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WILD HEARTS GALLERY
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**Wild Hearts Gallery of Placitas, New Mexico, is pleased to announce
David Croxton is a new member of their collective.**

The fine art of woodworking is now on display at Wild Hearts Gallery with the work of Placitas artist David Croxton. Exotic woods are turned into bowls, pens, and hollowed vases of various sizes. He applies techniques such as carving, texturing, stone inlay & woodburning.

Most intriguing, however, are Croxton's Basket Weave Illusion pieces. In brief, the Basket Weave Illusion is a technique where a piece of wood is turned, wood-burned, and embellished with color so that it resembles an actual woven basket. The technique requires razor-sharp tools, meticulous precision, patience, persistence, and steady hands. The illusion of basketry is amazing. People are often fooled until they pick up one of Croxton's pieces.

Croxton is passionate about the detail in his work. *"I don't pay attention to the number of hours it takes to create a piece. I just want to do it to the best of my ability."*

Croxton's journey into the art world began recently, as he has participated in multiple exhibits and art events in Placitas, NM, as well as the New Mexico State Fair, where, for the last 3 years, he has been awarded multiple First Place Ribbons. He has been a member of the New Mexico Wood Turners since 2018 and a member of the American Association of Woodturners since 2023. His work has also been featured twice in the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) "Beyond the Bevel" newsletter and received "Turning of the Week" recognition in the members' gallery on the AAW online forum, which is viewed nationally and internationally.

"It's an honor to have the opportunity to show my work locally and be associated with the established artists of Wild Hearts Gallery," said Croxton.

Wild Hearts Gallery is an artists' collective, supported by 14 local artists. Located at 221-B State Highway 165, the gallery is open Tuesday–Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday–Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

1. *Custom Pen*, Cholla Cactus with Turquoise Inlay, David Croxton