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Hands-On Finishing with Mitch Kohanek
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It will be my pleasure to return to the MASW and have the opportunity to share with you the art and science of wood finishing.

This is a “hands-on” wood finishing class with ample time set aside for lecture to help you understand how to decide on what finishing system best fits your needs.

My goal is to involve as much hands-on projects early in the week using a variety of finishing materials. It is important to me that you develop your own system of finishing based on: what options you have for finishing supplies and where you are going to do your finishing.

On any given finishing project, two questions should be asked: (1) What do you want your project to look like? and (2) How much protection does this object need? This class will help you understand what your options are.

Our format for Monday and Tuesday will be using a variety of dyes and stains to help you understand how to color wood. On Tuesday you will also be beginning to apply sealers and topcoats to your work.

By midday on Wednesday you will have gained enough information to start understanding how to formulate the above questions and what choices to make.

On Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday, it will be totally shop time. You can use this time to zero in on what finishing system makes sense to you and have time to work on it.

On Friday morning I will lecture to further assist you to get a deeper understanding of what products you have to choose from. I will also be demonstrating how to rub out finishes to the desired sheen.

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| 1. Introductions | 9. Penetrating finishes |
| 2. Safety | 10. Transparent coatings |
| 3. Need for learning | 11. Tools for applying finishes |
| 4. Wood finishing terminology | 12. Opaque coatings |
| 5. Wood identification | 13. Abrasives for coatings |
| 6. Abrasives for wood | 14. Sheen control |
| 7. Surface preparation | 15. Rubbing out a finish |
| 8. Coloring agents | 16. Finishing the finish |

Tool List

Marc will be supplying all the tools, stains, dyes, and finishes. Here are some things you may want to consider bringing.

1. Shop apron
2. Respiratory protection
3. If you need special gloves to protect your hands
4. A favorite brush
5. If you have spraying equipment
6. Wood that you would like to practice wood finishing on

See you soon,
Mitch