**ARE SKEWS JUST FOR “SPINDLES?”**

I’m often confronted with the question about where to use a skew chisel, as the questioner often states that they don’t do “spindle turning.” So, with that in mind I have a partial list of where I use a skew chisel. I do steer turners away from their face-grain bowl turning AND where hollowing is involved (even with long grain turning, skews can do fairly open coves easily-- but quite a challenge for tight coves). And, of course, you can use a skew for chair spindles! Please feel free to add to this list. And the skew is sometimes only a part of the process of making these items—not always as a single tool.

Handles of every kind (turning tool, awl, ice cream scoop, **Outside of these objects:**

chisel, screwdriver, file, brush, pizza cutter, shovel, etc.) End-grain lidded box

Eggs End-grain bowl/vessel

Mushrooms Spice jar

Wooden fruit Honey pot

Christmas ornaments Scoop

Christmas trees Biscuit cutter

Lace bobbins Goblet

Furniture stretchers Pencil holder

Crochet hook Mortar

Musical instruments (recorder, flute, etc.) Chalice

Knitting needles Tumbler/glass

Honey dipper Salt cellar

Rolling pin End-grain funeral urn

Noodle cutter Toothpick holder

Wine stopper Humidor

Butter knife Egg cup

Pepper/salt mill Tea caddy

Pestle Sugar shaker

Chop sticks Lamp shade

Spurtle Drum

Muddler Birdhouse

Spoon/ladle Cup and ball game

Furniture legs Pin cushion

Dowls/plugs Needle case

Bed post Reading glass case

Blanket rails Mobile phone speaker

Lamps

Light/fan pull

Drawer pull

Door knob

Door stops

Baluster

Porch column

Newel post

Can/walking stick

Nightstick

Letter opener

Dibble

Fishing lure

Game call

Drum stick

Bodhran beater

Bracelet

Earrings

Hair pin

Gavel

Mallet

Whistle

Ink pen (kit or stick type)

Vase (drilled)

Weed pot

Baseball bat

Ball

Croquet mallet

Magic wand

Spinning tops (hundreds of variations)

Dreidel

Baby rattle

Candle holder

Pepper/salt shaker

Computer stylus

Kaleidoscope

Tenon for long-grain chucking