



PRESCOTT AREA
WOODTURNERS

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Prescott Area Woodturners (PAW)

www.prescottareawoodturners.com

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Welcome!

We are happy that you have joined our group of friendly and helpful people who enjoy turning wood into functional and artistic objects of beauty. Our members have a wide range of skills and experience from the absolute beginner to nationally recognized and professional turners. This club prides itself on being friendly and helpful to all turners with all skill levels. We take our woodturning and safety seriously but temper our attitudes with a healthy dose of friendly humor and camaraderie. We hope you will feel comfortable joining us at our meetings and events.

Purpose

The Prescott Area Woodturners is an Arizona Non-profit Corporation operating as an affiliate chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. PAW's mission is to inform, educate and foster the art and craft of lathe-turning for its members, educational institutions and the interested general public.

Membership

Membership in PAW is open to anyone, youth to senior, interested in the art and craft of woodturning. Annual dues are \$50 Individual, \$60 Family, Youth membership is free when accompanied by an adult. Please refer to the Membership Application. Dues are collected for a calendar year and must be paid by the end of December for the following year. Dues for a partial year beginning in July or later is one-half of the annual amount. Membership renewal dues become payable in October and you are encouraged to pay your dues early. Payment should be given to the PAW Treasurer at a monthly meeting or may be mailed to P.O. Box 12346, Prescott, AZ 86304. Write a check for the dues and indicate on the check memo line that it is for membership renewal. If membership dues are not received by the end of the calendar year, the member will be dropped from the rolls on February 1st.

Each member's digital photo may be taken when joining PAW to add to the membership roster database. The membership roster (without photos) is

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periodically updated and sent to all members by email. Please review the most recent roster to ensure your contact information is correct. Please note, PAW does not sell or relinquish your information to any organization

Each member receives a name tag when they join. Please wear your nametag at all monthly meetings. The nametag is also your membership card. This nametag can be used with preselected merchants for discounts given to PAW members. Vendors who provide discounts are listed on the PAW website.

Additional membership information can be found on the PAW website in the *Bylaws, Article III, Membership*, and in the *Guidelines* section of the *Bylaws, Policy 1, Membership*.

As stated above, PAW is an affiliate chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW), which is a national organization that promotes woodturning in the United States and the world. You are strongly encouraged to join AAW in addition to our local PAW chapter for the wealth of information and benefits provided by AAW. Membership information for AAW may be found at www.woodturner.org. If you join AAW, please select the "Prescott Area Woodturners" as your local chapter.

Communications

PAW maintains an internet website at www.prescottareawoodturners.com. Visit the website for the current PAW calendar, copies of past newsletters, meeting notes, names of the current PAW Board of Directors, a list of Mentors, a gallery of member's items, links to other woodturning sites, and other useful information.

Monthly meeting reminders and special event announcements are sent by email. Be sure your email address is correct in the current PAW Roster.

On occasion, members learn of special events by other organizations or find woodturning items for sale that may benefit other members. Members can share this information with the club by contacting the PAW President. If approved for distribution, the President will have the PAW Secretary send the information to all members. Please do not send emails to the whole PAW roster without this approval process. Of course, you are free to send emails to individual members.

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Monthly Meetings

PAW meetings are held in the workshop of the Yavapai Exceptional Industries (YEI) building at 6708 Corsair Avenue, Prescott, AZ 86301 on the 4th Saturday of the month at 1:00 P.M. Monthly meeting demonstrations are usually performed by a PAW member except when the club sponsors a professional turner as described below. Monthly meetings are open to both members and non-members (guests).

Parking at the YEI building is available around the building and on the street. There is no parking fee. Enter through the back door off of the right rear corner of the building. There is usually a PAW logo sign on the back door at meeting times. Please bring a folding chair for yourself because the workshop has very few available seats. Meetings usually last about 2 hours. Please wear your PAW nametag and sign the meeting attendance roster when you arrive. Non-member visitors should introduce themselves to the Membership Director and sign the visitor attendance roster.

