

## October 7, 2021 – Robin Costelle – Finial and form and spindle gouge

We are having Robin Costelle back again, after an excellent program for us in April. Robin is an amateur, hobbyist woodturner, just like us. He has been spinning wood since 2003 and has run the gamut from pens and bowls to elegant hollow forms and large, complex segmented forms and sculptures. I can say I've long been a fan of his elegant finials and live-edge finial/pedestal boxes. His forms are always impeccable. Design, line, and form are very important to him. Back in the Spring, I was excited to hear from a friend that he is doing IRDs and to be able to chat with him and to snag his services for our April demo. That was very educational and enjoyable, so I have once again asked him to join us – this time to make a 3-piece finial of a type that echoes the motif of the piece it glorifies. I have also asked him to talk a bit about form and design and to show us specifics about how to use a spindle gouge gracefully and to good effect.



Robin turns, teaches, and demonstrates in and around his home state of Kentucky, but now he's branching out (yes, that's a tree joke) with several IRDs. Besides woodturning, he also dabbles in pottery and building wooden musical instruments, outfitting fly rods, and crafting wood fishing nets. You can see a lot of these activities and projects on his excellent, updated website here: <http://www.robincostelle.com/> Robin lives on a small farm outside the town of Fern Creek, near Louisville, in north-central Kentucky along with his wife, Connie, and three children.



Robin is a finial master. His finials are made specially to go with his hollow forms. He shares design aesthetics with Cindy Drozda but kicks it up another notch. Bam! The finials often contain a diminutive representation of the vessel itself. Is that cool, or what? Yes, those subtly beaded hollow forms in the photo were made in two pieces, just like the one he did for us, and now he's going to show us how to do a corresponding finial. While making his signature finial, he's going to show us the techniques, tricks, and tips for using a spindle gouge effectively and efficiently,

Please put October 7 on your calendars and plan to join us.