

My interest in woodworking began with 8th grade shop class. There I was introduced to the use of basic hand tools and a few power tools.

At Dartmouth, I spent some time at the woodworking shop in the basement of the Hopkins Center. Walker Weed, the director of the shop was an inspirational teacher who was a pioneer in the field of craft instruction. Freshman year I made a couple of simple pieces of furniture, a radiator cover and a stand for a record player. They were both still in place in 311 Gile Hall at our 15th reunion.

David Ellsworth, a renowned wood turner, taught me the joy of turning wooden bowls from green wood in the early 2000s and in classes at the John C. Campbell Craft School in western North Carolina I was introduced to making Windsor Chairs. I have made dining room tables for each of our four kids, and Windsor chairs for each of our seven grandkids, as well as all the wooden furniture in our house. I now operate out of a 2000 square foot shop about a mile from our house.