Monthly meetings usually include: club business, upcoming event announcements, project show-and-tell, a safety discussion, a raffle, and a featured demonstration of a woodturning-related topic.

Members are encouraged to bring their work to monthly meetings to share during the show-and-tell time. This is entirely optional. Put your item(s) on the table reserved for this purpose before the meeting. During the show-and-tell time you will be asked to show your item and point out any interesting features or lessons learned while turning it. One never knows when you may provide a new perspective or skill set for projects that others have also tried, or wanted to try.

Demonstrations are generally led by a PAW member on a club-owned wood lathe positioned at the front of the room to demonstrate turning skills or on tables with member-provided equipment and tools for other woodturning related skills. Audio and video equipment is used to help everyone in the room see and hear what is happening at the lathe or demonstration area. The meetings are not recorded but some demonstrations are recorded and posted on the PAW website.

The Club hosts a professional turner up to 3 times per year. The turner will be a well-known and accomplished woodturner and usually will be an interactive remote demonstration (IRD) via a Zoom meeting program. At the time of this printing, the

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cost of this IRD event is included as part of your Membership Fee. Members may participate in IRD events either in person at YEI or online via Zoom.

The dates and details for these special demonstrations are announced in advance at monthly meetings, reminders are sent by email, and the Zoom link is sent to members who specifically request it.

Weekly Meetings

Some members meet (informally) at 7:00 A.M. (most members arrive by 6:45) for breakfast each Tuesday at a local restaurant to share ideas on projects they're working on, and tell stories about how good they are at the lathe.

Members order their own meals and pay individually. This is a smaller, informal group of people than the monthly meetings and it is easier to converse with other members around the tables. This is another time when members are encouraged to bring turned items and questions. Again, this is entirely optional and items are passed around the room to share with others. Because of the smaller group this is a good time to ask for help on resolving issues that at least one other person in the room has probably experienced.

Monthly Member Demonstrations

We attempt to schedule a demonstration at a club member's shop every month, usually after a Tuesday breakfast, to share information on tools, techniques, or procedures to supplement the monthly meeting demonstrations. These demonstrations are usually in the morning but some may be held in the evening for people who work during the day. For the morning demos, most members attend the Tuesday breakfast meeting first on the demo day and then travel to the demonstration shop location. Breakfast is optional, however, and members can go directly to the demonstrator's shop at the announced time if desired. The demonstration topic, location and time are previously sent to all members by email and are announced at one or more of the preceding monthly meetings. These demonstrations with a smaller group often show techniques or equipment that may be difficult to show in the larger monthly meetings and are very valuable learning experiences for both beginning and experienced turners.

Volunteers are always needed to give these demonstrations, so if you have a turning item, technique, tool, jig, or other information that would benefit other members, please contact the Program Director to schedule your demo. If your shop is not suitable for your demonstration for any reason, several members are

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willing to let you use their shop and equipment. These demonstrations must comply with AAW safety guidelines to help prevent injuries.

For liability reasons, attendance at the monthly member's shop demonstrations is for current PAW members only. Please do not bring a non-member guest. All attendees will be asked to sign a liability waiver at each demonstration to protect the demonstrator and PAW.

Chips & Grits Discussions

Once a month a discussion of woodturning topics is held online via Zoom. This discussion is called 'Woodturning Chips and Sanding Grits', or more informally, 'Chips & Grits'. A topic is selected each month to focus the discussion but off-topic issues are always welcome. Members are often asked to submit photographs of their implementation of the topic to share with everyone and are asked to describe the photos while online. Time is usually allotted for 'Show & Tell'. This is also a good time for 'Show & Ask' if a member has a problem with a project. The date, time and topic are announced in advance via email.

Annual Calendar

The PAW website (www.prescottareawoodturners.com) includes an annual calendar of events that is updated as required. The following sections describe most of these annually recurring events. The dates, locations, signup requirements, and other information are provided in advance at the monthly meetings and reminders are sent by email.

