

## **Wood Bowls**

The bowls shown on the following pages are unique, one-of-a-kind items. I made some of these specifically for this fundraiser and others are bowls that I made over the past few months. The bowls with the resin inlay require several hours of work and take about 10 days to complete (allowing for curing time for the resin and the finish).

Keep in mind that wood moves with changes in temperature and humidity. The movement may cause the bowl to get slightly out of round and make it where it does not sit perfectly flat. The changes should be minor and should not be enough to impact the appearance of the bowl.

I number each bowl that I make so I can keep track of how many bowls that I have made over the years. Bowl 57 is my latest creation.

## Bowl 52 - Rainbow Poplar "A" Bowl with Resin Inlay

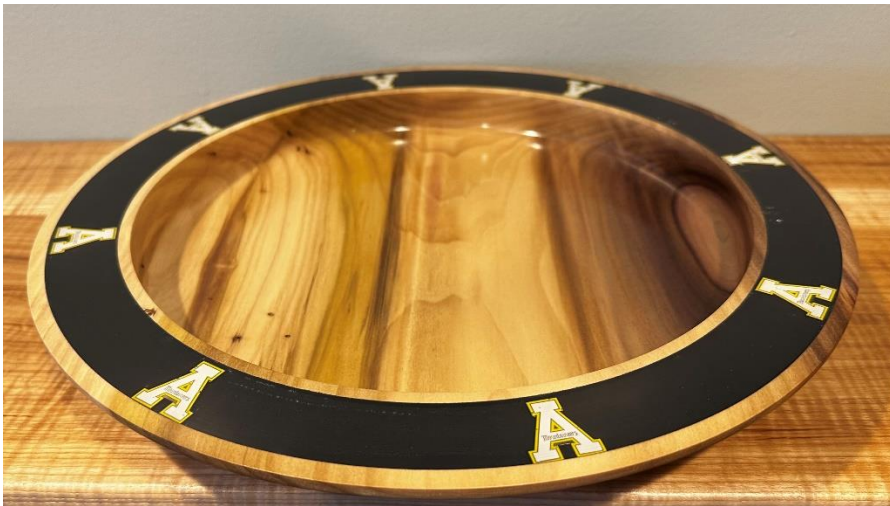
Wood type: "Rainbow" Poplar

Dimensions: 13.8" diameter, 2" tall

Finish: Shellac

Rainbow poplar is the same wood as ordinary yellow poplar. The unique colorful grain in rainbow poplar is caused by minerals in the soil where some trees grow. I chose the poplar wood because it is relatively inexpensive, and it is readily available to me. The low cost made it a good choice for experimenting with the resin inlay. Poplar wood is very soft and it is easy to get dents and dings in the wood; therefore, the bowl should be handled with care.

This bowl was my first attempt at using epoxy resin to inlay "A" pins and it was a challenging learning experience. There were several times that I was ready to abandon the project and toss it into the firewood pile, but I persevered and ended up with an attractive bowl. My inexperience with resin shows in that there are several minor flaws in the resin.



**Bowl 56 - Small Cherry "A" Bowl with Resin Inlay**

Wood type: Cherry

Dimensions: 9.25" diameter, 2.6" tall

Finish: Waterlox Original



**Bowl 57 - Large Cherry "A" Bowl with Resin Inlay**

Wood type: Cherry

Dimensions: 13.7" diameter, 2.6" tall

Finish: Waterlox Gloss



The photo to the left best represents the current color of the cherry wood. Over time the wood should darken and have a much richer appearance. I believe that the other photos are close to how the bowl will appear within a couple of years.

**Bowl 50 - Small Natural Edge Bowl**

Wood type: White Oak

Dimensions: 7.25" diameter, 3.5" tall

Finish: Shellac



**Bowl 55 - Medium Walnut Bowl**

Wood type: Black Walnut

Dimensions: 10" diameter, 2.4" tall

Finish: Shellac



This bowl has a few naturally occurring cracks that have been (mostly) filled.



### **Bowl 39 - Cherry Pedestal Bowl**

Wood type: Cherry

Dimensions: 9.5" diameter, 3.75" tall

Finish: Shellac



The original plan was for this to be a simple shallow bowl; however, I got the bottom a little too thin (see the following photo). That led to a design change, and I put a pedestal on it to save the bowl.

