



# High Desert Turning

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One Year Membership: \$25 individual, \$30 family  
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## The President's Turn

### Welcome to a New Year...

I'll bet you all are as ready as I am to see 2020 move to the history books. Boy what a year it was, and for us lots of change as we shifted to a virtual presence.

But let's look forward as we continue to be a fantastic community of woodturners...

For our first demo of 2021, check it out – Kirk DeHeer will be our professional demonstrator. Hope to see you on Saturday January 2nd!

Our Virtual and Video committees are working to make our demos and other content available on YouTube. More on this very, very soon!

And we're very hopeful we'll be back to in person events in 2021 – as soon as it's safe for everyone.

Don't forget, we always welcome NEW MEMBERS to join New Mexico Woodturners. All that's needed is an interest in woodturning.

Stay well, stay safe, and Happy New Year!

Rick Judd



### Elected Officers, Directors & Committee Chairs

President:	Rick Judd	612-280-8300	Newsletter:	Scott Kershaw	406-274-2931
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Member-at-Large:	Ron Bahm	505-881-8845	Past President:	Hy Tran	505-844-5417

## NMWT's Next Monthly Meeting

Regular meetings are...  
9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

### *January Interactive Remote Demo:* **Hand Chasing Threads** **with Kirk DeHeer**



FUTURE PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES	
Jan 2	KIRK DEHEER – THREAD CHASING
Feb 6	TO BE DETERMINED
Mar 6	TO BE DETERMINED
Apr 3	TO BE DETERMINED

Kirk DeHeer will be starting out the NMWT's 2021 programming for the New Mexico Woodturners. With over 25 years of experience, Kirk has an extensive knowledge of woodturning tools, equipment and techniques. Kirk emphasizes fundamentals, sharpening, and tool techniques.

Giving students a firm foundation on which to build their skills. Kirk has been a Resident instructor at Craft Supplies USA in the Dale L. Nish school of woodturning for more than 15 years where he has had the opportunity to work with many other turners as the assistant in the classroom.

For the January demonstration Kirk will be showing us how to do hand chased threads. He will talk about the tools and materials needed for hand chased threads, along with turning a threaded box.



Above: 16 TPI thread chasing tools ground to optimize use.

*Left:* Hand chased threads in stabilized Box Elder burl during one of Kirk's Woodturning 201 classes at the Dale L. Nish School of Woodturning.

FYI: Not Kirk's work. His are MUCH cleaner and straight!



# Beads of Courage – NMWT's 2021 Challenge



Beads of Courage is the NMWT's Community Service Project. Beads of Courage, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organization working in partnership with the American Association of Woodturners (AAW).

Our Beads of Courage Bowls are taken directly to UNMH Children's Cancer Facility here in Albuquerque for local patients. However, bowls can also be sent to a National collection point in Tucson, Arizona.

UNMH Children's Cancer Facility has been treating nearly one hundred seriously ill cancer youngsters each year. For each medical treatment a child receives, he or she gets a bead which they can then keep in their bowl, hence Beads of Courage Bowls. The children do receive a bag to put their beads in but a Beads of Courage Bowl is far more special and reflective of the hard work to beat cancer!



Elias is featured on BeadsOfCourage.org with his prized wood turned box

## **The Challenge: Each club member to take the time and heart to make at least one Beads of Courage Bowl during 2021.**

NMWT currently makes ~8 bowls a year & it would be great if we could increase that number exponentially.

Contact Scott Eckstein (505)270-0516, our NMWT Beads of Courage Chair, for more information, to purchase beads and to deliver your prized box/bowl.

**Every "BoC" box submitted to the Instant Gallery will receive a half page photo below, or the Instant Gallery, to highlight challenge participants, their skills and their talents!**

[Visit here to review the Beads of Courage Bead Bowl/Box Guidelines!!!](#)



## 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 next 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



## 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!**



<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Description</u>
<b>Bill Zerby</b> Rio Rancho NM 528 & Southern	(505)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>	(505)500-5859	Advanced turning, carving, coloring and finishing
<b>Ron Bahm</b> Albuquerque NE Heights	(505)881-8845	Pen turning and segmented work
<b>Hy Tran</b> Albuquerque Paseo/Ventura	(505)844-5417	Beginner and novice woodturning
<b>Don Roden</b> Albuquerque	(763)234-5780	Basics of spindles, bowls and the skew chisel
<b>Mike Heiser</b> Santa Fe	(505)388-4678	Beginning, basic and intermediate turning.
<b>Jake Jacobson</b> Cedar Crest	(505)417-2361	Spindles, kits(pens) hollow- forms, bowls, burls, natural edge and inlay
<b>Larry Linford</b> Albuquerque	(505)870-1601	Basket illusion turning and embellishment
<b>Scott Kershaw</b> Rio Rancho Cabezon	(406)274-2931	Beginning, basic and intermediate turning like spindles, bowls & spheres



