

Demo: Introduction To Woodturning

Natural Edge Bowl



Vases & Rattle



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Woodturning is an age old craft that is enjoying a modern resurgence as art.

This demo introduces woodturning to novices. What is it? Why is it fun? What do I need to know to get into woodturning?

Length 1 hour + time for questions

Outline (3 parts roughly 20 min each)

1. Intro to Woodturning

- 1.1. What is it? Wood mounted between centers on a "lathe". Unique because the wood spins. Cutting tool is stationary.
- 1.2. Brief history? Traditionally used to make table legs, chairs, banisters for stair cases.
- 1.3. Talk about spindle versus face plate turning

1.3.1. Show examples of spindle turned objects (tool handles)

1.3.2. Show examples of face plate turning (bowls, vases, hollow forms)

- 1.4. Show and talk about good books, DVDs, and magazines

1.5. Talk about schools, clubs, and suppliers

2. Spindle Turning Demo on my Mini Lathe

Make one of the buildings in my Fantasy City. (No sanding. No painting. Natural wood with burned lines)

3. Face Plate Turning Demo on my Mini Lathe

Make small bowl. Ice cream dish shape. (No sanding, No painting)

Fantasy City



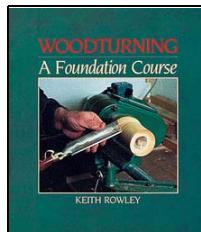
Eraser

Chalk

Demo Handouts:

Books: Spindle Turning

Woodturning A Foundation Course, by Keith Rowley



Books: Bowl Turning (Faceplate Turning)

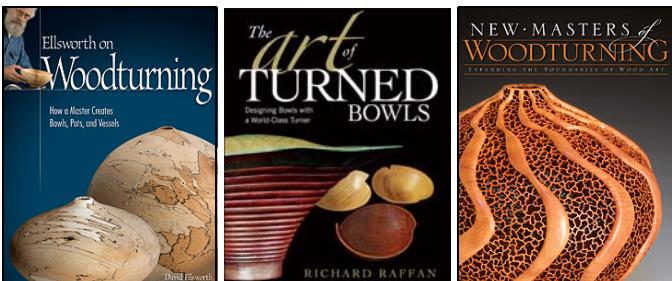
Ellsworth on Woodturning, How a Master Creates Bowls, Pots, and Vessels, by David Ellsworth

The Art of Turned Bowls, Designing Bowls with a World-Class Turner, by Richard Raffan

Books: Picture Books

New Masters of Woodturning, Expanding the Boundaries of Wood Art, by Martin & Wallace

500 Wooden Bowls, Bold & Original Designs Blending Tradition & Innovation, by Lark Books

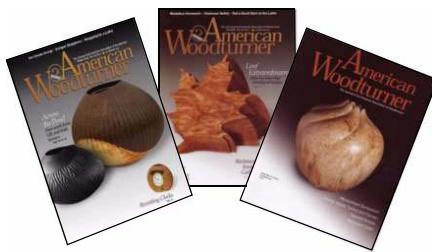


DVDs

The Ellsworth Signature Gouge, by David Ellsworth

From the Tree to the Table, Mike Mahoney

Magazines



American Woodturner, The Journal of the American Association of Woodturners

The AAW puts out a great magazine! Worth every cent of the \$45 membership fee!

<http://www.woodturner.org>

Woodturning Schools

Brookfield Craft Center

Brookfield, CT (Danbury)
<http://www.brookfieldcraftcenter.org>

Dedicated Turning Studio with 6 big modern top of the line lathes

David Ellsworth

School of Woodturning
<http://www.ellsworthstudios.com>
Study with one of the best!

A Great Little Lathe

TCLPROVS Mini Lathe from Penn State Industries

Newsletter article by Carl Ford
http://www.carlford.info/cbf_jigs_tools.html



Local Clubs

Nutmeg Woodturner's League

Brookfield, CT (Danbury)
<http://www.nutmegwoodturners.com>

Kaatskill Woodturners

Hurley, NY (Kingston)
<http://mid-hudsonwoodworker-sorg.blogspot.com/>

National Club

American Association of Woodturners (AAW)

<http://www.woodturner.org/>
Check out the pictures on Member Gallery

24th Annual National AAW Symposium

Will be in Hartford, CT in 2010!
3 Days, 100+ Demonstrations by Top Artists in World

Local Suppliers

Warren Cutlery

Woodworking Store
Rt 9G, Rhinebeck, NY
(Not the Kitchen Knife store on Rt 9.)

Primary Suppliers

Packard Woodworks Inc.

The Woodturners Source
www.packwardwoodworks.com

Craft Supplies USA

The Woodturners Catalog
www.woodturnerscatalog.com

Secondary Suppliers

Penn State Industries

Your Woodturning Source
www.pennstateind.com

Woodcraft

www.woodcraft.com

Chalk

Eraser