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**Need Some Relief: Add Interest & Life to Your Work with Powercarving
with Dixie Biggs**

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Tools and materials:

- **Micro-motor rotary power carver** - Suggestions are the Mastercarver Micro-Pro Champion, found at www.woodcarverssupply.com and the Ram iCube or Ram Power 45 found at www.mdiwoodcarvers.com. No need to get the foot control.

Be sure to have a 3/32" collet for your carver.

- Contact me if you need help or have questions about the micro motor.

- **Carving Burrs** – Please bring the following burrs plus your favorites. These can be found at MDI Woodcarvers Supply www.mdiwoodcarvers.com 1-800-866-5728

stump cutter (you will need 2)	#20-B5	\$8.25 ea.
mini stump cutters	# 21-SET36	\$5.25
and	# 21-SET39	\$5.25
Diamond cutter set	#17-20S	\$7.50
Saburr burr	# 37- 3FSMY (fine)	\$14.50
Super Course Ruby	#15-SC05	\$10.50

- **Wood burner.** Bring hand pieces with a spear tip (preferred) or long skew and one with a loop tip. If you have others, you can bring those, as well.
- Bring turned pieces or woodwork that is dried and ready to carve. (**See Below** for things to consider)
- Old toothbrush or paint brush for brushing away carving dust.
- If you need magnifiers for detail work, don't forget to bring those.
- Dust mask
- Ear plugs
- Task light is very helpful
- Cushion to sit on is highly recommended. It makes long hours of sitting so much easier!

A few things to think about for the work you bring to carve on:

1. Thicker is better. For woodturners I would recommend a wall thickness of around 3/8".
2. Have something that is straight grained and rather plain. Cherry or maple would be good choices. You really don't want figure or color variations to compete with your carving. Select a wood with a fairly tight grain, open grain can cause problems for students just starting out.
3. Please don't bring exotics because some in the class may be allergic.
4. Woodturners, you can bring most anything....bowls, vessels, or platters with a wide rim. Just give it a bit of thought about where you might like to carve. You might want to carve the whole thing or just leave a wide band that is thicker around the piece where you can do the carving. Size doesn't really matter; it just depends on how ambitious you are. You might want to start out with smaller pieces to get started.
5. The pieces need to be fully dry (no green wood) for rotary power carving. Wet wood will gum up your carving burrs.