

September/October 2022 Newsletter

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PRESCOTT AREA



WOODTURNERS

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President's Message



I hope that all Prescott Area Woodturners members appreciate, as much as I do, how great our club members are. A huge amount of voluntary effort goes into making our meetings, events, and demonstrations run smoothly. A lot of time is spent behind the scenes by our PAW Board

Members to plan and arrange for our meetings and events. We have a lot of members who pitch in to help with the labor-intensive activities such as the setup and takedown of equipment for our monthly meetings and sale events. Equally important is the great attitude of all members to help each other, share information, and do what they can to improve everyone's skills for this enjoyable hobby of ours. These things are what make our club great and I hope everyone will continue these helpful attitudes. I hope that each of you will also help our new members feel comfortable with our club so they, too, will embrace these attitudes to continue making our club a great place to share woodturning skills.

Seventeen club members donated about 73 bowls at the August monthly meeting which will be given to the 'Empty Bowls' event to be held September 18th on the Courthouse Plaza. PAW has for many years supported this charitable event that helps provide funds for Yavapai County food banks. I thank all members who provided items this year and hope that everyone in the club will turn a few bowls for next year's event.

PAW also donates items every year to help the Kiwanis organization raise funds for children's programs in our local community. Last year the Kiwanis Auction in Prescott was held in September but the next auction will return to springtime at the end of March 2023. Beads of Courage lidded containers are always welcome throughout the year.

Coming up on October 8th the club will again be a 'Guest Artist' at the Prescott Farmers Market on Iron Springs Road. We will again sell items and give live woodturning demonstrations at this half-day event to promote our club and the art of woodturning. We will ask members to volunteer to demonstrate and to donate items for sale to benefit the club treasury. I hope that all members will visit our booth to see how we are promoting the club. Watch your email for more details as the date approaches.

Finally, it is about time to start thinking about holiday decorations, Christmas gifts, and items to sell or donate at the upcoming holiday sale events. And don't forget the gift exchange at the December PAW holiday dinner. All of these things, and the donations for local charities, give you good reasons to keep having fun and improving your skills at the lathe year round.

Keep on turning!

Ken Allen
President, Prescott Area Woodturners

General Meeting July 23, 2022



Today was the Annual Tool Sale, which was combined with a photo shoot.

Vice President Mark Oglesby led today's meeting. During the meeting we heard about plans for the August sale on Courthouse Square, as well as plans for a display of our work at the Prescott Valley Public Library.

Don Milburn was on hand to collect pens from members who created them. The pens will be awarded to 27 Past Presidents of the Society for Medical Imaging.



Attendees were treated to a tempting array of tools for sale. Each offer was represented by a Bid Sheet. Before the meeting began, folks circulated among all the tools and made bids. Mark Oglesby announced the winning bid in each case, and the buyer and seller met and finalized the sale.

Jay Loden set up and manned a photo booth. Members brought examples of their work and Jay took photos. The photos were sent to the artist and also to Susan Murphy to be added to the Gallery section of our website. However, Susan cautioned folks that photos would ONLY be displayed if the artist had submitted a short biography to accompany the display.

Show & Tell included items that will be displayed at the Prescott Valley Public Library in August. (Also see page 4)



Display at Prescott Valley Public Library

August 9 through September 8, 2022



The month-long display of PAW members' items at the Prescott Valley Public Library was well received by library patrons and provided us with a new venue to promote the club. Members provided 54 items that showed a variety of woodturning styles and techniques. There were no sales at the library but it was a good opportunity to let local citizens know about our club and to promote future demonstration and sale events planned for the rest of the year. This display fit well with the purpose of PAW to "...inform, educate and foster the art and craft of lathe-turning..." (*Bylaws, Article II*).

President Ken Allen sent the following to the Editor of the AAW magazine:

"Dear Editor,

The Prescott Area Woodturners (PAW), an AAW chapter in Prescott, Arizona, has promoted the art of woodturning by giving woodturning demonstrations several times each year at local outdoor community events. This year we added an indoor public promotion of the art by setting up a month-long display of members' woodturnings at the nearby Prescott Valley Public Library. Librarians have reported that many library patrons have shown interest in the display and have had positive comments. I am sending the attached article and photo for possible publication in the 'Woodturners Chatter' section of the *American Woodturner* journal so that other chapters might consider similar displays in their own local libraries.

Please see the attached article and photo."

THIS JUST IN:

From: **Joshua Friend** <editor@woodturner.org>

Date: Wed, Aug 31, 2022 at 8:12 PM

Subject: Re: PAW Library Display Article

To: Ken Allen <ken.allen.gm@gmail.com>

Hi Ken,

Thank you for sharing this chapter news story. It is very well done, and I hope to publish it in the upcoming October issue. Nice outreach by your club — keep up the good work!

Best Regards,

Joshua Friend

AAW Managing Editor

Editor, American Woodturner

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There are still a few days remaining to view this display in person.



Guest Safety in the Shop

We've all had guests in our shop. Usually it's our idea to show someone around the place where we create what we're proud of. Most of the time it's harmless. I have a lot of sharp items and equipment that are dangerous for the unwary to handle. I'm mostly thinking of children, but this applies to some adults as well. They can't help flipping switches or spinning adjustment wheels.

When my grandchildren come over I would just lock the shop, but that isn't practical anymore, so I unplug everything but the clock. All sharp items are locked away. I've had *the talk* with them, but they are just kids, so I take as few chances as possible. No one goes in the shop without me unless I know them well.

