

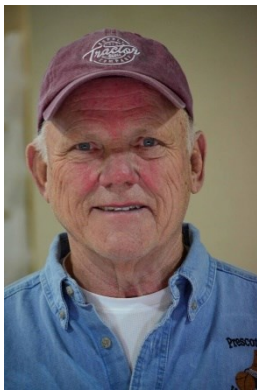
PRESCOTT AREA



WOODTURNERS

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**President's Message**



I would like to start by wishing everyone a very happy, prosperous, and creative New Year.

Our annual Stocking Stuffer Sale was held on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and according to Dennis we had a record-breaking year. I was overwhelmed by the sheer number of items we had available. Bowls, wine stoppers, Christmas Trees, Seam Rippers, and all sorts of items that the buyers were unable to live without. Thanks to all that donated and to the volunteers that made this such a successful day.

For all of you that attended our PAW Holiday dinner I think it is fair to say that a good time was had by all. I still haven't forgiven Ginnie for stealing Dean's bowl from me, but I'll work on it. For those of you that didn't join us please think about making it next year. Unfortunately, there were a few concerns and I want you to know they have been heard. All of you should have received, and hopefully completed, our survey dealing with your likes and dislikes about the event. We will take these results and form a committee to address your concerns and plan the dinner for next year. Thanks for completing the survey and giving us the data to work with.

With the holidays behind us it's time for the board to start planning for the coming year. Our next board meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January at Marge and Wayne's house located at 607 Heather Brook Rd, Prescott, Az. (If you would like to

attend, please let me know in advance so we can arrange seating for you.) We will start planning for our upcoming events and talk about how we will continue working with our charities. However, these goals require the involvement of our members. PLEASE consider volunteering, and help us keep the club running efficiently.

Unfortunately, we will be losing four of our key board members at the end of the year. Jay Loden, Jerry Shugars, Dennis Egan, and Marge Hunt will be leaving the board and they will be sorely missed. Obviously, we will need to fill these very important positions so please consider taking an active role on the club's board.

I look forward to seeing everyone at meetings and admiring all of the creative woodturnings our members make during the year.

Ric Davis

President, Prescott Area Woodturners

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\$50/member

\$60/member & spouse

**Please pay by check.**

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Or bring to a General Meeting

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## **A Note from your New Newsletter Editor**

As I was collecting pictures and putting together articles for the newsletter, I realized that I'm beginning my position as newsletter editor with the longest newsletter of the year. Many events and programs occur during November and December that need to be recorded as the news of the club. I also realized that a newsletter captures the club's history and announces upcoming events. It includes tips and advice that may be helpful to members. I learned that preparing photos for the newsletter takes a lot of time, but they capture moments that illustrate the community, friendships and learning events for PAW. I know that I have some big shoes to fill to continue the outstanding work that the previous newsletter editor has done for many years.



Marge Hunt has been the editor of the PAW newsletter since 2014 (Nine years!). During that time, there have been seven presidents who've served the club. She is definitely the longest serving member of the Board of Directors and is known to be an outstanding secretary, an efficient organizer of PAW picnics and the baker of many delicious kinds of cookies. (Those are served at Board meetings and draw many people to serve on the Board.)

She really enjoys writing and found that serving as secretary and newsletter editor gave her a way to contribute to the club. As the new guy in 2006, Wayne was originally asked to be secretary. When Marge realized that she could write a lot more details, she volunteered to take over that job and leave more time for Wayne to do woodturning.

Over the years, Marge has added many details to the newsletters as she learned to add pictures and graphics to them. At one time in the past, she said that newsletters were written monthly and she was glad when it became a bi-monthly publication. She was also glad when a member said they'd found a mistake because she knew he'd read it!

We all appreciate the many hours that she's devoted to the club. Her smile and her positive attitude always brighten the day at club meetings and events.

Now that she's retired from the newsletter, she will have more time for reading and enjoying time with family and friends. Enjoy every book, Marge!

Kathy Allen, Editor

## Holiday Sale at the Grace Sparkes Center, November 11, 2023

The annual holiday sale with the Spinners and Weavers attracted another large crowd of holiday shoppers. In fact, the PAW treasurer, Dennis Egan, reported the largest sales amount of any prior November sale.

The event was well organized by the club's Event Chair, Dean Humphrey. Sellers met on Friday to set up the tables so they were ready to present the many woodturned treasures to be sold on Saturday. This year, a large red sign made it easier for the shoppers to find the cashier table. The sellers gave each person a slip describing their purchases, and after the receipt was marked as 'paid,' the buyer collected their bagged items from the sellers. During the day, a slide show showcased the works of members of PAW and prompted an interest in woodturning. Many shoppers return each year to see the beautifully crafted wood turned items made by our members.



