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“Fine, *Refined* Turnery”

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Demonstration List

Please see my web site www.KatherineKowalski.com for handouts, a supplier list, and more information.

Creating Crochet Hooks

Create one of the most popular and commonly used fiber arts tools: the crochet hook. Learn extensive information on wood selection, design, the all-important carving of the hook, and finishing, with tidbits about presentation and marketing, etc. Learn segmentation using proper joinery techniques and how to maximize use of the figure of the wood. Crochet hooks can be made with an endless variety of materials -- let me show you how to create a *comfortable*, functional, and beautiful crochet hook that will be treasured for years to come.

Hair Sticks and Shawl Pins

Explore the world of personal ornamentation with hair sticks and shawl pins: two turnings that make unusual and personalized gift items. Learn extensive information on material selection, how to create a successful design, pitfalls to avoid, finishing, with tidbits about presentation, care, and marketing, etc. Hair sticks have been used for hundreds of years to tame ladies' locks, and beautifully turned, make a unique present for a special person. Shawl pins are worn with knitted or crocheted shawls and wraps, providing a functional, yet ornamental way to secure a stole.

Decorating Spindlework

When you've made as many fine spindles as I have (over 2,000!), making each piece special and unique is challenging. Over the years I've learned and developed myriad and marvelous ways to enhance the turned design to make the finished product more attractive to clientele without sacrificing comfort. Pyrography, painting, gemstone inlays/settings, and captured rings are just a few of the ways to add personality to your turned design, allowing you to move one step closer to developing a signature style. Learn how to apply decorating techniques to fiber arts tools, hair pins, shawl pins, pens, bottle stoppers, and many other projects, and how to assay the suitability for each. Take your spindlework to the next level!