



JIM BEAMAN

Woodworking

Jim Beaman grew up in Tucson, Arizona, and built his first lathe at the age 12 using his dad's drill press and huge vise. Surprisingly, Jim still has that vice!

From late 1977 to the late 1980's, Jim practiced the art of Scrimshaw, which is incised on ivory. In addition, Jim spent 35 years designing and fabricating custom steel fireplace inserts for installation in Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado.

While taking a fine woodworking course at the Oregon School of Arts and Crafts in Portland, he was inspired by the turnings and videos of Richard Raffan. While a member of the Desert Woodcrafters club, Jim was asked to spearhead the beginning of the Southern Arizona Woodturners Association. The club was sanctioned by the AAW in 2004, and Jim, as President, conducted their first meeting in January 2005.

Jim has provided several demonstrations for clubs in Arizona, Alaska, and Michigan, which included hand chased threads, lidded boxes, ornaments, and bowls and platters. His tool demonstrations included skew chisel, bowl and spindle gouge, and camera-assisted hollowing of small vessels.