Participating PAW members: L-R: Marge Hunt, Ken Kissel, Barry Walter, Dan Hall, Steve Dudar, Ken Allen, Kathy Allen, Wayne Hunt, Ric Davis, Phil Brown, Carolyn Egan, Dean Humphrey, Dennis Egan, Gary Frank, Denis Lueders, Susan Kissel, John Armstrong, Ginnie O'Brien, Ray Schmelter, Mark Oglesby (Larry O'Brien was getting something from his car when this was taken.)





A few photos from the sale.





## PAW General Meeting: November 18, 2023



The November general meeting at YEI was attended by 40 members in person and four on Zoom. President Mark Oglesby presided over the meeting.

The 2024 slate for elected Board of Directors was unanimously approved by the members who were present. Those directors will be: President: Ric Davis; Vice-President: Chuck Brown; Secretary: Marge Hunt; Treasurer: Dennis Egan; Membership Director: Jay Loden and Program Director: Bob Zimmerman. All other positions on the Board of Directors are appointed.

Safety chair Dan Hall had arranged for members to see a video on spontaneous combustion of oily rags which sparked a lot of discussion. Linseed oil seems to be the most volatile. Others, like walnut oil, are flammable but not combustible. Using caution with oils in the shop was the message of the day.

Show and tell prompted questions about how members made some of their pieces. As always, it was enjoyable to see examples of creativity by our members.



Program Director Bob Zimmerman gave a demonstration on making inside-outside ornaments. In the spirit of the holidays, Zim had made several ornaments which he displayed for members. As part of his presentation, he showed how four squared pieces of wood are marked and numbered before being held together with clamps. The inside of the

ornament is turned on the lathe. Then, the pieces are separated and turned 180°. They are clamped back together so the outside can then be turned. He demonstrated shaping a part of the piece with his bowl gouge and warned that care has to be taken so that the cut doesn't break through the piece into the inside. The simplest inside-outside ornament is the four-sided one. He said that turners can be challenged to make three or six sided ornaments which requires cutting the angles of the wood before clamping them together. He uses TiteBond III for gluing and shellac or a spray lacquer for his finish.



Zim's examples of inside-outside ornaments



## Tuesday Demo, November 28th

The November 'Tuesday Demo' was held at Bob Zimmerman's house. He and Dan Hall gave a presentation on safety when using the 'other tools' in the shop, those tools that get wood ready for woodturning on the lathe. Thirteen members attended this demo.

First, Dan talked about using the bandsaw safely. He showed where to safely place your hands when maneuvering around a piece of wood and said that, if you're going to cheat, do it safely by having your hands behind the blade. He discussed what happens when a blade breaks and what sizes of blades work best for different projects. Members suggested that the best way to learn more about bandsaws is to watch the YouTube videos by Alex Snodgrass.

Then, he talked about safely using the drill press. Members were especially interested in adding foot switch pedals to their drill press after talking through the difficulties of holding a piece of wood so it doesn't spin and having a free hand to turn off the drill. He pointed out that a foot switch also improves safety at the bandsaw.

Zim then showed safe techniques for using a miter saw. The crucial safety tip is to let all saw blades stop completely after each cut.

Zim also showed a variety of push sticks and guide positions for use with the table saw. He demonstrated that the safest height of the saw blade is with the gullets barely above the piece of wood.

The primary message of the day was to pay attention, take your time and think before using the tools in the workshop.





## Holiday Party at the Center, December 2nd

The annual PAW holiday party was held at The Center on Rosser Street in Prescott. Fifty-three of our members joined the luncheon and events during the party. This was the first time the club had the party as a luncheon rather than dinner and the attendees were generally grateful to not drive after dark. The highlights of the event were the conversations with friends, the gift exchange, a drawing for more woodturning treasures and the Turner of the Year Award.



Carolyn & Dennis Egan, Chuck & Patty Brown,  
Nancy & Dan Hall, Larry & Debra Dorrell



Wayne & Marge Hunt, Rick & Chris Sommerfelt,  
Nina & Jim Muehleisen



Shirley Perryman, Sari & Bruce Butler, Linda  
Nelson, Patti & Walt Spencer, Ken Nelson, Gene  
Perryman



Dean Humphrey, Ginnie O'Brien, Janet  
Humphrey, Susan & Ken Kissel, Sally & Ken  
Kasner, Larry O'Brien



Dick Kelly, Gary & Jeanette Frank, Karel & John  
Armstrong, Karen & Steve Friedman, Mary Kelly



Mark Oglesby, Jamie & Ric Davis, Bob & Lucille  
Zimmerman, Kathy & Ken Allen



Jim & Claudia Downey, Connie & Dave Henderson, Howard & Niki Kesselman



Gifts for the Gift Exchange

President-elect Ric Davis presented a plaque to outgoing President Mark Oglesby to thank him for his service to the club during the past year.



