

# West Bay Woodturners Society

## Skill Level Definitions

### Beginner

- An enthusiast that is beginning to develop basic skills.
- Usually requires guidance on techniques or design.
- Focuses on making one or two types of pieces (e.g., bowls, platters).

### Intermediate

- Can consistently execute one's own design to one's own satisfaction.
- Ventures into more challenging forms, finishes, and functions.
- Objects may be marketable at a craft show or street fair venue.
- Shares knowledge with others.

### Advanced

- Demonstrates mastery of all the basic turning techniques.
- May specialize in some particular forms or styles (e.g. segmented or miniature), but can execute any form without hesitation.
- Objects selected for juried shows or exhibitions.
- Teaches and mentors others.
- Crafts own tools and jigs.
- May provide unpaid demonstrations for local clubs.

### Professional

- Flawless execution in form, finish, and function.
- Objects selected for museum, corporate exhibition, leading galleries, or significant private collections.
- Innovates techniques of preparation, design, turning, finishing.
- May have work published in books, author articles for magazines, or provide demonstrations at national conventions.