

**PRESCOTT AREA**



**WOODTURNERS**

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**President's Message**



I am happy to report that the Mountain Artists Guild (MAG) sale and club promotion event in May was a great success! The new location on the sidewalk along Gurley Street was ideal to receive a lot of traffic past the sales area which helped create the highest total sales revenue of any past PAW sales event. In addition, the location was perfect for two full days of public demonstrations to show how much fun the art of woodturning can be. The look on children's faces was very rewarding as they watched plain pieces of wood turn into fun and beautiful objects. Every club member should try demonstrating sometime to see how people, both children and adults, react so positively to woodturning.

The club has reserved this same great location on the Plaza for the August MAG sale and will add an additional 10'x10' sales canopy to allow for PAW sellers to have more space for their artwork. I am optimistic that this event will go well again and hope that the monsoon season weather will cooperate with our desire for pleasant weather and large crowds. Watch for details before the event and please volunteer to participate in some way. Help is always needed for the equipment transport, setup, and takedown. At the very least, please come down to the event to see how your club is reaching out to the public to promote woodturning as an art.

The club's first sale and demonstration at the Prescott Farmer's Market was also a great success in June. This half-day event exposed the local clientele to our club and to woodturning. The sale items were all donated by club members and resulted in over \$500 of sales, an amount much higher than expected, that will benefit the club treasury to continue promoting the art of woodturning. Turning demonstrations were again well received by the public audience. Because

of this first-time success, the club will again be a 'Guest Artist' at the Farmers Market in October. Watch for details as the date approaches.

PAW will have items on display at the Prescott Valley Public Library for the entire month of August to promote our club and let library patrons see the beautiful items that can be created with a lathe. There will be no sales at the library but this is a good opportunity to let another group of local citizens know about our club and to promote our annual Holiday Sale in November and Stocking Stuffer Sale in December. Items for this display will be collected at the July Monthly General Meeting and volunteers are needed to help set up and take down the display items. Please consider providing an item that will be returned to you at the end of the display period. I hope that all club members will take the time to visit the library during August to see for themselves how our club is promoting the art and craft of woodturning.

The annual Potluck Picnic was held in June at the YEI building where everyone enjoyed pulled pork sandwiches, potluck dishes, and the chance to socialize with woodturning friends. Many thanks to Marge Hunt for organizing this club event.

Tuesday Demonstrations in members' shops were restarted in March and have continued every month since then with plans to continue monthly through the rest of the year. These are great opportunities to visit other members' shops, learn new techniques and skills, and get to know other woodturners. The Chips & Grits online discussions via Zoom have also continued every month and provide an opportunity to share tips, techniques, and lessons learned with other woodturners. Both the Tuesday Demos and Chips & Grits online discussions serve slightly different purposes for the exchange of information and I encourage all club members to try both of these venues. There is a wealth of experience and information shared between members through these informal club activities.

Stay tuned for more great monthly meetings coming up. July will be our annual Tool Sale, supplemented this year with an opportunity to photograph your woodturned items with professional equipment and lighting. The August meeting will have our next Interactive Remote Demonstration (IRD) with professional turner Rudy Lopez and our third IRD for the year will happen in November when Glenn Lucas shares his skills from his shop. Watch for details.

All of the activities and events described above require people who volunteer their time, effort, and knowledge to make these activities happen. Finally, as before, I encourage everyone to continue to make items for donation to the Empty Bowls event, Beads of Courage program, and the annual Kiwanis auction. These charitable organizations help our community and your donations let you keep improving your woodturning skills while simultaneously helping others.

Keep on turning!

Ken Allen

President, Prescott Area Woodturners

## Sale on Courthouse Square May 7 and 8, 2022

PAW returned to Courthouse Square after skipping last August, and it was very successful!



We were on the corner of Gurley Street and Whiskey Row, so very visible. Getting set up the night before wasn't as easy as anyone had hoped. It took time to sort through components of the various canopies. Since that time, a work day at the shed was completed, and now each part of each canopy is labeled and in its dedicated tub.



## PAW General Meeting May 21, 2022

Today's demonstrator was our own Phil Brown, who spoke about embellishment.

Phil has been embellishing his pieces for a long time. Once, when he asked a buyer why his pieces were never chosen, the buyer replied that he felt Phil's embellishments "screwed up a good piece of wood." Nowadays Phil likes to use that phrase as a definition of what he does.



To illustrate the many types of embellishing, Phil used pictures of his own work as well as that of his mentors and many others in this club. He likes to try new things, and is often inspired by demonstrations given by professionals.

Phil uses graph paper to plan the intricate pattern on his "woven" pieces. He pointed out that trying to free-hand the design around a platter can result in an unfortunate gap instead of design-meeting-design as envisioned.