After lunch and dessert, it was time for the gift exchange. Turners who wish to participate bring a turned ornament to the event. As tickets are drawn, each person has a choice of getting a gift from the table or stealing one that's been opened previously. Many were stolen this year which added to the laughter, or sadness, during the event. The photos below show the creativity and artistry of our woodturners in the packages that were opened.



Beautiful wood turned ornaments are unwrapped!





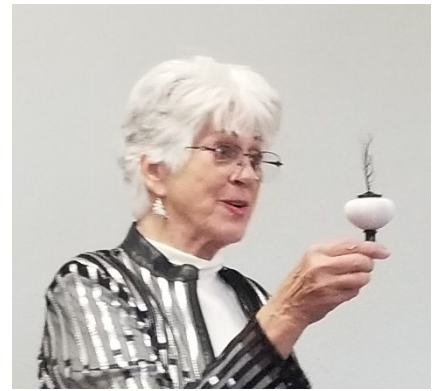
The first 'steal'



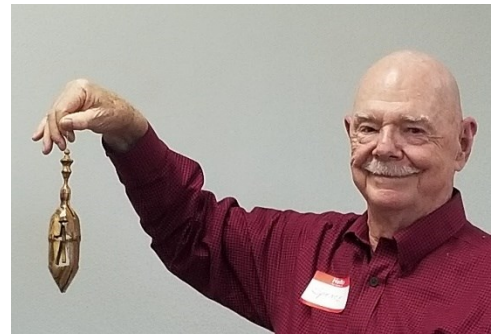
was quickly taken away by its final owner!







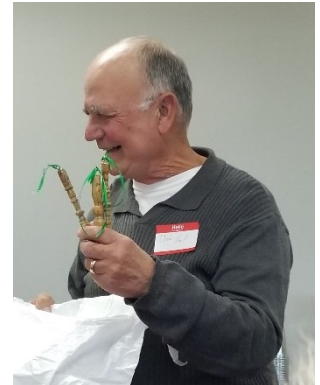
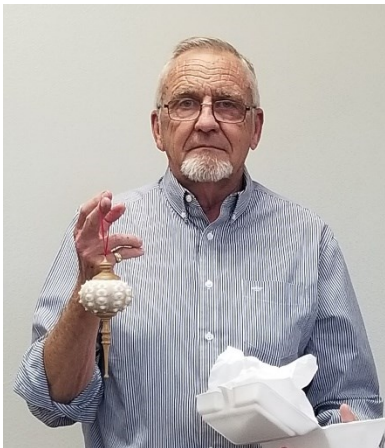
A few of the attendees had extra chances to steal or open new gifts throughout the afternoon event.







Dave didn't even make it to his seat  
before his was stolen!



And for the final gift of the event,  
Ginnie finally gets to keep one!

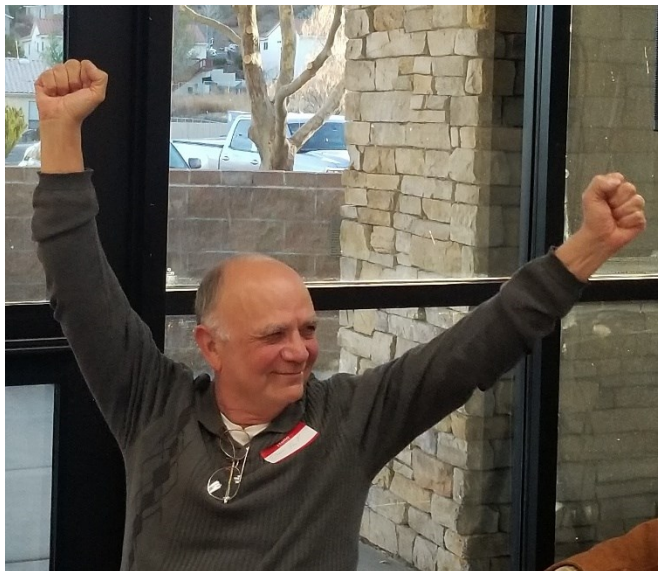
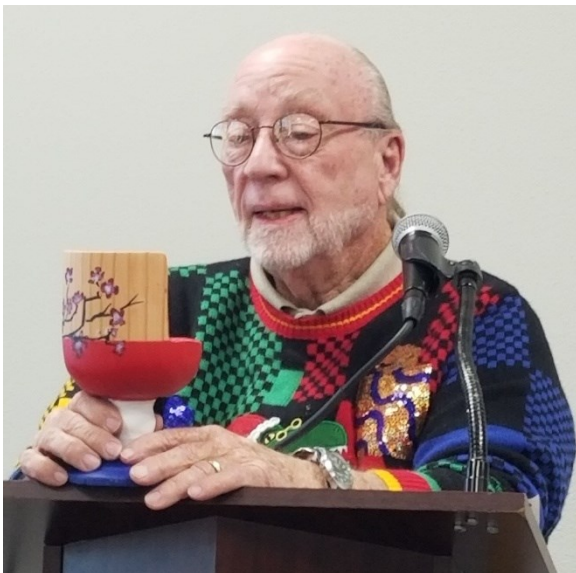


