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"The Fine Art of Woodturning"

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Hands-On Workshop Descriptions

Turning Lidded Vessels and Containers

5 days:

Students are guided through different projects, acquiring the skills to turn a variety of boxes and thin-walled vessels with lids and finials. Emphasis will be on the fundamentals of good design and precise technique. We will be shaping, sharpening, and using a variety of different tools to achieve fine details and a pleasing form with a flawless finish inside and out.

Finial Box

2-3 days

The subject of this class is my "signature" style of lidded container with a finial; my most popular demonstration and workshop subject. Students are guided through the techniques and procedures involved in this project. The study of tools and technique, and the complexity of the box(es) and finial can be adjusted to make this a two or three day class.

Basic Boxmaking

1-3 days

Designed as an introduction to Boxmaking, this class focuses on cutting techniques and the mechanics of making small turned Boxes. A beginner Boxmaker with basic turning skills can expect to complete a piece in a single day class, and to make a variety of different boxes in a two or three day class.

Triangular Box and other Multi-Axis spindle projects

1-2 days

Using multiple centers, a triangular shape is created on the lathe. This class covers the layout technique and some ways to use it to enhance turned projects. We will create a Triangular Box, combining multi-axis technique and basic box-making techniques.

Vessels with (or without) Lids

1-3 days

Form and finish are the most important qualities in a hollow vessel. In this class we will learn the fundamentals of both design and technique as we explore the shaping of vessel forms, and (in a multi-day class) create a lid and finial for the vessel. A demonstration of hollowing techniques will be done on the last day of the 3-day class.

Finial Turning Intensive

1 day

Learn to have a light touch and careful aim, and the confidence to make thin, delicate turnings. Challenging and inspiring - for any skill level.

Introduction to Woodturning

1 day

Get started in Woodturning! Learn basic techniques while making a vase, bowl, or other project. No woodturning experience is necessary. This class is an excellent "tune-up" for experienced turners!

Sharpening

1 day

Good turning skill starts with good sharpening skill. This class covers different types of grinding systems and wheels, and how to use them to advantage. We will sharpen gouges, scrapers, skewers, and parting tools using freehand, platform, and jig methods. Note: for this to be a true hands-on experience, the classroom needs to have several sharpening systems.