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## BOB ANDERSON LATHES AN EGG

During the March meeting, Bob Anderson did a nice demo on turning eggs. With Easter just around the corner (April 24), you'd better get out in the workshop and get cracking! What could be more fun than a wooden Easter egg hunt?



Bob explained that wooden eggs are also a nice way to show off wood for those who like to collect samples of different species of wood. You get the all the grain of the wood to show off. Eggs are also a challenge to get right, "if you hesitate along the cut, it just won't look right."



Before turning, Bob encouraged everyone to consider some type of respirator turning hood. Bob has an Air-Stream AS-400 hood. The hoods are expensive, but as Dick Gerard said, they are cheaper than a lung transplant. Bob said, "this is the brand I have, buy the brand that fits you best." AirStream systems can be purchased from [www.airwareamerica.com](http://www.airwareamerica.com) or you can call them at 1-800-328-1792.

Bob explained that he has two ways to turn an egg. He first showed us how to hold the egg in a four jaw chuck, secondly, he showed the club his home-made egg chuck he fashioned after a chuck he read about in Dick Sings' book: *Ornaments & Eggs*.

Bob started his first egg with a 2 x 2 piece of pine with one end in a four jaw chuck and with the tail stock up, he rounded with his skew (picture left).

After he rounded the wood, he took the tail stock away. Using his spindle gouge, he rounded over what will become the bottom part of the egg (picture right).



Next, he used his gouge to round the headstock end of the egg. (picture left) and once he had the shape the way he wanted it, he parted the egg off (picture right)



“ I am not afraid to use sandpaper as a shaping tool.” as he was explaining how he forms a nice curve in the wood to get the egg shape..

Before moving on to the second technique of turning an egg, Bob explained that he now designs before he turns. “I use a soft lead pencil and start the design with light short strokes, and your curve will develop. You can erase the pencil marks you don't like. Just draw half the shape and use tracing paper to finish the other half.”



Bob used this tool and a real egg to make a template for his egg. The picture below shows the templates for the two sizes of eggs that Bob likes to turn.



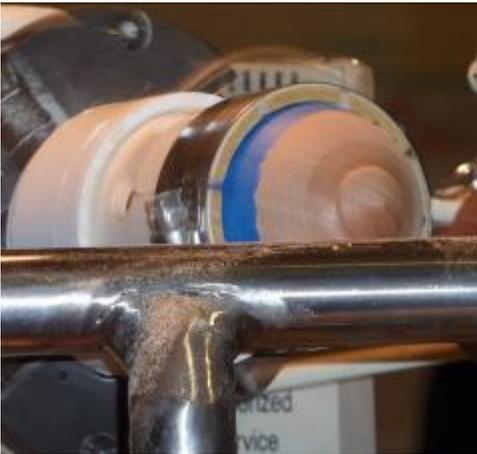
After designing, Bob started to turn a second egg between centers. Again rounding the wood and then turning a small tenon on each end. Bob then proceeded to shape the egg just as he had in the first demo using his spindle gouge. He then checked the shape with his template, sanding was next before removing the egg from the lathe.



The egg now has two tenons that need to be turned away. In comes the “egg chuck”. Bob made the egg chuck out of PVC pipe and hose clamps. He got the idea from Dick Sing. Dick gave plans for the chuck in his book Ornaments & Eggs. This link will take you to the Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild newsletter that has a nice write-up of a demo Dick Sing did for that club. The write up is on page 4 and 5. <http://www.ovwg.org/New-OVWG-Site/Newsletters/2011-03NL.pdf>



Before placing the egg in the “egg chuck” to turn off the tenon, Bob wrapped the egg in painters tape to protect the egg. The PVC pipe can sometimes scratch the egg Bob explained. Bob used the tailstock to assist in centering the egg in the chuck.



Using delicate cuts, Bob turned away the tenon, sanded and turned the egg around in the chuck to turn away the second tenon.

Sanding each end before removing from the chuck, Bob completes the egg.

