

Teapot Demonstration – November 16, 2024

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Turned teapots are fantastic. Those shown in the AAW symposium Instant Gallery are typically assembled from multiple parts, the body, spout, and handle fabricated separately, assembled, and decorated with carving or pyrography.

Perhaps what draws me most to wood turning is the problem solving challenges we encounter, some inherent in what we are striving to produce, and some arising from “design opportunities” that arise during the turning process.

I consider myself a turner, and don't spend much time on assembling or embellishments. I prefer to accomplish the bulk of what I'm producing on the lathe and so I set out to turn teapots from one piece of wood, except for the lid, as a variation on a sphere, with as little carving as possible. This would require turning on at least 3 axis, and producing a chuck for the third axis, made from materials readily found in my shop or the nearby hardware store.

During the demonstration we'll turn a teapot, discussing the sequence of steps, the rationale for that sequence, and the development and subsequent modifications of the offset doughnut chuck developed for this project.

This is probably unlike anything you've turned before, and hopefully will encourage you to “think outside the box.”



Demo Location: Family Life Center, 5757 N Central Ave, Phoenix

In-person price includes LUNCH.

The AWA member in-person or ZOOM Price: \$35.00.

Family/Couple Member in-person Price: \$50.00

Non-member in-person or Zoom Price: \$40.00.

Price at the door: \$45.00 (if space available)

Plan to attend this unique, informative woodturning demonstration!

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