After the entertaining gift exchange, President Mark Oglesby held a drawing for some donated prizes. Many woodturners gained a new supply of wood, sandpaper or a gift card to use on projects for 2024. Mark encouraged members to express their appreciation to the vendors who were generous with the club this year.



The grand finale of the party was the presentation of the creation by John Armstrong, who was the Turner of the Year for 2023. He decided the prior trophy was full so he started another one with a goblet he made.

**Then, drumroll, the Turner of the Year for 2024 was selected. Dan Hall has that honor!**



## Stocking Stuffer Sale at Grace Sparkes Center, December 16th

The annual sale at the Grace Sparkes Center is sponsored by the Jeep Posse. This year the center was filled with nonprofit vendors. PAW has participated for many years.

This year, the members donated 350 pieces that were displayed on the three tables that Dean Humphrey had reserved for the club to use. Many pieces were sold throughout the busy day and Dennis Egan said it was one of the most profitable sales in the past few years. Many of the shoppers complimented the club on the beautiful works of art displayed. The proceeds from this sale benefits the club and opportunities to bring quality demonstrators to our meetings in person or as interactive remote demonstrations (IRDs).

The volunteers of the day were too busy to take many photos, but these do show how many pieces were donated to the event by the artistic and generous members of the club.



## **Chips ‘n Grits Discussions**

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.

Chips ‘n Grits meetings now occur on the second Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. and are coordinated by Bruce Butler. He sends an email with the Zoom link a few days before each meeting. The meetings are recorded and can be viewed at this link: [www.prescottareawoodturners.com](http://www.prescottareawoodturners.com).

If you are unfamiliar with Zoom and would like to join these discussions, visit this link on our website to learn about this process: <https://prescottareawoodturners.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Zoom-Instructions.pdf> . If you would like another member to help you learn how to use Zoom, please contact Bruce Butler or Ken Allen and they will find a Zoom mentor for you.

The November Chips ‘n Grits discussion concerned reasons and attitudes about selling the woodturners’ work. Since they frequently sell their work, David Kohler and Larry O’Brien discussed many of their reasons for selling and their experiences at different venues. The discussion clarified the difference between an art show and a craft show. Participants gave a variety of viewpoints about the club participating in local sales. The camaraderie of doing things with the club was valued by some. A benefit of the club is to support those who want to sell their work. The club benefits by displaying to the public what works of art can be made on a lathe. If you are interested in listening to this discussion, click on this link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-EnBe\\_A9M&t=6s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-EnBe_A9M&t=6s)

If you’d like to see some of the past Chips ‘n Grits discussion, you can search for “Prescott Area Woodturners Chips” or click on this link: [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=prescott+area+woodturners+chips+%26+grits](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=prescott+area+woodturners+chips+%26+grits) . You’ll see other wood chip topics but just keep scrolling to find some of the clubs’ discussions.

We look forward to more interesting topics in 2024.



## Tuesday Breakfasts at Backburner



“Will you look at all those crazy people! It is barely daylight, and there they stand, waiting in the cold for the door to open.”

**Tuesday Breakfasts** are informal gatherings 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. If you want to learn more about these gatherings, contact Ric Davis.



With the holidays, fewer members made it to breakfast, but there were still many woodturning projects to show and share.

## Woodettes Social Group



*Women, both turners and spouses of member turners, take part in a luncheon at a local restaurant on the second Thursday of each month at 11:30am. These lunches provide an opportunity to know each other, while enjoying delicious food.*

The last Woodettes luncheon for the year was held in November at Rosa's in Prescott Valley. Quilts and other crafts, travels and the coming PAW sale with the Spinners and Weavers were part of the discussion. There was a lot of encouragement for a new quilter who showed the baby quilt she's making.



