

Bob Horowitz is a Northern Virginia artisan who handcrafts all his products using a high-speed lathe. He is a member of the Capital Area Woodturners and American Association of Woodturners, and is a juried member of the Northern Virginia Handcrafters Guild where he chairs the standards committee.

In his home workshop, Bob creates wood products such as bowls, vases, platters, lidded boxes, and wine stoppers, occasionally wood-burning lighthouse images on some of his turned platters. Crafting his objects mainly from local wood including cherry, maple, poplar and walnut, most of which is reclaimed from his neighborhood, he creates a shape that highlights the grain, color, bark and patterns unique to each piece of wood. Every finished piece displays its own natural beauty. Bob loves starting with a log and seeing what surprises turn up.

Bob's love of woodturning began in earnest when he retired from a civilian career with the U.S. Coast Guard in 2006. Having learned the basics of woodturning before retirement at adult education classes in Fairfax County, Virginia, he began turning full time after retirement. Mostly self-taught, Bob hones his turning skills by spending many hours in his workshop experimenting with various techniques. In January 2007 he began his small business, *Bob The Woodturner*, and since then has been displaying and selling his creations at local juried craft shows. In June 2009 he joined *Artists' Undertaking*, a cooperative gallery in historic Occoquan, Virginia, at 309 Mill Street. Bob's work can be viewed year-round at the gallery or on his website at www.bobthewoodturner.com. Bob is married and has two grown children.