

The Artist Among Us is...

Robin Ellwood has a passion for birds and woodworking. Her specific interest in woodturning was spawned right here in Newmarket at The Homestead Woodworking School. Having retired from nearly 30 years as a middle school science and STEAM teacher, she now focuses her efforts on woodturning.

Woodturning classes offered at The Homestead Woodworking School, as well as those at Snow Farm in Massachusetts, continue to expand her woodturning knowledge and skills. Robin has found the perfect outlet for increasing her woodturning skills: making birdhouses! In fact, she makes houses of all sizes ranging from full-sized “move-in-ready” for feathered friends, to smaller decorative birdhouses, to even smaller ornamental birdhouses. She also takes her “turn” at wooden bowls, bat-houses, snow-people, gnomes, holiday light bulbs, spinning tops, and even UFO’s!

While her turning brings her great joy, she is most delighted to utilize locally sourced trees from her own yard (and from friendly neighbors) that have either fallen, been recently trimmed or harvested. Typically, Robin uses black cherry, black walnut, maple and applewood. It makes her smile to see her

Newmarket neighbors driving up to her house with a tree trunk on their tractor. They know that what might otherwise be burned or left to rot, will soon be turned into something helpful for birds or for just plain fun. For Robin, turning continues to challenge her skills and expand her passion for woodworking.



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