

May/June 2023 Newsletter

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PRESCOTT AREA



WOODTURNERS

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President's Message



My monthly announcements should keep you pretty well informed, but a couple thoughts come to mind. Given the success at the Farmer's Market the Board decided to add two more this year but Dean discovered no more slots are available to us this year. We're on a waiting list and if we are awarded the opportunity, one would benefit the sellers, and the other to our club. Don't forget, we still have sales coming in November & December as well. We opted out of the MAG Sale in August.

We've asked for input regarding our club history in several forms, so this will be no exception. Ric Davis is trying to gather names, dates, events, anything you might know about this club's past, please pass it on. Even if you think something may not be significant, it may help Ric fill in some gaps.

And now, an inspirational moment. John Furniss, also known as The Blind Woodsman, has overcome some very difficult times in his life. I'm not going to tell you the whole story, but he ended up blind and no sense of smell. Click on the "Our Story" button to read about him and his wife Anni. How in the world could a blind person turn a bowl, you say? Well, apparently

John found a way to do it. A picture on their website shows him standing in front of a compound miter saw...what? My hat goes off to him for not only improving his life but having some fun with it. Maybe he knows this, but how many people reading his story will change their bad ways for the good? In the "Shop" section of their website, all of John's bowls are "Out of Stock", not sure why, but it's still a remarkable feat for a blind man. Their website is <https://www.furnissstudios.com>.

Happy turning,

Mark Oglesby

President, Prescott Area Woodturners

Oregon Woodturning Symposium

Nine members of Prescott Area Woodturners journeyed to Portland, Oregon to attend the Woodturning Symposium March 17 -19, 2023. Their impressions follow:



Mark Oglesby: There's nothing like watching and listening to a pro woodturner in person, explaining every step, and producing a quality piece of artwork.

Ric Davis: An experience I'm sure will be remembered for a very long time.

Bruce Butler: Yes, it is a bit of money to spend, but the gain in new knowledge, friendship/bonding, new tools and inspiration for new projects far outweighs the investment.

Gary Frank: It is very nice to see a demo in person and be able to ask questions during the demo. It is also very nice to be able to talk to the demonstrators outside of the demonstrations. Everybody is very friendly. The Instant Gallery shows the possibilities and gives you ideas for projects when you get home. It is great when you can go to a symposium with a group that you know. It adds to the fun.

Ken Allen: It is inspiring to watch as some (not all!) professional woodturners make flawless cuts on their woodturnings, while simultaneously explaining what they are doing and why. It gives me hope that if I were to spend as much time at the lathe as they do, then I, too, could possibly make flawless cuts with the same seeming ease that they show during their demonstrations. As we all know, it just takes practice, practice, practice . . .

Kathy Allen: It was inspiring to watch so many professional turners give demos in one place and was amazing to see how many projects could be completed in 90 minutes. Planning, patience and practice, as well as a sense of humor, seemed to be some key skills beyond the act of quality woodturning that contribute to successful projects. It was more meaningful for me to watch those professional demonstrations now that I understand the turning processes. I look forward to attending another symposium in the future.

General Meeting March 25, 2023

The program for today's meeting was given by John Armstrong, who shared some of the things he learned at a class given by Trent Bosch. John took the class using the PAW Scholarship he won last year. John first showed a list of the variety of classes available to PAW members; some close to home and others around the world. There are many to choose from. John encouraged more members to apply for scholarships.



The title of the Bosch class was "Self Exploration". It was intended for experienced turners. John showed pictures taken of some of the projects made during the class. Once John got beyond wondering what he had gotten himself into, he found he was able to look at a problem or project in a larger way. He says that approach has stayed with him and he uses it day to day.



Armstrong went to this class hoping for guidance in turning a slot canyon. John has painted them, but hoped to create one in wood. After several group discussions, it was decided that creating a slot canyon from wood was possible. Here we see what may be the first such turned canyon.

Prescott Farmers Market April 1, 2023

This first Market of the season proved profitable for the PAW coffers. It was well attended and garnered interest in PAW.

PAW General Meeting April 22, 2023

An important part of the business of this meeting was the vote to change the start time for these meetings to 12:00 p.m. The vote was close to unanimous, so all future meetings will begin at noon.



Today's demonstrator was Kathy Allen, the recipient of an Ed Jones scholarship. Kathy said that she knew Ed Jones was always looking for new things to learn, so she chose a class that would bring her out of her comfort zone, namely turning a nutcracker, because she had always admired nutcrackers. When friends questioned whether there was any wood turning in a nutcracker, she assured them that there was. The class met for five days, and they were busy up to the last minute of the last day. They were given a kit with pieces of wood to be turned for each of the 13 pieces.

