

Michael Blankenship Ornament Turning Demonstration Oct 28, 2012 at the Woodturners of St. Louis

Jackie and Michael get tools and supplies ready.



Michael wears a belt to hold most of the tools he will need.



Initial roughing to a cylinder.

Modified circle cutter is used to cut tenon and bevel the end.

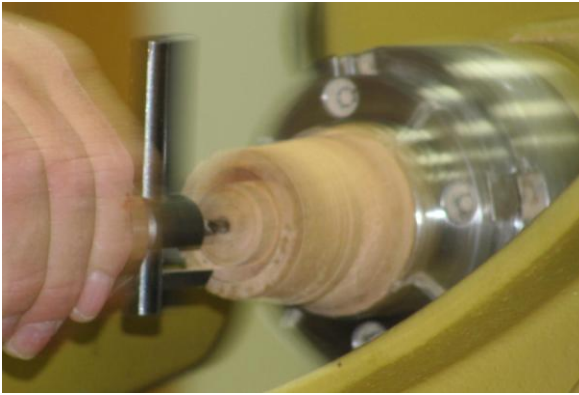


Additional roughing for finial. It is then parted off leaving the end for the top of the ornament.

Cylinder that remains after the finial is parted off. It will be used for the top.



Cutter in action making a tenon on the top.



Shaping outside of the top.



Close up of the modified circle cutter.



New piece for the main body of the ornament.



Hollowing after predrilling with forstner bit.



Continued hollowing.



Hollowing is complete; body is parted off.

Body is mounted on modified pin jaws to fit the 7/8" opening. Note the PVC collar to give a solid face for the body (shoulder) to mount on the pin jaws.



Quick sanding to 220 grit.

Lacquer sealer applied and heat from friction quickly gives a dry surface.



Starting the final turning of the finial.

Final turning and sanding of the finial.





Final finial.

Final turning of the top of the ornament.



Club members examine some of Michael's previously turned ornaments.



Michael does his own cut out and glue ups for segmented ornaments.



Completed ornaments.