

ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

I spent 54 years in Information Technology until I retired. Along the way I was also a professional dog trainer, a licensed humane investigator, and humane society director. I co-founded Gifted Animal Placement (GAP) to rescue dogs from shelters that law enforcement officers needed for drug detection, ordinance detection, search and rescue and cadaver work.

I started woodturning about 9 years ago with pens, handles and other spindle work. However, I quickly realized that I needed more instruction. I joined several woodturning clubs in the area, and received a lot of help. I took classes with Joe Ruminski, Jimmy Clews, Molly Winton, Doug Fisher, Janice Levi, Michael Hosaluk, Rebecca DeGroot, Derek Weidman, Alan Lacer, and Jeff Hornung to name a few! I find that I do enjoy learning new techniques and trying out new (to me!) things.

The demo that I will doing is a Morocco Christmas ornament! I use spiraling tools to decorate a small hollow ball then color and enhance it with wax and a ribbon.