

WoodTurningz tour.

While on a business trip in February I made a visit to Wood Turningz, 17408 Tiller Ct #300, Westfield, IN 46074. Ryan Polokoff, President of Woodturningz showed me around their offices and warehouse. Ryan began selling turning materials and supplies first out of his residence and now from a commercial warehouse location with a small staff that processes the numerous orders coming in via internet, telephone, fax and mail. Ryan's policy: "If the order is in by 3:00 pm it's out by 4:00 pm".

When I entered their facility I was greeted by a Macaw named "Freedom". She is the company mascot and overseer of all that goes on in the Woodturningz call center office at the front of the building (She doesn't answer the phone, though...).

The warehouse is bursting at the seams with pallets of burls and exotic woods waiting to be cut into turning blanks for pens, bottle stoppers, fishing rod reel seats and knife scales. I found blanks of exotic woods from afronesia to zebra wood, stabilized and dyed box elder burl, sycamore, curly maple and corn cobs. Also, swirly acrylic acetate in a rainbow of color combinations, laminated wood blanks in eye catching patterns, premium burls, deer antler & buffalo horn, and some pen blanks with interesting histories such as Bethlehem olive wood from Israel and ancient kauri from logs buried by the last ice age some 30,000 to 50,000 years old in what is now New Zealand.

Woodturningz proprietary "Inlace Acrylester" turning blanks are available in a wide variety of color combinations. They will even make custom colors and custom color combination batches if you need something special for a corporate client or sports team. You supply Ryan with color samples and in a few days he will have a batch of custom blanks for you.

Woodturningz also makes cast blanks containing shredded United States currency, various cereals, pasta shapes, coffee beans, and crushed sunflower seed shells. They also have many laser kits from Kaleshan.

Woodturningz offers Penn State Industries kits (75 - 80% of the PSI kit lineup are available) at better prices than you will find from PSI. They also import unique Woodturningz proprietary Orion and Mesa kit designs in 24k gold, chrome, gun metal, antique brass, copper, platinum and some variations combining two of these platings. They also offer letter openers, ice cream scoops, key chains, book marks and bottle stopper kits some of which are Woodturningz exclusives.

They also offer a complete line of tools and supplies, pen display boxes and they have an in-house laser engraving service for pens and pen boxes. Give them a try: (888) PEN-KITS (736-5487) or on the web at <http://WoodTurningz.com>

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