## December's Demo: Glenn Lucas' Lidded Beaded Bowl



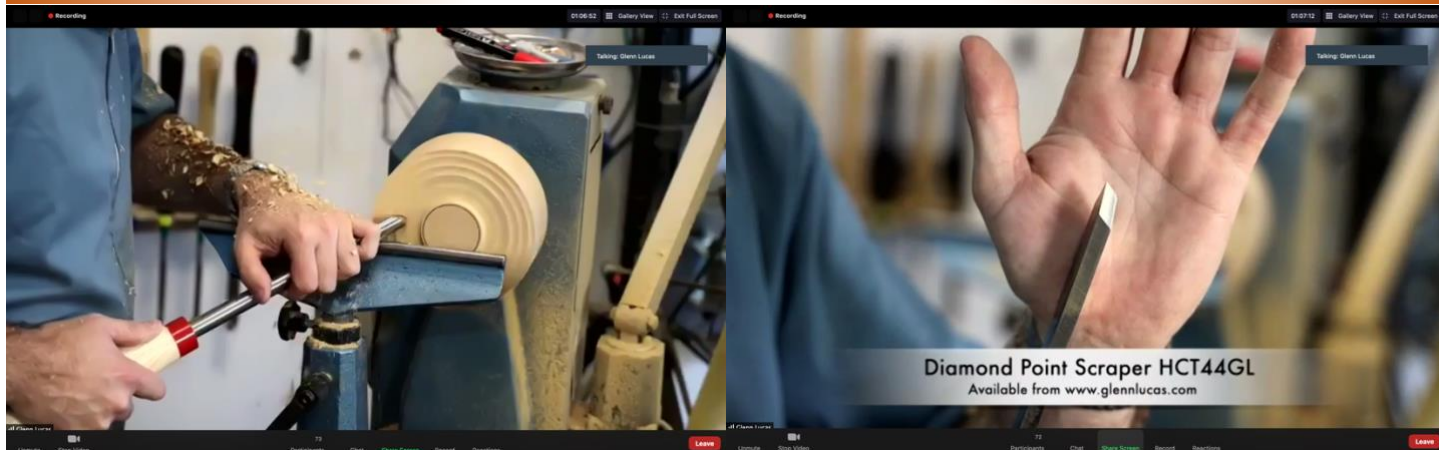
We were able to close out the year with by having Glenn Lucas join us via Zoom for his Lidded Beaded Bowl. This was a strategic treat and relatively new demonstration for Glenn. At left, you can see the elegant Irish Cherry piece featuring the Beads of Courage logo bead inset on the lid handle. In true form for 2020, we encountered a hiccup where Glenn's shop construction was delayed. Glenn was kind enough to chat with us in real-time as we viewed him demonstrating this project for a previous club several weeks prior. If 2020 has taught us anything it is that we must remain flexible.

Glenn began our time with him by giving us a brief tour of his new facilities as far they were competed. It looks like a marvelous place with more to offer than a complete immersion in woodturning. For those interested in heading to Co. Carlow reach out to NMWT's own Brad Carvey as his wife, Andrea, and he spent time there in 2019 with Glenn and Cornelia.

We kickstarted the Lidded Beaded Bowl project by discussing dimensions and form. Of course, Beads of Courage has specific minimum dimensions, but we began with two pieces of Irish Cherry sized 6" diameter by 3" thickness and 6" diameter by ~1-3/4" thickness for bowl and lid, respectively, to accomplish the form Glenn is targeting. In many cases, this timber can be found dried in a local or online wood supplier. However, sizes much bigger than dry 12/4 lumber can be cost prohibitive. We briefly discussed that this project is turned in side-grain, or bowl orientation, with the end grain rotating about the axis of the lathe. This should not prohibit you from turning your Beads of Courage box in your preferred orientation. Glenn also mentioned that, while grain matching the lid and bowl is possible, it becomes challenging to grain match side grain pieces unless they're obtained from the log with forethought and rough turned much in advance.



