

WOODTURNING

With Alan Lacer

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October 26-30, 2020

Welcome to one of the most popular classes at the Marc Adams School of Woodworking. Regardless of your skill level (or complete lack thereof) you will profit from this immersion into the craft of turning.

OBJECTIVES:

By the end of the week each participant will:

1. Demonstrate their ability to achieve a serviceable grind and edge on all of their turning tools.
2. Complete at least one project from each of the three broad areas covered relating to grain direction: between center work, face work, hollowing end-grain.
3. Solve at least two of their primary woodturning problems.
4. Develop a deeper understanding of grain direction, tool presentation and control as it relates to woodturning.

HAND TOOLS AND ACCESSORIES REQUIREMENT:

- * Face Shield with a Z87+ rating. Safety glasses/goggles with the same rating are okay for between center work and grinding, but the full face shield is necessary for much of the week. MASW has the correct face shield and glasses for sale at the school.
- * 3/8" or 1/2" bowl gouge (in the English system of measurement, called a 1/2" and 5/8" respectively in the North American system). Obtain the larger if you ever intend to work 8" bowls or larger and have a lathe with at least one horsepower.
- * Spindle roughing gouge (any size, but I prefer larger ones such as 1 1/4" to 1 3/4")
- * Parting tool (regular 3/16" to 1/4" for spindle work)
- * Skew chisel (non-oval type, 1 1/4" to 1 1/2" in width and an optional one in the 1/2" to 5/8" wide range)
- * Spindle/detail gouge (3/8" gouge, an optional 1/2" for larger spindle work)
- * Round-nose or side radius scrapers (my first choice) in 1/2" wide and 1" or larger heavy scraper for inside bowl work. Prefer 5/16" to 3/8" thicknesses on these scrapers.
- * Bring any other tools that you wish to develop your knowledge and skill during the course
- * Slipstone (diamond or boron in 500 or 600 grit). I will bring these if you do not purchase before the class. An alternative is a flat diamond hone and a round or tapered round diamond hone. I will also have a few of these to loan.
- * Optional: Outside, locking calipers in a range of 0 to 3" or greater

If driving, you may wish to bring wood you are familiar with (or having problems with) or wood to trade/share with other students. Please avoid exotic woods and spalted woods. **The school will have plenty of wood** for your turning during the week—only bring wood for the reasons I have just stated.

SUPPLIERS OF TOOLS AND WOODTURNING ACCESSORIES:

I will have all of the standard turning tools listed above for sale before, during and after the class. I am the only supplier of diamond slip stones, but will have several for loan during the class for those on a tight budget. Contact me for my tool list and prices or visit my web site. The following suppliers carry quality tools which are a far better value than cheap imports or older woodturning tools in high carbon steel.

Craft Supplies
1287 E. 1120 S.
Provo, UT 84606
800-551-8876

www.woodturnerscatalog.com

Packard Woodworks
215 S. Trade Street
Tryon, NC 28782
800-683-8876

www.packardwoodworks.com

The Marc Adams School will have a few turning tools for you to borrow, but most participants wish to learn with their personal tools. However, you may decide to buy tools during or after the class once you determine your interest in woodturning. You can show up with only the clothes on your back and we will get you through the week!!!! Please, please call, email, or write if you have any questions regarding the course—I want you to have a very successful week.

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To prepare—whenever possible— I recommend you turn, read, watch videos, and develop some very specific personal objectives for the week. Please read the articles on sharpening and honing on my web site. I have two DVD's that relate very directly to this course: [Woodturning: Getting Started Right](#) and [Projects Along the Woodturning Trail](#). Bring your work, your problems, and your personal objectives. See you soon.

Best regards and good turning!
Alan