

PRESCOTT AREA



WOODTURNERS

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President's Message



President's Message – March/April Newsletter

You may have seen a T-shirt with the saying: 'I Turn Wood into Things – What's Your Superpower?'. Although this is a play on words prompted by popular comic book superhero stories we have seen and heard in recent years, I think it has a positive message about what we, as woodturners, choose to do with our time and energy. We take ordinary pieces of wood (actually, some are quite extraordinary!) that most people take for granted and use our lathes to turn them into functional and beautiful pieces of artwork. It takes practice, patience, and skill to turn pieces of wood into the beautiful things that we share with others. The result of our efforts adds a little bit of beauty to our world, which I think qualifies our efforts as very positive superpowers. So, I hope you will continue to make shavings that turn rough pieces of wood into beautiful things and take pride in making a positive contribution to our world!

Our first two 2021 Monthly General meetings were virtual meetings broadcast from members' shops via Zoom. In January, Doug Rowe gave a great demonstration of his technique for combining scroll saw work, resin casting, and woodturning to make bowls or platters with logos, symbols, or messages cast into the bottom of items. In February, Gary Frank also gave a great demonstration for making Wave Bowls, a style popularized by professional woodturner John Beaver, by using a bandsaw jig and technique that Gary developed for himself. Please find a way to thank both of these members for sharing their techniques and tips with all of us.

In February we started virtual Mid-Week Discussion meetings via Zoom to allow members to see each other and discuss woodturning topics without the risk of COVID-19 exposure. The first meeting went very well and members asked to have this repeated every two weeks so we have scheduled subsequent meetings beginning in March. The meetings will be held alternately during mornings and evenings to help all members find a time to join the discussions. Look for announcement emails that will give the exact dates, times, and topics for these meetings.

We hope to return to in-person meetings as the COVID-19 risks are reduced but we plan to continue using Zoom even then. Members have participated in both the Monthly meetings and the Mid-Week Discussions while on travel in other states, so using Zoom will let us continue to provide value to our members when they are unable to attend in person. Please ask for help if you have difficulty joining any of the club Zoom meetings.

Like all of you, I hope to return to a normal way of life as soon as possible. In the meantime, I hope you will continue to use your superpowers to turn wood into beautiful things!

Keep on Turning!

Ken Allen
President, Prescott Area Woodturners

PAW General Meeting January 23, 2021

This meeting was held via Zoom and was broadcast from the home shop of Doug Rowe, our demonstrator for the day. Doug demonstrated combining turning with the scroll saw and resin.



He showed the pattern he would use, and demonstrated how he would affix it to the inside bottom of the bowl.

Doug then moved to the drill press, to make holes in each piece of the pattern for the scroll saw blade. After the scroll saw had removed each part of the pattern, Doug applied clear tape to the back of the bowl to keep resin from leaking through the holes. He mixed the resin he

would use, remarking that there were many kinds of resins with different set-up times. He filled the cut-out shapes with resin from the inside of the bowl. After it was set up, he would return the piece to the lathe using a vacuum chuck, Cole jaws, or a Longworth chuck for finish turning. He showed us the final product that he had pre-prepared before the demonstration.



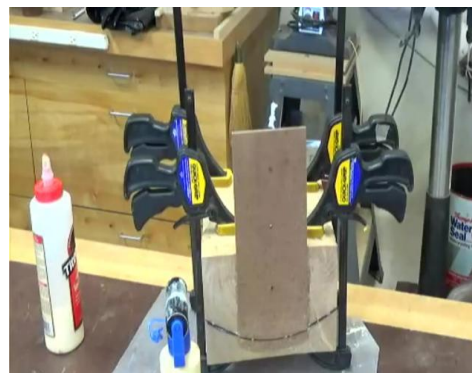
PAW General Meeting February 27, 2021

This meeting was held via Zoom, from the shop of our demonstrator for the day, Gary Frank. We counted 29 members in attendance, including two who joined from out of town: Bruce Butler from San Diego and Walt Spencer from South Carolina.

Gary demonstrated his version of the Wave Bowl made popular by John Beaver. Gary explained that he doesn't use the John Beaver jig, but has created a simplified jig. Gary began his demonstration by showing pictures of several versions of the wave bowl that he has made.



In preparation for today's demo, Gary sent PAW members an email outline of his demonstration. Gary emphasized the importance of ensuring that the blank you are using is squared. He then proceeded through all the points of his outline.



Using pre-formed examples he was able to show us each step of the process, finishing with turning the piece just enough to show the emergence of the waves he created.



Show & Tell followed the demonstration. Eleven members showed current projects. Turns out Zoom is a good way for everyone to see each piece "up close"!

