

January/February 2023 Newsletter

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PRESCOTT AREA



WOODTURNERS

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President's Message



As we leap into year 2023, all club members will enjoy a very active, resourceful, and friendly group...Prescott Area Woodturners.

In my first message I wish to thank Ken Allen and all Board members for a job well done these past two years.

Ken lead the charge, along with the audio/visual team, to diligently develop a system (including Zoom) that enables members to virtually attend meetings while staying home or traveling abroad. If you are not sure how to set up for Zoom, contact me or someone on the Board and we will help you get started. You will want to be ready, because Scott Groves is scheduled for an Interactive Remote Demonstration (IRD) for our January 28th club meeting. Future IRDs and local demos are planned and are listed on Page 15 of this newsletter. Mark your

calendar today! Of course there will be more things happening throughout the year. Watch your email.

As President, with the support of our BOD members, I promise to seek new and better ways to keep our club a valuable learning experience while having some fun along the way. Please contact me if you have suggestions. Sometimes the best ideas come from the least vocal person in a meeting.

Happy turning,

Mark Oglesby
President, Prescott Area Woodturners

Have you submitted your 2023 Dues?

Remember, once the deadline is met, the email list
will be adjusted accordingly.

Don't miss out on all that happens within PAW!

Holiday Sale November 12, 2022

This annual sale at the Grace Sparkes Activity Center, in conjunction with the Spinners and Weavers, always draws a good crowd. Not only did our seller-artists do well, but we were able to promote woodturning to the community.



General Meeting November 19, 2022

The November meeting was attended by 37 members in person and 7 via Zoom. The 2023 Board of Directors was unanimously elected:

President, Mark Oglesby
Vice President, Ric Davis
Treasurer, Dennis Egan
Secretary, Marge Hunt
Program Director, Bob Zimmerman
Membership Director, Jay Loden
(Other members of the Board are appointed.)



Program Director Ric Davis introduced Glenn Lucas as a premier turner. Lucas appeared via Zoom from his home studio, which is located about one hour South of Dublin, in Ireland. Glenn has been turning for about 33 years, and now sells through his website. Because this is an Interactive demonstration, Lucas promised to answer any questions. However, his narrative was so detailed that there were few questions.

Lucas' inspiration for today's project was a 1,000 year-old Viking Bowl. The wood he used was Irish Sycamore. The demonstration covered shaping the bowl, sanding and finishes.



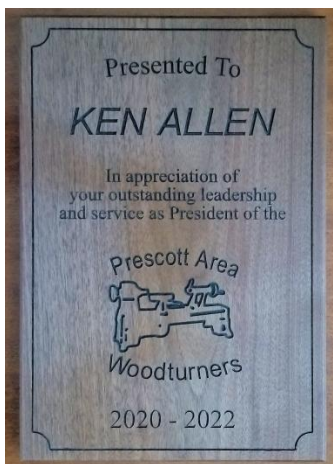
One of the pieces displayed at Show & Tell was a *Viking Bowl* made by Jerry Shugars after he attended a prior demonstration by Glenn Lucas. You can see it here on the table. Lucas did see the Show & Tell portion of our meeting, and he deemed Jerry's creation "very well done".

PAW Holiday Party December 5, 2022

48 of us gathered at the Redwoods Grill in Dewey for our annual Holiday Party.



Service was good, the food was excellent, and conversation was constant.



Mark Oglesby presented this plaque to out-going President Ken Allen, with the thanks of all the members for his leadership these past two years.

Awaiting a winning raffle number were these turning blanks, plus a bag with woodworking tools for each guest, all donated by our generous vendors.



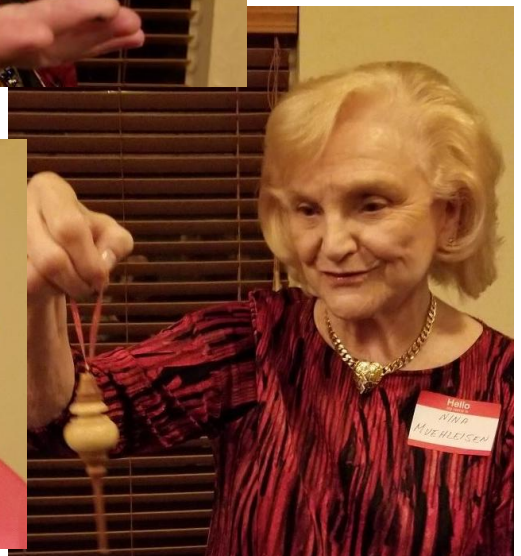
But, across the room were these interesting gift packages, waiting for the gift exchange.

It was yet another chance to view the creativity and skill of our members, as you can see in the following pictures!











As in other years, some gifts were "stolen" from the first winner...

But the highlight of the evening was the award of the TURNER OF THE YEAR!

