

**PRESCOTT AREA**



**WOODTURNERS**

**Post Office Box 12346  
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### **President's Message**



Some special events are coming up in the next few weeks. You probably already know about the Armory Sale and the Stocking Stuffer Sale. Please tell your friends and neighbors about them, since it helps with the sales and sometimes attracts potential new members. The Christmas Party will be a lot of fun, hope to see you there.

In January, this club will have a new President, since I have decided not to run for the position again. I consider it an honor to have served as VP for two years, then President for one year. Elections will be conducted at the next General Meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Ric sent instructions on how to nominate someone (or yourself) and I hope you had a chance to review those. If you are not interested in an elected position, please consider an appointed one. It's a good way to give back to this great club and help make it even better. For me, I will support the club any way I can but I look forward to turning wood in my workshop.

Warmest personal regards,

Mark Oglesby  
President, Prescott Area Woodturners

## Note from your Editor

As part of my transition away from Secretary of Prescott Area Woodturners, Kathy Allen has graciously accepted the duties of Newsletter Editor beginning January 2024. I will remain Secretary next year, which means you will continue to get club emails from me, and I'll be recording minutes of Board and General Meetings all through 2024.

I have enjoyed working on the Newsletter, because I like to write. But writing is work, and after about 17 years, I am ready to retire from this job. Thank you for all the compliments you have given me over the years. Now let us all heap thanks on Kathy!

See you soon!

*Marge*

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## PAW General Meeting September 23, 2023

The featured demonstrator on this day was Kirk DeHeer, via IRD. Previously DeHeer has demonstrated in person at PAW and is also known to several members as an instructor at Craft Supply in Utah.



DeHeer said that his focus today would be turning techniques and chucking techniques. His demonstration was clear even to a non-turner. DeHeer named each tool he picked up, told why he chose it, and described the angle to which it was ground.

As he talked, Kirk told us that Dale Nish was his first teacher/mentor. He still uses a special tool that was Nish's. One of Nish's comments still resonates with DeHeer: "Turning is very efficient carving."

At the end of his demonstration, DeHeer had produced a square bowl with a lid.



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## Christmas Ornament Workshop September 16 and 17, 2023

We are thrilled to share with you the amazing results of our first joint workshop with Yavapai College! We had 21 Prescott Area Woodturners members who participated in this awesome event, where we learned how to craft hollow form globe finial ornaments. Each participant made their own stunning ornament, using segmented wood and hollowing techniques. The mood was upbeat and friendly, with everyone exchanging tips, ideas and feedback. We forged new friendships and deepened old ones, while having a blast with our woodturning projects. It was a fantastic two days of learning and fun, and we hope all the participants loved it as much as we did!

Heidi DeFazio  
Ric Davis  
Bob Zimmerman



## Empty Bowls Event September 17, 2023

This is the culmination of months of work on the part of PAW members. We make and donate bowls all year. The line of eager participants reached around three sides of the block at Courthouse Square in



Prescott. People arrive early and patiently wait (sometimes an hour or more) in line just to get first chance at one of our wood bowls. Organizers said that the PAW bowls were gone in 30 minutes!



Monies collected at this event benefit Yavapai Food Bank.



## PAW General Meeting October 28, 2023

One of the highlights of this meeting was the visit, via Zoom, of Harper Harrell and her mother Heather Hindin. Harper is the recipient of a Beads of Courage bowl from PAW. She has over 200 beads in her bowl that commemorate procedures undergone during treatment for leukemia. They are a record of the steps leading to the achievement of her status of remission.



PAW members create bowls for Beads of Courage all year long. It was good to hear how much these bowls mean to patients.

Today's demonstrator was our own John Armstrong, our resident expert on airbrushing.



John showed and demonstrated various pieces of equipment used in airbrushing. His description of each piece of equipment always included the purchase price.

John demonstrated the use of stencils, and shared that he has collected enough stencils to fill two loose leaf binders. He concluded his demonstration by creating a sunburst effect inside a bowl.

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## Tuesday Demo October 31, 2023

This demo was at Ric Davis's shop. Walter Spencer demonstrated embellishing on turned objects. He has done this before and it proved to be very popular. Using the chatter tool is tricky but Spence had some tips for us.



