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From the Chairman

Hello fellow members. Woodturning has been overtaken by the garden. Planting, hoeing, weeding and of course lots of watering. At least the lawn is not growing with all this dry weather.

A woodturning project.

This month I will go through the making of the a dish (8 inches long)

1. The logs of yew were cut to length and then sawed in half with either the bandsaw or an electric chainsaw, depending on the diameter.
2. Then I rough turned them to leave about an inch of thickness. I also turned a spigot on the outside for the 2 inch jaws and another spigot or recess on the inside as well These were then left for a couple of years to dry evenly, to distort or to split.
3. The first thing to do was to true up the outside spigot using the inside recess to hold the shallow blank. For deeper blanks you would have to use the standard reverse turning method (*friction drive*)
4. Whichever method you are using you can complete the outside of the dish. I used the 1/2inch fingernail bowl gouge and a newly sharpened negative rake scraper.
5. As this dish is rectangular there has to be a lot of hand sanding which I do with a 3inch sanding arbor in an electric drill (*lathe turned off and the spindle locked.*) Then polish.
6. Reverse the dish so that you can complete the turning of the inside. If yours is rectangular then this is the difficult part of the turning as you will need to turn the dish wings to an even thickness. Mine was about 6mm. The trick is to work on the wings before hollowing out the main part of the dish.
7. When the turning is complete then you can go ahead with the sanding. Power sand the wings, working through the grits (*lathe locked again*). Polish as usual.
8. The last job to do is to remove the 2 inch spigot using the friction drive method. There will be some hand finishing on this as well. I find the 2 inch sanding arbor in a cordless drill very effective and controllable.
9. The photos help to show the process from rough tuned to the finished item. Round, square or rectangular the technique works for all wet timbers and quickens the drying time. Some will spit and end up in the fire. The eagle eyed among you will notice that the photo of the finished item is not the one in the other photo. That one had

a deep split and bark inclusion on the inside, so it became a practise exercise.

That's all for now, so enjoy the fine weather and the great outdoors. John



▲ The rough turned pieces of Yew.



▲ The finished dish and bowl.

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