John Armstrong is the Turner of the Year for 2022!



Can't wait to see what John's creativity adds to the TOTY trophy!

Stocking Stuffer Sale December 17, 2022

This annual sale at the Grace Sparkes Activity Center features non-profit groups from the Prescott area. PAW has participated for many years; in fact many attendees look for our tables.



Various members were on hand during the full day of selling, but this is the group who were there to begin the sale.





Happy Holidays to everyone!

My subject today is on hearing protection. My hearing, as well as many of yours, is damaged by workplace noise, so this is important to us, as we know the difficulty this causes.

Standards say that 85db is safe but can damage hearing over long use. Eight hours or so at 120db can be instantly damaging. Most woodworking equipment is below 85db when tested at three feet and no wood is being worked. I guess they have longer arms than I do. Air compressors and dust collectors can be much higher. Check with the manufacturer to see if you need to worry. Always assume they downplay the danger. I wear earmuff hearing protection when possible and am working on getting used to earplugs. Be careful, hearing loss from noise damage is not reversible. Hearing aids help but aren't as good as what you had.

Dan Hall

PAW Safety Coordinator

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 November 10 we met at Taj Mahal in Prescott. This was a new experience for some of us, a favorite for others, and enjoyed by everyone. Now the question: is it the food...or the company?

If you look carefully at the center of the table you can see the Nutcracker that Kathy Allen made. It is the product of a woodturning class Kathy took with the scholarship she received.



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.

Beads of Courage

As with much of life in general, Covid wreaked havoc on the Beads of Courage program. We wondered whether it was even still in existence. Everyone was disappointed. Bruce Peek took over the search for information, even using his title as MD to go directly into the BoC office at a hospital. He found that Beads of Courage is definitely still operational. However, they are understaffed and overwhelmed.

Many, many thanks to Walt Spencer for administering, gathering and delivering Beads of Courage bowls for so many years.

The good news is that we can continue to create lidded bowls for this program, and bring them to any PAW General Meeting. Bruce Peek will deliver them to the BoC program managers in batches that they can handle.

2023 Club Meetings and Events

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

• January 28	IRD Scott Grove, Pen Class: DIY molds, UV resins & casting w/o pressure pot
• February 11	Super Bowl Saturday at Dean Humphrey's Shop
• February 25	☺ Walt Spencer, Threading
• March 25	Jay Loden, Resin Casting
• April 22	☺ Kathy Allen, Nutcracker
• May 20	☺ John Armstrong, TBD
• June 24	Picnic (members only)
• July 22	Photo Shoot and Vendors
• August... whole month	Display at Prescott Valley Library
• August 26	IRD Kirk DeHeer
• September 23	Doug Forsha .. live .. Platter
• October 28	☺ Scholarship Recipient TBD
• November 11	Holiday Sale at Grace Sparkes Activity Center
• November 18	TBD
• December 4	Holiday Dinner (members only)
• December 16	Stocking Stuffer Sale

☺ Scholarship Recipient

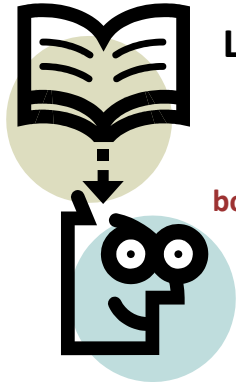
*Interactive Remote Demonstration

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

Welcome to 2023! I look forward to observing, learning, and trying a variety of woodturning projects in the coming year. The demonstrations and mentors have both helped me gain so much confidence in my turning skills. I appreciate this club for its wealth of knowledge, friendships and willingness to share ideas with one another.

Recently Dean Humphrey shared an online video about design that was presented by Alan Stratton. The link to that video is: <https://www.aswoodturns.com/2022/11/design-options/>. It reminded me of a book we have in the PAW library, 'Shapes for Woodturners.' Both of these resources may help visualize a shape you'd like to turn into a vase or a bowl. I particularly liked Dean's warning though, to be cautious about getting paper cuts. I appreciate it when our members find a resource that could help other woodturners and then give me permission to share it in the library newsletter.

Another resource I'd like to share is the addition of a video to the Craft Supplies USA website. Kirk DeHeer had previously posted nine videos in their Woodturning 101 section of the website. He recently added his first 201 project which can be found at this link:

<https://blog.woodturnerscatalog.com/2022/11/woodturning-201-video-1-turning-a-calabash-bowl/>. Since Glenn Lucas recently gave a demo for our club, I also wanted to mention that Craft Supplies also has a series of videos called their 'Inspiration Series' that includes several Glenn Lucas videos. That series is found at <https://blog.woodturnerscatalog.com/category/woodturning-articles/inspiration-series/>.

Thank you to the members who visit the library and check out an occasional book or DVD. I'm thankful that these resources can inspire ideas.

Kathy Allen

PAW Librarian