

The Tinder box recommended reading list

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GREEN WOOD WORKING BOOKS

I can highly recommend the following books; to pick them up is like getting my teeth into one of my good freshly baked seven grain loaves of bread!

Richard Lees

The Wooden Bowl

By Robin wood

Foreward by Richard Raffan

ISBN 0854421300

In my humble opinion, the definitive work on wooden bowl turning on the pole lathe. *“Throughout the Medieval period in Europe most people had very few possessions, but almost everyone would have owned the clothes they stood up in, a knife a spoon and turned wooden bowl”* That is what it says on the inside of the front cover jacket and the reader will find themselves enthused and enthralled if they love wood and like to see individual hand crafted and unique bowls – not the mass produced, not the characterless bowls being turned out on factory lathes today. The reader will learn about the process. Robin wood has done the world a service in putting the information on paper for all to see and learn about. ***** Five Star Rating.

Living Wood from buying a woodland to making a chair

By Mike Abbott

Illustrated by Tamsin Abbott

I have had this book for some time and it is well thumbed and I use it regularly. A good practical guide full of useful information from tools to shelters for outside presentations of the craft. One of several books Mike Abbott has written. The first one I possessed when I was just beginning my journey into greenwood craft was:

Green Woodwork Working with wood the natural way.

By Mike Abbott

ISBN 0-946819-18-1

Another must have for the serious greenwood worker. If I lived in The UK and not the other side of the world, it would inspire me to sign up one of his courses. ***** Five Star Rating.

Traditional Woodland Crafts

Raymond Tabor.

ISBN 0-7134-7500-5

A practical guide to green woodwork and the coppice crafts, showing how to use traditional tools and techniques to make traditional Products from small round wood and help in the conservation of the native woodland besides. *Woodmanship and coppicing, tools. Devices, buying, measuring and cutting, riving wood products for gardens. Fencing. Wood for thatching, tent pegs, withes.....*

It is all here and worth reading

**** four star rating

CLAY PIPE MAKING BOOKS

Clay Tobacco pipes

Shire album number 37

By Eric G. Ayto

Shire publications

ISBN 0-7478-0248-3

Can be ordered on line : www.shirebooks.co.uk

All the shire publicatio0ns are worth reading. This book provided me with my first insight into the making of clay pipes and set me on the path to building my own pipe making equipment.

The process is well described and the history covered in detail. For those interested in clay pipes this book is a good starting point

**** star rating