

My first experience using a lathe was in junior high shop class where I turned a walnut lamp. I was immediately intrigued with woodturning, but it wasn't until 40 years later that I owned a lathe and turned my second project. I am a member of Golden Triangle Woodturners, Woodturners of North Texas, and the Dallas Area Woodturners as well as the American Association of Woodturners. I grew up on a farm in Northeastern Indiana, and I lived in California, Ohio, and Illinois before coming to Denton Texas in 1983. I am married to Shari and we have two grown daughters and two grandkids.

There are two things I don't liked about how people usually turn spoons. One is that there is no choice in the shape of the hollow part of the spoon, it is always round. The second is that the hollowing process requires mounting the spoon so that the handle dangerously spins around like a propeller. I intend to show an alternate way to make spoons that allows the turner more flexibility in shaping the spoon and eliminates the need for a spinning propeller. I will also talk about how to make jigs required for the process.



