

2010 VA Woodturners Symposium Mentoring Session Titles, Mentors, and Descriptions

Saturday, October 23, 2010, 10:30 AM to 12:30PM

1a	<p>Hollowing Vessels Though the Bottom with Dick Hines - This technique allows one to easily hollow out a vessel with a very small top opening. This will leave people wondering "how did he do that?" Dick will show you how.</p>
1b	<p>Bowls...From the Beginning with Alyce Pollock - For the true beginner to bowl turning. You will be shown the fundamentals to get you started right in turning bowls along with the opportunity to try some of the basic cutting techniques.</p>
1c	<p>"Marbling" with Lucy Cruise - Learn the techniques and materials used to create one-of-kind art-deco designs in vivid colors on your smaller turnings and projects such as Wine Bottle Stoppers, Pens, etc. You will create your own unique design you can take home...very cool by a cool lady.</p>
1d	<p>Learning and Turning Spindles for Skill Building and Practical Use with Mike Lane - Learn to turn spindles and make good use of your practice time. Turn a tool handle or make mallets or hammers, all very useful tools in your shop. Grab a tool and start practicing under Mike's guidance.</p>
1e	<p>Safety, Chain Saw and Shop Tools with Starke Smith - This demo will involve the many steps necessary in the field of safe wood turning. I will show all the equipment I use from the chain saw and its associated safety equipment. The Band Saw and how to safely prepare the turning blank. I will also show the safe method of approaching the wood on the lathe to stay in control at all times. In the final steps I will show the need for dust collection and face shields while turning.</p>
1f	<p>One Piece Ornaments with Richard McGann - All it takes is one piece of wood and the know how to turn a one-piece Christmas tree ornament with a central hole and top and bottom finials. Richard will demonstrate the process from start to finish. You will then be invited to come up to the lathe and try one for yourself.</p>
1g	<p>Suction Fit Lid Boxes and a Bit of Flare with Roy Tedesco - Ever wonder how to get boxes with "suction" fitted lids every time? Learn how to select your wood, determine the design and with proper mounting techniques and good tool control you too can turn them. Oh, also learn how to dress them up with unique finials for that touch of class.</p>

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2a	Heirloom Ornaments with Ed Moore - Several styles of ornaments will be discussed and one will be selected for demonstration. Also learn the tools and techniques for turning perches for birdhouse ornaments and how to get the parts to fit properly. Attendees will be invited to try one.
2b	Miniature Hats with Sid Mace - Transform 5 lbs. of green wood into a 2 oz. hat. Learn the methods and techniques for first turning the hat and how to build and use forms for compressing and shaping them into works of art. Although these miniatures can't be worn, the process is identical for making life size ones that can be. Sid will also guide you in taking a few cuts.
2c	Coring the Onaway System Way with Jeff Fleisher - Do you stand in a pile of wood shavings after turning that prized block of wood into a bowl? Don't you wish you could get more than one bowl out of that block of wood? Now you can! Learn the techniques to use the One-way Coring System to create multiple bowls from a single wood blank. Jeff will teach you how to keep more wood on your lathe and less on the floor!"
2d	Need To Turn Multiple Identical Spindles? See Morris Schlesinger - Morris will show you the proper set up and safely use the Vega Duplicator Attachment. With this system you can quickly turn as many spindles as you like which are all identical. He will also show how to make and set the patterns for repetitive turnings. This is critical when one has to make railing ballasters or other similar projects.

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2e	Pens Using Alternative Materials with Peter Shoemaker - Handcrafted pens of wood have become one of the most popular projects for the beginning and seasoned lathe turners. Now explore using alternative materials including bone, corian, leather, plastic, and many more materials that will compliment and substitute in your wooden pens. Let Peter guide you through the subtleties of working with these alternate materials.
2f	Pepper Mills and Salt Shakers with Willie Simmons - Pepper Mills make great gifts that are both functional and add beauty to any table. Learn tips and tricks that go beyond the fundamentals in making these using simple tools such as the skew, bedan, and gouge. With just these tools you can achieve clean and smooth cuts producing designs which are pleasing to the eye as well as the hand. Give it a try under Willie's watchful eye.
2g	Catch "Chasing Threads" with Jimmy Proffitt - Adding a threaded lid to a box has been an unfulfilled dream of many a box turner. This requires skills in calculating the right diameters for both the box and its lid, as well as the exacting technique of "chasing threads." Jimmy has this art down to a science. Let him first show you how it's done, then pick up the tools and try it for yourself.
2h	Natural Edge Square Bowls with Tom Boley - Natural edge bowls can be made in various shapes ranging from the traditional round, to square, to elongated, to whatever else you are clever enough to create. The principles of the techniques and tools used will be demonstrated with the initial focus on the square natural edge bowl. Under Tom's guiding hand you can try a few cuts in turning one of these beautiful unorthodox creations.
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3a	Bowl Processing with Richard Cruise - Richard is a Master Bowl Maker who will show you his two part process for turning out highly prized bowls for sale. He will first demonstrate his methods for roughing out green wood bowl blanks for future use. Then he will step you through his process of turning the dried roughed out blanks into finished works of art. Along the way you will learn a few tricks of a production bowl turner.

