

Dixie Biggs Class Review

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1. Week long class at Appalachian Center for craft July 28 – Aug 2
 - a. Check-in Sunday afternoon – started class that evening
 - b. Got out Friday mid-day – headed home.
2. 2 person rooms, 4 rooms to a Housing (with side 2 rooms for couples I believe)
 - a. Center kitchen area/2 fridges
3. Poison Ivy – ER 2/3 days prior to the Class... very thankful to get to take it.
4. All the other crafts going on.... Fiber arts, Glass (stained glass), Sword Making, Pottery class.
 - a. Fiber arts book – natural colors, transfer of images, etc
 - b. Sword making demo – World renowned metallurgist. **Howard F. Clark**
5. Mississippi group has quiet the reputation... Dr. Tommy, Sammy Long (intricate piercing), Don (amazing Carver), Mike, Betsy, Gary.
6. Woodturning/Woodworking class... did 1 hour of turning the whole week.
 - a. Started out making platters – easiest to start with, and make our Demo platter of designs.
 - i. 1 ¼" thick by about 6"-8" diameter dome shape disc works
 - b. Using a straight, tight grain, not porous.
 - c. Use DRY wood
 - d. 6 sections... Use stump cutter to create V grooves... divide the sections..
7. Section 1 – Waves
 - a. Ground down stump cutter, will cut on the side, but had dead top to help with lines...
 - b. Bamboo stick sander
 - c. Mandrel sander, metal punches to create sanding pads
 - i. 3m backed on sanding, punched out on drill press
8. Section 2 – Ferns - Not my Favorite
 - a. Small round ball bit for fern leaf
 - b. Long Diamond point bit for veins – go slower
9. Section 3 – Ceramic ball bit in dremel – don't use powercrafter – too much torque
 - a. Load bit up with scrap, then heavy handed pressure to cause burning
 - b. Overlap or even space, create different look
10. Section 4 – Doodle section
 - a. Zentangle – Google/books/pinterest
 - b. Basket/grid look
 - i. Make even spaced divots with small ball bit
 - ii. Come back with Engraver and curve from top up to bottom side
11. Those 4 sections took 1.5 days... gives you an idea of pace, time, etc
 - a. Next 2 sections took 4 days

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stump cutter (I recommend getting 2)	#20-B5	\$6.75 ea.
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