

Two Day Hands On Foundations Class

Frequently I hold beginning foundation classes in my Traverse City, Michigan studio, they are held often enough that they usually are not posted on my website. I schedule these classes from a waiting list. When I get three people on the waiting list I contact everyone and we select a date for the class. I like the three students, three lathes format to give lots of individual instruction. The fee for the two day class is \$350.00 and includes lunches. This class covers all woodturning basics from A to Z. Even for those turners with some experience I believe a strong understanding of the basics will make turning more fun and enjoyable. The outline below details topics covered.

Lyle Jamieson Foundations Class
at Traverse City Studio
Two Day Format

- * Faceplate turning, start to finish
- * Lathe set up
- * Learn effortless tool control with bowl gouge
 - Roughing cuts
 - Bevel supported control
 - Pushing cuts
 - Pulling cuts
 - Scraping cuts with bowl gouge
 - Sheer scraping with bowl gouge
- * Grain orientation
- * Sharpening and jig use
- * Green wood properties and handling
- * Eliminate catches, no fear turning
- * Chucking techniques
- * Sanding procedures
- * Finishing tips

The first day we just blow shavings on the floor and have fun mastering tool control and secure chucking with glue blocks. The second day we put it all together and make a bowl from design to bottom treatments.

The bottom line is I am into easy, I don't like to work hard, and I don't like to sand. Students will learn to make cuts to start sanding with 320.

One of my recent students, Jim Sinacola, took a sequential set of photos during this class. There are no captions, but the photos are valuable as a reminder of most of the details that are covered in the class.

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