



January/February 2025 Newsletter

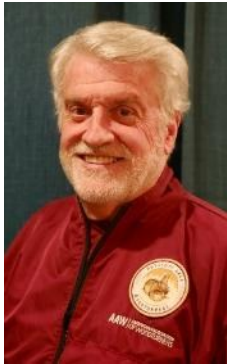
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President's Message by Chuck Brown



Happy New Year! Welcome to the Prescott Area Woodturners - 2025 Edition!

In this, my first letter to you as President of PAW, I want to thank you for this opportunity to lead this most amazing organization. I hope I live up to the trust you have placed in me and that I can lead the Club as well as my most immediate predecessor, Ric Davis. It was an absolute pleasure working with Ric as his Vice President. I truly believe Ric's leadership elevated the quality and functionality of the Club to new levels by building on the achievements of those who led the Club before him.

Each year, PAW's President is tasked with choosing a goal for his year. I plan to lead a focus on increasing member involvement and engagement in the club's many activities and events that are described in the newsletter. For example, if you haven't made it to Tuesday breakfast, I hope you will give it a try. Friendships are developed, woodturning "war" stories are shared, and successes and not-so-successful efforts are shared in a spirit of learning. The Backburner restaurant treats us like royalty and the food, provided at a discount rate, is excellent.

I think it is important to acknowledge a way that our Club is very fortunate: the availability of our monthly meeting location. YEI has for years provided us with an excellent facility to meet. (Many clubs throughout the country struggle with meeting place issues; we fortunately do not.) Historically, we have paid YEI \$1,200 for the use of their facility. At a Board meeting last year, it was unanimously agreed to increase this fee to \$2,000 per year. Ric Davis, Walt Spencer and I personally delivered the check for 2025 to Bill Loughney, YEI's

Executive Director, so that we could express our gratitude and to ensure he knew how much we support their mission.

I want to take this opportunity to thank those who have agreed to serve in leadership positions with whom I look forward to achieving even more great things.

I want to specifically recognize and extend my personal appreciation to those members who have agreed to serve in a Board of Directors position:

- Vice President Walt Spencer - member of PAW since July 2010
- Treasurer Dennis Egan - member of PAW since August 2016
- Secretary Kathy Allen - member of PAW since August 2018
- Membership Director Dave Henderson - member of PAW since August 2022
- Program Director Ken Allen - member of PAW since August 2018
- Past President Ric Davis - member of PAW since August 2021

I've been a member of PAW since March 2022, and include these members' years of club membership to point out the wide range of Club tenure in these leadership roles and hopefully inspire others to consider a future role on the Board.

I also appreciate the contributions of other volunteers. Walt Spencer and Dave Henderson have agreed to lead the New Members and Mentorship Programs to better define and enhance these two programs. If you have any ideas on what we can do to improve any of these programs for you or others, please don't hesitate to share them.

I am personally very proud of Kathy Allen and the initiative she has shown to develop a sub-group of PAW called Women in Turning which is recognized by the American Association of Woodturners. Look for more information about this group from Kathy.

Another big thanks goes to Jay Loden, our webmaster. Anyone who visits www.prescottareawoodturners.com comes away incredibly impressed with the job Jay does. Our website along with our newsletter places PAW in rare air among other woodturning clubs. I also want to thank Kathy Allen for the incredible amount of time and effort she puts into creating this very informative and complete

newsletter six times a year with lots of photos and details regarding Club doings. Not only does it create a vehicle by which current members can stay up to date on all things PAW, it creates a historical record for future Club members to look back on. We plan on sharing notes from past newsletters in upcoming newsletters so we can better appreciate the Club's legacy. We all are very fortunate to have such dedicated people take care of these communications channels.

I also appreciate the amazing job Ken Allen has done to schedule 2025's meetings and events in their entirety. Please refer to the calendar posted on the website so you can be sure you don't miss anything. Thank you, Ken!

Be sure to read Ric Davis' article about the Mike Adler Trust distribution of which PAW was named a beneficiary. This bequest will help PAW achieve and exceed its goals today and in the future. We are very fortunate that Mike thought to include us.