## December's Demo: Lidded Beaded Bowl Cont'd



Much of the beginning of the project focused on the fundamentals of side-grain bowl turning. This included truing the blank, establishing a robust tenon, finely tuned to match the chuck jaws, and refining the outside curve of the bowl to meet the desired form. Above and left, Glenn is truing the bottom of the bowl and forming a tenon. Above and right is Glenn's diamond point scraper sharpened to perfectly match his chuck's dovetail jaws. Below and left Glenn is demonstrating a sheer cut to finely shape and eliminate torn grain.



The “Oooh’s” and “Aaah’s” of the demo were certainly attributed to Glenn’s turning of the beads. Glenn attributes learning this technique at the feet of Richard Raffan and he can clearly turn beads in his sleep. Glenn discussed that this technique is very efficient but challenging. He uses his freshly sharpened 3/8” spindle gouge maintaining bevel contact the *entire* time. His first pass establishes the bead width and the second, and final, pass refine the bead’s finish. Sanding these beads will need to be kept to a minimum for a delicate approach with a sharp tool is essential. The bowl is then reversed and hollowed out as desired.



## December's Demo: Lidded Beaded Bowl Cont'd



We then moved our attention to the lid. Glenn used a large faceplate to attach the lid piece to the lathe. He placed the screws on the outer edge of the piece since that material would be removed in the final form of the lid. Once the lid was dimensioned to fit the bowl nicely, the interior was hollowed out to a pleasing curve. Above is Glenn's scraper that's profiled to his need to reverse mount the lid on chuck jaws in expansion mode. Remember to leave your lid's lip large enough that gently expansion of the chuck jaws do not break the rim.



To shape the lid, Glenn reverse mounted the piece in expanding jaws. The shape is best established with a pulling sheer cut to obtain the flowing curves. Once the curve is to your liking, it's back to beading. The exact process for the bowl was repeated in the lid with gentle care and precision. Once the lid is complete, attention can be turned back to the bowl for completing the foot. Glenn gently used expanding chuck jaws to mount the bowl but this can be done with a jam chuck. The foot is refined and the bowl is sanded. And there you have it – a lidded beaded bowl!



## Green Wood Available

The Green Wood Committee is always grabbing green wood in the community and keeping it out of the landfill. There are endless projects that can be done with green wood.

For more info on green wood tips and techniques,

[click here for this AAW Green Wood booklet.](#)

To get some green wood, contact Bob Rocheleau @ (505)235-9002 for pick up.

Here's what's up for grabs this month:

- HONEY LOCUST (*Gleditsia triacanthos*)



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8" Natural edge Honey Locust bowl turned by Scott Kershaw



# Women In Turning



Zoom chats are allowing us to check in with family, friends, and other woodworkers. The AAW Women in Turning committee recently started hosting “WiT Presents,” a Zoom session that highlights women woodturners and their achievements. Each session consists of the presentation of a woman woodturner’s work followed by a short question and answer session where you can learn more about the maker. As an AAW member you have access to these sessions. If you are not an AAW member, but would like more information on grants that the WiT committee offers for discounted memberships, please send me an email at [kathyknorr@gmail.com](mailto:kathyknorr@gmail.com). Also, join WiT (open to all women turners) on Facebook’s private group “women in turning.” Your request will be accepted, as all are, once it has been vetted. It is a great place to share ideas, ask questions and to learn!



**Creating a Virtual WiT Community** | While in-person meetings are the most ideal way to communicate with each other, the difficult times we are experiencing have really forced us to reconsider what it means to stay connected.



Above: WiT member & professional demonstrator, Sally Ault

For Zoom chat, Kathy would love to host WiT chats with a show and tell and get to know each other across our state and region. We can have guest speakers who talk about their path in turning and share ideas for marketing, turning, tools and equipment. Email [kathyknorr@gmail.com](mailto:kathyknorr@gmail.com) if you are interested and provide some monthly times that would be good for your schedule.

Women in Turning strives to stay active and to reach out to the community. Virtual club meetings help to keep the spirit and enthusiasm of woodturning alive. You and every woman woodturner are part of a broader artistic movement just like artists such as Van Gogh, Andy Warhol, Sonja Delaunay, and Georgia O’Keeffe. We grow as artists through community and being a part of something greater. Helping each other in our work can take different forms: sharing tips, encouragement, tools, best practices, successes, and yes, failures. With your help we can do this for each other and grow stronger. Some members of the woodturning community may be struggling to access the tools they need. One way we can help each other is by reaching out and loaning the tools, wood, and encouragement to continue their passion. We can also have check-ins with other members to see what they are creating in their shops, i.e. a show and tell. Community has always been important in woodturning and is even more so in these trying times.

Regional Representative Kathy Knorr (pictured bottom left) is a member of WiT, AAW, The Enchanted Woodturners in Santa Fe and the New Mexico Woodturners in Albuquerque.

