

Galloway Woodturners Better Bowls Workshop

This workshop idea is for people who have been turning for a while and have already made a reasonable number of bowls. The aim is to encourage members to take their bowl-turning up a notch or two and will cover both technical and creative aspects.

This event is NOT a course to teach you how to make a bowl therefore it is NOT suitable for members who are just starting their woodturning journey.

It will be run as a workshop style session during which each participant makes at least one bowl. There will be a Leader who will start things off and guide sessions but it is hoped that an important aspect will be the exchange of information between participants.

The workshop will aim to cover :-

- selecting a blank - dry vs. green, cutting a blank
- tools for bowl turning – gouges, angles and profiles, scrapers, other tools used
- initial mounting – face plate, faceplate ring, screw chuck, between centres
- shaping the outside, different gouge cuts, scraper techniques, design considerations
- recess vs. spigot for re-mounting
- use of abrasives
- finishes – sealers, oils, waxes, colour, texture etc.
- mounting for hollowing
- hollowing methods
- rim treatments
- completing the inside
- finishing the base

Participants can bring their own blank or buy one from the Club. Participants are encouraged to bring their own tools, chuck, abrasives, drill, finishes etc.

Places must be booked as the Club has a finite number of lathes. The Club reserves the right to decline a booking from a member who the Committee considers does not have the necessary experience. Spectators are not permitted.

Things to be decided

It could be done as one long day, say 09.30 -17.00, or as say three shorter sessions.

We could do a 'how to turn a bowl' course/refresher if members want that.