

Woodturning & Conservation

By Ralph Tursini with David Brynn

Course Number:

FOR 185, 1 credit, CRN#12455

Class Dates:

2 Fridays + Saturdays

March 21, 22, 28, & 29, 2008

Class Times:

Fri: 2 to 6 PM, Sat: 9 AM to 1 PM



In this class, you will learn about

- Principles of sustainable forestry
- Common tree and wood ID
- Processes involved in converting standing trees into functional wooden objects
- Foundations of lathe operation and safety
- Tool control, and cutting techniques for safe and efficient turning
- How to design turned objects with respect to wood structure and properties

This course is a prerequisite for more advanced classes to be offered in the future.



Ralph Tursini recently won first place for his custom woodturnings in the Vermont Wood Products Design Competition. His work involves turning locally sourced hardwoods into functional and decorative wooden bowls and teaching the craft of woodturning. His work has grown from studying forestry at the University of Vermont to the fields of forestry consulting and fine craftsmanship.

David Brynn will assist Ralph with the course. David worked with the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation for 28 years retiring as the Addison County Forester in 2005. He is the Executive Director of Vermont Family Forests and the Director of the UVM Green Forestry Education Initiative.

Class size is limited! Course takes place at the Jericho Research Forest – Students encouraged to meet at Aiken Center 30 minutes earlier to carpool.