – FINIAL BOX
June 6	RUDY LOPEZ IRD – PROJECT TBD
July 4	HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!
July 4	TBD PENDING CIRCUMSTANCES



"Coronavirus Collection Box" by Metka Zver & Stanislav Lamovšek from Facebook Group Woodturners Around the Globe, permission granted

More about Interactive Remote Demonstrations:

Some further insight into IRDs from Cindy:

1. **What is an Interactive Remote Demonstration (IRD)?** IRD is where the club connects to the demonstrator via the internet, using video conferencing software, and downloads the demonstrator's live video. Attendees can ask questions and make comments during the presentation.
2. **What is an Interactive Remote Meeting?** This is an IRD where some or all of the club members are connecting from remote locations, such as from home. It is a great way to allow participation from members who are away from home, ill, caring for a family member, unable to drive at night, disabled, or for any number of reasons can't come to the physical meeting. The entire meeting attendance can be joining remotely.
3. **What hardware can the attendee use to hook up to the meeting?** It can be viewed on any device that can connect to the internet and show video. So, phone, tablet, laptop, desktop, etc. It's best to have a large enough screen to actually see the demo. But combinations of devices are possible too. For instance, join with iPhone, and view via a lightning to HDMI cable on a TV or monitor. Or join with PC and output to larger monitor or use laptop screen, use external or internal speakers, internal camera or webcam or no camera at all if you don't care to show your face. Join with desktop for video, and cell phone for audio. Lots of possibilities.
4. During the meeting, members can communicate with each other or with the whole group via Chat. The moderator will field questions and answer Chats if needed.
5. **HERE'S A PREVIEW OF WHAT WE GET SATURDAY, MAY 2nd!!!** Hint, hint! Click the link:

[Cindy Drozda Live Remote Woodturning](#)

Beads of Courage



Turn a Bead of Courage box!!!

The size of the box, as a minimum, must be 6 inches wide by 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 to see to whom you will be making these boxes. Also, check out this story [“Beads of Courage” on CBS](#).

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(es) for delivery to the hospitals.

Lidded box turned by Larry Linford

Mentors

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!



Name	Phone	Description
Bill Zerby Rio Rancho NM 528 & 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 woodturning
Don Roden Albuquerque	(763)234-5780	Basics of spindles, bowls and the skew chisel
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 turning and embellishment
Don Best Albuquerque	(505)293-6214	Segmented bowl turning
Scott Kershaw Rio Rancho Cabezon	(406)274-2931	Beginning, basic and intermediate turning including spindles, bowls, pens & spheres

Calling All Turners – ABQ Sunport Display Pieces Wanted!

We have an excellent opportunity to display our club member's skills and talent! In **June**, the New Mexico Woodturners will have a display at the **Albuquerque International Sunport** to feature our work and raise club awareness. Keep your eyes peeled for those favorite turnings you've created so we can grab attention at our display. As May progresses into June, we will have more details regarding drop-off/pick-up dates and times, labeling your work and any potential size constraints. We look forward to seeing what you'll share!!!

(This will not be a display in which we will promote pieces for sale or display prices)

Silent Auction

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.

Please, while staying home, find nifty items or pieces of timber that can be auctioned at our May meeting to support the Scholarship Fun.

Ideas include rough turned bowls, gouges gathering dust, seasoned blanks or turning accessories.

At the right, Jerry Kermode coaches an attendee at a hands-on class



NMWT Library

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

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.

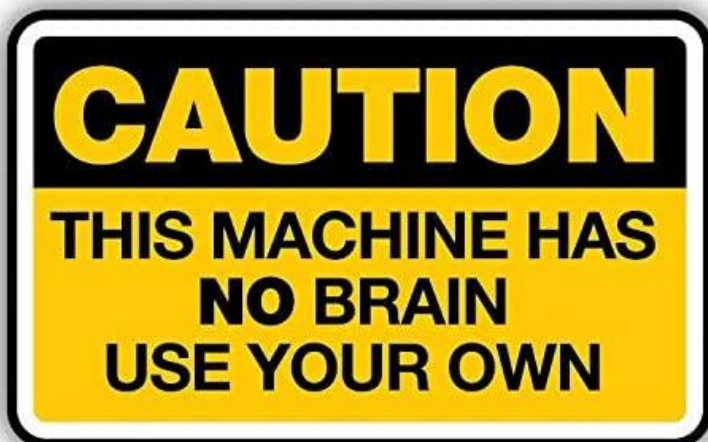
Lumber & Milling Services

Doug Malmstrom

505-907-3015

Custom milling of your lumber or ours!