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3b	Icicles and Finials with Ed Moore - Add a touch of elegance to your sea urchin and hollow globe ornaments with a delicately turned Icicle or Finial. Learn the tools and techniques required to turn these fine art forms, and you get to try your hand at making one.
3c	The Fingernail Bowl Gouge and the Deep Bowl with Fred Williamson - Focus will be on achieving clean cuts inside and out on a deep open bowl which reduces sanding time. Use of the fingernail gouge from rough shaping cuts to fine finishing shear cuts will be shown. Special attention will be given to the inside transition from the wall and across the bottom, and if needed a home-made Thompson tool will be used. Try these cuts for yourself under Fred's guidance.
3d	Weed Pots with Walt Bennett - Don't get too excited, we are not talking California weed. Walt will show beginning turners how to safely transform pieces of scrap wood into stunning bud vases, affectionately called "weed pots." They are easy, quick, and beautiful. Grab a tool and try your hand at it.
3e	Multi-Axis Spindle Turning is the Answer with Barbara Dill - Ever wonder how those off-centered and / or tilted ovals and other shapes got turned on a lathe to make stems for goblets and other interesting art forms? It's all quite predictable, once you know how. Let Barbara show you how it's done, then you give it a turn
3f	Getting Multiple Nesting Bowls from a Single Piece of Wood with Morris Schlesinger - With a little practice the OneWay Coring System makes it possible to yield several bowls from a single piece of wood. This system saves time and money, especially when you have a expensive piece of exotic wood. Learn how to properly set up and safely use the system for maximum yield. Step up to the lathe and get a feel for using it under Morris' guiding hand.
3g	Plates & Platters with Peter Shoemaker - Wooden plates and platters make great gifts to compliment the turned bowls we do. Learn some ideas and techniques to expand and enhance your wooden gifts.
3h	Decorative Texturing and Spiraling with Jimmy Proffitt - Decorative Texturing and Spiraling on turned wooden pieces has been around for a long time. Jimmy will perform this magic using various tools with the main focus on the Sorby Spiraling and Texturing Tool. So watch closely, you'll then be invited to step up to the lathe and try it for yourself with Jim's expert guidance.
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4a	<p>Ovoid Bowls, From a Lathe??? with Brian Noble-Marx - Through the technique of two-axis turning you will be able to try your hand at turning an Ovoid like bowl. You'll awe your friends at home with your newly learned technique.</p>
4b	<p>Boxes with Texturing with Jim Bumpas - You will be shown the basics of turning and texturing a simple box using prepared blanks. If you wish, Jim will be happy to assist you in trying out the tools and techniques for yourself. This session will be at the beginners level.</p>
4c	<p>Pens and a CA Finish with Sam Huntley - Beyond the fundamentals of turning a pen is the need to create a finish on them that is both durable and beautiful. CA (cyanoacrylate) has proven to fill this need. Learn the process and techniques for applying this finish. Try it yourself under Sam's guidance for a rewarding skill which will set your pens apart from the completion.</p>
4d	<p>Natural Edge Hollow Forms with Danny Luttrell - What is different about natural edge? We will consider wood selection and orientation, how and when you will leave the bark on, or take it off. Different hollowing tools will be discussed and demonstrated.</p>
4e	<p>Ornaments, Bob Rosand Style with Starke Smith - This demo will feature all the steps necessary to turn one of Bob Rosand's Christmas Tree ornaments. I will use the Spindle roughing gouge and two types of Parting tools. I will start the procedure of making the tree limbs and offer the attendees that want to try their hand to come forward and finish a tree or start one of their own. There are many ways to make a tree ornament and we will try all, time permitting.</p>
4f	<p>Blue Ridge Mountain Platters with Al Warren</p>

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4h	Wine Bottle Stoppers that Would Delight Bacchus with Leo Cullen - Artistically turned wine bottle stoppers are both functional and beautiful. Leo shows you his unique way to turn contrasting domestic hardwoods into fine works of art that will add a touch of class to any bottle of fine wine. These are of the traditional "dowel and cork" construction and take on a mirror gloss when a friction polish finish is applied. Let Leo guide you in trying your hand at turning a stopper, they make great gifts all year around.
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