Left to right: Mary Kelly, Jamie Davis, Nancy Hall, Sari Butler, Pam Jensen, Susan Kissel, Patti Spencer, Kathy Allen, Marge Hunt

As 2023 comes to a close, we've had 35 women on the email list for Woodettes and 26 women have attended at least one luncheon. We have about twelve regulars who have attended many of the luncheons. Considering all of the travel, volunteer time, and meetings with other organizations that are part of our busy lives, it's been enjoyable having so many ladies join us for lunch and keep us informed about their talents, adventures, wisdom and ideas. The friendships we've expanded through the last two years are the most valuable benefit of Woodettes. We look forward to more delicious food, laughter, and shared conversations in 2024.



The subject this month is woodworking while impaired. I'm not talking about alcohol, I hope we all know that's a no-no, but medications. I was recently given a new medication and happened to notice dizziness as a possible side effect and not to drive or use machinery if it happens. Fortunately, I haven't had a problem but it made me wonder how many of us could have this problem. All I can say is check your medications and if there's a problem, see if you can get a different medicine. There are enough ways to hurt yourself woodworking, this can be easily avoided. Be Safe.

TOTY and Safety Chair, Dan Hall

## LIBRARY NEWS



**Prescott Area Woodturners maintains an extensive library, consisting of books and DVDs with ideas and instructions useful to woodturners. Management of this resource has been assumed by Heidi DeFazio. You will find her near the tables in the back of the meeting area that display the library materials. She will be happy to check out your choice and/or to check it back in again.**



If you want to take your wood turning skills to the next level, PAW is here to help you. We have a lot of experience and knowledge to share with you, as well as a fantastic library of materials you can borrow. Whether you want to learn more about woodturning techniques tools, projects or styles, you will find something useful and interesting in our library. Don't miss the opportunity to explore and improve your woodturning skills with PAW.

Heidi DeFazio, Librarian



# PAW IS GENEROUS

## 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 to the event that occurs on the plaza in Prescott each September. Bruce Potter collects bowls during the year or members bring them to the August meeting before he delivers the bowls to the Empty Bowls organizers. The club encourages members to make several bowls each year.



## Beads of Courage

Beads of Courage, Inc. is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to improving the quality of life for children and teens coping with serious illness, their families, and the clinicians who care for them through an Arts-in-Medicine Program. Patients are given a bead for each procedure undergone; sadly, some children have enough beads for a string longer than they are tall. Over the years, PAW members have created hundreds of unique lidded containers that have been given to patients in this program, to be used to store the beads they earn.

Bruce Peek has established a relationship with the Phoenix Children's Hospital (oncology), Valleywise Health Medical Center (burn unit) in Phoenix and Duke University Hospital (oncology) in Durham, NC. He has been delivering lidded containers to these medical facilities every few months. Currently, he has twelve bowls and will be delivering five of them to Phoenix Children's Hospital on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Completed containers can be given to Bruce Peek, Ken Allen or Kathy Allen at any meeting. If you need beads, please contact Kathy Allen. Thanks to all of the members who willingly give bowls to this program.

## 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.

Jay Loden has arranged for special discounts to PAW members through a variety of vendors. Those vendors sell a range of products 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 password that is provided at the beginning of each year. New members will be given the password after they join the club.

To take advantage of these discounts, make sure your dues have been paid for the year.

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# 2024 Club Meetings and Events

Programs are subject to change as necessary. Notices will be sent by email prior to each meeting. The sales events are tentative dates for the year.

Date	Program or Event
January 27	Barry Walter: Bottle Stoppers and Ginnie O'Brien: Forstner Bit Shavings Flowers
January 30	Tuesday Demo: Walt Spencer: Wood Saver with the McNaughton Coring System
February 24	IRD: Emiliano Achaval: Calabash Bowl
March 23	Jeffery Neff: To be determined
April 27	Mary Schick: Embellishment
May 11-12	MAG Sale on Courthouse Square (tentative)
May 18	IRD: Laurent Niclot: Texturing with a Woodburner
June 22	Picnic (members only)
July 27	Tool Auction
August...whole month	Display at Prescott Library
August 3-4	MAG Sale on Courthouse Square (tentative)
August 24	To be determined
September 28	Gary Frank: Wave Bowl
October 26	IRD: Craig Timmerman: Turning a Torus Vase
November 9	Holiday Sale at Grace Sparkes Activity Center
November 16	To be determined
December 7	Holiday Luncheon (members only)
December 21	Stocking Stuffer Sale at Grace Sparkes Activity Center

\*IRD = Interactive Remote Demonstration