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Newsletter

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Year in review

Some Dreams Do Come True!

This newsletter is just another of such dreams. When I first dreamed of a club such as WorldWideWoodturners, I dreamed of a club which could offer everything a woodturner would ever look for.

With the efforts of volunteers, only volunteers, WWW is now one step closer to that dream. This newsletter is a rather unique format. It is being created by our members, for our members, and not restricted or limited in any way. This Newsletter is to be freely shared on any and all platforms in the world. It's your newsletter, waiting for your input and photos.

This is another example of what happens when dreams come true.

Captain Eddie Castelin





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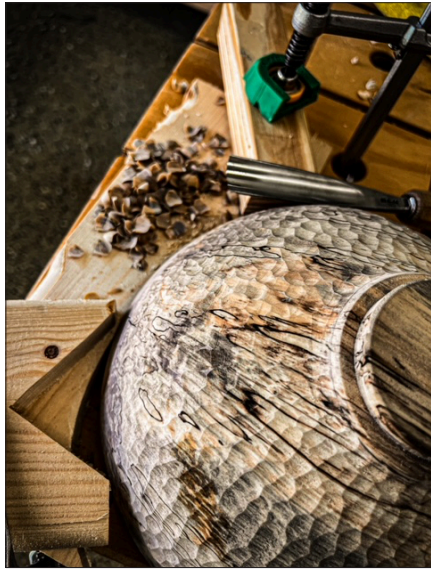
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New for 2024

Welcome to the first edition of the all new newsletter for your club, WorldWideWoodturners!

Just as this is **your** woodturning club, this is **your** newsletter, and features **your** work, **your** articles, **your** tips and tricks, and more!

We have one request for submissions: the higher the image quality you provide, the better your newsletter will look! Please e-mail your photos at 300 DPI to editor@worldwidewoodturners.org, so we can include them in the newsletter in a printable format.

It's the new year! What does this year have in store for the World Wide Woodturners? That's up to you!

While we're thinking about the year to come, let's look at some of your work from 2023!



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Unearthing Hidden Treasures: Finding free wood for woodturning

By Heather A. Budarick

Woodturning, the ancient art of transforming raw wood into beautiful, functional pieces, is a craft that often requires an ample supply of quality wood. However, acquiring wood doesn't need to burn a hole in your pocket. There are various places where you can find free wood for woodturning, turning nature's leftovers into your next masterpiece.

1. Fallen Trees and Branches

Nature can be a generous provider. After storms or windy days, local parks, nature reserves, or even your own backyard can yield fallen trees or branches. Always obtain permission before collecting wood, and ensure you have the proper safety gear for handling potentially unstable timber.

2. Construction Sites

Construction sites are often rich resources of discarded wood. Contact local builders or contractors and inquire about the availability of scrap wood. Remember to ask for permission and make safety a priority when collecting materials from these sites.

3. Tree Removal Services

Collaborating with tree removal services can be mutually beneficial. These companies often have to dispose of wood after cutting down trees. Reach out to them, offering to take some of the wood off their hands. Make sure to follow safety protocols and get proper permission.

4. Local Sawmills and Woodworking Shops

Local sawmills and woodworking shops generate cut offs and discard pieces regularly. Establish good relationships with these businesses and inquire about obtaining their surplus wood. Sometimes, they might even be willing to part with it for free or at a minimal cost.



Heather Budarick

5. Community Resources

Explore local community resources like recycling centers, yard waste disposal sites, or community cleanup events. These places often have wood that can be salvaged for woodturning.

6. Fallen Trees Due to Natural Causes

Keep an eye out for natural events like wind storms, hurricanes, or floods that might lead to fallen trees. Always prioritize safety and legality when collecting wood in the aftermath of such events.

7. Online Platforms and Forums

The Internet has made it easier than ever to connect with fellow woodturning enthusiasts. Explorer online platforms and forums dedicated to woodworking, where people often give away or sell wood at affordable prices. Websites and social media groups can be a treasure trove for finding woodturning materials.

In the world of woodturning, creativity knows no bounds. With a bit of resourcefulness and an eye for opportunity, you can unearth hidden treasures in unexpected places. This list provides a road map for finding free wood for woodturning, encouraging you to explore these avenues and turn nature's discards into your next turning masterpiece. Happy hunting!



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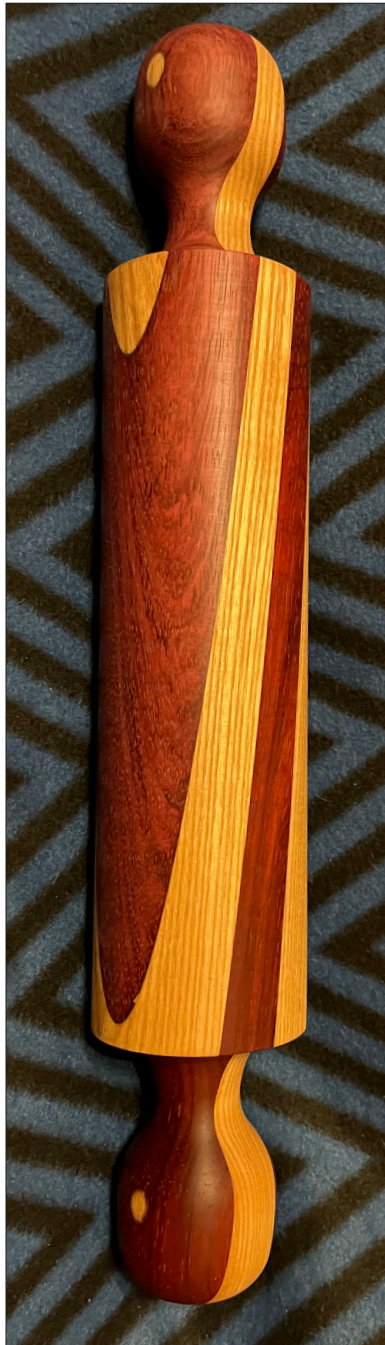
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