# **\*\*Membership Renewal – Now Online!\*\***

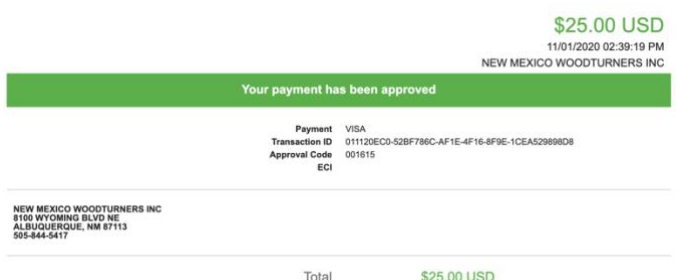
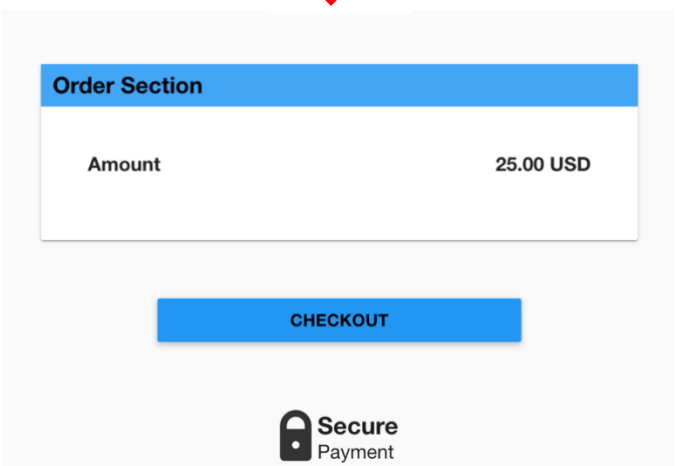
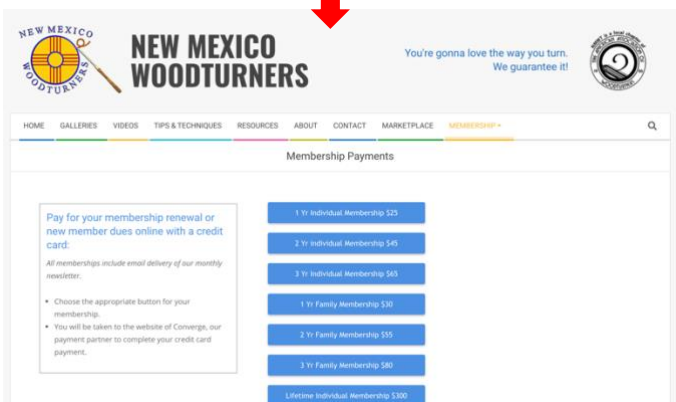
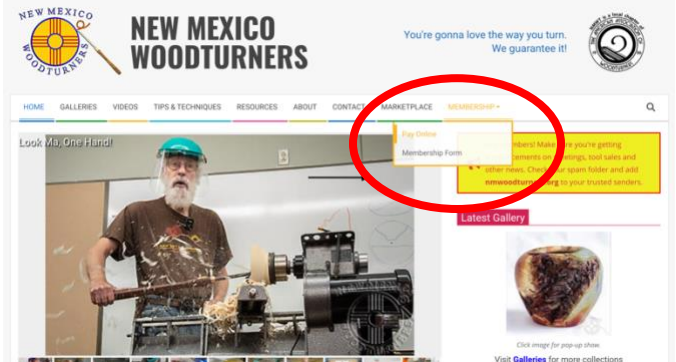
## **Web-Based Credit Card Dues Payment Now Available**

Most of our NMWT memberships are currently set up on a calendar year basis with expirations at the end of December. So now is the time to start renewing memberships for 2021 and beyond for those who need to (your current membership expiration date should be listed on your membership card).

We are very pleased to announce that you can now pay your membership dues with a credit card on the NMWT website at <https://www.nmwoodturners.org/>. To access online dues payment, simply go to the new “Membership” tab near the top of the homepage and select “Pay Online” from the drop-down menu. This will take you to a secure website managed by Converge, our credit card service provider. There you will find a series of “Buy Buttons” that are clearly labeled with each membership dues option (i.e. 1 Yr Individual Membership \$25, 2 Yr Family Membership \$55, etc.) Simply select the dues option that you want and then hit the “Checkout” button. You will need to fill in all of the contact information on the payment processing page so that the Treasurer can confirm that our membership records are up to date and also so that he can send your new membership card by regular mail. Also, due to some reporting limitations of the Converge website, you will need to once again select the dues option you want from the drop-down menu labeled “Items Purchased”. Fill in your credit card information and hit the “Submit Payment” button to complete the transaction. You should receive an “Order Confirmation” with full details of your purchase by e-mail, and the Treasurer with mail your membership card to you. That’s all there is to it!

