

March/April 2023 Newsletter

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President's Message



The first two General Meetings this year proved to be good times. The space we use at YEI was improved, since their workers did some remodeling and arranging of machines. We let them know how much we appreciate the extra space. Our apologies go to the people attending via Zoom. Some audio difficulty and non-displaying pictures seemed unavoidable. Even so, we're lucky to have such a dedicated AV Team.

January's meeting featured Scott Groves turning a Celtic bowl and in February's meeting we learned more about sharpening lathe tools from Walt Spencer. One of the tips we watched was "Wolverine Blocks" that will help us maintain our gouges. I will send out instructions I've written in a separate Email. In the March 25th meeting, John Armstrong will review air brushing among other things he learned in a Trent Bosch class, and Kathy Allen will demonstrate building The Nutcracker at our April 22nd meeting. The local demo schedule is under construction and will be published on our website soon.

Speaking of our website, have you taken a peek at our website lately? Jay Loden has added some new features and photos for your viewing pleasure. I'm not going to list them in this message, you may be surprised! If you have suggestions for the website, I'm sure Jay will entertain them.

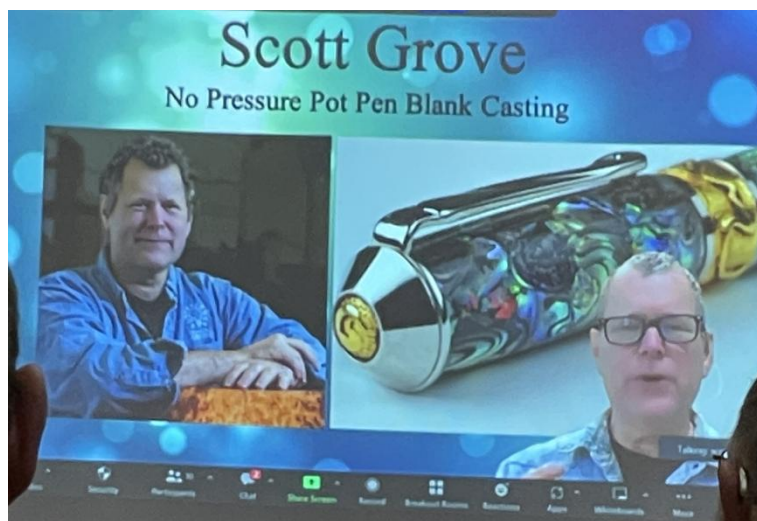
Happy turning,

Mark Oglesby
President, Prescott Area Woodturners

Using data to improve our clubs' offerings.

As you are probably aware, Membership Chairman Jay Loden takes attendance at all events. Jay recently analyzed the attendance data for 2022 to assess the popularity of the demonstrations at General Meetings and topics of our Chips and Grits meetings. Jay presented his analysis to the Board of Directors, using graphs to show the types of offerings that are more or less popular with a greater number of members. The Board will use this information when planning our meetings and events to appeal to the greatest number of members.

General Meeting January 28, 2023



This Remote Demonstration featured Scott Grove, broadcasting from his home shop. He discussed various types of resins and showed molds for casting.



At this meeting we received \$500 from the Society for Medical Imaging. See the following.

PAW supports Medical Imaging Society over the years

PAW member and past President Don Milburn, NACT, RDCS, RVT, FSDMS, worked his career in Medical Imaging, in the clinical arena as well as a medical educator specializing in acoustic imaging physics and cardiac and vascular diagnosis.

Since his retirement in 2010, he continues to support the medical societies he had membership in and you can see by the alphabet soup after his name (his credentials) he had more than a few professional societies he belonged to.

One of his favorite societies was the SVU, Society of Vascular Ultrasound. The SVU represents the clinicians and technologists who perform the diagnostic tests for the cardio thoracic and vascular surgeons who then fix the problems found in the imaging exams.

For 10 years Don has donated woodturned bowls and pens to the SVU for their annual silent auctions, raising funds for educational foundations aimed at training future medical imaging diagnosticians. PAW member Barry Walter graciously (he was voluntold) joined Don in these efforts 4 years ago.

In 2022, the SVU contacted Don and asked if custom ink pens could be made for all of the past SVU presidents. With the blessing of then PAW President Ken Allen, Don asked club members if anyone would be interested in helping to make and donate 24 custom pens to this effort.

We are happy and proud to announce that the following club members stepped up and gave of their time and materials in making pens for the SVU Presidents: Don Milburn, Barry Walter, Ken Allen, Jay Loden, Gary Frank, Heidi Defazio, Susan and Savannah Murphy, Jim Mulheisen and Bruce Potter all made magnificent pens, and Barry Walter made custom boxes for each pen with the name of each recipient lasered onto the box. (Sorry if I left out any woodturners names.)

Don and the SVU would like to thank everyone for their hard work and willingness to support such a worthy cause.



Now... some even better news !

The SVU asked me how much we spent on materials for the pens and then they reimbursed me to the tune of \$500.00. I offered to reimburse the PAW club members for their materials expenses,, and to a person, they refused the money and said “donate’ it to the club. So, at the January club meeting, I gave a check for the amount of \$500.00 to our new club President Mark Oglesby.

I am very proud to be a member of Prescott Area Woodturners and grateful for such caring and giving members.

