

Lighthouse

This single day class introduces the art of turning a decorative lighthouse on the lathe, blending creativity with practical skills. Starting with a review of lathe safety, the class also includes tool selection, and fundamentals of spindle turning. Additionally, methods of layout planning and proportional scaling are examined along with turning the detailing elements of windows and railings.

Turning begins with an exercise for lathe and tool familiarization, and by the end of the class participants will have created a charming lighthouse and possess newfound confidence in their turning abilities. Some prior lathe experience is preferred, but anyone with a willingness to learn and experiment are welcome!

The project wood is of nearly any seasoned and common type such as Ash, Alder, Cherry, Maple, Oak or Walnut. This can be from what is used for firewood, but careful selection is necessary. For everyone's safety, only sound wood is used and pieces with visible cracks and splits are rejected.

Tools for the lighthouse project are basic kit, consisting of a Spindle Roughing Gouge, Skew Chisel, Spindle Gouge and Parting Tool.

