

PRESCOTT AREA



WOODTURNERS

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President's Message



I hope everyone is doing well!!

Regarding our club meetings, as you see here, we do practice social distancing and encourage everyone attending our club meetings to wear a face mask or some type of face covering.



As a reminder to everyone, our next meeting on November 7 is when we vote for Board

members for 2021. I encourage all that feel comfortable to attend the meeting and vote. We also have long time member, Walter Spencer, who has consented to do a demo on turning wooden platters. This will be an interesting demo as "Spence" is an excellent turner and presenter.

We all know that our club sales, one after another, have been canceled this year. We are exploring some other avenues for club sales at this time and will keep our club members informed.

I want to mention that our yearly Christmas Party is coming up in December, and the board members and I have decided to have the Christmas party at the Redwoods Grill located at the Prescott Country Club in Dewey. Several Board members and spouses had lunch there and spoke with the manager of the grill and he has put together a nice menu for our gathering.

The past two years have been a great learning experience for me as the president of our turning club. I am not seeking re-election and have confidence in our current VP to be a good fit for the club as he moves into the presidency. I have relied on many of the past presidents and vice-president as well as others regarding decisions that have been made. Thanks to all that have offered their help.

Well, everyone take care and I hope to see you at our next meeting.

Regards,

Barry Walter, President Prescott Area Woodturners

General Meeting September 12, 2020

This was the first meeting, after COVID-19 distancing, to be held back at the YEI building. 29 of us gathered that day.

Today was the final day to collect donated bowls for the 2020 Empty Bowls Event. Although held without personal contact, word is that the organizers collected a significant amount for area food banks. Bruce Potter is in charge of collecting for this charity. He will accept bowls at any upcoming meeting.

The program for today was given by Chad Schimmel of Turner's Warehouse in Gilbert, AZ. His demonstration was all about working with resins. He brought examples of the items he sells at Turner's Warehouse.



Chad talked about the differences in quality of various pressure pots. He did two pour demonstrations. He noted that the elevation of Prescott made for shorter working time.



General Meeting October 10, 2020

Prescott Area Woodturners met at the YEI building in the Prescott Airpark on October 10, 2020. President Barry Walter called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

After a brief business meeting there was time for a few Show & Tell items. These are always a highlight.



The program for this meeting could be called either a Mini-Symposium or Woodturning Snapshots. Instead of stations set up around the YEI building, there was one platform used in turn by six individuals.



First up was our resident expert on pen making, Barry Walter. Barry showed the parts used in pen making and explained why he chooses some over others. Bottom line: you get what you pay for.

Barry quickly stowed his material in the next room.



Then Dan Hall took over the stage area.

Dan showed us the steps he takes to carve leaf designs over a vessel. He first traces leaves onto the surface, then uses a power carver. Working from the center out toward the edges, he textures the top of the leaf then undercuts the edges. Wood burning creates shadows.



When Gary Frank took over the stage, he shared his method for making sanding disks - a cost-effective way to create a tool often used in the shop. He showed us a whole tray of graduated sizes of blocks. Gary then retired to the next room.

A break was declared, and folks went into the middle room of the facility, where the first three demonstrators had set up displays of their work. This allowed members to see the pieces up close,

handle them and ask questions. But there was only 15 minutes allowed for this break, because three more demonstrators were about to take their turns.

Before beginning the second session of demonstrations, Barry Walter introduced Susan Murphy as our new Website Coordinator. Previously known by PAW members chiefly as the mother of our three teen turners, Susan's day job has her managing Microsoft 365 for Yavapai County Employees. Helping her with the website will be Heidi DeFazio. Their skills are most welcome!



Don Milburn began the second half of demonstrations, first with descriptions of carbide tips, then with instruction on sharpening these expensive additions to our shops. He demonstrated gliding the tips over a diamond card. Don illustrated safely handling these sharpened carbide tips with personal experience: he once cut the palm of his hand when tapping the sharp tool against it.

For Wayne Hunt, turning has evolved mainly into segmenting. He told about learning segmenting at Ed Jones' shop after Tuesday breakfasts. He showed some of the jigs they all made during those sessions. His latest bowls are created with segments missing.



Then Jim Winge set out this array of tools that he has created. There is a story attached to each of these. Many have been in use in Jim's shop for years. One is even adapted from a saw that belonged to Jim's father.



After Jim talked about his tools a second break was called. Folks came forward and/or moved into the middle area so that they could see up close the items each presenter displayed.

The day ran longer than some, but interest was intense from beginning to end.

DUES ARE DUE!

2021 Dues are \$50/individual or \$60/family

Bring your **check** to the November meeting, or mail
to P. O. Box 12346, Prescott, AZ 86304



SPECIAL EVENT AHEAD
MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW
AND LOOK FOR DETAILS IN AN E-MAIL

Tuesday December 8 **PAW Holiday Dinner at Redlands Grill in Dewey**

So many events to which we all look forward have been cancelled this year, but your Board of Directors is confident that we have found a way to celebrate safely.



The Redwoods Grill at Prescott Country Club in Dewey made this room available to us. The seating is at round tables for four or six, providing sufficient distancing.

