

Hand's – On Workshop: Sharpening

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As mentioned in the clubs' January meeting business section, we're starting some Hand's-on Workshops. This one will be on Sharpening and happen on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004. It'll be held at Woodworking-101 from Noon to 4pm. There will also be a lecture/demonstration from 10am to 11am that's open to anyone. You will need to sign up for the Workshop portion although it is FREE. We just need to know how many to expect. Sign up by getting hold of one of the club Officers or by contacting Woodworking-101. They'll have the signup sheet at the store. This event will be open to members and non-members alike. We all need to know how to sharpen and we can all learn new things from time to time.

The Workshop is Hands - on. You'll be sharpening your own tools (or any ones you can get a-hold of) on any variety of equipment that we can have available. Hopefully, we'll have several grinders with a variety of sharpening systems (Wolverine, Tormek), stands, wet / dry grinders, belt sanders, disk sanders and so on. We're going to have experienced woodturning tool sharpeners there to help out too. Try a new piece of equipment or try out a new grind. We'll also have some lathes set up so you can try out your freshly sharpened tool.

We hope to get a good response from both participants and instructors. Future Workshops will depend on it.

HELP NEEDED !!! We need some help putting this on. Right now, we have confirmed that there will be ...

| <u>Equipment</u> | <u>Instructors / Helpers</u> |
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| 2 - 8" dry grinders. | 1 Wolverine user |
| 1 Wolverine system | 1 freehand sharpening user |
| 1 wet, horizontal grinder | |
| 1 good stand for 1 dry grinder | |
| 1 belt sander | |
| 1 MDF disk sander | |

We really need at least one more (the more the better!) helper/instructor. If you can help, please contact either Don Carlson or Andy Hilton or even just Woodworking 101 and let them know that you can help. If you use a different type of sharpening system or use a different technique, you can really help us out a lot too. We need you if even for a short time that day.

We can also greatly use any equipment, grinders, jigs or ANYTHING related to sharpening to give a wider range of learning experience. As a club, we can help our own members and make a good impression on those turners not already in the club.

I hope to see all of you there. Spread the word about the event!

Ozark Technical Community College / WSWMO Partners

Some of you already know this but for those of you who weren't at the January monthly club meeting, the club is partnering with OTC and Woodworking - 101 to start providing adult education classes in woodturning! This arrangement not only helps our club gain public awareness (and hopefully increased membership) but also helps Woodworking - 101 and OTC to expand their operations. I'm really excited about this project. This is one of the very very few woodturning club-sponsored community college programs in the nation. OTC is excited and hopeful as well.

So, the next logical question is what do we need to do to get this started. This is where you, the membership, comes in. No, we don't need money. We just need your support and time. Specifically, we need

- 1) Ideas on what a 4 to 6 week woodturning course should look like. Those of you that have taken formal training can tell us what it was like. What did you like about? What would you have changed? Tell us about your experience. Even if you just have a couple of ideas, share them with us. We need the help of all of you here.
- 2) Instructors and helpers. This doesn't mean you're going to be teaching a full-time course. We can structure this program any way WE want. We can have each instructor teach for a week or two and then let others take over. Anything and everything is possible. We just have to get plans finalized very soon. Contact us if you can help.