Mid-week Chats

Because COVID restrictions keep many members from gathering in person, President Ken Allen initiated a by-weekly "meeting" via Zoom, at which members can chat informally. Subjects are provided as a jumping-off place. Conversations can, and do, range far from there. Wednesday meetings are held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at two-week intervals. An email with a Zoom link is sent before each meeting, but you will want to mark your calendar with the following dates:

Date and time: **Tuesday, March 2nd, 7 pm**

Topic: Repairing Cracks and Checks

Date and time: **Wednesday, March 17th, 10 am**

Topic: Sources of Wood and Supplies

Date and time: **Tuesday, March 30th, 7 pm**

Topic: Found Wood - Processing to Minimize Cracking

Date and time: **Wednesday, April 14th, 10 am**

Topic: Favorite Tools and Their Best Uses

Tuesday Breakfast

Tuesday breakfasts are still happening, although often with fewer participants than, say, 2019. These days breakfast goes can be found at the Back Burner Restaurant in Prescott Valley at 8:00 a.m. Contact Barry Walter for more information.

Due to the lack of in-person meetings, the presidential gavel was transferred from Barry Walter to Ken Allen at the breakfast meeting on February 16, 2021.

But that's not all!



Also that morning Barry Walter was surprised by the presentation of a plaque acknowledging his service to PAW.



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. PAW members have donated pieces for this auction for many years.

Empty Bowls

Empty Bowls is a fundraiser for local food banks, for which local ceramic and wood artisans donate "empty" bowls. In 2020 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. Empty Bowls donated \$2,000 to St. Vincent DePaul, a charity that our Dennis & Carolyn Egan support by delivering meals every Monday.

Beads of Courage

Beads of Courage supports children with life-threatening illness. They are given a bead for each procedure they undergo. Sadly, many have acquired enough beads for a string as long as they are tall. Beads of Courage provides these children with a hand-made container for these beads. The artists at PAW have created dozens of these containers and it is our hope that the children will recover from their illness and have their Beads of Courage containers on display as adults.

Walt Spencer is our liaison for this program. Contact Walt for a special BoC bead to incorporate into the bowl you design. Walt is always happy to collect completed bowls at any in-person meeting.

2021 Club Meetings and Events

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

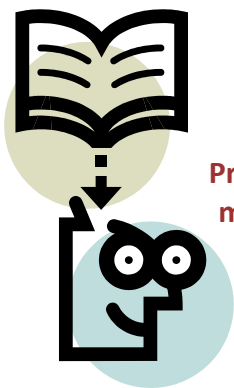
- January 23 Doug Rowe – resin accented bowls
- February 27 Gary Frank - wave bowls
- March 27 Barry Walter - fabric pens
- April 24 Gene Perryman - resin in bowls and salt & pepper mills
- May 8 & 9 Sale on Courthouse Square
- May 22 Roger Harlow - segmenting
- June 26
- July 24
- August 14 & 15 Sale on Courthouse Square
- September 25
- October 23
- November 13 Holiday Sale at Grace Sparks Center
- November 20
- December ? PAW Holiday Party
- December 18 Stocking Stuffer Sale at Grace Sparks Center

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 Jay Loden 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

In this edition of Library News, I want to share information about some resources we have in our library and some on the internet that may be helpful.

Recently, we had a Wednesday Zoom chat about sanding in which members shared a wealth of ideas. If you are interested in reading more and are a member of AAW, their website has a PDF copy of "The Nitty Gritty of Sanding for Woodturners" that can be downloaded. There is a book format available, but it isn't in our library collection.

<https://www.woodturner.org/Search?SearchTerms=nitty%20gritty%20of%20sanding>

Our library has five DVDs by Glenn Lucas: 'The Dublin Viking Bowl,' 'Bowl Turning Techniques,' 'Traditional Irish Platter,' 'Tools and Techniques,' and 'Sharpening Techniques.' I did a web search to learn more about him and his work and want to share a few links with our members.

Since many members make containers for Beads of Courage, it was interesting to learn about the Irish version of this program at

<https://www.glennlucaswoodturning.com/beads-of-courage/>.

A woodturner, Kent Weakley, has written an article, "7 Valuable Glenn Lucas Gems," describing lessons he's learned from Glenn. The topics include: the swirly pinwheels that happen at bottoms of bowls, maximizing material when cutting out bowl blanks, coring and sharpening a coring knife, a jam chuck for distorted bowls, design details for bowls, and rotating through a collection of gouges when turning.

Reading this article helped me finally realize why green wood becomes an oval as it dries: the end grain pushes out while the side grain remains the same. I was also interested to learn how a micro bevel bowl gouge could help with that 'deadman's curve' where the side walls meet the bottom of a bowl. Does anyone in the club use this kind of gouge and is it helpful? If you are interested in any of these topics, visit this website: <https://turnawoodbowl.com/glenn-lucas-wood-bowl-turning-wisdom/>

If you want to borrow any library materials, please let me know and I will arrange to give them to you. Happy learning and turning!

Kathy Allen, PAW Librarian

P.S.

On Saturday February 6, 2021, Kathy and Ken Allen made the PAW Library materials available as a drive-by event outside our shed at YEI. Kathy photographed the one member who took advantage of the opportunity. Kathy does appreciate the effort made by Dan Hall to attend, but she doesn't think she will do this again...

