

PRESCOTT AREA



WOODTURNERS

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**President's Message**



I would like to start with a reminder that the Club has a sale coming up in August. Please reserve your spot to sell your creations by contacting either Jim Sexton or Dennis Egan. \$10.00 will reserve your area at the sales booth.

The last member's sale went very well. We sold pens, bowls, flutes, pizza cutters and many other items. I think the big "hit" was when Susan Murphy allowed her children, Sapphire, Travis and Savanna to demo pen turning. They all did a great job and drew lots of interest from people passing by the booth. Susan and her children even helped "tear down" on the last day of the sale. Thanks to everyone that helped with the sales event.

What a great club we have here in the Prescott Area! The variety of skills in this club is enhanced by members that have moved to this area from all over the country, bringing with them knowledge and skills and willingness to share that knowledge!

Each month we see a variety of items on the show-and-tell table, each showcasing the incredible talents of our club. It still amazes me how much talent there is in this group. Keep bringing in your work. Even at our club's informal breakfast meetings we have members bringing in some of the items that they have made. I love this because the items are passed around so everyone can get a close look. Everyone wants to see what you are working on. We learn from seeing each other's work.

Demonstrations by members and guests are an important aspect of club membership. Consider stepping forward and doing a demo yourself in the future. You will find it rewarding, and a lot more fun than you expected.

Regarding my ongoing work with the club's web page, the Members Only area to be exact, this is an uphill effort. Each time I reach out to the hosting service for assistance I get connected to someone different and I have to explain again what is needed and wanted. I am making some progress, so please bear with us as the changes are going very slowly. On a bright note, I was contacted by the turning club in Pueblo Colorado, and they commented on how well they liked the design and asked about the format we used to create our webpage!

Best regards,

Barry Walter

President Prescott Area Woodturners

## May 11 & 12, 2019 Sale on Courthouse Square



PAW set up their sale during one of the coldest months of May on record.



Nasty weather notwithstanding, our sellers did well.

Our youngest members, Sapphire, Savannah and Travis Murphy, drew large crowds as they demonstrated turning.



## May 18, 2019 General Meeting

We had three demonstrators for today's program on laser engraving. First up was Dennis Egan, who showed us how he creates wood "buttons" that identify his work. Asked for ordering information, Dennis said his desktop laser is a 1500 mw version. Dennis uses Microsoft Power Point to create his designs.

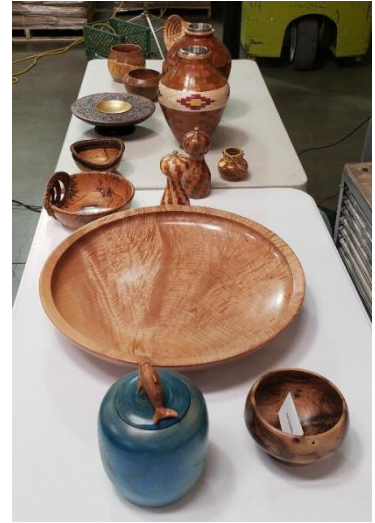
Barry Walter was next. Because he often makes pens, he showed how he adapted his laser engraver to follow the contour of the pen. Ordering information for the engraver Barry uses is a "WER" brand name but uses "NEJE" software. It is 1500 mW and he purchased it on Amazon.

He gave us the instructions for making a pen jig. Barry made a cradle for the pen.



Jim Sexton demonstrated his Laser Engraver Printer 3000mW Mini Desktop Laser. He said the difference between his and the first two is that his does X and Y axle. Jim created a stand for his engraver that enables him to engrave larger pieces. Jim signs all his bowls with the engraver. He does this by signing on paper, then scanning the signature and saving it as a .jpg file. So far this only works on a flat surface.

A true variety of examples were offered at Show & Tell.



## June 8, 2019 All-day General Meeting

Program Director Dave Madden said that replies to a recent survey showed that many of our members wanted help with design. In response, Madden then introduced Lynne Yamaguchi, the presenter of today's program. Among Lynne's



many credentials are her participation last year with the Women In Turning (WIT) seminar at Arrowmont School in Gatlinburg, TN, where she will be a facilitator at this year's gathering in August.

Lynne began by saying that this weekend would be about design and creativity. Her PowerPoint presentation emphasized INSPIRATION, INTENTION and DESIGN, using quotes and pictures.

After our lunch break Yamaguchi talked about the serious injury she sustained when a piece of wood flew off her lathe. During her long downtime, Yamaguchi did research on protection. She wanted us to know that, of all the tools in your shop, "the lathe can kill you." Her own solution, for herself, is to wear a riot helmet, obtained from a police supply store on line.

She did get back to turning after a few months, but did not turn in front of others for a year. She said it was necessary to focus completely and an audience would be distracting. She said it took six years before she felt she was totally back.

Lynne distributed a handout/checklist for critiques, which is a guide for critiquing your own work and that of others. She then asked people to introduce their own pieces.