You can, of course, still mail a check along with current contact and e-mail information to our Treasurer, Tom Durgin at 39 Magic Valley Rd., Sandia Park, NM 87047. The easy way to do that is to go to that same new “Membership” tab on the NMWT homepage and select “Membership Form” from the drop-down menu. Fill in the form (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) and mail it to Tom with your check. Should you have any issues or questions regarding the new Credit Card payment system or if you are not sure if your membership expires at the end of 2020, feel free to call Tom at 505-688-1369 or e-mail him at [f250tom@msn.com](mailto:f250tom@msn.com).

We hope that the new dues payment option encourages members to renew soon as the club has operated in the red for most of this year due to COVID and the resulting loss of normal revenue streams such as raffles, silent auctions, etc. It is also easier on the Treasurer if the membership renewals are spread out a bit rather than everyone waiting until the last minute to renew.





## December “Instant” Photo Gallery + BONUS

Turnings shared via [news@nmwoodturners.org](mailto:news@nmwoodturners.org) & virtual meetings in June



Daniel Cross is our first member of the year to submit a Beads of Courage turning to the NMWT Board. Here is his spectacular turned box with the Beads of Courage bead inlay in the lid. Daniel turned this stunning piece from “homegrown” New Mexico Juniper near Silver City, NM. Marvelous work, Daniel!!!



Siberian elm bowl by Woody Stone



Catalpa bowl by Hy Tran



## Instant Photo Gallery Cont'd



Maple vessel by Greg Fryeweaver



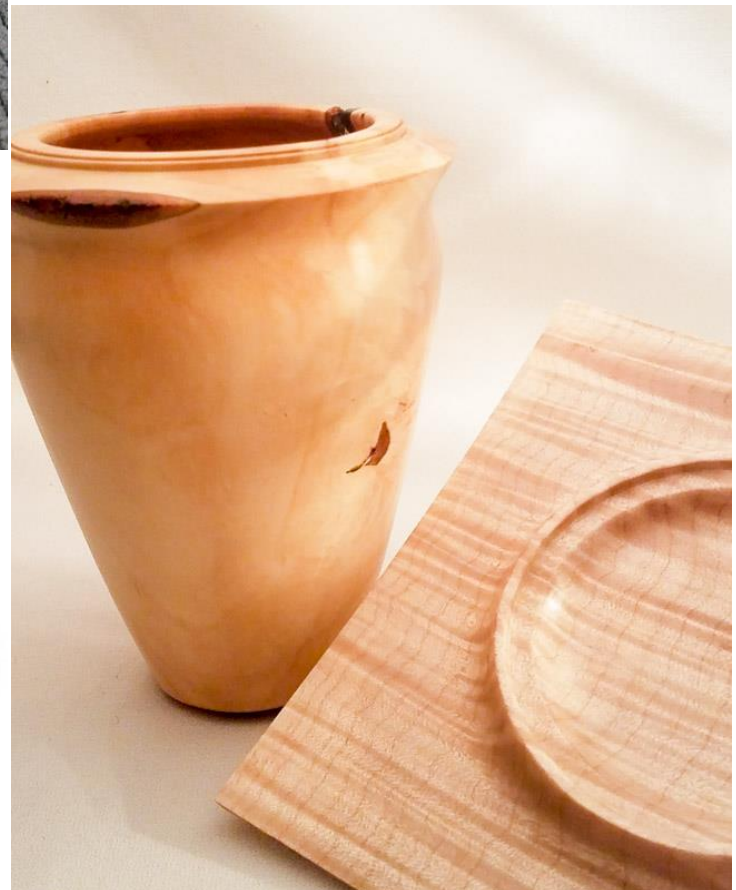
Figured maple square bowl by Greg Fryeweaver