The nutcracker consisted of large parts and small parts, required lots of shop work and much complexity and precision. As she demonstrated each part of the nutcracker, she passed those parts around so that the audience could see and touch the actual part. Even the nose of the nutcracker is turned, and Kathy said that it was the smallest thing she has ever turned. That nose was indeed tiny!

Kathy's demonstration was the Soldier nutcracker, with his hat. She also showed how to make the crown for the King version.

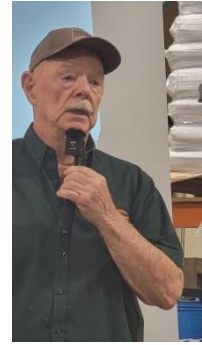


Ken Allen was also a student at this class. He put together all the parts that he had created for a King nutcracker so that we could see how all the parts were assembled. They said that the jaw is the *only* part of the nutcracker that is not turned.



President Mark Oglesby congratulated Kathy for condensing an intense week of work into a wonderful 90 minute presentation.

Show & Tell produced two interesting projects. Chuck Brown's embellished, lidded container, and Walt Spencer's sea urchin creation.



Kathy and Ken Allen hosted a **Tuesday Demo** at their shop on April 25, 2023. Ten attendees spent hands-on time learning spindle making and duplicating.



CA glue, the turner's best friend.

....Or is it?

We all know the benefits of using CA glue on our projects, but it's my job to point out its possibly harmful side effects.

CA glue has an exothermic reaction when it comes in contact with natural materials such as cotton, leather, wool and paper towels, to name a few. That means it gets hot, real hot, real quick. It can burn you and it sometimes releases a cloud of vapor. If you can smell CA glue, or see the vapor, that is actually vaporized glue. The glue reacts with the moisture in your nose, throat and lungs. Usually this just irritates these areas, but some people become sensitized and have flu like symptoms for hours or days. It can trigger asthma.

Good ventilation is essential. Take care!

Dan Hall
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.

March 9, 2023

We returned to the Back Burner Restaurant. We always enjoy spending time together. The good food is a bonus. Unfortunately, Marge forgot to get a picture taken...

April 13, 2023

We tried Red Lobster for lunch this time. Those biscuits are always so good!



Not easy to capture 11 people in one long line. I know Kathy Allen was there, but somehow she doesn't appear in this picture. We'll take better care next time. Plus, I will be sure to USE my camera...



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, then-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.

A video of the latest meeting is available on our website.
www.prescottareawoodturners.com.

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.

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| • 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 | David Kohler, Segmenting |
| • May 13-14 | MAG Sale on Courthouse Square |
| • June 24 | Picnic (members only) |
| • July 22 | Photo Shoot and Tool Sale |
| • August... whole month | Display at Prescott Library |
| • August 26 | Doug Forsha .. live .. Platter |
| • September 23 | IRD Kirk DeHeer |
| • October 28 | ☺ John Armstrong, Airbrush |
| • November 11 | Holiday Sale at Grace Sparkes Activity Center |
| • November 18 | Resin, Zimmerman, Davis and Loden |
| • December 4 | Holiday Dinner (members only) |
| • December 16 | Stocking Stuffer Sale |

☺ Scholarship Recipient

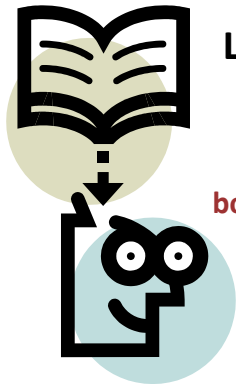
*Interactive Remote Demonstration

Member Discounts

Over the years, PAW has managed to maintain a membership of 80 members or more. 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

My library comments will be short this month because I've been spending too much time on woodturning projects to think about the library. Those of you who own shirts that say "I'd rather be woodturning" will be understanding of that concept. In the past two months, I attended a woodturning class in Provo, Utah, attended the Oregon Woodturning Symposium and spent many hours on my lathe creating another nutcracker so that I could complete the May presentation that I gave at the meeting on April 22nd. I am greatly appreciative to the club for awarding me one of the Ed Jones scholarships so that I had the opportunity to learn how to do such a complex project.

I appreciate the members who take time to check out a DVD or a book from the library periodically. DVDs are checked out more that books are. One of the members told me one day with a smile that he'd rather be woodturning than reading. Beginning in May, I'm going to set out some books that have a certain theme each month and put a sign on the library table to describe that theme. I hope you'll stop by and see if one of the books might be of interest to you.

Kathy Allen, Librarian