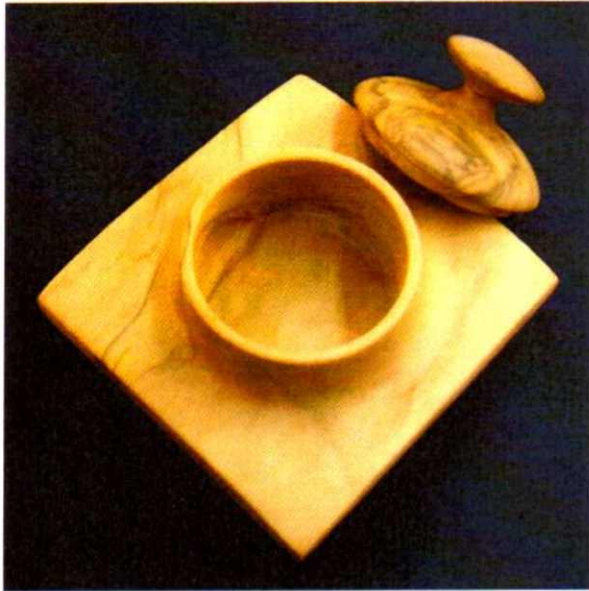


## *James Breeden*

James Breeden, a retired Air Force veteran, began woodturning in 2010. James had some exposure to woodturning in the 7th grade, when growing up in California, but many moves and an Air Force career over the years, prevented him from pursuing his calling to work with wood.



After 38 years of marriage, and having run out of ideas for Christmas gifts, in desperation, his wife signed him up for two woodturning lessons at Wood Crafters.

He continued the lessons over the next several months and with strong encouragement from his instructor, entered five pieces in the 2010 New Mexico State Fair. He was honored with five First-Place ribbons and a Best of Show.

James continues turning and has progressed to more and more complex pieces, all of which are unique by their nature, combined with his innate talent.

James belongs to New Mexico Woodturners and the American Association of Woodturners. As a representative of New Mexico Woodturners, he will be the lead for the Woodturning demonstrations at the New Mexico State Fair in 2013. A special group of friends he calls his "wood pimps" keep him well supplied with native New Mexico wood from which many of his pieces are made.

