

Artist Statement

For about 34 years I have been involved in woodworking in one way or another. Framing houses, cabinetry, millwork, custom stairs and circular stairs; I like going on to the next thing. In having my own business I realize I would never become a good businessman. I was more concerned about learning my craft than the making profit. Maybe it was about 10 year's ago that I bought a Sears Craftsman lathe. I thought it was smart how one could cut away wood as it spun around. In short time I learned just how big the world of woodturning is. I began to take it more than everything else I had done previously. When I had my own shop away from home, my wife would call, and ask, "when do you think you'll be home for supper", timing is important when she is cooking, you know. I would say, "oh I'll be home in about 35 minutes, I'm all most done". She understood better than me that I was fibbing. I would show up 2 1/2 hours later. I could not help myself, which was frustrating for her. Yet she was still able to love me, because she understood my love for woodturning. As I learned more about woodturning I became enthusiastic with David Ellsworth and John Jordan work. This was fine for a period until I realized I wanted to learn to play my own song. It is an extensive path, which I get pleasure from. I'm happy I found this freedom to create in the moment, a process where the work and myself evolve together.

Most recently I came across the book " Geometry of the Golden section" at the Woodturning Center. Reading this book has given me an understanding about the origin of art and architecture. Furthermore it has opened my eyes to the concepts of ratio, proportion and geometric form. These new concepts are now the design basis of my work. Previousy I could not understand why one piece I made looked good and another looked second-rate. I think this book has grounded me; it has given me some sense of order to my work. It may be the most important influence in my work today.

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