Last month, over 80 members and guests attended the PAW annual holiday party held at the Prescott Resort. We have received nothing but positive reviews and compliments regarding the event. Big thanks go to Ginnie O'Brien, Susan Kissel and Janet Humphrey for organizing such an amazing event. We saw amazing assorted wood turned ornaments and other items. Nice work everybody! We also received gift cards, tools, wood, etc. from TWENTY different vendors. Everybody went home with something! A list of those vendors follows in this newsletter. Be sure to support them and when you do, tell them how much you appreciate their support of our Club.

Once again, sales events are great opportunities for members to sell their work, for the Club to earn additional revenue to support Club activities and for us to spread the word about this awesome organization that we so want to share with new members. Let's not forget the members who appear at these events for the sole purpose of helping other members; that is another aspect of our Club's members that make this Club great.

My first letter as president has been long but the energy in this Club is infectious and I didn't want to miss mentioning many of the amazing things that are going on and to thank so many dedicated members. It's going to be a great year.

Have you paid your 2025 DUES?

\$50/member

\$60/member & spouse

Please pay by check or cash.

Mail to P.O. Box 12346, Prescott, AZ 86301

Or bring to a General Meeting or a Tuesday breakfast

If dues are not paid by the end of January, members will be dropped from the rolls and no longer receive emails from the club.

Per PAW Bylaws, Article III, Section 3

Mike Adler Endowment Update

Ric Davis is chairman of the Michael Adler estate committee. He was asked by Chuck Brown to give members a report on the status of the endowment to our club. On December 11, we were notified that the distribution will be made as soon as all of the parties involved have returned their notarized authorization. Our authorization was sent to the Adler attorney on December 12. The final amount is still uncertain but expected to exceed \$100,000. As soon as the funds arrive, the committee will meet and refine our goals. More details will follow after the money is received and the committee begins to meet again.

The committee is looking for a picture of Mike and is putting together a biography about Mike. If you have a photo or can contribute to the biography, please contact Ric Davis or Kathy Allen.

A Note from your Newsletter Editor

I'm quite glad that I've had one year of practice putting the newsletter together before following in Marge's footsteps and becoming the club secretary also. The two jobs both report happenings within the club but in slightly different ways. The newsletter adds photos to the record of happenings in the club while the secretarial notes give the details of general meetings and board meetings. In the past few years, the club has added more events and activities to the calendar and I've tried to include them all in the newsletter.

The secretary also handles a lot of communication for the club by collecting and forwarding emails and texts. Marge has handled that quite smoothly through the years. I will now have to be attentive to the new task of handling club emails. Since I'm also a woodturner and quilter, I only look at my emails a few times a day. Do change from sending info from Marge's email to mine (kathyall3n@gmail.com) but realize that I'll only be checking emails in the morning and the evening. A text message will get my attention more quickly if something is of importance that needs to be shared more quickly. It will take a month or two to learn all of Marge's secretarial responsibilities but hopefully it will go smoothly. Thank you for your support while I learn another job.

Switching hats to being a woodturner... In January, the WIT group will be demonstrating how they make wig stands during the January general meeting. We hope you'll join us to learn the steps for making them and perhaps make some for this cause. Since the WIT group is presenting, I was talked into also being in charge of the Tuesday demo. You will notice in the calendar that the Tuesday demo has the strange title of 'Cuts, Scrapes and Boobos.' In this case it's not a first aid course, although that might be a good idea. Instead, it's about cutting wood well and efficiently and knowing the difference between a cutting motion and a scraping motion. Walt Spencer and Dean Humphrey will be joining me in helping identify and improve those basic turning skills. And what's a boobo? We'll also learn more about avoiding catches and other 'one more cut' problems. More information will be emailed about that demo the week before this event.

Kathy Allen, Newsletter Editor

Holiday Sale at the Grace Sparkes Center, November 9, 2024

The annual holiday sale with the Spinners and Weavers attracted another large crowd of shoppers interested in the many textiles and woodturned items laid out for sale.

John Paschal and Rick Sommerfelt were the organizers this year for PAW's portion of the sales area. Many volunteers joined them on Friday afternoon to set up tables and arrange things for the sale. Fourteen PAW members brought their woodturned artwork to spread out along the tables and all were busy talking with the many interested shoppers who wandered through the Center all day on Saturday. When shoppers chose their purchases, the artist filled out a sales slip which was taken to Mark Oglesby and Susan Murphy, who were the cashiers for the day. Once the items were purchased, the buyer took the 'sold' slip back to the seller and collected their treasures. It was a great feeling to see so many wooden art pieces, bowls and ornaments find buyers who left the hall with smiles and bags labeled 'Prescott Area Woodturners.' It was another successful sales day for the members who chose to sell that day.



