

March/April 2022 Newsletter

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PRESCOTT AREA



WOODTURNERS

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President's Message



Do you know what kind of wood movie stars like to turn?

Holly Wood!

(Sorry, I hear the groans . . . but couldn't resist!)

We used the two new club computers for our first two monthly meetings this year and I am happy to report that they are working very well. With these computers and the other equipment that we purchased last year our monthly hybrid in-person/online (Zoom) meetings are working out quite well. We always seem to have minor glitches for every meeting but most of those are now caused by operator errors (me!), not equipment errors.

We have arranged for three interactive remote demonstrations by professional woodturners this year. Todd Raines will demonstrate in March, Rudy Lopez in August, and Glenn Lucas in November. These are again paid by your annual dues. Watch for the email announcements as the meeting times approach.

As of March 1st, we resumed Tuesday Demonstrations at club member's shops. These will happen once a month this year and we are trying something a little different than before. Tuesday demos will cover the same topic as the monthly meeting demo but, because it will be in a member's shop instead of YEI, participants can get a closer look at the equipment and techniques and ask questions they may not have thought of during the monthly demo. Where appropriate, participants might try using the tools and techniques that were shown at YEI. We did this at the first Tuesday Demo at Gary Frank's shop where he had a blank mounted on the off-center chuck that he had demonstrated and several members tried their hand at using a beading tool for the first time. The shop atmosphere prompted more discussions among members and we plan to continue this approach. Watch for the topic and shop location to be announced in advance of each Tuesday Demo.

Part of our club's purpose is to help woodturners improve their skills so we are trying a few minor changes to our Mentor Program this year. Mentors were introduced at the February monthly meeting to help associate mentor names with faces and the skill sets they can help. An updated table of mentors and their mentoring topics and a photo of each mentor is now posted on the PAW website. PAW nametags now include a yellow square with the letter 'M' on it to identify each mentor. Also, every new member will now be assigned a mentor when they join the club, sort of like a personal sponsor, so the mentors can help direct the new members to woodturning information and skills they may want or need. All of our mentors are willing to help members at the member's shop, the mentor's shop, or any other agreed upon and appropriate place. Please take advantage of this free club benefit and find ways to use our mentors to improve your own woodturning skills.

Although there is still a little snow in the shadows around the Prescott area, it is beginning to feel like Spring is here and that means yard work and tree trimming is just around the corner. Please use appropriate safety equipment and safe techniques if you intend to cut your own green wood turning blanks. Keep your woodturning safe and fun.

Keep on turning!

Ken Allen, President, Prescott Area Woodturners

New Social Group

At the last Christmas dinner, Twilla Jones suggested a social group for women, to promote friendships rather than just attendance at an occasional PAW meeting. Recently, a few of us met to pursue this goal.



An invitation was mailed to each spouse listed on the PAW Roster, and each woman PAW member, for lunch on Thursday March 10, 2022. At this time we foresee this as a monthly event, to take place on the second Thursday. Think VERY informal: no dues, no by-laws, no special requirements, just come if you can.

Look for pictures in a future Newsletter...

General Meeting January 22, 2022

Gene Perryman was today's demonstrator.

He showed us how he embellished a "plain Jane" turned bowl with slices of tree limbs and resin.



Gene showed pictures illustrating how he removed matching sections from each side of the bowl, then used slices of tree limbs to fill in the space. He filled the void with resin, and demonstrated the steps for containing the resin.

Gene was urged to show us the process he had originally planned to demonstrate, so he brought a large sack from behind the table upon which he was demonstrating and dumped its contents. We saw slices of branches and an open segment vessel that had blown apart.

Gene had been preparing this piece for today's demonstration when a coughing fit caused the tool he was using to catch. He said he was able to find most of the pieces and glue them again, but the piece is not fully repairable. The premise he envisioned was to use disks cut from the limbs of various species of trees, stacked around a base. The spaces between the disks would become the open segments in the finished work.



We all look forward to the day when Gene brings to Show & Tell a finished open segment vessel made from tree limbs!

Show and Tell always has interesting pieces. Today we saw vessels made from Hawaiian Koa wood, as well as an intricately carved duck.



Before those were shown, however, Gary Frank talked about the safety hood you see displayed here. This one has a rechargeable battery that forces air down over his face. Although expensive, Gary says it is lighter weight than his prior

shield, is better balanced, seals better around his beard, and is quiet.

General Meeting February 26, 2022



One feature of this meeting was the PAW Mentoring program. Nearly all the Mentors involved were in attendance, and were individually introduced. The list of Mentors is available on the website, but Ken also distributed a printed copy of the list to everyone in attendance.

Gary Frank was our demonstrator. He created a platter with eccentric beading.



