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TOOL TIME – TOOL SHARPENING WORKSHOP

Bill Minter

OUTLINE

Introduction:

Credit to Bill Anthony

Importance of quality hand-tools to quality of work; tools are personal Quote from Jeff Peachy

Quote from Eric Gill

Slides:

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Comments about the Board Shear. A complete video will be available Understanding the bevel and its importance to a sharp edge

What is a sharp edge?

Methods of grinding a bevel; jigs or free-hand Finish sharpening with Japanese Waterstones

SEM photos of sharp edges

Fine-grain metal

Spokeshave: blades and modifications

Demonstrations:

Obtaining a bevel with a Belt Sander

Flattening the Waterstones

Flattening the back of the tool/knife

Honing the bevel on various grits of Japanese Waterstone

Other methods of honing the bevel including Micro-Finish Abrasives

The Strop and various abrasive compounds

The Spokeshave

Enlarging the throat and flattening the sole

Sharpening the blade with a long bevel and slight moon shape Paring with the Spokeshave, especially using the Skew Cut

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