## Tuesday Demo May 24, 2022

Phil Brown invited the group to attend a hands-on demo at his shop at 1360 Solar Heights Drive in Prescott on Tuesday May 24 at about 9:00 a.m. following Tuesday Breakfast at the Back Burner Restaurant. Phil showed the process he uses for planning the design on beaded platters. He also showed various other forms of embellishment.

## Farmer's Market June 11, 2022

PAW was invited to be "Artist in Residence" at the Prescott Farmers Market on June 11, 2022. This was a first for the club. Event Chairman Dean Humphrey set this in motion, beginning with using his personal trailer to haul equipment from



our shed to the site of the Market. It was Dean's suggestion that members donate pieces that could be sold for the benefit of the club. And they did sell; the club saw a good profit after the Market's 10% share.

Lots of traffic at our booth.



More importantly, the fact that the lathe was in operation drew interest.

Another appearance at the Prescott Farmers Market is scheduled for October.

## Pot-luck Picnic and General Meeting June 25, 2022

This meeting was all about food and fellowship. 43 of us gathered at the YEI building, happy for the opportunity to catch up with each other. Before lunch there was time to look over the Show & Tell items brought by both PAW members and members of the Woodettes.



President Ken Allen welcomed everyone and listed a few announcements.

Then it was time to eat!

Lunch consisted of delicious salads and desserts brought by attendees to augment the pulled pork sandwiches supplied by the club. We ate well!



After lunch it was time for Show & Tell.

This year the Woodettes were invited to participate. Each piece was "introduced" by its creator, allowing us to put a face with each beautiful object. We are indeed fortunate to have so much talent included in our membership!



## New Social Group



*Now called **The Woodettes**, our second luncheon was held at Rosa's in Prescott Valley. We each told about our work history, or, in some cases, our current employment. We were seated at two tables.*



*Our third luncheon was held on June 9, 2022. We had our own room at the Hassayampa Inn. At this meeting we all wore name tags from current or previous clubs or jobs. Discussing them was another way to become better acquainted.*



**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 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Contact Barry Walter for more information.

## **Online Discussions (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.

## More Generosity

Here are two pictures of completed Elegant Monarch pens. The kits were purchased from Turners Warehouse.



The pens are part of a project by Prescott Area Woodturners (PAW) member **Travis Murphy**, 16 years old, to

raise money to fund a mission trip to Peru, Brazil in July.

Members Don Milburn and Susan Murphy (Travis's mom) assisted in providing pen kit materials and pen blanks for Travis to cut, drill, turn and assemble. Member Barry Walter made custom pen gift boxes using his laser engraving system.



Prescott Area Woodturners are proud of our up and coming Woodturners and of our mentoring program, which provided Travis with materials, guidance and assistance for completing his worthwhile project.

Kind regards  
Don Milburn

## 2022 Club Meetings and Events

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

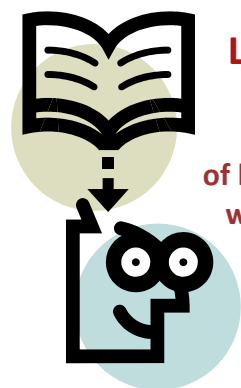
- January 22 Gene Perryman: Segmented Tree Limbs
- February 26 Gary Frank: Eccentric Bowl
- March 26 Todd Raines IRD: Bowl in Bowl
- April 23 Bruce Peek: Eccentric Goblet
- May 21 (3rd Saturday) Phil Brown:
- June 25 Potluck Picnic
- July 23 Tool Sale/Photo Shoot
- August 6 & 7 Sale on Courthouse Square
- 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.

The list of vendors with discounts is under review. Check [www.prescottareawoodturners.com](http://www.prescottareawoodturners.com) for any updates prior to the next Newsletter.



## 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*

I haven't been an active librarian for the last two months. I was traveling in May and our delicious PAW picnic was in June. Since I've been away from the many books and videos that are in the club library, it was difficult to think of a newsletter topic about the library. I informed the current club president that I wanted to resign since writing an article was too difficult. He was unsympathetic and refused my resignation.

Consequently, the article for this month's newsletter will be very short. The library will again be open with our many books and videos available for checkout during the July meeting. I will need to reacquaint myself with the many resources owned by PAW and hope that other members will also browse through the materials to find some topics that interest them. The DVDs and the books are both categorized by topics to make it easier to find materials of interest. There are many materials that give project ideas as well as techniques that improve woodturning skills. The ideas are merely a starting point for the actions of acquiring an appealing piece of wood and then turning a bowl, platter, vase or other creation that may be similar to the one presented in the book or DVD. It's what we learn while doing that project that improves our skills as woodturners. I hope that the library materials can be helpful in providing those starting points to learning something new or improving skills at woodturning.

Kathy Allen, Librarian