

Lidded Boxes

We have all admired turned lidded boxes. This one day course explores the tools and techniques to make these jewels.

Boxes are as much proper procedure, chucking and techniques as skill. They delight young and old alike and are perfect for storing treasures—they be they an engagement ring or a treasured item. You will have a chance to turn a few simple boxes and learn how to make them with beautiful form.

Boxes are pure spindle turning that can be accomplished with a spindle gouge, a scraper and a parting tool. The class will be all about spindle and scraping techniques to achieving delicate thin walls. Simple procedures and tried and true methods will be emphasized for hollowing and creating different lid fits.

6 Hour Class - 3 Students Max



“Your class was so much fun. I can’t wait to buy my lathe and get started. I’ve been showing off the projects we made to anyone who will listen.”

-Susan

About Us

With over 35 years’ experience in custom woodturning and teaching, Jim Echter specializes in spindle turning and produces tools for spinners and fiber artists. He is well known for his architectural restoration work.

Jim also writes articles for the Journal of the American Association of Woodturners. True Creations’ woodturning studio is located in the beautiful Finger Lakes Region of Upstate NY.



The love for woodworking started at a very young age for Jim when he pounded a chisel into a board at the ripe old age of five. He first ventured into whittling, then sculpture, and progressed into furniture making. That’s when he purchased his first lathe and the rest is history.

His woodturning mentor advised him to learn how to spindle turn. Jim followed a traditional apprentice program for over three years. Consequently, he has the tool control, speed and accuracy to produce items on the lathe at very high standards.

Jim has been awarded a lifetime membership in the *Finger Lakes Woodturners Association*, a Chapter of the *American Association of Woodturners*. The organization often relies upon Jim to demonstrate and teach classes for the club. It is not unusual to find Jim teaching classes for many other woodturning clubs.



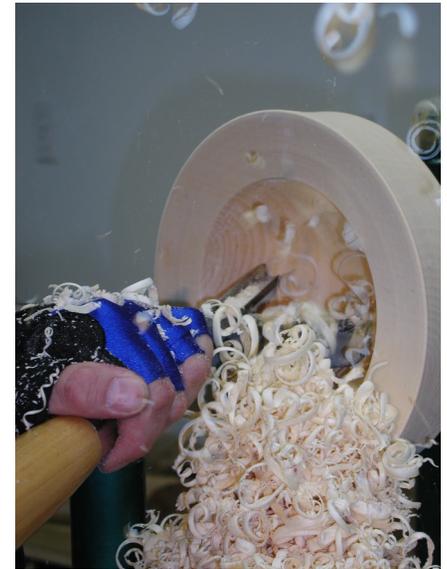
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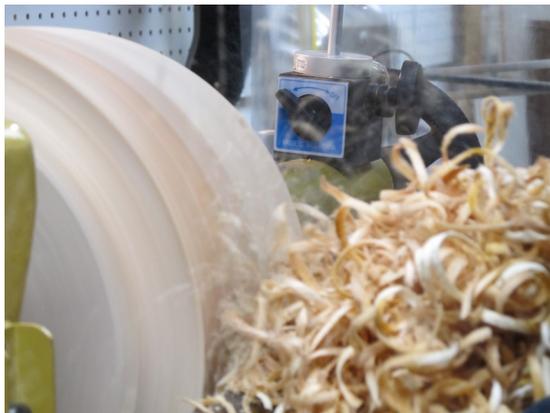
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Class Offerings

True Creations Woodturning offers a wide variety of woodturning classes and custom hands on sessions at our fully equipped studio. Learn from a professional turner with over 35 years' experience in both production and artistic turning.

Introductory Classes

Intro to Woodturning

Have you been thinking about trying your hand at woodturning? Do you want to learn what is involved? Understand the kind of investment you need to make to get started? Then this demo/class is just for you. See a variety of lathes, from micro to large, learn about the tools, see different sharpening systems and learn about setting up your turning space. I will turn a variety of projects, both spindles and bowls, so you can see the process and get your creative juices flowing. The format is lecture, shop tour and demonstration. There will be some hands on time at a lathe so you can experience why woodturning is so fun and addicting. *3 Hour Session - 6 Students Max*

We Sharpen Your Tools For You

You just purchased a lathe with a set of tools and are eager to start making chips. Well, you can't learn to turn with dull or factory ground tools. In this session, your turning tools will be brought to the correct profile with a razor sharp edge. You will see how to maintain their shape and sharpness. Start off in our Intro to Spindle or Intro to Bowl Turning class with your tools newly sharpened. *Offered by appointment*

Beginner Classes

The Right Start - Spindle Turning

For centuries, apprentices were taught "between centers" woodturning techniques for spindle production. The advantage is the student learns great tool control and develops the skills needed to be highly productive. This all day class, designed for beginners, will take you through the basic exercises needed to learn spindle turning. Have fun making beads, coves and glass smooth straights with just a few basic turning tools. Have fun using these skills to make a wide variety of projects such as pens, wine bottle stoppers, door stoppers and much more.

6 Hour Class - 3 Students Max



Hands On Learning

Intro to Bowl Turning

This all day class, designed for beginners, will take you through the fundamentals and process of turning a small wood bowl. Have fun making piles of chips with a few basic turning tools. The morning will be spent on safe use of the lathe, tool selection/sharpening and basic tool techniques. The afternoon is devoted to turning a bowl that you'll cherish forever.

6 Hour Class - 3 Students Max

Sharpening Lathe Tools

This course will teach you how to sharpen your woodturning tools. Grinding and honing techniques will be covered. Dry vs wet grinders vs belt systems will be reviewed. Jigs for consistency and set-up will be explained. Proper tool angles will be discussed with an emphasis on maintenance with honing systems.

3 Hour Class - 4 Students Max

Advanced Classes

Advanced Spindle Turning

The Advanced Spindle Turning Class will teach you all you need to know to add turned elements to your next furniture project. Reproducing parts without a duplicator will be covered. You will also learn what tool to choose for a particular job, how they are sharpened, offset turned legs, split turnings, turning to a pommel and much more. With practice exercises, you will gain confidence with the spindle gouge and skew. You will also be able to make duplicate parts with the same dimensions. *6 Hour Class - 3 Students Max*

**Contact us today to
schedule your class!**

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