---Dan Hall, Safety Chairman

Sale on Courthouse Square August 6 & 7, 2022

The August Mountain Artists Guild (MAG) sale and woodturning demonstration was a great success! The location along Gurley Street was again ideal to receive a lot of foot traffic past our area. In addition to securing the same location we had in May, Dean Humphrey arranged for us to have more space with an additional



10' canopy that allowed more room for the sellers' displays.

Our live demonstrations were again well attended, especially when Doug Rowe extended his demonstrations to include live audience participation with some well received showmanship. Thanks, Doug, and everyone else who demonstrated!



This August sale brought gentle winds and comfortable temperatures but had many of us anxiously watching the monsoon rain weather forecasts.

General Meeting August 27, 2022

President Ken Allen welcomed everyone to our meeting site in the YEI building at 1:00 p.m. Ken mentioned the fact that Brad Newman, the Director of YEI, has suffered a major stroke, and is in a rehab facility in the Phoenix area. A GoFundMe account has been opened in his name to help with out-of-pocket expenses. PAW will not donate as a club, but members are encouraged to do so as individuals.

Donations continue to be accepted on the GoFundMe campaign at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/brad-newmanbrad-the-dad?qid=d30937c8e36b24b0bb36415a6d144601>.

Program Manager Ric Davis introduced the Interactive Remote Demonstration (IRD) by Rudy Lopez.



Rudy demonstrated how to turn a natural edge wing bowl from a green half-log crotch section. He explained his techniques well and pointed out some tool control ideas needed to turn the very thin 1/8-inch-thick walls on his bowl. As he was finishing the bottom, I think most of us in the audience were on the edge of our seats anticipating that he would turn through the very thin bottom to turn his bowl into a 'funnel'. Fortunately, he was skilled enough to avoid that mistake.

His demonstration was excellent and we may invite him back again sometime in the future.



At the August General Meeting members donated 73 bowls for the Empty Bowls Event that will occur on Courthouse Square on September 18, 2022.



On that Sunday there will be a long line of folks waiting to purchase their choice of gourmet soup, a dinner roll and water, PLUS a bowl as a memento. Tables of bowls, both ceramic the ones you see here, are a big crowd pleaser. The result of all this activity will be monies donated to the Yavapai Food Pantry.

Tuesday Demo August 30, 2022

After breakfast at the Back Burner Restaurant, 16 of the 18 who had been at breakfast went to Dan Hall's shop. He demonstrated various types of embellishment and wood burning.



Woodettes Social Group

Women, both turners and spouses of member turners, on the second Thursday of each month, take part in a luncheon at a local restaurant. These lunches provide an opportunity to know each other, while enjoying delicious food.



On Thursday July 14 we met at The Backburner Restaurant in Prescott Valley. The restaurant regularly hosts PAW members for Tuesday Breakfasts, and they were eager to have the Woodettes

meet in their new separate room.

August 11 found us at Augies in Prescott.





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 2022 PAW donated 73 bowls. 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 6 & 7 Sale on Courthouse Square
- August 27 Rudy Lopez IRD
- September 24 Larry O'Brien: Hollowing
- October 8 Prescott Farmers Market
- October 22 Scholarship Recipient
- November 19 (3rd Sat.) Glenn Lucas IRD
- December 5 Holiday Dinner, no Monthly Meeting

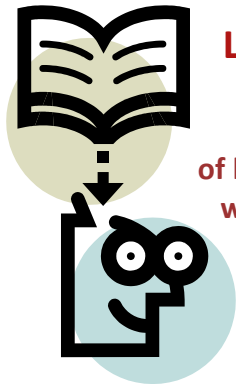
*Interactive Remote Demonstration

Member Discounts

Over the years, PAW has managed to maintain a membership of approximately 80 members. Given this level of participation, PAW deemed it sufficient to approach vendors that support woodturning and seek discounts for our members.

After a few months of dialogue, Jay Loden has lined up 11 vendors that are offering special discounts to PAW. The vendors range from tools and materials to safety equipment. The discounts are available to *members only*.

A list of the vendors and how to take advantage of the discounts can be found on our website. Select the **membership** drop-down menu and then select the bottom link, "**Supporting Vendors, Members Only**". You will need to use the previously provided password.



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

Our club has a large collection of books and DVDs available for checkout. I have been placing a few on the tables each month but any of the materials can also be checked out from the storage tubs. If you have an interest in a certain topic, please let me know and I'll try to find a book or DVD that will meet that interest.

I enjoy sharing some resources in the library column that go beyond our PAW library materials. Two of our members shared some things that caught my interest and hopefully they will also be appreciated by other club members.

Jay Loden shared a link to a YouTube video in which Patrick Sullivan tested a variety of woods to see if gluing end grain woods together would be stronger or weaker than gluing side grains together. He used that glue that 'sits patiently on the shelf,' TiteBond, to conduct his tests. If you are interested in seeing his results, watch this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7HxBa9WVis>.

Since I enjoy mysteries, Marge Hunt recommended a novel that has a female woodturner as the protagonist. The book doesn't give many woodturning tips, but it was enjoyable to have woodturning occur during the progression of the story. Ken and I both read it and enjoyed the twists and turns of this mystery. Twenty-five copies of the book, The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave, are available for checkout through the Yavapai Library Network. If any of our PAW or Woodettes members enjoy mysteries, perhaps they will enjoy this novel too.

I always appreciate shared information. If anyone has other interesting 'finds,' please let me know and I'll share them in this column.

Kathy Allen, Librarian