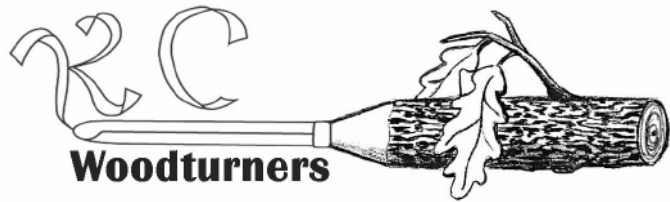


Wood Chips



Woodturners

**LOCAL AAW
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January 2005

Focus on the Skew

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Is the skew evil? No, not really it just seems that way to most beginning woodturners. I even thought the skew was an evil tool at one time. I blame that on Rude Osolnik, the grand old man of woodturners. As a student of Rude, he told me to "Throw that damn thing away, you can do everything on a spindle with either a big roughing gouge or the 1/2" spindle gouge." So he was not very helpful when it came to learning to use the skew.

--Nick Cook

The skew has gotten a bad rep. I know of no other tool that evokes such groans and laughs, yet leaves such a superb finish, adds such crispness to the work, or is as versatile as this angled piece of flat steel.

This is primarily a "between centers" tool, useful in making such things as balusters, bed posts, tool handles, table legs, ink pens, eggs, Christmas tree ornaments, porch columns, and the like.

The first step in using a skew is making the shape serviceable. The chisel is "skewed"; rather than straight across, primarily to serve as a built-in clearing angle, to provide an unobstructed view of the cutting point or edge in several cuts, and to make it more adaptable for a variety of cuts than if it was ground straight across. The angle of skewness is about 70° from point to point. Significantly more or less from this standard causes problems--either lacking sufficient clearing or viewing angles or making it more "tipsy."

Rather than discussing angles, I like to recommend lengths--a bit easier to visualize and measure. For general use, make the bevel length 1-1/2 times the thickness of the steel.

--Alan Lacer

Skew chisels are used primarily for smoothing surfaces (both straight and convex), but can also be used for trimming end grain, making "V" cuts, turning beads, and other turning tasks. The skew chisel is one of the basic tools of the turner and much effort is spent mastering its use.

--Information from Alan Lacer web site

Club Events

Events held at Builder Resource West
of I-35 on 67th Street in Merriam
Kansas unless otherwise noted

January 8 - Second Saturday - Egg Cup
-Anthony Harris

January 10 - Monday Meeting - Merle
Schneck - skew demo

January 22 - Christmas - Fourth Satur-
day open lathe.

Skew Resource Directory

Web Pages

http://www.sunrisewoodcrafts.ns.ca/woodturning_tips/skew-chisel.htm

<http://www.woodturninglearn.net/articles/skew.html>

Google search for skew Chisel finds many pages.

<http://woodturningonline.com> (A very good woodturning site.)

Videos

Skew Chisel: The Darkside & The Sweet Side with Alan Lacer

The Son of Skew - Sequel to: Skew Chisel: The Darkside & The Sweet Side

Calendar of Events

January 8 - Second Saturday - Egg Cup -Anthony Harris
January 10 - Monday Meeting - Merle Schneck skew demo
January 22 - Fourth Saturday open lathe.
February 9, 10 Turn About Wood Demo Matthew Hill
February 26, 27 Turn About Wood Demo Bin Pho
March 5, 6 Turn About Wood Demo Tom Fortenberr
July 25, 26 Turn About Wood Demo David Ellsworth
September 10, 11 Turn About Wood Demo Andi Wolfe

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Decorated Egg Challenge

Contest Rules

Egg must be turned or carved from wood

Must be Egg Shaped

Egg can be any size - Finished egg can be in any form (box, hollow, solid)

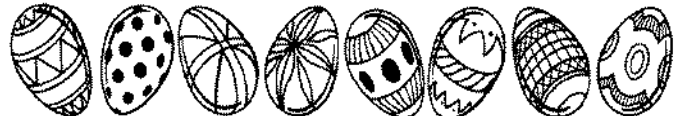
Egg Must be decorated

Deadline March 18 at Turn About Wood

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Sunday 9am -5pm

2004 Financial Report

EXPENSES

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|--------------------|----------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Audio Video System | \$214.06 | Picnic | \$386.79 |
| AAW Symposium | \$500.00 | Postage | \$170.39 |
| Auction Expenses | \$168.72 | Printing | \$0.00 |
| Bank Charge | \$50.95 | Raffle Prizes | \$393.83 |
| Christmas Party | \$327.36 | Refreshments | \$255.17 |
| Dues (AW Renewal) | \$40.00 | Repairs | \$21.05 |
| Equipment Purchase | \$654.22 | Supplies | \$270.96 |
| Gift Certificate | \$75.00 | Tools | \$550.95 |
| Glue | \$125.00 | Video Tapes | \$87.00 |
| Insurance Payment | \$240.00 | Web Site Hosting (2 years) | \$166.80 |
| Miscellaneous | \$55.40 | Web Site Renewal (5 years) | \$119.00 |
| Office Supplies | \$53.35 | Woodworkers Show | <u>\$118.65</u> |
| | | TOTAL | \$5,044.65 |

INCOME

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Opening Balance | \$3,121.42 |
| Auction Proceeds | \$3,332.75 |
| Club Dues | \$2,055.00 |
| Glue Sale | \$181.00 |
| Raffle Ticket Sales | \$1,364.00 |
| Sandpaper Sales | \$2.00 |
| Tool Sale | <u>\$26.00</u> |
| TOTAL | \$10,082.17 |
| Year End Balance | \$5,037.52 |