Sellers and volunteers: Standing: John Armstrong, Dave Henderson, Larry O'Brien, Phil Brown, John Paschal, Ken Allen, Ginnie O'Brien, Dan Hall, Denis Lueders, Gary Frank, Ray Schmelter, Chuck Brown, Rick Sommerfelt, Barry Walters. Sitting: Heidi DeFazio, Savannah Murphy, Susan Murphy, Mark Oglesby

The following photos capture some of the members and the many items for sale at that event.



PAW General Meeting: November 16, 2024

President Ric Davis called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. to give more time to adjust the sound in Zoom. The 51 members attending in person and the 3 in Zoom enjoyed the conversations with friends before the meeting. A few announcements were given including the fact that the Holiday Sale went well. Treasurer Dennis Egan handed out the checks to the sellers who were in attendance.

Ric then introduced Bruce Butler who had chaired the Nominations Committee for the club election. Bruce announced the slate of candidates for the elected positions for 2025:

President: Chuck Brown

Vice President: Walt Spencer

Treasurer: Dennis Egan with Susan Murphy as assistant treasurer

Secretary: Kathy Allen

Program Director: Ken Allen

Membership: Dave Henderson

Past President: Ric Davis

No other nominations were made and Jerry Shugars moved that the nominees be accepted. A vote was made by the membership present and in Zoom and all candidates were unanimously accepted.

Ric announced that the Turner of the Year criteria will be changing and won't be included at the holiday party. Ginnie O'Brien gave information about that party and encouraged members to send in their reservations and make their ornaments for the gift exchange.

Safety Chair Dan Hall recommended that members use caution when using space heaters in their shops during the winter. He reminded everyone that space heaters should never be left unattended. Finishes and accelerators are flammable and should never be used near space heaters.

Gary Frank talked about the upcoming Stocking Stuffer Sale and encouraged members to contribute some pieces to the sale. Since he had given the wavy bowl demonstration in September, he showed a few of his finished pieces and talked about a possible group order for veneer in the future.

Ken Allen introduced Craig Timmerman who gave an outstanding IRD (interactive remote demonstration) via Zoom on creating a Torus Vase which resembled a donut shape with a flared vase tube in the center. He used a 2" x 7" x 7 1/4" piece of mesquite for creating the vase. During his demonstration, Craig showed all of the steps for drilling both the hole in the center of the torus shape and for the hole that holds the glass tube for the flowers.



He gave many details about the tools he was using and the process of turning the shape. Initially, he mounted the blank between centers to true up the top and bottom of the piece and add a tenon. He showed how he marked the centers for drilling and for turning the shape. One of the unique tools he'd made to evaluate the torus shape was a set of cardboard templates to set along the shape as it was turned to keep it round. His technique for rounding the 'donut' well was to mark concentric lines on the inside and outside of the piece and then turn from line to line to round it. Craig repeated that process four times as he turned the round shape of the donut. His demonstration was so smoothly given that each step of this multi-axis turning project was clear. He was willing to answer any question that members asked during his presentation. If members wish to rewatch Craig's demonstration, the video will be available for 90 days with a link sent to **member's only** through an email from Ken Allen on November 20, 2024. More information about Craig can be found at his website: <https://www.armadillowoodworks.com/index.html>

After the demo, members were once again treated to Show and Tell items that had been admired before the meeting. This time there were a few that had problems such as 'just one more cut.' Upcoming President Chuck Brown invited others to bring problem pieces as well as beautiful pieces to Show and Tell. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.



Stocking Stuffer Sale, December 7, 2024

This popular sales event is held annually and is sponsored by the Jeep Posse. Many nonprofit groups display their products throughout the large room at the Grace Sparkes Center. Gary Frank was the organizer of PAW's booth at this event, which is the club's largest fundraiser for the year. The proceeds benefit club programs for the upcoming year. PAW members are generous and the donations from club members to this event filled three tables. They are also helpful and in addition to the number of items donated to the sale, many members volunteered to help with the sale. Set up is sometimes entertaining as groups work together to put up shelves, tables, the banner and set out all of the wood-turned objects. During the day, the cashiers and the gift wrap crew kept busy while others rearranged the products and talked to customers to encourage sales. Ornaments and trees were popular items, but so were the variety of bowls on display. Treasurer Dennis Egan said the club benefited from over \$1,500 in net income as one of the better stocking stuffer sales the club has had.



