

Tony Klepic Woodworker

Tony has spent the past 27 years working for Fairfax County Public Schools as a teacher and then IT manager. He is also a product of Fairfax County and except for his years in undergrad school has lived in the Northern Virginia area his entire life. His passion for woodworking has always been there, but really took off when he began building furniture for his wife and children. From there the leftovers and cutoffs



from those projects allowed him to make smaller crafts. A midi-lathe as a birthday gift 8 years ago opened his eyes to the pure joy of woodturning. Now Tony creates beautiful items in both flat wood, and turned objects.

Artist statement: The focus of my work is to create beautiful pieces made from wood in a way that does not put pressure on the forest. Most of my work comes from reclaimed lumber, lumber bought at estate sales, or FOG wood (Found On the Ground). Practically all of my bowls and small turned items are made from downed trees that would otherwise end up on the landfill.

I enjoy all woodworking, but turning is truly therapeutic. Feeling the tool peel the wood away when turning a project is great therapy, and watching a design evolve is truly inspiring. There is something in woodturning that is creatively freeing. There are no rules when it comes to shape or design, which makes it free from constraints. A necessary release from the constraints and stress of everyday life.

One-line listing: Tony Klepic. Small to medium sized woodcrafts, and turned items that are excellent as gift ideas.

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Resume:

- Art Space Herndon; Since 2016
- Arts in the Village, Leesburg; 2017
- Gallery Clarendon; Current
- Gallery Underground; Current
- Numerous local craft fairs.
- Commission work welcome.