

## BAYOU BOWLS GO EVERYWHERE !

Our finest turnings will make the trip to the high and dry lands of our nation. Even if turned from very wet wood, freshly cut, and end-grained, and hollow formed, they will not start cracking and split. Why ? Because we have very carefully reduced the moisture level of the wood from 33% down to 3%.

We did it in short order using a simple warm air source and a special delivery tube system that removes the moisture from the center of the wet wood turning. Nature has shown us that a solid, intact, log, lying on the ground, will, in one or two years, develop cracks and splits in at least four or five places because its outer surface lost moisture and dried. A hollow tree that went down does not split because it loses moisture from its inside. This causes it to shrink a little, but its bark or outer layer is the last part to dry, and so remains intact.

If we copy nature and dry our pieces from the inside, the outer and most visible layer will remain intact. A good layer of sealant or clear finish will help preserve the beauty of the turning and insure its long life

The simplest and safest hot air source we found was the hair dryer used by our ladies . It is adjustable in its air speed and in the amount of heat, high , medium or low, and by placing it in a simple blending of PVC pipe, which supports the hollow turning in an upside-down state . It blows the stream of drying air that is directed in to it. Some moisture may drain out by gravity as well.

By placing the electronic moisture meter on the foot of the bowl, the progress of drying out can be followed very closely. When the desired level is reached , the procedure is ended.

