**BERT MARSH**

From an early age, Bert Marsh felt a profound need to work with wood, a material he loved passionately and worked with until his passing in 2011. There is no complex philosophy attached to the work, he was simply striving to achieve the perfect form, the purest possible curves expressed in simple, uncluttered shapes that expose the beauty of the wood to the full. In seeking that goal he found inspiration in many everyday objects, but most of all he was inspired by the wood itself. Regarded as a master woodturner, Marsh’s finely turned wood vessels are highly sought after and collected worldwide.

As with any occupation, woodturning involves acquiring a range of basic skills, but those skills are merely a starting point. They must be perfected and used as a basis for experimentation if your work is truly to express your own personality.

**Born**

1932 Brighton

Marsh died in 2011.

**Education**

1976-77 High Wycombe College of Technology & Art

1971-72 Worthing College of Further Education

1968-70 London College of Furniture

1966-67 Brighton Technical College

**Awards**

1957-60 Brighton Polytechnic Awards

1995 Honorary Member, Guild of Master Craftsmen

2002 Freedom, Worshipful Company of Turners, by Presentation

2006 Honorary Life Membership, Quad City Woodturners, USA

2009 Honorary Life Membership, Association of Woodturners of Great Britain

2010 Honorary Life Membership, Fairlop Woodturners

**Selected Exhibitions**

1990 Publicity Grant, South East Arts

1982 Material & Exhibition Grant, South East Arts Selected Exhibitions

2009 Christmas Exhibition, Bonhoga Gallery, Shetland

2009 Off The Wall, Buckinghamshire County Museum, Aylesbury

2010 Beauty of Wood, Signature Gallery, Atlanta, USA

2010 Handmade exhibition of British Craft, Fortnum and Mason, London (catalogue)

2010 Featured Artist, Del Mano Gallery, Los Angeles, USA (catalogue)

2010 Artwave, Lewes, Sussex

2010 Turned Wood Small Treasures, Del Mano Gallery, Los Angeles, USA (catalogue)

**Selected Publications**

2009 Origin, Somerset House, London (catalogue)

2009 Featured Artist, Del Mano Gallery, Los Angeles, USA (catalogue)

2009 Artwave, Lewes, Sussex