

Saturday, June 26, 2021 (1:00 p.m.) – Richard Findley – Box with Insert

Richard Findley is a Registered Professional Turner and a member of The Worshipful Company of Turners. He lives in Leicestershire in the English Midlands and specializes in architectural spindles, furniture, and unique commissions for a living, but he does like to have fun on the side (side grain). He comes from a long line of woodworkers, going back at least five generations, and he has been involved in woodworking since 1996, and woodturning since 2006 when he set up The Turner's Workshop to pursue his passion for spinning wood.



I originally saw Richard on the 11/22/20 edition of Pat Carroll's *Meet the Woodturner* show. What a great choice for Pat to have him on. He was relaxed and cool, and I knew I would like to hire him. Richard later stood in for Les Thorne on short notice for the 2/25/21 Conkers Live demo, sponsored by Terry Smart and his Chestnut Products brand, and he did a brilliant job. Again, very relaxed and extremely knowledgeable and dispensing tons of great info and tips during an attention-grabbing box demo with a cabochon insert of pewter. He even poured the molten pewter! This performance convinced me that I had to hire him for a MCW IRD. I've asked him to repeat that box demo, but with the cabochon insert being made of imitation ivory instead of pewter because the pour takes more time than we have available. He was very accommodating in fitting us into his busy schedule, which was not a given, even with a long lead time.

Richard is a regular contributor to the prestigious UK magazine *Woodturning*, with over 100 articles published, and he's been on the cover twice. Here's his website: <https://turnersworkshop.co.uk/> I follow him on Instagram https://www.instagram.com/richard_findley/ Based on what I have seen, I have very high expectations for his demo for MCW.