Blessings to all,
Don Milburn

SUPER BOWL SATURDAY

This fun day was the brain child of Dean Humphrey, who opened his shop for a day of camaraderie. It was a success; so much so that a similar event is planned for March 11, 2023.

21 members shared current projects, tips -- and a delicious lunch, courtesy of Janet Humphrey.



General Meeting February 25, 2023

President Mark Oglesby called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. 37 of us gathered in the newly expanded space at YEI. Obviously, YEI did this to give themselves more room to work, but PAW is grateful!

Mark Oglesby said that he had received a suggestion that meetings begin at 12:00 p.m. instead of 1:00 p.m., in order to facilitate an early closing time. A show of hands, both in person and on Zoom, revealed that at least 90% of members were agreed to the change. Accordingly, the March meeting will begin at 12:00 p.m.

Our own Walt Spencer was today's demonstrator. Walt used his 2022 PAW Scholarship to take a five-day class in thread chasing at Craft Supply. Walt felt that previous scholarship winners had covered the process for creating threading with their presentation. Instead, Walt focused the first half of his class on sharpening the tools used in threading. The second half of the class was on general sharpening. He went over safety rules specifically when using the grinder: ALWAYS use a face mask and safety glasses. Walt's assistant for the day was Ric Davis, who relayed any questions to Walt.



Spence listed three sharpening systems: wheel, belt and hand. For wood turning, he thinks wheel is best. He admitted to a bias. He wants to spend less time on grinding and more on turning, and the wheel takes minimal time. Less time sharpening also = less metal off the tool.

He also talked about the Wolverine Block System. Look for an email with details.



This month's column will be on fire extinguishers.

Most of us have them in our shops, at least those who do demos seem to. They come in several types. ABC, good for solids, liquid and electrical is the most common and affordable. CO2 is also good, but not as common.

Mine is right by my door so I can get to it coming or going.

Now, having said that we should all have a fire extinguisher, I say if there is a fire, it's best to get out and stay out. Call the big red trucks to take care of it. Unless it's really small and controllable, just get out. The smoke is definitely toxic and *stuff* can be replaced, while *lives* cannot.

Dan Hall

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.



In January we were at Rosa's in Prescott Valley. All of us didn't quite fit at one table, hence the two pictures.



In February we met at Tara Thai, on Courthouse Square in downtown Prescott.

Wherever we meet, the food is good, but that is secondary to the conversation(s)!



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 ☺ John Armstrong, review of T. Bosch program
- April 22 ☺ Kathy Allen, Nutcracker
- May 20 Jay Loden, Resin Casting
- 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

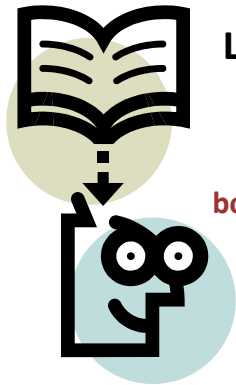
*Interactive Remote Demonstration

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

Recently, many members attended a Super Bowl Saturday event at Dean Humphrey's shop and learned many ways to mount projects on a lathe. It was very helpful to visualize different methods and ask questions about each tool, jig or technique. One of the resources mentioned by Dick Kelly that day was the book, 'Fixtures and Chucks for Woodturning.' That is one of the books in our PAW library that is full of pictures, has instructions for making a variety of helpful jigs and gives some related projects that use those jigs or chucks. I frequently set this book on the library display table and hope it will be helpful to our members.

A link that arrived in my email this month is a video by Kirk DeHeer about mastering the skew while making a mallet. Since the skew has a bad reputation, perhaps this video can be helpful in improving its popularity. <https://blog.woodturnerscatalog.com/2022/12/woodturning-201-video-2-mastering-the-skew-turning-a-wood-mallet/>

I want to remind our members that I have the beads and cards for Beads of Courage lidded containers in the library. Members can get them during general meetings or I can bring or send them to Tuesday breakfasts or Woodettes luncheons if you contact me. Bruce Peek is coordinating our donations to Phoenix hospitals and will give updates during the year. For those who haven't made one of these donations before, or for those who'd like a review, I've included the guidelines for this project below.

Bead Bowl/Box Guidelines Dimensions: Interior for turned boxes: 6" diameter (5" min.), 5" height (4" min.) Base and lids: Box bases should be wide enough so the box is stable and does not tip over easily. Beads of Courage members may receive thousands of beads. It is desirable for your boxes to hold them all. As a result, turned or rectangular lidded boxes need to be large.

Lids for Beads of Courage boxes should be easy for small or ill children to remove or lift. Any finials should be easy for a small child to grasp and not too elaborate so they don't break.

Design considerations: Avoid excessively elaborate designs that may easily break or be damaged.

Each logo bead comes with a Woodworker Artist card where you can include your personal signature. While these logo beads are not mandatory, they connect your art with the Beads of Courage mission. Recipients love to know who made their beautiful gift! *(These are the beads and cards available in our library.)*

Finishes: Bowls must be safely sealed. Please use a safe finishing process without toxic materials. Bowls that have not been properly sealed can harbor mold which is dangerous to recipients with compromised immune systems. Do not use finishes like linseed oil or other finishes that take a long time to outgas. Refrain from painting the boxes. Instead, highlight the beauty of the wood with clear varnish, a stain, and/or burning.

Thank you for using the library and for supporting projects such as Beads of Courage.

Kathy Allen, Librarian