If you know of other, reputable lumber or milling services, please email news@nmwoodturners.org



Always check the speed of the lathe before you turn it on! Ensure the lathe speed is compatible with the size of the blank.

For bowls, consider Dale Nish's mathematical formula as a *starting point* for lathe speed:

$$\text{RPM} \times \text{Diameter (inches)} = 6000 - 9000$$

Remember, your safety is your responsibility!

Women In Turning

WIT members were looking forward to the AAW annual symposium for a variety of reasons, one being the chance to get together in person! However, we still can connect! WIT Facebook Page is a private group and offers everyone who joins some tips, videos, techniques, recovery ideas and support. Once you are logged into Facebook, request to join the Women in Turning Group. There are other great woodturner groups on Facebook and it provide lots of info! No dues and you do not need to be an AAW member to join.

Additionally, there are regional members who organize turning gatherings in their area. As a regional representative Albuquerque has done 2 of these events, all with local participants. We hope you will join us when we can sponsor another few days of WIT. Here is a fun example from the Women in Turning Group: Turning Chocolate!! For real!! ---> Chocolate!



AAW Grant Received: Delancey Street Foundation New Mexico (DSF or The Ranch)

With the club support and the extra, special help of Hy Tran, John Ellis and Sally Ault (of the San Diego Woodturners) we were successful in receiving a \$1500 grant from the AAW to support the woodturning and training effort at the Delancey Street Foundation. The grant was offered in February 2020, and unfortunately has stalled due to COVID.



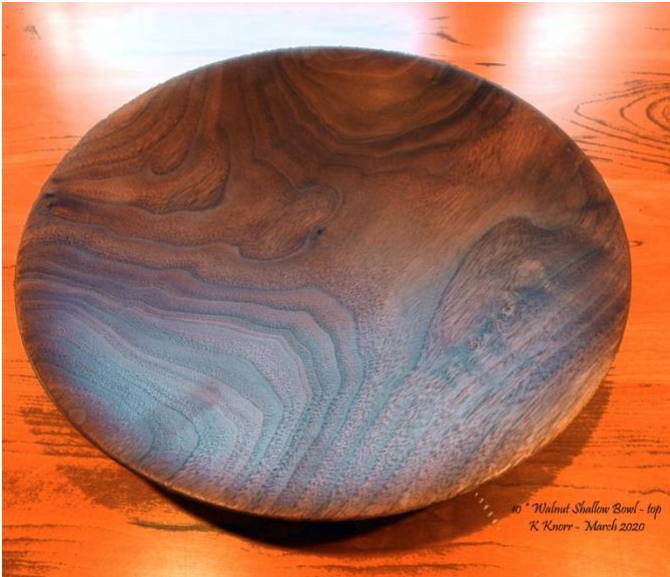
The purpose is to add new wood turning skills, safety guidelines and educate DSF how to make and sell turned items in a retail environment and support DSF educational programs and residents of this 2+ year recovery and skills program in Española, New Mexico. [Delancey Street Foundation New Mexico](https://www.delanceystreet.org/)

Since 2018 we have been making pens and other items that are sold at craft fairs and retail establishments. Over 100 pens have been made. Thanks to all the NMWT members who have donated kits and blanks! This past year we added Holiday ornaments to sell at their 6 New Mexico Christmas Tree Lots. You can see this work at [Kathy Knorr's Flickr site](#). For the residents' privacy please do not share the photos.

For those who have volunteered to help, once we are free to return, a Google Group has been formed to keep it easy for you to enjoy the turning and wood shop at The Ranch! Send an email to kathyknorr@gmail.com if you wish to join the mailing list – you will be sent an invitation to join so you can learn more about the turning program and volunteer!

April “Instant” Photo Gallery

Turnings shared via news@woodturner.org in April



Walnut Shallow Bowl by Kathy Knorr



Pull String Spinning Tops in Walnut, Myrtlewood, Box Elder & Oak by Scott Kershaw