Alligator juniper platter by Hy Tran



Banksia pod vases by Woody Stone



Pear vase with fiddleback maple lid by Greg Fryeweaver



## Instant Photo Gallery Cont'd



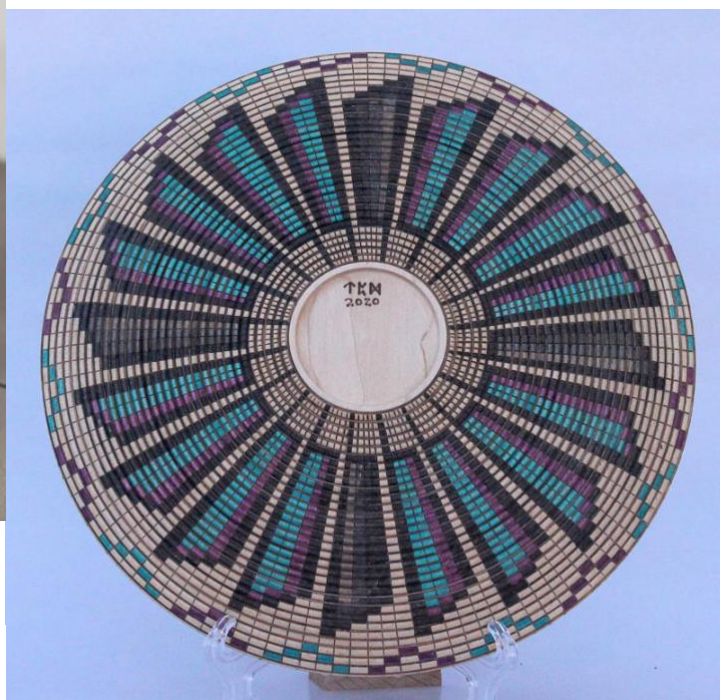
Group of gnomes with elk hair beards by Daniel Cross



Miniature cherry vase by Hy Tran



Four matching bun feet in white oak by Scott Kershaw



Maple basket illusion platter by Tom Durgin  
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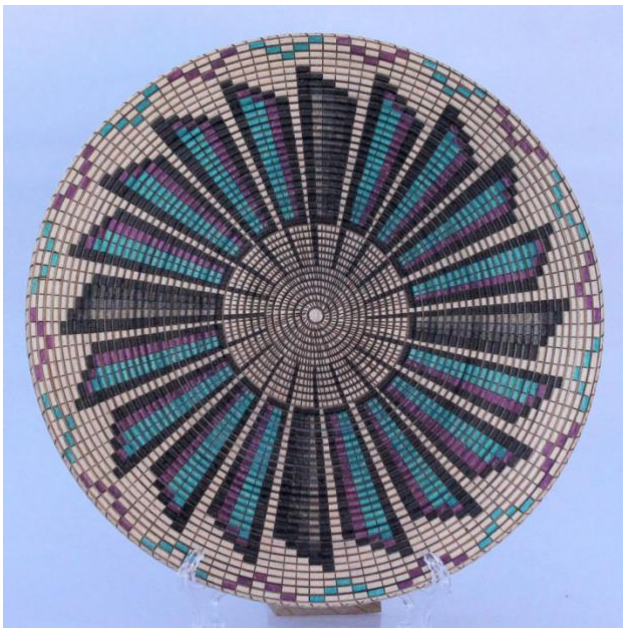


NMWT's Dave Stein entered an online contest hosted by Laguna Tools in December. While Dave didn't land the grand prize, based upon total "likes," he won the hearts of Laguna staff members. Head over to the Laguna website to see the entries and gain inspiration from Dave and others. [Click here to head there.](#)

## NMWT on Social Media



Did you know that the New Mexico Woodturners are on Facebook and YouTube?



Tom Durgin, a NMWT member, is an active participant on the NMWT Facebook group and he often stuns us with these basket illusion pieces and mixed timber finial boxes. Above is a recent posting of Tom's that's breathtaking!

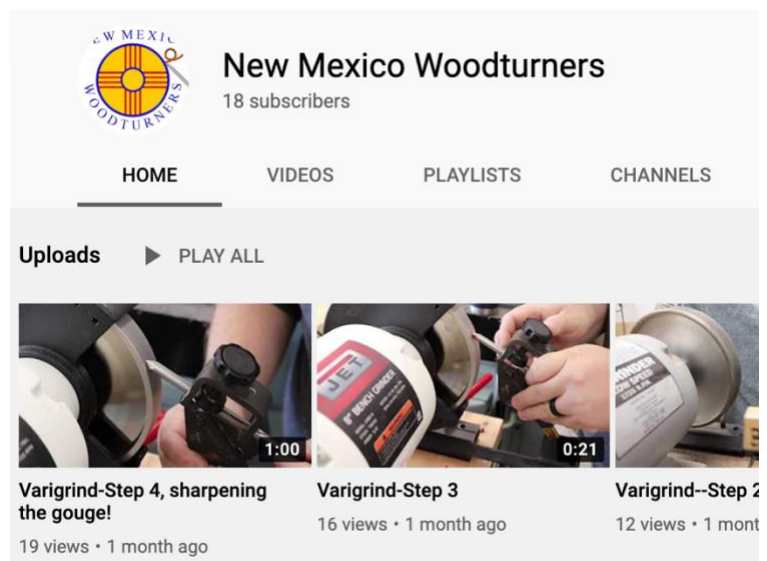
Additionally, the NMWTs are branching out into the world of YouTube. Our first few videos are snippets from a mid-month virtual social gathering where sharpening was shared.

