

PRESCOTT AREA



WOODTURNERS

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President's Message



The last two months have been busy times. I'm not going to list all of them, since Marge has plenty for you read about. But one event I can't keep quiet about, and that is our display in the Prescott Public Library in August. I have fielded several positive comments and accolades about the quality of the artwork through all methods of communication. Zim said the same thing, about how his neighbors were amazed with the display. We have good reason to be proud of it, and we're already planning for next year's showing.

Can it be the final quarter of 2023 already? Time continues to fly! It is now time to be thinking about PAW Officers for 2024. Positions to be filled are:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Program Director
- Membership Director

Please consider serving your club in one of these positions. Volunteer by contacting me, or any Board member. There can be multiple candidates for each position, so please speak up!

Lastly, we've asked for help in setting up and "putting-away" stuff at our general meetings, and several of you have responded. It makes the task of conducting our general meetings a little easier and I know all of our principal players really appreciate it. So, if I didn't thank you at the meeting, I'm telling you now: "Thank You!".

Happy turning,

Mark Oglesby
President, Prescott Area Woodturners

July 22, 2023 General Meeting



This was the much-anticipated day of the tool sale. It seemed like we had a crowd that day, and we did! 50 of us sat surrounded by tools awaiting purchase.

Club business out of the way, Ric Davis and Doug Rowe alternated duties as auctioneer for the day. With two auctioneers, the process was smooth and fast-moving.



Nearly all the tools on display went to new homes, including this enormous burl, often at *really* good prices.

The sale was considered closed at 2:05 p.m., at which time folks lined up to pay for the item they “won” in the bidding. Some of the items sold had been previously donated to the club, which resulted in a handsome benefit to the club treasury.

Thanks to Ric Davis for coming up with the idea for an auction, then planning, accepting and storing early offerings of tools, and organizing the day. Great job, Ric, and all your helpers!

PAW Display at Prescott Public Library

Prescott Area Woodturners proudly displayed examples of their work during the month of August 2023.



Once complete, we just had to admire our work...



August 26, 2023 General Meeting



Program Director Bob Zimmerman introduced today's demonstrator, Doug Forsha. Doug is an instructor at the Southwest School of Wood Working. He demonstrated the jigs he created to help his students position turning tools to (nearly always) successfully produce a unique platter.



On the first day of his two-day class, students create their own blank. Here Ric Davis is showing the remainder of the blank he created for the platter he produced in one of Forsha's classes.

Safety Coordinator Dan Hall talked about Safety Glasses. Many kinds of safety glasses are available, but it is important that they be rated ANSI I SEA Z87.1. Whichever kind you choose, they should cover the side of the eye. Dan suggested making it a habit to don safety glasses whenever you enter your shop.

Heidi Defazio will present a two-day Christmas Ornament workshop on September 16 and 17, 2023..She brought examples for Show & Tell. The Show & Tell section of the program is always inspiring!



Also inspiring was the array of bowls to be donated for the Empty Bowls Event in Prescott on September 17. Proceeds from the Event support local food banks. This year PAW donated more than 98 bowls.



Pizza Day at YEI

These are the folks who clear the space at YEI for our meeting each month. President Mark Oglesby brought the pizzas.



"It was a heartwarming experience to deliver 6 pizzas to the wonderful people at YEI.

Krystal announced the pizza was there and that it was provided by the Prescott Area Woodturners. It was a special day for them and most of them were wearing a shirt that said "IT'S MY DAY

TO SHINE". A lot of smiling faces and nearly all of them ran up to me to give me a "high five" on their way to get a slice of pizza. All of them, including staff, thanked me and PAW as I was leaving."

Thanks,
Mark

Tuesday Demo August 29, 2023

At Bob Zimmerman's workshop, Walt Spencer is grinding a piece of metal to shape a tool used to make tenon on the lathe.



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.

July 14, 2023 found us at The Taj Mahal in Prescott. You might think that parking in downtown Prescott would be a problem. Not on a Thursday morning!



August 10, 2023.

We met at Gabby's Grill in Prescott Valley. Our small group found much to talk about, while enjoying a delicious lunch.





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.



This month I will talk a little about **wood toxicity**. It doesn't matter if the wood is exotic or domestic or even if it has a pleasant smell, it can still be toxic. Wood dust is always bad for you. Some reactions to wood can include rashes, eye irritation, respiratory problems, headaches, nausea and even dizziness. Long term exposure can lead to developing allergies or even nose and sinus cancer. Treated wood and some exotics can be poisonous. Google any wood you are unsure of to check its toxicity.

Be careful of any f.o.g. (**Found On Ground**) wood. I had a piece that had poison ivy wrapped around it. The best cure is always prevention. Use a dust mask or respirator, dust collector, and limit skin exposure. Long tight-fitting sleeves, gloves and changing clothes followed by a shower if you have any symptoms or know the wood is toxic.

Hope I didn't scare you too much...but just enough!

Dan Hall

New Store in town



Brooxwood Studios has opened at Sheldon & Rush Streets in Prescott. Several members attended their Open House on August 12, 2023. The owners are eager to learn what kinds of things our

members are seeking. It's worth a visit!

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 2023 PAW donated 98 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 of 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 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, Airbrushing
- 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

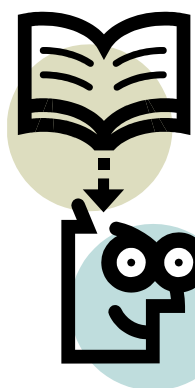
*Interactive Remote Demonstration

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

A recent Chips 'n Grits discussion was called "From Tree to Lathe." The library has the most widely recommended book on this topic which is "Turning Green Wood" by Michael O'Donnell.

In September, Heidi will be presenting a class on making segmented ornaments with finials. The library has several DVDs by Cindy Drozda on making finials. Those DVDs may be checked out by members who want more tips on that process.

The general meeting in September will be an interactive remote demonstration given by Kirk DeHeer. The library has one DVD by Kirk that's called "The Square Edged Bowl." He also has a series of videos on the Craft Supplies website for those who would like to observe and learn more skills from him. <https://blog.woodturnerscatalog.com/>

If any of the library resources can be helpful to you, I'll gladly help you locate them for checkout.

Kathy Allen, Librarian