

Woodturning Friends:

We are incredibly excited to announce that Finger Lakes Woodturners will be hosting the internationally known woodturner Laurent Niclot in Rochester, New York, from March 23-25, 2024! This visit is a unique opportunity for enthusiasts and practitioners alike to learn from a master of the craft.

Laurent, a native of Southern France and currently a resident of Colorado, brings a wealth of experience and a profound passion for woodturning. His journey, from his academic pursuits in woodworking and furniture design to his evolution into a woodturning virtuoso, is inspiring. His tenure at the Escoulen School in Aiguines, France, not only honed his skills but also marked the beginning of his international teaching career, spanning countries like Belgium, Canada, and the US. Laurent's work is a testament to innovation, blending traditional woodturning with texturing, coloring, and carving techniques to create pieces that are not just functional but also profound narrative sculptures.

Our event kicks off on Saturday, March 23, with an all-day demonstration where Laurent will showcase his celebrated techniques, including:

1. **Carving of the Hollow Form:** An intricate process involving spiral design drawing, power tool carving, texturing with wood burners and rotary tools, and optional coloring with ink and gilding wax.
2. **Miniature Teapot Creation:** A meticulous craft of turning a tiny teapot, complete with demonstrations on hollowing, lid and spout turning, and applying India ink and gilding wax for a stunning Damascus steel effect.
3. **Multi-Axis Drop:** A display of off-center turning, precise carving, and texturing to create a unique Steampunk design, utilizing a wood burner and coloring techniques.

Choose your workshop day, either Sunday, March 24, or Monday, March 25, and dive deep into the art of Turning Mini Hollow Forms. Laurent will guide you through creating various small hollow forms, discussing techniques like gauging thickness and applications in teapots, ornaments, and more. A special session on multi-axis drop will be included for those attending both days or with extra time.

This exclusive event will be held at the St. Michael's Woodshop, 691 St. Paul St., Rochester, NY. This not-for-profit venue is a space for our event and a nurturing ground for urban youth to learn life skills through woodworking. The synergy between St. Michael's mission and the FLWT's resources provides a world-class facility for our woodturning training.

Registration: We are thrilled to offer you this unique opportunity to enhance your skills, learn from an international master, and be a part of our vibrant woodturning community. Seats are limited, and the anticipation is high. Secure your spot today by visiting our registration site: [Finger Lakes Woodturners with Laurent Niclot](https://www.fingerlakeswoodturners.com/laurent/). <https://www.fingerlakeswoodturners.com/laurent/>

