

THE ELLSWORTH SCHOOL OF WOODTURNING

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Dear Fellow Woodturner,

I established these three-day workshops in 1990 to help students of all ages and skill levels achieve their maximum potential in woodturning. The focus of these workshops is to help students gain both experience and confidence as they explore the process of making open bowls and hollow forms. Beginner-level turners are welcome, all that is required is an interest and desire to learn. Classes are limited to five students so that the specific needs of each individual can be addressed.

We will be working with fresh-cut logs, taken right from my property. The techniques used for working ‘green’ and ‘dry’ woods are basically the same, except that green wood is much easier to cut and a lot more fun to work with. Also, if we accidentally ‘re-design’ a bowl while making it, it’s no problem to put on another log and start again...all of which makes the learning process that much more enjoyable.

Subjects include:

Basic and advanced applications of both traditional and non-traditional tool design; ergonomics of tool handle design; principles of sharpening; foam-back sanding; reverse chucking with jam chucks; vacuum chucks; finishing; object photography, the basic lathe design and, of course, safety. Also methods of work, which includes good body positions to help correct old habits and prevent fatigue.

Particular emphasis will be placed on “seeing” the bowl in the log, mounting the wood on the lathe with various chucking systems, refining tool usage to achieve maximum efficiency and control, designing the bowl from the log.

Most of my students are at the beginner-to-intermediate level. However, one’s skill level is of little importance since we all work together in sharing and expanding our skills during this learning experience. Food is also important, and we serve three home-cooked healthy and hearty meals each day at no extra charge.

The school is located at my private home and studio situated on 34 acres of trees in the mountains of Western North Carolina just 20 minutes north of Asheville.

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TUITION: \$700 - Price includes three days of hands-on, comprehensive instruction with David Ellsworth, **plus** home-cooked meals daily...Friday breakfast through Sunday lunch.

LAB FEE: \$100 - Covers all materials, use of turning tools and equipment and three home-cooked meals daily except Sunday dinner.

CLASS LIMIT: Five.

COURSE SCHEDULE: Three-days (Friday, Saturday, Sunday), beginning 8am for breakfast and continuing until 5pm when we stop for dinner (no dinner on Sunday).

LODGING: Air B&Bs, Private Home Rentals, Commercial Motor Hotels...see MAP.

TRANSPORTATION: (In order of convenience to Asheville, NC)

By Air: Asheville, NC – 30 minutes
Greenville-Spartanberg, SC – 1hrs-30mn
Charlotte-Douglas Intl, NC – 2hrs
Knoxville, TN – 2hrs

RAW MATERIALS: A variety of fresh-cut (green) eastern hardwoods cut directly from the forest to produce both practice and finished turnings.

EQUIPMENT: Robust ‘American Beauty’: 25” dia. capacity (2)
Robust ‘Sweet 16’: 16” dia. capacity (1)
Robust ‘Sweet 16’ Short Bed: 16” dia. capacity (1)
Robust ‘Liberty: 16” dia. Capacity (1)
Jet Mini-lathe: 10” dia. capacity (1)

TURNING TOOLS: Turning tools and Uvex safety masks will be provided for use during the weekend. Students are also welcome to bring their own turning tools, which will be checked for tip shape, balance and workability. An assortment of tools, DVDs, sharpening jigs and signed copies of the book, “Ellsworth on Woodturning” will be available for use and/or purchase.

PAYMENT: MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **ELLSWORTH STUDIOS, LLC**
Or...PAYPAL at this email address: david.ellsworth3@gmail.com.

NOTE: I do not take credit cards!

REGISTRATION FORM

RETURN REGISTRATION FORM AND QUESTIONNAIRE WITH DEPOSIT

To:

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NAME.....AGE RANGE.....

ADDRESS.....

CITY.....STATE.....ZIP.....

PHONE.....(home).....(work)

E-MAIL.....

PAYMENT

A \$150 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED TO HOLD YOUR SPACE WITH THE BALANCE OF \$650 (INCLUDING \$100 LAB FEE) DUE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE WEEKEND. STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A "HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT" IN ORDER TO ATTEND.

REFUNDS: Deposit is refundable until two weeks prior to first day of class.

AVAILABLE DATES:

Dec 6-8, 13-15, 2019

Jan 17-19, 31-Feb 2; Feb 7-9; Mar 6-8, 13-15;

Apr 3-5, 17-19; May 1-3, 8-10; June 12-14.

DATES YOU'D LIKE TO ATTEND.....1st choice.....2nd choice

**** EMAIL/CALL IN ADVANCE TO CONFIRM AVAILABILITY ****

SIGNATURE.....DATE.....

QUESTIONNAIRE

WHAT STYLE (TYPE) OF TURNING HAVE YOU BEEN EXPOSED TO, LIKE TO DO:

WHAT STYLE (TYPE) OF BOWL TURNING WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN:
(Note: The workshop is focused on bowl turning, not spindle turning).

PLEASE LIST ANY PROBLEMS YOU MIGHT BE HAVING (such as, tool control, sanding, equipment problems, design, etc.)

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TURNING.....?

OTHER TURNERS YOU MAY HAVE WORKED WITH, OR CLASSES TAKEN:

WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE ELLSWORTH SCHOOL.....?

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR OR RECEIVED AN “EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT” THROUGH THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS.....?

CAN YOU BRING SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE TOOLS (not required).....yes.....no?

ANY PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS OR WOOD ALLERGIES.....?

VEGETARIAN? IF YES, CAN YOU EAT EGGS & FISH.....?

OTHER DIETARY RESTRICTIONS.....?

FOOD ALERGIES: NUTS, SHELLFISH, MILK, ETC.....?

WHAT, MOST, DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE FROM THIS THREE-DAY COURSE?

NOTE: Help me help you - by bringing photos, slides or examples of your work (if possible)...even if

it's just one of those classic old "dogs" you can't seem to give away!