Please join the Facebook group, subscribe to the YouTube channel and watch us grow turning!

Various members of the NMWTs moderate the social media accounts and promote the craft and our club actively on these outlets.

Facebook is just one way to share your work. However, it's also a great platform to ask questions, request constructive criticism and rub shoulders with other turners.

A number of the Facebook group members are not NMWT members and that's okay! However, by our NMWT membership being active on social media we can also share the benefits of club membership, promote club activities and foster relationships with turners around the globe.





## NMWT's Marketplace

### **Anchorseal (green wood sealer) - \$20/gal:**

For sale to NMWT club members are one-gallon jugs of Anchorseal. These are available for pick up at Albuquerque Exotic Woods (AEW). Make check payable to NMWT and mail to club address OR drop check off at AEW.

*Please present your NMWT membership card upon pick up.*



### **NMWT Stickers - \$2 each/2 for \$3**

For sale to NMWT club members is this NMWT stickers. Both are waterproof. This is a 3" circle containing a larger club logo. Make check payable to NMWT and mail to club address then email Scott Kershaw at [news@nmwoodturners.org](mailto:news@nmwoodturners.org) with the style, number and your mailing address. Also available for pickup.



### **JET Floor Mortiser - \$900**

For sale: JFM-5 1hp Floor mortiser with 4 bits and diamond sharpening cones... purchased new but never used. New with bits and cones around \$1,800 will take \$900 or any reasonable offer. Interested?

Call Rick at 612-280-8300 or

email [rickudd@mac.com](mailto:rickudd@mac.com)

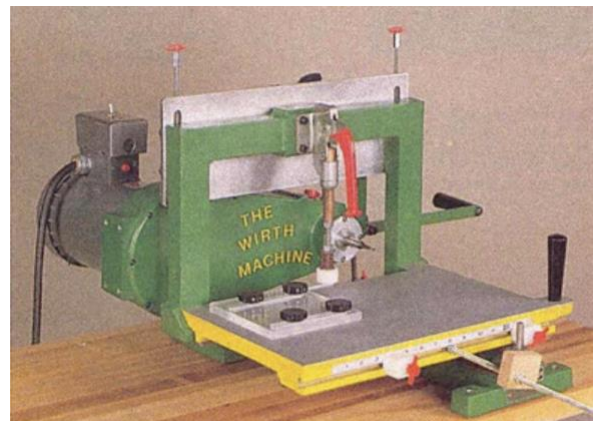


### **The Wirth Machine - \$1000**

For sale: The Wirth Machine three axis mortise and tenon machine and a boatload of bits and templates, induction motor. New with everything was over \$3,000 will take \$1,000 (or less for a good home)..

Interested? Call Rick at 612-280-8300 or

email [rickudd@mac.com](mailto:rickudd@mac.com)



### **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](mailto:sale@nmwoodturners.org)

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



## NMWT's Logo Apparel – see next page for revised order form

### Prices for NMWT Cap, Shirts & Smock

Caps (Baseball)	\$15.00
Long Sleeve Denim Shirt	\$30.00
Short Sleeve Denim Shirt	\$30.00
Short Sleeve Snap Shirt	\$30.00
Polo (golf) Shirt w/ pocket	\$30.00
T-Shirt V-Neck	\$20.00
Smocks	\$50.00

- Items include embroidered NMWT logo
- Names embroidered on shirts are additional \$5.00
- Sizes XXL, 3XL, 4XL and up are an additional \$3.00
- 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** **in February!!!**

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

## Newsletter Details

If you have any tips, news, marketplace items or a newsletter entry, please send it to [news@nmwoodturners.org](mailto: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\*\***

## Member Estate/Shop/Tool Sales Notice

About 5 or 6 of us have organized tool sales for shop tool reductions or helping spouses sell the tools that a deceased member had acquired. *We have done this for about a dozen situations and have noticed a definite decrease in interest and purchases.* We price items at 50% of retail if tool is in good shape and less if tool shows a lot of use. **This notice is to inform, ESPECIALLY NEW WOODTURNERS, that you are missing out on some real bargains on power tools, hand tools and wood.** Most wood workers value their tools and take good care of them and, as such, are of good value to pass on to the buyer. These sales are also often a great source of high quality turning blanks. *We give sellers a free service AND give them real hope that our members will clean their space of tools.* These sales are especially a real good opportunity for NEW WOODTURNERS to fill out their shop and we HIGHLY encourage all members to pay close attention to these sales. Undoubtedly more will happen.