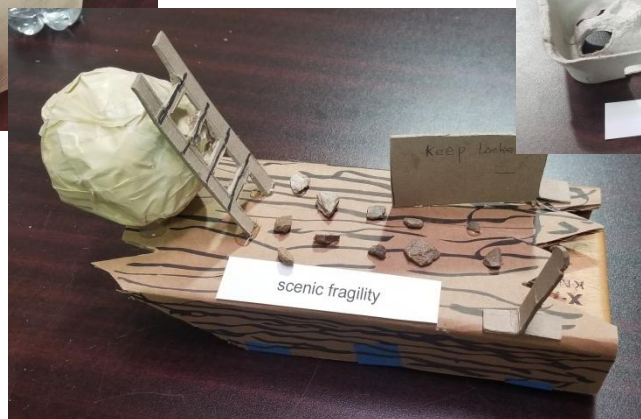
As she looked at the various pieces presented, she encouraged turners to look at a piece upside down. If the form disturbs you when upside down, take another look at the form. Lynne also encourages turners to sketch before turning.

The Sunday hands-on session focused on CREATIVITY, specifically creativity as problem solving: how do I express an idea in wood? Creativity is a full-contact sport, using brain, heart, gut and hands. Participants were told to think laterally, not to focus on one idea. Ideas come in chains (associations).

Participants formed groups of three. They were given two words and asked to express the words in an object. Since there would be no turning this day, they used paper, cardboard, tape, glue and such craft supplies as were on hand to create an expression as an object.







I think you needed to be there...



Every Tuesday morning there is an informal gathering of woodturners. They meet at the Prescott Junction Restaurant at around 7:00 a.m. Members get regular scheduling information via e-mail. After breakfast they often go to a member's shop for a short demonstration. (Look for e-mails with schedule updates.)

On June 18 the demo was held at Ed Jones' shop, and attended by a record group.



## PAW IS GENEROUS

Prescott Area Woodturners support two causes throughout the year.

### BEADS OF COURAGE

Members create lidded bowls that will hold the beads given to children as they undergo procedures related to the serious disease they are fighting. The bowls can be brought to any meeting. This project is headed by Walt Spencer. Contact him with any questions.

### EMPTY BOWLS

This event takes place on Courthouse Square once a year - this year the date is Sunday September 15. "Soup" bowls are donated by local ceramicists and Prescott Area Woodturners. Participants pay a fee, choose a bowl from all of those displayed, and get a container of soup donated by local restaurants. Proceeds benefit local food banks. Keep this event in mind as you think about your next turning project. Bowls are collected at every meeting, but the last chance for this year will be the September meeting. If each of our members donated just one bowl, the total would be amazing. Jim Winge heads up this project.

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**PAW Members Karel Armstrong and Roger Harlow  
will be a part of this annual Tour.**



# 2019 Club Meetings and Events

Programs are subject to change as necessary. Notices will be sent prior to each meeting.

- January 12 Coring with Walt Spencer + a Basics Interactive Practice
- February 9 All Day Demo with Kirk DeHeer
- March 9 Resin Casting with Jim Sexton
- April 13 Tolly-style Box by Dick Kelly ----
- May 11 & 12 Sale on Courthouse Square
- May 18 Laser Engraving with Dennis Egan and Barry Walter
- June 8 All Day Demo with Lynne Yamaguchi
- June 9 Hands-on with Yamaguchi. Creative design (no turning)
- July 13 Beading enhancement on bowls by Phil Brown
- August 10 & 11 Sale on Courthouse Square
- August 17 All-day with George Hatfield from Australia
- September 14 Annual Picnic (members and spouses only)
- October 12 Tips and Tricks by several members
- November 9 Sale at Sparks Center
- November 16 TBD
- December 9 Christmas Party (members and spouses only)
- December 21 Stocking Stuffer Sale



## VENDORS WITH CLUB DISCOUNTS:

Note: You should show your current Membership Card when asking about a discount.

If you don't yet have your card, check with Dennis Egan at the next meeting.

- Carter & Son Toolworks, 10%
- Craft Supply, 13% on orders of \$1000 or more
- Hartville tools, 10%
- Klingspor, 10% (excludes anything mechanical)
- Northwest Figured Woods, 15%
- Rockler, 10%
- Wood Carvers Supply, 10% over \$400 or \$500
- Woodcraft, 10% (exclusions apply - ask at desk)
- Woodworkers Source, 10%



## LIBRARY NEWS



Prescott Area Woodturners maintains an extensive library, consisting of books, magazines and DVD's with ideas and instructions useful to woodturners.

You will find it in tubs at the back of the meeting area. Management of this resource has been assumed by Barbara Walter. At each meeting you will find her near the tubs that comprise the Library. She will be happy to check out your choice and/or to check it back in again.

The PAW library continues to grow as new books, magazines, and DVDs are added. In order for members to know what is available, new media will be listed in the newsletter.

### *At the PAW Library*

**Reminder:** *please return DVD's and books after 2 months.  
Other members may be waiting for what you have checked out!*

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*The PAW library contains instructional DVD's and instructional books and informational books (i.e. identifying wood). **Check out your library!***

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## GOOD NEWS!

Kathy Allen has offered to take over as Librarian.  
She and Barb Walter will work together as she transitions  
into the position.