

SYMPOSIUM NEWS

The annual symposium is right around the corner and for those attending it is time to get everything ready so you will get the most out of the demonstrations. We are expecting a record turn out this year so we need to insure there is enough equipment, tools and supplies for all participants. Set up will begin 3:00 PM Friday April 11th with the first session starting at 7:00 PM. Bring three items for the instant gallery – check in items from 5:30 – 7:00 PM. The Banquet Saturday evening will start after 6:00 PM with dinner at 7:00 PM. If you wish you could bring some cookies, bars etc. for the afternoon breaks.

Try to make every effort to bring your lathe or make arrangements for the use of one. Also a Work Mate if you have one. If you don't have to share a lathe you will be able to work through the project with the demonstrator. Bring your tools and have them sharpened so you can get right into turning rather than sharpening. If you have extra tools or chucks you are willing to share please bring them but make sure to mark them and keep track of them so you get them back. We could also use Workmate stands

The following is a list provided by each demonstrator for the basic tool kit required.

Dick Sing will be demonstrating Clock turning. He suggests bringing a 3 x 3 x 5 inch blank of any wood. Also bring a 1-3/8" drill bit and a Jacobs's chuck for the lathe and regular turning tools.

Gary Gardner will be demonstrating basic bowl turning so you will need a 6x6x2" bowl blank and your basic turning tools and a chuck.

Keith Gotschall will be demonstrating salt and pepper shakers. He requests you bring a blank 2-1/2" to 3" square 5-6" long of a tight grained wood like Maple, Walnut or Birch. Avoid open grained wood such as Oak or Ash and soft woods like Pine and Aspen. You will also need a scrap block of wood 2-1/2-3" square and 3-4" in length of any type of wood. For tools Keith is recommending a 1/8" or 5/16" drill bit and a chuck or pliers to hold the bit, a 3/8 or 1/2" spindle gouge, a round ended scraper. Additional tools can include roughing gouge, square ended scraper, sandpaper, oil and wax for finishing.

SYMPOSIUM ETIQUETTE AND POINTS TO REMEMBER:

- Take your live & dead centers and knock out bars with you from class to class. Leave only the lathe and tool rest.
- Mark all of your tools.
- If you borrow something return it to the owner.
- Do not disturb the class by visiting in the classroom. Take your discussions outside of the class room. Includes cell phone calls. Set phones to vibrate mode.
- Feel free to ask questions at the appropriate time as directed by the demonstrator.
- Reserve comments and input until after the class. We are in the class to learn from the demonstrator not to instruct the class.

- Do not dominate the demonstrators time as there will be 12- 14 other people in the class that may also have questions or need some help.
- Be prompt so as not to disrupt a class that is in progress.
- DO NOT bring any exotic wood – some people are allergic to these woods
- Follow AAW safety guide lines – Safety glasses or face shields, dust masks, no loose clothing and so forth.