When the beading was satisfactory, Gary used an airbrush to embellish the platter.



At the close of his demonstration, Gary invited everyone to come to his shop after Tuesday Breakfast on March 2. Going forward, demos at member shops will occur on the Tuesday following a General Meeting, during which further questions about the demo at the General Meeting can be asked, and it may be possible to do some hands-on learning.

Show & Tell. Always a treat!



New Column:



Shop safety Items:

- Fire extinguisher
- First aid kit
- Flashlight, (for power outage)
- Anti-fatigue mats

When I was working, it was go to work and don't get hurt.
Now, as some time has passed, we look at safety a little differently.
It still means the same, but now we take more time to make sure:

- All locks are Tight, and it turns freely.
- The wood lathe and tools are fast and sharp,
- Be aware of your Surroundings.

The bottom line is pretty simple, first follow all safety guidelines:
Cover your body and vital parts with the right protective gear,
Don't breathe the dust, be mindful of SAFETY, but don't let it
Overtake your joy of turning.

Joel Brooks
Safety Chairman



Tuesday Breakfasts are an informal gathering of PAW members who chat over good food. Topics range from current projects (perhaps with examples) to problems or new-found solutions. Breakfast goers can be found at the Back Burner Restaurant in Prescott Valley at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday. Contact Barry Walter for more information.

Mid-week Chats (Chips & Grits)

Because COVID restrictions kept many members from gathering in person, President Ken Allen initiated a "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.

Even though COVID restrictions have eased, and folks are comfortable meeting in person, participants said they want to continue with this discussion group since it serves a different purpose as a skill development session with comments from beginners to advanced turners.

Chips and Grits meetings occur on the second Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. Watch for an e-mail with the ZOOM information and suggested topic.

Kathy Allen takes minutes at each of these meetings. The Chips and Grits pages are now live on the website. When you are on the site click the calendar arrow and you will find the link to the page. From the page, click on any of the date titles and it will take you to that meeting page.

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. PAW donated 112 bowls in 2021. Bowls donated for this event are collected at every PAW meeting.

Beads of Courage

Beads of Courage, Inc. is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to improving the quality of life for children and teens coping with serious illness, their families, and the clinicians who care for them through an Arts-in-Medicine Program.

Patients are given a bead for each procedure undergone; sadly, some children have enough beads for a string longer than they are tall. PAW members create unique lidded containers that are given to patients in this program, to be used to store the beads they earn. It is our hope that the child will fully recover and keep their BoC box for display in their grown-up home.

The pandemic has made visits to patients difficult, but we will receive pictures of the recipient and her/his special box as soon as visits can resume.



Shown are the bowls awaiting delivery as of April, 2021.

2022 Club Meetings and Events

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

- January 22 Gene Perryman: Segmented Tree Limbs
- February 26 Gary Frank: Eccentric Bowl
- March 26 Todd Raines IRD: Bowl in Bowl
- April 23 Bruce Peek: Eccentric Goblet
- May 21 (3rd Saturday) Phil Brown:
- June 25 Potluck Picnic
- July 23 Tool Sale/Photo Shoot
- August 27 Rudy Lopez IRD

September 24 Larry OBrien: Hollowing

- October 22 Scholarship Recipient
- November 19 (3rd Sat.) Glenn Lucas IRD
- December - Holiday Dinner, no Monthly Meeting

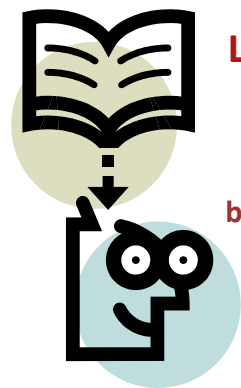
*Interactive Remote Demonstration

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

When I set up the library at the January general meeting, I quickly learned that our members do read the PAW newsletter. While setting out the DVDs, I had several people ask if those had been Ed Jones' DVDs as I'd described in the previous newsletter. I could envision Ed's smile as almost all of his donated DVDs were checked out by members who could benefit from his library of learning.

In the past, I've displayed a variety of books on the library tables, but I learned that day to also set out a variety of DVDs. It's easier to view what's available when the covers are displayed across the table. So, in February, I did display a variety of both DVDs and books. I'm happy to say that our extensive woodturning library has had 16 items checked out in January and 12 in February, the most checkouts since I've been acting as librarian.

Several months ago, I organized the DVDs by topic and last Saturday I also organized the books by topic. There are now large tabs to separate books about bowls or hollow forms or advanced projects, to name a few. I hope it will make it easier for our members to browse through the books for topics that interest them. If you need help finding a book or DVD that interests you, please let me know.

Thank you for using the library!
Kathy Allen, PAW Librarian