Sincerely yours,  
"The estate sales team"

## 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.



**NMWT SHIRT/CAP ORDER FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**Caps with Logo BX005:** Color: (Dark Green, Red, Navy, Stone)  
(Embroidery on Navy caps will be silver in place of black)

No. of caps @\$15 each \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Long Sleeve Denim Shirt with Logo:** Color: (Dark Denim, Light Denim, Washed Black)

Men M550 - Sizes: (S, M, L, XL), (2XL - 4XL add \$3)

M550T (Tall add \$6 each [in Men's size only])

Ladies M550W – Sizes: (S, M, L, XL), (2XL - 4XL add \$3)

No. of shirts @\$30 each \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Short Sleeve Denim Shirt with Logo:** Color: (Dark Denim, Light Denim, Washed Black)

Men M550S - Size: (S, M, L, XL), (2XL - 4XL add \$3)

No. of shirts @\$30 each \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Short Sleeve Key West Performance Staff Shirt with Logo** (Two Pockets):

Color: (White, Cloud Blue, Green Mist, Khaki, Navy)

Men M580 – Size: (S, M, L, XL), (2XL - 4XL add \$3)

Ladies M580W – Size: (S, M, L, XL), (2XL - 4XL add \$3)

No. of shirts @\$40 each \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Polo Shirts w/ Pocket with Logo:** Color: (White, Black, Forest, Campus Gold, Light Blue, Burgundy, Classic Navy, Classic Red, Electric Blue, Platinum)

Men 88181P - Size: (S, M, L, XL), (2XL - 4XL add \$3)

Ladies 78181P – Size: (S, M, L, XL), (2XL - 4XL add \$3)

No. of shirts @\$30 each \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**T-Shirts V-Neck with Logo:** Color: (White, Black, Turquoise, Ocean Blue, Maroon, Navy, Red, True Royal, Silver)

Men 3005 - Size: (S, M, L, XL), (2XL - 4XL add \$3)

Ladies B6005 – Size: (S, M, L, XL), (2XL - 4XL add \$3)

No. of shirts @ \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name on garment is \$5 (no names on caps) X \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Logo (**AWA**) \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Visit [NMWoodturners.org](http://NMWoodturners.org) to view the woodturning smock order form

## Editor's Catch

What. A. Year! Holy Hannah! Can you believe 2020 is over? Now, I know it's really just a number change. The struggles we have, the strange times we are experiencing and the circumstances we find ourselves in will not end when the ball drops. My dad used to say, "I was born in the dark but it wasn't last night." That was usually his reply to me naively trying to pull a fast one on him. And, so, it is with 2020. The year is over but we still have the hurdles and obstacles we did last week, month and throughout 2020. However, we can hope that our 2021 obstacle course is less like the Marine Corps boot camp of 2020. What I will say though is I am incredibly grateful for the things that 2020 has taught me, shown me and opportunities it has afforded me. Despite the gloom, that is easily focused upon, I am choosing to focus on the pros and simply acknowledge the cons as background noise - that pesky noise we learn to tune out. What are your 2020 "pros?"

Some of my pros:

1. A full year as your NMWT High Desert Turning Editor (please send constructive criticism)
2. My first club demonstration about turning spheres
3. A 3-day class at the Dale L. Nish School of Woodturning with my best friend Jason along with Scott Cherry and Kirk DeHeer
4. Watching my kids endure and exhibit resilience
5. Trying some new-to-me, intimidating turnings
6. Further immersing in the NMWTs and making marvelous friendships
7. Purchasing a new-to-me, "big boy" lathe
8. A 15 year wedding anniversary & "staycation"
9. One year anniversary at a job I love (now, it's no woodshop!)
10. Interacting with turning's upper echelon folks via the internets
11. Observing our club adapt to the times and provide outstanding content and substance to our membership. Cheers to the Board!
12. And much, much more... just keep looking



Bottom right: One of my favorite projects – a popcorn-filled Calabash bowl. Can you guess the movie in the background?

Middle right: My daughter when the "major award" emerges from the FRAGILE crate (you just pronounced it FRAGILE, huh?)



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