Annual Club Pot Luck Lunch

Every year the club holds a pot luck lunch at the regular YEI meeting site. The club usually provides pulled pork sandwiches, soft drinks and coffee, as well as plates and utensils. Members bring either a picnic salad or dessert as suggested in the email invitation. Reservations are required.

Annual Club Tool Sale

Woodturners often have tools they no longer use. To benefit fellow club members, PAW holds an annual Tool Sale during a regular monthly meeting. Sellers set their own prices and bring their tools early to the meeting. All tools are displayed near the front of the room for all to look at before the meeting starts. The guidelines and procedure can be found on the PAW website in the Guidelines section, Bylaws, Policy 3, *Tool Sales*. The procedure is intended to give everyone a fair chance to

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purchase items of their choice. All money transactions are between the seller and the buyer at this event. The Tool Sale date is provided in advance at monthly meetings and reminders are sent by email.

Annual Holiday Dinner

PAW holds an annual dinner in December at a local restaurant to celebrate the holiday season. This dinner replaces the regular monthly meeting for December and is open only to PAW club members and their spouses. The date, location, and menu choices are announced at a prior monthly meeting. Members must register and pay for their menu choices in advance to ensure that sufficient seating and food is available. Please write a check to PAW to pay for your menu choice(s), write on the check memo line that the payment is for the holiday dinner, and give it to the PAW Treasurer at the November monthly meeting or mail it to PAW, P.O. Box 1236, Prescott, AZ, 86304. The dinner is often held on a Monday evening and a cash bar is usually available about one-half hour before dinner is served.

All members are asked to turn a small object, often a holiday ornament, for exchange at this dinner, although participation in this exchange is optional. Wrap your item and place it on the exchange table in the room before dinner starts. Everyone who brought an exchange item is given a numbered ticket and tickets are randomly drawn after dinner. When your number is drawn you may select one item from the exchange table and open it for all to see. You may have the option to "steal" a previously opened item instead of selecting one from the exchange table. The person who has to give up the item then gets to select another wrapped item from the exchange table or "steal" an item from someone else. This process continues until all exchange items have been selected.

Members usually dress up somewhat for the occasion, although there is no required dress code. It is fun to see members wear something other than workshop clothes and turning smocks. This is a good time for spouses to meet other club members and other spouses. Please plan to attend this fun social event.

Raffles

The club periodically has a raffle at monthly meetings to supplement the club finances. Various woodworking items, such as wood blanks or tools, may be given to the lucky raffle winner. The items to be raffled vary throughout the year and will be announced before each raffle begins. The raffle may also be a "50/50 Drawing", giving one-half of the cash receipts to the winner and one-half to the

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club. Raffle tickets are usually \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and money is collected at the time of the raffle, cash only. Participation in these raffles is entirely voluntary.

The club sometimes holds a public raffle for items at various sales events, such as the Stocking Stuffer and the Holiday Show. Club members donate items for these raffles and tickets are sold by PAW volunteers. The raffle ticket prices are established at the event and money collected supplements the club finances.

Community Support

PAW provides support for the following organizations.

Prescott Kiwanis

Each year, PAW members donate turned items to the Prescott Kiwanis for their live auction. Proceeds from the auction help to benefit many community programs. A PAW member will collect items prior to the auction and deliver them to the Kiwanis organizer. The club contact person and the date for collection are provided in advance at the monthly meetings and reminders are sent by email. The Kiwanis website is at www.prescottkiwanis.com.

Beads of Courage

The Beads of Courage program provides arts-in-medicine supportive care programs for children coping with serious illnesses. When children undergo a procedure, they are awarded a bead. PAW members support the child's courage by donating turned lidded bowls to store their beads. The Beads of Courage program is a non-profit organization that supports children in more than 300 hospitals worldwide. PAW is proud to donate items to this program and most of the PAW lidded bowls are given to children in Phoenix area hospitals. A PAW member collects the donated items throughout the year, periodically delivers them to a Beads of Courage coordinator, and makes periodic status announcements at the monthly meetings. For information about the program go to the website at www.beadsofcourage.org. Woodturning guidelines for the lidded bowls are available at www.beadsofcourage.org/bead-bowls. We encourage everyone to turn lidded bowls to donate to this very good cause.

