

Pyrography – Woodburning as an Embellishment

Suppliers List:

1) Pyrography burner and tools

a. **Optima – PJJ Enterprises: owner/manufacturer in MN**

- i. Very heavy-duty unit with high quality electronics and excellent reputation and warranty.
- b. Owner=Pat @ 1-320-594-2811 (no calls after 6PM CST please).
(Pat is a nice fellow and has made several custom pens for me – however, he is a real talker so be prepared – also, he’s sometimes hard to get a hold of, so if you’re in a hurry for a unit, go to Cheryl’s site to order.)
 - i. <http://www.carvertools.com/>
 - ii. **The Optima 1 Single Pyrographic burner**
 - 1. \$98.00 with Heavy Duty cord includes 1 pen
 - iii. **The Optima 1 Dual Pyrographic burner**
 - 1. \$137 with Heavy Duty cords includes 2 pens
 - iv. **Complete Pen List:**

http://www.carvertools.com/New_Pen_Selection_Guide_compressed_MH.pdf

c. **Cheryl Dow Pyrography – sells Optima unit and pens for Pat**

- i. <http://www.cherylddow.com/>
 - 1. Optima 1 Dual - with two burning pens
(round heeled skew and the bent spear point shader).
\$146.50 includes shipping and handling
 - 2. **P-18 - Spear Point Bent Shader**
 - 3. **P-12 - Round Heeled Skew**

d. **Razortip Pens and Burners**

Made in Canada; not as heavy-duty and well made as the Optima but has a good warranty. Lots of pens types, but pens get very hot as compared with Optima pens. Can use pens on Optima burner with a different cord.

<http://www.razertip.com/pyrography.htm>

<http://www.treelineusa.com/pyrography-woodburning>

e. **Detail Master**

There has been much discussion on the net about the actual power vs. the advertised wattage rating for this product, and the quality of the units is not as high as Optima & Razortip. Pens get very hot to hold. However, lots of people use the product and big box stores carry the product.

<http://www.woodcraft.com/family.aspx?FamilyID=800>

2) Video/DVD/Web Resources

a. Youtube Searches

- i. Pyrography
- ii. Wood Burning

b. Cheryl Dow - Artist

- i. 2-volume DVD – difficult to watch, focuses mainly on pyrography of animals and scenes but technique can apply to turning embellishment.

c. Susan Walters – Artist

<http://www.suewalters.com/>

<http://www.suewalters.com/PyroSchool.html#3>

d. The Caning Shop – Berkeley

[The Caning Shop - Gourd Crafting, Chair Caning, Basketry](#)

Many gourd crafting techniques and tools may be applied to turning embellishment. Local store that is fun to check out.

e. Pyrography Yahoo Group

http://groups.yahoo.com/search?query=uniting_pyrographers

A good mix of different types of pyrographic artists and resources. Must join group to get messages.

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