Standing: Kathy Allen, Gary Frank, Donna Richardson, Ken Allen, Bob Zimmerman, Ric Davis, Walt Spencer, Howard Kesselman, Dean Humphrey, Chuck Brown, Savannah Murphy, Susan Murphy Seated: Carolyn Egan, Dennis Egan, Mark Oglesby, Dan Hall

Holiday Party at the Prescott Resort, December 8, 2024

The annual PAW party was organized by a committee of planners who were Ginnie O'Brien, Janet Humphrey and Susan Kissel. In preparation for the event, they sent out invitations by mail in November. About eighty members and guests attended the party which was held at the Prescott Resort for the first time. The committee decided to include an hour of free visiting time before food was served so that attendees had time to enjoy talking with friends. A bar was set up in the room and tables were gathering areas for conversations with friends. A Christmas tree was decorating one corner and Kathy Allen took photos of couples or individuals near the tree which were emailed to members after the party. Jamie Davis gave out tickets to members who'd made ornaments for the exchange which was held after the dinner.



Attendees quickly took their seats when the salads were served. A gift bag had been left at every seat. The ornament exchange gifts are to the left in the photo.

The club's youngest woodturner, Savannah Murphy, sang a few Christmas songs to the diners. This was the first time music was included in the program of the party.



After the meal, President Ric Davis called Janet Humphrey, Susan Kissel and Ginnie O'Brien to the podium to thank them for their successful organization of the event. Everyone appreciated their work on this event.

Ric then asked Dan Hall, who had been selected as the Turner of the Year at the party in 2024, to come to the podium and talk about his project as TOTY. Dan revealed that he had made a southwestern version of Romeo and Juliet to add to a 'stage' that John Armstrong had made the previous year.



Ric explained that the Board of Directors have selected a committee to evaluate the Turner of the Year award and make it more meaningful. More information will be given to members in 2025.



He asked Ginnie to return to the podium. He wanted her to know that the club appreciates the many treats she makes for meetings and the lunches she supplies for some of the sales events. She received a gift card to Woodworker's Source as a token of appreciation for her donations.

President Elect Chuck Brown stated his thanks for all the time and dedication Ric has given the club during the past year. He appreciated Ric's direction as he learned the job he will have as President in the coming year. Chuck then presented a plaque of appreciation to Ric honoring his contributions to the club in the past year. He also shared some stories about Ric that kept the audience entertained.



The ornament exchange was next. Jamie Davis drew tickets for members who made an ornament to choose from the gifts at the table while Kathy Allen took photos. Guests voted to not 'steal' a gift this year. (Savannah appears in several photos because she chose a gift for a few people who had to leave early.)







Perhaps some of the photos will give ideas for ornaments for next year's exchange.

After the ornament exchange, Ric and Chuck held drawings for the many gift cards, wood, and tools that had been donated by twenty vendors for this occasion. See the vendor list on page 29 of the newsletter. The party ended after that event with everyone leaving with several holiday treats.

One of the spouses shared this accolade about the party that summed up the feelings of many people who attended: "best PAW party ever! Venue, food, gifts & (because of Woodettes) friends! Kudos to the planners and helping hands."

PAW Partnership with Yavapai College

By Dean Humphrey, Instructor at Yavapai College

This past semester two PAW members were guest demonstrators for the Yavapai College Woodturning program.

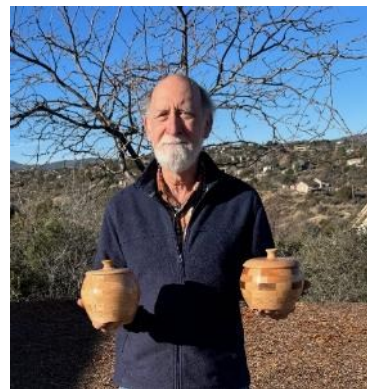
In November, Heidi DeFazio demonstrated to the morning class the process of making segmented ornaments. Students asked many questions, as Heidi did her usual excellent presentation on this fun turning exercise. Students learned that sometimes good things come in small packages as Heidi motivated many students to make ornaments and explore the Segmenting process.