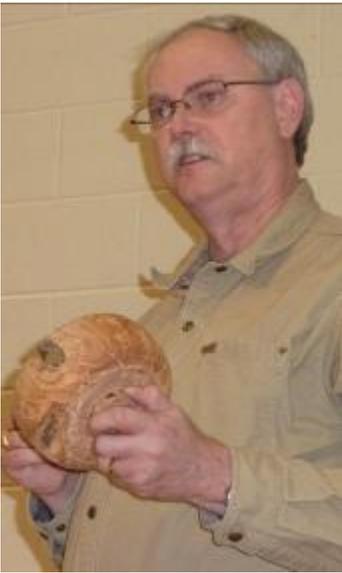


Bob recently purchased a spray gun from Woodcraft. A Woodriver brand sprayer. Bob says, “the spray gun I have sprays nicely but it drips from the main needle which is not sealing properly and there is no adjustment for that. He applies finish to his eggs using the sprayer. ☞



**S**t. Paul, Minnesota a little to far to go for a symposium? No worries... The Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild is hosting their annual symposium at the Higher Ground Conference and Retreat Center in West Harrison, Indiana (about a 1 1/2 hour drive from Indianapolis). The OVWG Symposium is September 30 through October 2, 2011 and will feature EIGHT great turners: Jimmy Clewes, Betty Scarpino, Richard Raffan, Keith Holt, Benoit Averly, Avelino Samuel, Al Stirt, and Kimberly Winkle. For more information visit the OVWG website: [www.ovwg.org/Turning 2011/index.htm](http://www.ovwg.org/Turning 2011/index.htm). ☞

# SHOW & TELL



John Cantwell



Tom Meeker



Adrian Dumitrescu



Ned Hugus



Bob Anderson



Tim Kennedy



Bring your turning to the April meeting and share your tips and tricks! 🍷



# Future Turning Events

April 10 2:00pm	<b>CICAAW MEETING</b> <b>Guest John Burris - Duck Calls</b> ZIONSVILLE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB	May 8 2:00pm	<b>CICAAW MEETING</b> <b>Topic to be determined</b> ZIONSVILLE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
June 12 2:00pm	<b>CICAAW MEETING</b> <b>Topic to be determined</b> ZIONSVILLE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB	June 24 - 26	<b>AAW's 25th Annual Symposium</b> <b>St. Paul, Minnesota</b> Crowne Plaza Hotel, St. Paul, MN
July 10 2:00pm	<b>CICAAW MEETING</b> <b>Annual Picnic</b>	Sept 30-Oct 2	<b>Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild Annual Symposium</b> <b>West Harrison, IN</b>



## Interested in Catalpa wood?

Contact Tim Kennedy at: 317-442-8859 A gentleman in Franklin, IN has 54 trees he wants cut down. The CICAAW club members can have as much or as little as they like. Tim will be organizing a tree cutting outing in mid-April to early May, most likely on a Saturday, exact date to be determined based on interest. If you'd like to participate for the "free" wood coordinate with Tim Kennedy. ☞



Join us for our next meeting — Everyone Welcome  
 Sunday, April 10, 2011, 2:00pm  
 Duck Calls - Demo by Guest John Burris  
 Not a hunter?, the kids will love them as a toy!  
 At the Zionsville Boys and Girls Club  
 1575 Mulberry Street, Zionsville, IN 46077

### Directions from the north:

From US-421 and SR-32, go SOUTH on US-421. (2.0 miles)  
 Turn RIGHT onto W 156TH ST / COUNTY ROAD 200 S. (0.9 miles)  
 Turn LEFT onto COUNTY ROAD 950 E / PLEASANT VIEW RD / N 68TH RD. Continue to follow N 68TH RD. (3.4 miles)  
 Turn LEFT onto ZIONSVILLE RD. / ZIONSVILLE-WHITESTOWN RD. (< 0.1 miles)

### Directions from the south:

From I-465 and MICHIGAN Rd. (becomes US-421), go NORTH (2.8 miles)  
 Turn LEFT onto CR-550 S / TEMPLIN RD. (0.6 miles)  
 Turn LEFT onto S 1100 E / WILLOW RD. (0.1 miles)  
 Turn RIGHT onto TEMPLE AVE. (0.3 miles)  
 Turn LEFT onto TURKEY FOOT RD. (0.1 miles)  
 Turn SHARP RIGHT onto ZIONSVILLE RD.

