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I decided to put together some information about Zoom on-line demos. Some of this is my own personal “review” and should be taken for what it is worth.

Most symposiums are being canceled for 2020. Many of the professional demonstrators have had to cancel in-person demos. This has left these professionals with no income and a lot of extra time on their hands. The positive effect of this problem has been a windfall of on-line Zoom demos at a very reasonable cost for us woodturners. As a group we seem to always be looking for learning opportunities.

In the past two weeks I have watched about four purchased demos as well as a couple free ones through the Minnesota Woodturners as I am a member there as well. If you can, take advantage of what is out there.

Cindy Drozda

I watched a demo of a “Signature Finial Box” by Cindy Drozda. It was a good demo and Cindy knows what she is doing with using multiple cameras and keeping things moving right along. Run time was about an hour and forty-five minutes. Cost of the demo was \$10.00. This includes access to a recording of the demo for about two weeks after the date of the demo. Longer availability is not possible because of computer storage requirements. This is common of many of the demos by other people that I have watched.

Cindy has more demos coming up.

<http://www.cindydrozda.com/html/Demo.html> is the page.

June 15 “Fabulous Finials” at 5:00 p.m. Mountain time (6:00 p.m. our time).

June 27 “Natural Edge Burl Colored Lidded Box” at 12 noon our time.

July 2 Gilded Sea Urchin Ornament with Finials” at 6:00 p.m. our time.

It looks like cost will be \$10.00 for each demo.

Trent Bosch

I watched a Trent Bosch Zoom presentation on sharpening. Run time was over two hours. Additional presenters on the same demo were Rudy Lopez and Laurent Niclot from France. It was another great Zoom meeting. Cost was \$10.00. Same short availability of the recording as Cindy’s after the demo for review.

I also watched one of Trent’s on a sculpted hollow form that was really fantastic and ran about two hours.

<https://virtualwoodturningdemos.com/shop/> lists several more coming up. I will watch the one on the French tools as it includes information on using the bedan tool, a tool I am interested in.

Glenn Lucas

Probably the best one I watched was by Glenn Lucas from Ireland on “Turn a Platter”. Glenn produces all of his own DVDs so his setup and camera work for Zoom are flawless. Cost is ten Euros which is about \$12.50 US. He adds another option that none of the other demonstrators have as yet. For an additional ten Euros (about \$12.50 US) you get an edited download of the Zoom presentation a few days later that can be downloaded to your own computer for viewing at any time in the future. Payment is through PayPal and that automatically makes the Euro/Dollar conversion for you.

<https://glennlucaswoodturning.com/product/turn-a-thin-wall-bowl-sunday-21st-june-12-noon-east-coast-usa-9am-pacific-5pm-irish-time-6pm-eu/> lists his next one “Thin Wall Bowl”.

To close out this mini newsletter

Keep a watch out for available Zoom demos as there will certainly be more of them. These may eventually peter out as things begin opening back up again after the virus and these professionals can resume their normal travels and in person demos. Or will this become a common thing in the future? Time will tell.

And don't forget about the three-day AAW Virtual Symposium July 10 – 12, 2020. Cost is ridiculously low at just \$20.20 and it looks like the demos will be available to watch for about two weeks after the symposium closes. So even if you can't spend three days in front of the computer it seems you can sort through what you want to watch over a two week period after the symposium closes. You do need to be an AAW member to participate.

<https://www.woodturner.org/Woodturner/2020-Virtual-Symposium/2020-Virtual-Symposium---Homepage.aspx>

As I become aware of other things coming up I will probably ask Corky to send information out through an email blast.

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Thanks.

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