

Fraser Valley Woodturners Guild

Safety Standards for Demonstrating

1. Eye protection (full face shield) must be worn at all times when demonstrating.
2. Wear appropriate clothing (a turning smock, T-shirt, if shirt or smock thing has long sleeves it should have tight cuffs). No loose, baggy sleeves or clothes that have loose dangling cords or strings. Long hair must be restrained. Dangling jewelry and rings must be removed.
3. NEVER adjust the tool rest while the lathe is running during a demonstration. Practice this at home so it becomes second nature.
4. Turn at a slower speed than you would at home.
5. Rotate the work piece by hand before turning on the lathe.
6. Do not try something new that you have not done before or that you have not practiced. Stick to what your accomplishment level is and what you are comfortable doing. If you find something easy to do, only then can you impress the audience.
7. Limit sanding or excessive burning which create offensive dust and odor for the spectators.
8. NEVER demonstrate on a piece of wood that is compromised i.e. has bark inclusions, is cracked or generally unsafe. Don't use woods with dangerous dust or offensive odors.
9. Have someone check your setup. It doesn't matter whether you've been turning 1 year or 20 years. Don't take it personally – it is the image that we are portraying to the public.
10. Look professional. This is the image we are trying to portray – safe and professional. Remember – you are representing the Guild when demonstrating in public – everything you do reflects on the Guild and its membership.