

# *Cindy Drozda*

"The Fine Art of Woodturning"

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## **Lidded Vessels and Containers, Hands-on with Cindy Drozda**

What makes a vessel really stand out? Beautiful form and precise details are what catch our eye! In creating a variety of small boxes and lidded vessels, students will refine tool techniques, develop an eye for design, and create the pleasing forms that give our work impact. Learn techniques for turning delicate finials and, using specially designed boxmaking tools, how to precisely fit parts together for inlay and lid fitting. Emphasis is on precise tool control and attention to detail. Through discussions and group critique we explore the process of creating well balanced designs.

Pleasing form and elements in balance are the foundation of successful designs. The excitement of this medium, turned wood, is that it allows us to precisely refine the form. Precise tool control and a trained eye are the secrets. A light touch and careful aim allow us to create thin-walled vessels and delicate finials that defy the "rough and heavy" image of wood. Explore the interaction between line and proportion while learning to make different shaped containers and vessels, and open the door to your creative possibilities!

Lidded vessels and containers are the focus of this 5-day workshop. We start with sharpening and cutting techniques, and then make projects that use these techniques. Projects can be modified so that everyone is challenged according to their abilities and interests. Participants can expect to improve their cutting, shaping, spindle turning, and design skills. Using group critique sessions, we explore the relationship between the Vessel and its Lid, and look at what makes a design successful. The main focus of this class is vessel form, not the actual process of hollowing. There will be an opportunity for interested participants to try hollowing a vessel if they choose to.

Class structure consists of frequent, short demonstrations of each step, followed by time for the students to perform the step. We will do exercises to practice techniques, and make projects that put them to use. Projects can be modified so that everyone is challenged according to their abilities and interests. Focus is on helping each student meet the goals that they set for the class. Students at any level are welcome, though some turning experience is helpful. Cindy will coach everyone to new levels of excellence!