Franklin Phonetic School

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In the past, PAW volunteers have donated time and materials to assist the Prescott Valley Franklin Phonetic School Industrial Arts Program.

Information about the school can be found at <http://franklinphoneticschool.com>.

Empty Bowls

Each year, PAW members donate dozens, and sometimes more than 100, wooden bowls for the annual Yavapai County Empty Bowls Event. This charitable event is held outside at the Yavapai County Courthouse Square. Soups are prepared by local chefs and local artists donate ceramic and wooden bowls for this event. For a nominal donation, the public can select and keep a donated bowl and be served two bowls of soup (served in disposable bowls, not the donated bowls). Funds raised help support Yavapai County Food Banks.

Information about this event can be found on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Empty-Bowls-of-Prescott-Arizona-509310089139364>. PAW has proudly supported this event for a long time and encourages all members to contribute one or more bowls every year. A PAW member will announce the dates and criteria at a monthly meeting and collect the bowls prior to the event for delivery to the organizers.

Club Sales Events

The club participates in two types of sales events:

1. Those that benefit the club financially in order to support the club's mission and;
2. Those that are educational and benefit the club recruiting process.

The rules for club sales can be found on the PAW website in the *Guidelines* section, *Bylaws*, *Policy 2*, *Public Events*. Note that the PAW Board of Directors may revise the Sales policy and choose whether or not to participate in these events in some years. Club members will be informed at monthly meetings before the events.

Events Benefiting the Club

"Stocking Stuffer": This event is the primary fund-raising event for the club. Usually held on the 3rd Saturday of December, inside the Grace Sparkes Activity Center (Armory) on Gurley Street in Prescott, the sale is

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sponsored by the Yavapai County Sheriff's Jeep Posse. All turned items are donated by members with proceeds benefiting club activities.

Items sold at this event are usually smaller, holiday related, and intended to be "last minute" stocking stuffers for buyers, although all items are welcome. The club uses these funds to pay for things that the annual dues may not cover. All members are strongly encouraged to contribute items to this event to help the club. Donations should be brought to the Activity Center on the morning of the event and all unsold items should be taken home at the end of the day. The date and time are announced in advance at monthly meetings.

Educational and Recruiting Events

Mountain Artists Guild (MAG) Event: Usually held on the 2nd weekend of May and the 2nd weekend of August. These two events take place on the Yavapai County Courthouse Square. Club members provide live lathe demonstrations during the weekend and PAW members may sell their items at these events.

These two events are held outside on the square in downtown Prescott, rain or shine, and draws a large number of people who browse the many arts and craft items for sale by local artists. PAW usually sets up two canopy tents for this event for weather protection during the two day event. Club members demonstrate live woodturning of simple objects for the public to observe, something that is always well received, and answer questions about the art of woodturning. These are great recruiting events to show people how the lathe is used to make beautiful turnings and to introduce people to the local PAW club. The actual dates and times are announced in advance at monthly meetings. Signup sheets are provided at prior meetings for those wishing to sell items and for those volunteering their help for setup and takedown.

Help is always needed setting up and taking down equipment for these events on the square. Club equipment must be transported from the PAW storage shed at the YEI building, set up on the square, taken down after the event, and returned to the PAW storage shed. Sellers are expected to help and non-seller volunteers are always welcome.

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Holiday Show: This educational and recruiting event is usually held on the 2nd Saturday of November inside the Grace Sparkes Activity Center (Armory) on Gurley Street in Prescott, hosted by the Mountain Spinners and Weavers Club. PAW members may sell their items at this event.

This show is held inside, lasts only one day, and includes items from local fabric arts and woodturning artisans. Live lathe demonstrations are not allowed at this event but PAW members provide displays of woodturning activities and answer questions about the art as part of the PAW recruiting effort.

