



## LET'S GET TO KNOW ARTISTIC WOODTURNINGS

Years ago, we suffered a wildfire at our ranch and ended up with many dead trees. After most of the clean-up was finished, I had decided to use some

of the wood from the trees to make rustic furniture so I purchased a lathe to turn legs. Well, I never completed a single piece of furniture as the thing turned a whole different direction. I started out making small things like bowls, hollow forms, ornaments, etc. and it all just went down a different road altogether. Though I have only been at this craft for only a short number of years, I have spent so many hours studying, learning the tools, and so many ins and out's in the operation of running a lathe. I have also spent most of my free time including evenings and weekends woodturning. I am totally addicted to the craft! Having automotive painting skills in my younger years has been a great help in the sanding, sealing, and final finishes I use in my woodturning today. I think the big addiction for me is the fact that each piece is unique in shape, color, grain, and wood species, and there is no end to the combination types of embellishments and finishes. It makes every piece a true one-of-a-kind treasure. When I put a log or blank on the lathe, it's like unwrapping a gift from Mother Nature, as you never know what waits under that bark cover. It's very gratifying to take a block of wood or log that is destined to be firewood and turn it into art or other useful decors for the home or office.

