

SEPTEMBER 10 MINUTES SAFETY PRESENTATION

“Sharp Tools Are Safe”

Most of us turners do not have the luxury of turning quality wood all the time, this adds to the reason why SHARP TOOLS ARE IMPORTANT.

A dull tool will skip, cut the wood unreliably, often catching the turner off guard.

When a tool is dull the tendency is to add more muscle to make the cut. Let the tool do the work, pushing harder does not replace sharpening and learning proper use.

Check the sharpness by rubbing the cutting edge across a soft piece of wood, if it does not make a scratch, the tool is dull and needs sharpening.

Shavings obtained while cutting are a good indication of tool sharpness SAWDUST and a SHARP TOOL are not good companions!

Heat generated while cutting is an other give-away.

If a tool is not cutting easily, SHARPEN IT.

Learning how to sharpen your tools is well worth the time invested.

Take a class, ask a mentor to help you, check out one of the library CD on sharpening and practice.

The simple placing of the grinder conveniently by the lathe and investing in some grinding jigs will help make the sharpening instinctive.

SHARP TOOLS will make you safer and you will have more fun turning. You will also discover there is more in the turner's bag of tricks than 60 grit abrasive.

Resources: AAW Safety for woodturners, Check the CWT free library.

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