

November/December 2022 Newsletter

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PRESCOTT AREA



WOODTURNERS

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President's Message



I have mixed emotions as I write this last newsletter message as President of the Prescott Area Woodturners. On one hand, I am looking forward to spending more time at my lathe and far less time with administrative issues of the club. On the other hand, you are a great group of people and I thank you for letting me be your leader for the past two years. I trust that you will give the next club President the same support and encouragement that you have given me. I will continue to be an active part of our club, just in a different role.

If you will indulge me, I would like to reflect on club changes during the past couple of years. When the COVID-19 pandemic reared its ugly head in 2020, PAW cancelled several monthly general meetings, including the annual Holiday Dinner, stopped meeting for Tuesday demos at member's shops, and stopped meeting informally for Tuesday breakfasts. The Board of Directors struggled with the cancellation decisions but opted to protect the health of our members and to avoid spreading the virus through our gatherings. Some members did not renew their club membership because they were concerned that the club was folding.

Starting in January 2021 the club started broadcasting meetings on Zoom to keep our members engaged and to provide value for their membership dues. The March 2021 meeting was our first "Hybrid" monthly meeting that was conducted in-person at YEI and simultaneously broadcast on Zoom. We have held hybrid monthly meetings since then, upgraded our audio and

video equipment, and learned how to successfully broadcast our monthly meetings on Zoom for the benefit of members who cannot attend in person. Using the new Zoom capabilities allowed our members to see real-time demonstrations by professional woodturners at a time when those professionals were not traveling for live in-person demonstrations. Members continued to donate woodturned items to local charities throughout this period. Some of our members have now resumed Tuesday breakfasts, we now have monthly online discussions about woodturning topics, and members are again actively sharing skills and techniques at Tuesday demonstrations in members' shops. By last December we were able to again hold our annual Holiday Dinner at a local restaurant. Club membership has risen to nearly pre-pandemic numbers with 87 members now.

So, congratulations Prescott Area Woodturners! We have weathered the COVID-19 storm and found ways to continue to promote the art of woodturning. I thank every club member who helped us get through this difficult time and especially the Board of Directors who made decisions to hold the club together. Most importantly, I thank every member who continued to share their skills, techniques, shops, positive attitudes, and friendships that defines the great character of our club. I look forward to continuing to improve my woodturning skills with such a wonderful group of friends!

Keep on Turning!

Ken Allen
President, Prescott Area Woodturners

2023 Dues are Due!

\$50/individual

\$60/family

Bring your check to the November meeting, or mail to

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General Meeting September 24, 2022



This meeting featured our own Larry O'Brien. Larry demonstrated the Carter Products commercial captive hollowing system he uses. His system came with a laser pointer but Larry found that the laser was difficult to see when turning near the bottom of some turnings so he replaced the laser pointer with a camera and monitor.

He now adjusts the camera above his cutting tool and draws the outline of the cutting tip with erasable marker on the face of his monitor. He then positions the cutting tool a small distance away from the outside of his turning to represent the wall thickness he desires and draws a second line on his monitor to show this distance away from the cutting tip. By watching the monitor and only cutting to the second line he will always end up with the desired wall thickness and will avoid inadvertently cutting through the wall. His modifications were inexpensive and make all the difference for him when hollowing. With these modifications, there is no need for calipers.

Dues Are Due

Prescott Farmers' Market October 8, 2022

This was PAW's second time at the Farmers' Market. The Market is another opportunity to demonstrate wood turning to the community.



OK, so we're better at turning than at tent set-up. The term "Keystone Kops" was heard... But it did get done, and the day was an unqualified success!



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General Meeting October 22, 2022

This meeting featured two PAW Scholarship recipients: Bruce Butler and Ric Davis. They shared learnings from a class on threading that they attended this summer.



After the Show & Tell portion of the program, Butler and Davis stationed themselves at the lathe to offer hands-on experience to those in attendance.

Show & Tell is always a highlight of the meeting!



Holiday Events on the Horizon

**Mark your calendar
TODAY!**

Then watch for an email with details.

November 12

Holiday Sale at Grace Sparks Center

December 5

PAW Holiday Party
at Redwoods Grill in Dewey

December 17

Stocking Stuffer Sale
at Grace Sparks Center





Storing finishing products and solvents.

As most of us know, many finishes we use, and the solvents to clean up, are highly flammable. Only water based products are not. The National Fire Protection Association recommends storing the flammable liquids in a cabinet of metal or thick wood. It should NOT be airtight. It should be labeled as flammable in large letters. If this is not possible, make sure containers are well sealed and kept away from grinding or welding areas, as well as heating sources like wood stoves, propane or electric space heaters.

It is easy to be safe with these products, but we need to be aware of the dangers.

Dues Are Due

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 September 8, 2022 we met at Terra Thai in Prescott. All the entrées could be ordered with a range of spice from 1 to 5.



We were a smaller group in Gabby's Grill in October, but that just made conversation easier.



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 notes are sent by email to all members but they are no longer posted on the website.

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.

Shown are some photos Ken Allen took at the 2022 Empty Bowls Fundraiser on the Prescott Plaza. The event attracted a lot of people - and the soup was good!



As you can see on one of the signs, PAW was given credit for our bowl donations on the sign and in the information brochure that they handed out.





They selected 3 bowls from our donations to include in their online auction.

Dues Are Due

2022 Club Meetings and Events

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

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| • 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 12 | Holiday Sale at Grace Sparkes Center |
| • November 19 (3rd Sat.) | Glenn Lucas IRD* |
| • December 5 | Holiday Dinner, no Monthly Meeting |
| • December 17 | Stocking Stuffer Sale at Grace Sparkes Center |

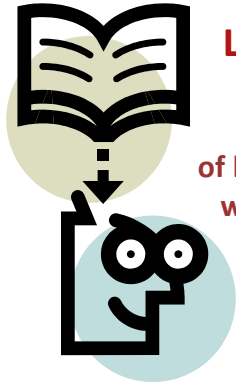
*Interactive Remote Demonstration

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.

I'm sure we're all looking forward to the IRD (interactive remote demonstration) from Glenn Lucas at our November PAW general meeting. If you are interested, we have several DVDs by Glenn in our library that give great instruction for a variety of projects. Those DVDs are:

- Bowl Turning Techniques
- Dublin Viking Bowl
- Mastering Woodturning: Tools and Techniques
- Sharpening Techniques
- Traditional Irish Platter

I will set all of those out on the library table at the meeting so they are easy to find for anyone who might like to check them out.

Recently, I've been receiving tips from Starbond about how to use CA glues more effectively. For those who might not receive those tips (or missed them on email), I thought I'd share one in this newsletter.

One tip is related to using colored CA on porous material. Starbond gave a few pro tips on how to prevent the CA from leaching into the areas around a knot or crack. 1) Use one viscosity level up. If using medium, for example, use medium thick. 2) First coat the crack with a clear medium glue. For less porous woods, thin CA glue works great for stabilizing the void and the surrounding area through wicking capillary action. 3) If the area where the colored CA will be applied is small, Starbond advises that accelerator be sprayed on the wood before applying

the CA. That usually stops the pigment from leaking into the wood fibers since it cures instantly.

Those seemed to be helpful hints to try. Several members have suggested putting a sanding sealer on the wood first and that is very helpful. I've also noticed that using colored CA takes longer to cure so patience seems to be an important part of this process too.

Kathy Allen, Librarian



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