

## Denis Delahanty bio

For the fun of it, I signed up for an introductory woodturning class at Highland Hardware in Atlanta, Georgia, and was immediately bitten by the woodturning bug. I have since studied with many of the best known turners in the US and Europe including Jimmy Clewes, Nick Cook, Tom Wirsing, Nick Agar and Stewart Mortimer. I have also attended many of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) International Symposiums where the best turners from across the globe demonstrate new techniques and styles.

As my skills advanced I have had the opportunity to demonstrate at club meetings and to teach full day workshops. My favorite topic is teaching how to turn with the dreaded woodturning skew. My favorite wood to turn is cherry. My favorite pieces to turn are small boxes, although I have turned many different pieces from three foot tall stools to pens and everything in between.

From 2013 through 2016, I served as a Board member for the American Association of Woodturners, a world wide organization serving fifteen thousand members and three hundred and fifty affiliated national and international chapters. This experience has given me the opportunity to meet and become friends with many woodturning enthusiasts and professionals. I now serve on two AAW committees and lead initiatives to better serve woodturning teachers and Art and Craft centers, encouraging them to include woodturning in their curriculum.

When Nicki and I moved to Purcellville, VA in 2015, the property had a shell of a workshop in the backyard that we built out while renovating. Through the generosity of a number of clubs and individuals, we have assembled a woodturning studio with nine full size lathes. Today, the studio is used by three local clubs for workshops. We host professionals for full day classes and monthly Skill Building Workshops on Saturdays. Please feel free to drop by to see the shop.

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