As in prior years, we will have the restaurant to ourselves. It will be decorated for the holidays. And their food is delicious!





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.)

Tuesday breakfasts are still happening, although often with fewer participants. This was the group on June 30. Contact Barry Walter on Monday to check the location for the next breakfast.



PAW IS GENEROUS

Kiwanis Auction

This auction is a piece of Prescott history that has been watched and listened to by generations of Prescotttonians. It's a tradition for the folks in the Prescott area to tune in and bid on items, not so much for the deal, but to be part of this annual event that raises money for the kids of our communities

Empty Bowls

Empty Bowls is a fundraiser for local food banks, for which local ceramic and wood artisans donate "empty" bowls. This year the event was done as a drive-through. PAW contributed more than 100 bowls and was mentioned in the Daily Courier article printed on November 1, 2020, recapping the success of the event.

Beads of Courage

Due to corona virus quarantine, there have been no hospital visits. However, the Woodturners have been busy. Whenever Beads of Courage Coordinator Kristy Puetz can resume visits, PAW will make lots of sick kids happy!

Individual Donation to Society for Vascular Ultrasound

Hi Don and Barry,

On behalf of the SVU Foundation, thank you again for your generous donation of the SVU Foundation Wooden Pen & Bowl set and the SVU Foundation Wooden Pen & Stand to the 2020 Silent Auction! The combined total for the winning bids was **\$305 – every dollar of which goes toward funding Foundation grants for vascular ultrasound research.**

We could not fund these research grants without you and other generous folks of the vascular ultrasound community. It takes a village-- and this is a very special village. THANK YOU!

Warm regards, and again, many thanks –

Timothy Edwards-Ferrel
Coordinator, Member Engagement and Administration
Society for Vascular Ultrasound

2020 Club Meetings and Events

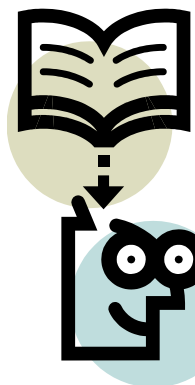
Programs are subject to change as necessary. Notices will be sent prior to each meeting.

- January 11 All-day with Michael Alguire
- February 22 All Day Demo with John Beaver **NOTE DATE**
- March 14 Finishes/Finishing with Jerry Walter
- ~~April 26 Annual Club Pot Luck~~ Canceled due to Corona Virus
- May 9 Via Zoom: How to do Zoom Video with Doug Rowe
- ~~May 9 & 10 Sale on Courthouse Square~~ Canceled due to Corona Virus
- ~~June 13 Chad from Turner's Warehouse~~ Canceled due to Corona Virus
- July 10, 11 & 12 AAW Virtual Symposium
- ~~July 11 Long Stem Nat. Edge Flower with Gerard Merchant~~
- August 1 Tool Sale
- ~~August 8 & 9 Sale on Courthouse Square~~
- September 12 Chad from Turner's Warehouse
- October 10 Mini Symposium
- November 7 Platters with Walt Spencer
- ~~November 14 Holiday Sale at Grace Sparks Center~~ canceled due to Corona
- December 8 Christmas Party (members only)
- ~~December 19 Stocking Stuffer Sale~~ canceled due to Corona

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.

- Artisan Woodworking, Prescott 10%
- 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 Kathy Allen. 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.

PAW Library News

During the past few months, woodturners have had opportunities to watch turning demonstrations during the AAW Symposium, the Woodturners Worldwide Symposium, and last week, an AAW demo by David Ellsworth. This wealth of resources has provided many ideas for projects to try, many techniques to make some processes easier, and many lessons for skill development for beginner to advanced turners.

I appreciated the chance to watch some of the demos more than once and the chance to pause and try a certain technique. For example, I had avoided choosing the skew as a tool for projects until we watched Jim Echter's skew class during the Woodturners Worldwide Symposium. He patiently taught the six basic cuts that can be practiced and eventually mastered with a skew. Ken and I took the computer to the shop and stopped the demo at the end of each part of the lesson so I could have my first experiences with the skew. Although it will take a lot of practice, I'm no longer afraid of including the skew in the tools I'd use on projects. I can still hear Jim's preface to each instruction, "While you are learning..." It made me think of how project oriented we often are. We make a bowl or a pen or vase. For novices like me though, it's also okay to just enjoy learning and practicing new skills. Watching demos or DVDs helps provide those chances to learn.

The PAW Library has some videos and books by some of the symposium presenters that can be checked out during the monthly meetings. We recently added the David Ellsworth book to our collection. If you enjoyed his AAW demo, this book may give you more ideas and information. He includes a chapter on the importance of body mechanics and stretching when woodturning. We also have DVDs by Glenn Lucas and Mike Mahoney showing how to make platters and bowls and by Cindy Drozda showing how to make finials.

In addition, we have many other books and DVDs that may give you new ideas or techniques to try. Explore our library to find something that may interest you.

Now I only need a video on sanding, more sanding and avoiding so much sanding...

Kathy Allen

PAW Librarian