**PAW Holiday Party**  
**Saturday December 2, 2023**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
**at The Center**



**1280 E. Rosser Street, Prescott, AZ 86301**

**Reservation deadline is November 18, 2023.**

**Holiday Show & Sale**

**November 11, 2023**

**Prescott Armory, 824 E. Gurley St., Prescott**

**PAW partners with Mountain Spinners & Weavers**

**Several members selling their artwork**

**Last Minute Stocking Stuffer Sale**

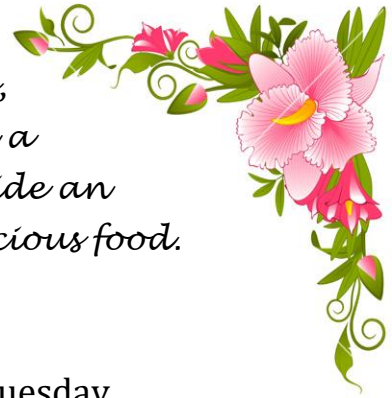
**December 16, 2023**

**The sale of your donated items benefits PAW**



## 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.*



PAW members meet at The Backburner Restaurant every Tuesday at the crack of dawn. The Woodettes choose to travel a bit later.



We met at the Backburner on September 14 for a delicious lunch and good conversation.

On October 12 we lunched at the Red Lobster. The quiet corner made for easy conversation. Isn't that what we're all about?







October 31, 2023

**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 Thursday 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](http://www.prescottareawoodturners.com).



## **ALL WOOD DUST is a known Carcinogen.**

Got yourself attention, I hope! What follows are highlights from an article on page 50 the August, 2023 issue of Fine Woodworking.

Trees produce compounds called extractives (big word of the day) that store nutrients and pesticides to fight bugs and other diseases. They are called extractives because they can be extracted, usually in water. When you make wood dust and breathe it goes into your nasal passages and lungs - moist areas that can absorb these compounds. Some are merely irritating and may cause an allergic reaction in some people. Others are toxic to everyone. Levels vary from species to species. Light colored woods are considered less harmful than dark woods, but not always. I encourage everyone to read the article or just research whatever wood you are using. Use as many levels of protection as you can. Dust collection, face mask and respirators are all good, especially when used together.

Dan Hall  
Safety Coordinator

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# 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 100 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 Bob Zimmerman, inside-out ornament
- December 2 Holiday Dinner (members only)
- December 16 Stocking Stuffer Sale

☺ Scholarship Recipient

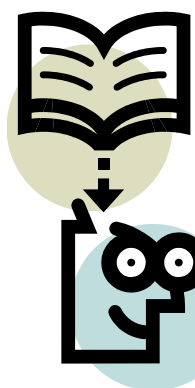
\*Interactive Remote Demonstration

## 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 DVDs 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*

In a recent email, I told our members that the list of the library materials in our PAW collection has been placed on the club website. I want to use this article to guide you through the use of that library catalog.

If you go to the Prescott Area Woodturners website, the list of library materials is listed under the tab "More Information." If you click on it, you will end up on this page:

<https://prescottareawoodturners.com/paw-library-materials/>

From that point, you can choose to search for a book or a DVD that interests you by clicking on the link on that page.

If you want to look through the books, you will end up on this page:

<https://prescottareawoodturners.com/books-by-category/> It is set up to display ten books at a time, but you can change that by clicking on another number in the "Show entries" box. (I might change it to 100 if you want to browse through all of the books in the library.) If you want to look for a certain author or artist, click on that heading and the names will appear in alphabetical order to make it easier to find out if we have a book by that author. If you prefer to look for a certain topic or category, click on that heading.

If you want to browse through the DVD list, you will end up on this page:

<https://prescottareawoodturners.com/dvds-by-category-or-author/> You would follow the same procedure as I've described for the books in order to search through the list.

If you attend the Zoom meetings of Chips 'n Grits, sometimes the participants mention a book about one of the topics being discussed. Hopefully, having this library catalog online

will give our members an opportunity to visit the website and find out if our library has that book or DVD available for checkout.

This past month, 14 items were checked out from the library. Some clubs have eliminated their libraries since they are rarely used. I'm glad that our members still find that the library is a useful resource in our club.

I have enjoyed volunteering as the librarian for the past 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  years. I've appreciated the many members who have come to talk and browse through the library during meetings. Starting in January, Heidi DeFazio will take over the role of librarian for our club. Thank you for your support of the library.

Kathy Allen, Librarian

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