

Cindy Drozda

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From Boulder, Colorado, Cindy has worked with wood professionally since her first “real” job at age 19, where she taught herself to work with wood. The need to make a pair of chairs brought her to woodturning, but it was the pictures of bowls, vessels, and boxes in the back of Dale Nish’s book that really got her hooked. Before settling on woodturning as a career Cindy worked as a cabinet maker, rebuilt airplanes, machined metal, and made hang gliding equipment.

Today, her pieces are exhibited at the finest art shows and galleries. Her elegant lidded vessels and boxes with delicate finials bring a contemporary flair to classic forms. A jewel hidden under the lid symbolizes the treasure that life reveals when we make the effort to look deeper. Her trademarks are precise techniques, fine details, and pleasing forms.

Cindy shares her knowledge and passion as an international demonstrator and teacher, as well as through her instructional DVD/videos. A member of the American Association of Woodturners and 4 chapters, she sees the sharing of ideas in the woodturning community as vital to the health and growth of individuals, the community, and “Wood Art” in today’s world. She is a member of the American Association of Woodturners, the American Craft Council, and four AAW chapters. She has written several articles for the AAW Journal, including a recent one on “Finial Design”. Cindy will coach you to new levels of excellence in your woodturning!



In 1988, Cindy participated in the first successful west-to-east crossing of the US by non-powered hang glider, and in 1998 she flew an experimental airplane to Oshkosh for the world’s largest airshow. Woodturning is her latest exciting adventure!

Demonstrations



Fabulous Finials

Learn all of my “secrets” to successful finials! A Finial adds a whole new dimension and personality to a vessel or box.

This presentation covers my signature style of Finial turning, including the tools, how I use a gouge to make basic spindle cuts, my finial turning method, and design philosophy.

Finial Box

My signature style of Box with a finial, an in-fitting lid, and an inlaid decorative ring and foot made from contrasting wood.

The Finial Box is an intricate and interesting project, with a lot of tips and techniques. This presentation includes: boxmaking, turning a finial, design, material selection, and jam chucking.



Triangular Box

This multi-spindle-axis box is completely done on the lathe, but its triangular cross section doesn't look turned! Precise planning and layout, basic boxmaking, and some interesting techniques combine to make an unusual project.