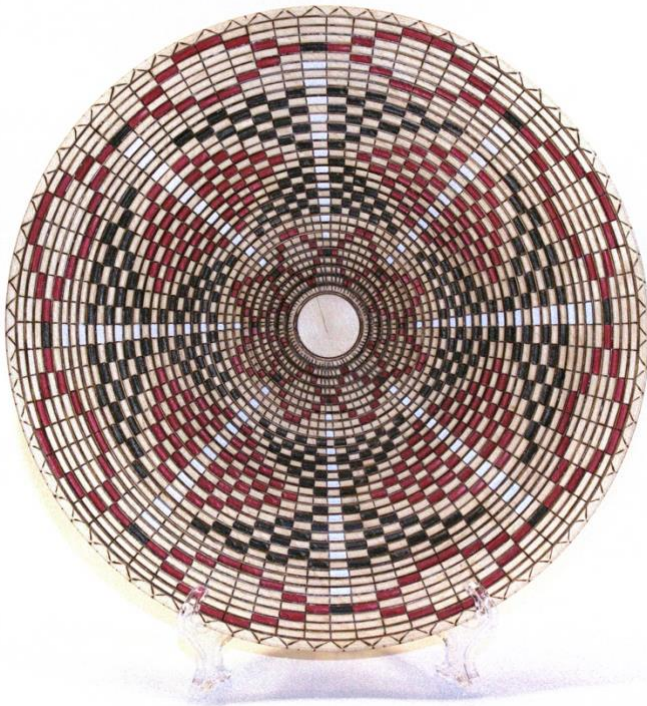


Walnut, Cherry & Maple 3D Platter by William Schattschneider



Birch and Purple Heart Segmented Vase by William Schattschneider

Instant Photo Gallery Cont'd



Maple Basket Illusion Plate by Tom Durgin



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Red Mallee Burl & Resin Hybrid Sphere containing X-Wing by Scott Kershaw



Sycamore Natural Edge Bowl by Scott Kershaw



Yellow Cedar Bowl by Scott Kershaw

Instant Photo Gallery Cont'd



Red Mallee Burl & Blue Resin Hybrid Sphere with inset X-wing by Scott Kershaw



Maple Basket Illusion Plate by Tom Durgin



Birch Basket Illusion Bowl by William Schattschneider



Russian Olive Bowl by William Schattschneider



Birch Basket Illusion Hollow Form by William Schattschneider

Reminder!

Since we all like shop eye-candy, this month we kicked off a new feature to the newsletter called "It's Your Turn!" - a focused article that shares you, your shop and some turnings.

We will be featuring a different NMWT member each month!!! This will help our growing membership become more familiar with one another and we can better share the craft.

You may nominate a fellow member or yourself to be featured. The newsletter editor, each month, will visit a member to see their shop, get to know you a bit and share some photos of your shop and work. FYI, the mentors are already nominated.

NMWT's Marketplace

Your advertisement here:

Members of NMWT may, at no cost, post "for sale," "for trade," "wanted" or "free" ads in the NMWT newsletter and on the NMWT website marketplace.

To request an ad, please send item photo(s) and contact info to sale@nmwoodturners.org

The ad will run for a 30-day period unless an extension is requested.



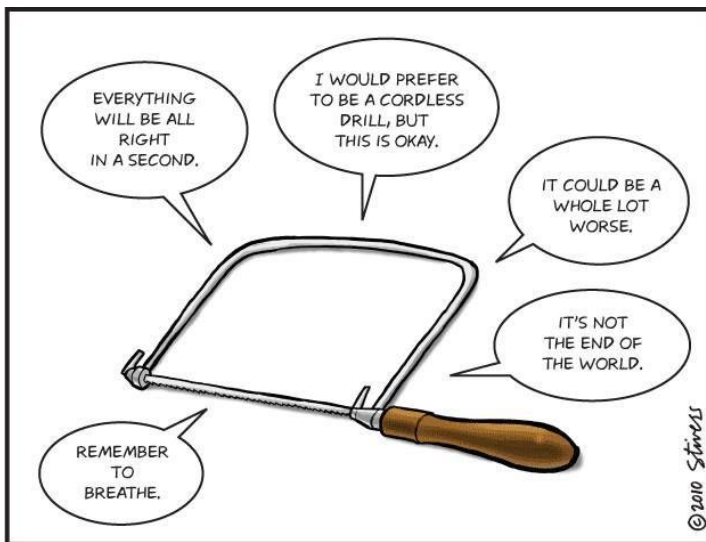
Hurricane M2 Cryo 3/4" Skew – \$55 obo

Brand new, in package, Hurricane Turning Tools M2 Cryo skew chisel. Tool width is 3/4" and thickness is 1/4". Cryogenically treated M2 high speed steel with ash handle made in Sheffield, England, by Crown Tools.