General Sales Information

Prior to all sales events, contact the current Events Chair if you want to sell your items. Actual dates, times, and other information are announced at monthly meetings and signup sheets are available for sellers and volunteers. Signups allow the proper amount of space to be allocated to each seller on the available table space. Members selling items must set up and take down their own items as well as help to set up and take down PAW club tables and equipment. Members usually stay for the duration of each sale day to answer customer questions about their work, unless arrangements have been made with other members. If staying for the day, bring a lawn chair for the event on the County Courthouse Square. Some chairs are usually provided at the Grace Sparkes Activity Center (Armory) for the Stocking Stuffer and Holiday Show events.

Sales spaces are reserved in advance and rented from each event sponsor by PAW. PAW provides administration of the sales but does not pay any of the costs. Instead, the rental costs are split equally between all members selling items at the events. All sales money is collected by the PAW Treasurer at each event. Rental costs and sales taxes are paid by PAW and deducted from the final proceeds given to the members who sold items. The PAW Treasurer provides a check for the final proceeds to each selling member at the next monthly meeting after the sale.

The prices for items are determined by each individual seller. Each item should have a price tag attached or printed on a label nearby. The seller's name should be on the price tag so the PAW Treasurer can credit the sale to the correct club member.

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Members who do not wish to sell items but still wish to support the club may volunteer to help set up and take down tables and equipment before and after each event. Ask the current Sales Chair for the type of help needed and times and locations for each event.

Mentoring Program

PAW "Mentors" help new members navigate and understand club activities as well as offer guidance with turning skills and equipment purchases. Mentors also assist other club members with turning techniques and guidance as requested. Mentors are highlighted and easily identified on the Club Roster.

Most of us learn to turn, or increase our skills, by working with an individual whose skill level is higher than our own. With this thought in mind several members have offered to be mentors. A list of mentors and their special interests is available on the PAW website at <https://prescottareawoodturners.com/mentors/>. Phone numbers are included on the list for you to contact the appropriate mentor, or mentors, to see how they can help you.

Scholarships

PAW has a scholarship program to help promote and improve personal skills in woodturning. One scholarship will be offered each year to a club member who has been a member in good standing for at least two complete years. A written request must be submitted to the Board of Directors by March 1st of each year. The Board will review requests and award a scholarship after the March Board meeting. The complete details and requirements may be found on the PAW website in the Guidelines section, Bylaws, Policy 4, *Scholarships*.

Vendor Discounts

Some local and national woodturning supply vendors offer discounts for PAW member purchases. See the PAW website for a list of vendors and their discount amounts. You may be required by the vendor to show your current year PAW Identification to receive the discount.

College Woodturning Classes

Yavapai College offers college credit woodturning classes at the Prescott campus each fall and spring semester as long as enough students sign up for the classes. These classes are for students with all levels of experience. Many PAW members have taken these classes and found them to be very helpful. More information may

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be found at www.yc.edu or by asking a PAW Board Member for the current contact person. Sign up reminders are usually announced at PAW monthly meetings when registration begins each semester.

Safety

Woodturning has inherent safety issues that can cause harm or death. We want you to enjoy woodturning without harm, so PAW encourages all members and demonstrators to comply with the safety guidelines advocated by the American Association of Woodturners. See the PAW guidelines in Policy 6 - Safety. AAW publishes a [Safety for Woodturners](#) digital book that is available for free download to all AAW members and is filled with good advice and techniques. The PAW Board of Directors includes a Safety Chair who is available to answer your safety questions. In addition, the well experienced PAW Mentors will be happy to provide safety guidance. Please learn and turn safely!

Friendship and Camaraderie

Like any organization, PAW's success is dependent upon our members. In a survey of PAW members, one club member liked "the unparalleled experience with more attuned members giving willingly of their time in teaching new techniques to other members". Another member enjoyed "the social element united in an interest in craftsmanship".

Whether you're an experienced turner or looking for a new challenge, come join us at our meetings and events. Ask questions. Meet new friends and experience the satisfaction one gains by turning a work of art.

More Information

Learn more about the craft and art of woodturning by visiting:

PAW: www.prescottareawoodturners.com

AAW: www.woodturner.org