

Janice Levi Write-up

Finials and Decorative Handles – Demo fee of \$10

Our guest demonstrator this April 2018 is Janice Levi, a highly respected artist from Houston visiting multiple clubs in the area. Janice is going to continue our related series of demonstrations and will be discussing the design and turning of artistic/decorative finials and handles/knobs. In addition to making chips, her demo will include the proportion, aesthetics, and the use of the Golden Mean in hopes that our members can relate this information to your other turnings as well.

For Janice, her fascination with woodturning goes back to her childhood when her father would let her hold a turning tool to a piece of scrap wood mounted on his old Sears lathe. She held that fascination until finally, in 2001, she announced to my husband that she wanted a lathe for my birthday. She immediately joined the local turning club, and like most new turners, wanted to learn it all and do it all (*sound familiar?*). She has turned bowls, platters, lidded boxes, ornaments with finials, hollow forms, good wood, punky wood – basically she has turned it all. What makes Janice's work stand out, however, is both her design aesthetic and what she does to decorate, carve, sand blast, burn, pierce, paint and dye her work while keeping things functional at the same time.

I highly encourage you to visit her website to see more of her work: www.janicelevi.com.