Contact Scott by phone or text at (406)274-2931



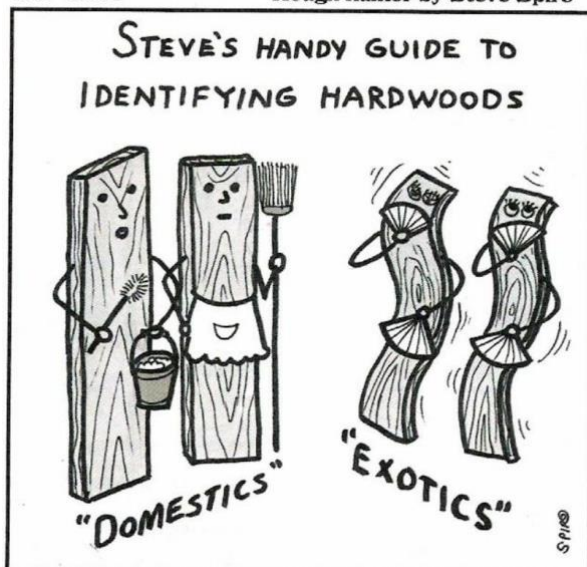
A little COVID wood humor...



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Rough humor by Steve Spiro



Oh! Don't forget Mother's Day!!!



7 Mother's Day Gifts You Can Turn

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NMWT's Logo Apparel

Prices for NMWT Cap, Shirts & Smock

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T-Shirt V-Neck	\$19.00
Smocks	\$50.00

- Items include embroidered NMWT logo
- Names embroidered on shirts are additional \$5.00
- Contact: Ivan Blomgren at (505)615-5096



Get order forms at club meetings from Ivan Blomgren or download from the 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 DUE TO IVAN AT THE MAY 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

2020 Membership Dues

Membership details & cost:

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

Please see treasurer, Mark Smith, at the meeting to sign up or renew. Also, you can mail your check directly to Mark.

Make checks payable to NMWT and send to:

New Mexico Woodturners
8100-M4 Wyoming Blvd. NE, #188
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Newsletter Details

If you have any tips, news, marketplace items or a newsletter entry, please send it to news@nmwoodturners.org, with photos as attachments, for publication in a future newsletter.

Also, you may communicate via the
New Mexico Woodturners
Facebook page



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

It's Your Turn!

Due to COVID-19, and the corresponding mandates, visiting the planned Mentor's shop was postponed. "It's Your Turn" will resume when we have been instructed by state leaders that the "Stay at Home" order has been lifted and our member's safety is no longer in jeopardy.



When held at a sheer angle and floating the bevel, the spindle roughing gouge can slice much like a skew chisel on spindle work – ONLY spindle work!!!

Now is a marvelous time to analyze the shavings coming off your tool. They tell the story of how you're cutting or scraping.

The shavings also give you feedback about the keenness of your tool edge.

Editor's Catch – Positivity!

This month I am finding myself at a loss for words. Phrases like, “these are strange times” and “things will never be the same” are now more cliché than ever. The “vibe” out there is strange and many folks are experiencing the air of negativity, anxiety, new or worsening depression, uncertainty and stir craziness. It’s hard to find positivity if we don’t actively seek it out – especially when we allow the conduits of negativity to pipe into our routine and attention, whatever they are. We have all been affected by this strange time and, perhaps, things may never be the same when the final chapter of COVID is read.

In my case, I am thankful for this time of physical distancing. I, personally, feel social distancing is a misnomer since I need to maintain some social interactions. The advances of the NMWTs and the focus the Board has placed on maintaining socialization through virtual means is a beacon of home and positivity. The time spent with family is a major silver lining in the cloud that overhangs.

Instead of typing rambling thoughts, I will share with you some images of positivity in the Kershaw family as we have been physically distancing for the safety of others and ourselves. Enjoy!



The lathe is covered in resin shavings from hybrid spheres



Ryan is roughing the shape on his pull strip top handle



I've added a Mustard Monster to the shop, too! Thanks, Ron!



Kaylee wanted to turn a “starry night resin” ice cream scoop.



We built a nifty birdhouse together. Who says safety glasses are nerdy?



Is it obvious that I'm wrapped around her finger?

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CSUSA offers a discount to members on large orders and has a club support program. Visit the web site or phone Kathy Lawrence at 1-800-551-8876

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Register as a member of New Mexico Woodturner at Penn State Industries and automatically get 10% off (in addition to most other promos) your entire order !!! Yes! In effect, you will be doubling dipping on the discounts!!!

Register by sending an email to hy.d.tran@gmail.com with the name, address and email to which your Penn State catalogs are sent. Once you're registered, you'll automatically get 10% off every time you shop online (not applicable to phone or mail orders).



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