Heidi explaining her process to students

Also in November, Gary Frank was gracious enough to volunteer his time for the afternoon class and demonstrated the detailed process of laying out, cutting, and gluing up segmented rings. Gary discussed design, wood selection, the importance of measuring "4 times - cut once" and how wood patterns can add character to turnings. Students took great interest in Gary's presentation as he answered many questions on "how to" and "what if". Gary's experience gave many tips for students to consider when they make their segmented pieces.

Gary with two segmented pieces he made for Beads of Courage





Chips 'n Grits Discussions

Moderated by Bruce Butler

(Wood chips, not potato chips and sanding grits, not hominy grits!)



On Thursday, November 14th, Bruce led a discussion about the ways to mount difficult pieces of wood on a lathe. A few of the members showed pictures of burls and pieces with many holes and also held up some holey pieces of wood during the discussion. Cactus Juice Stabilizing Resin was suggested as a stabilizing agent that can help with punky wood. A vacuum system draws the solution into the punky wood that's been placed in a pot. Then it's placed in an oven (not of the kitchen variety) at 200° F for 2 hours. Another step would to add resin in a pressure pot if resin is desired to help the project. When a certain piece of wood was shown, two points of view were voiced: 1) There's too much good wood to turn bad wood like that! 2) That's the beginning of a piece of artwork! Since resin is often used for filling holes or gaps in wood, one of the members suggested that Sprague Woodturning videos are helpful.

(<https://www.youtube.com/c/SpragueWoodturning>) For more details about this discussion, see the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FsbHrFNNEjI>.

Chips 'n Grits Discussions are held through Zoom on the second Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. Bruce Butler is the moderator, and he sends out a Zoom link for those discussions a few days before this event occurs.

During 2025, Chips 'n Grits discussions will be held on: January 9th, February 13th, March 13th, April 10th, May 8th, June 12th, July 10th, August 14th, September 11th, October 9th, and November 13th.



Friday, November 15, 2024 Workshop

The WIT group met at Kathy Allen's shop for a workshop on woodturning angel ornaments which was led by Sally Kasner. She was very organized and had prepared 2"x2"x4" maple blanks and a set of instructions for the project. She demonstrated the steps to the group and then each member took a blank to lathe to turn the angels. Sally gave suggestions as needed as each angel was turned.



The group uses three lathes and turn, watch, suggest, encourage and learn together by taking turns at those lathes. In addition to turning, the women also learned how to use several tools safely while doing the project. Ken Allen, who is a PAW mentor, provided some safety lessons on tools that the women began to use in the shop while making the angels. He gave guidance on how to use the tools safely and proficiently. In this case, the disc sander and the belt sander were used to shape the wings and the angel's head for placing a halo or hat. In addition, many of the women used the Burnmaster for the first time in signing their work. In attendance were: Sally Kasner, Kathy Allen, Donna Richardson, Susan Murphy, Savannah Murphy, Heidi De Fazio and Violet Mitchell-Enos.



Friday, December 13, 2024 Workshop

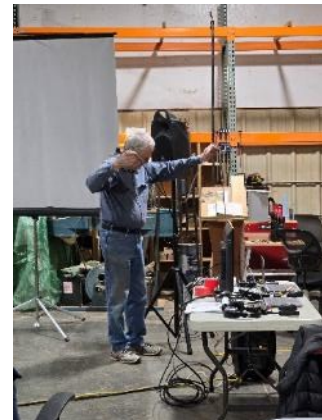
The WIT group met at Yavapai College for a hands-on workshop on bowl making. Dean Humphrey, who teaches at the college, had arranged for the ladies to use the lab for this event since it was helpful that each person have a lathe to practice the techniques that were taught that day. Chuck Brown had made and contributed laminated bowl blanks from oak or cherry that were used by the ladies to practice bowl making skills. The group appreciated both Dean's and Chuck's support for this workshop.

Kathy Allen led the workshop and taught the group some techniques for turning the outside of a bowl and then showed a method for hollowing the inside of a bowl that she'd learned from another WIT member from San Francisco, Tina Chou. Tina had taken a class from David Ellsworth and shared the technique with Kathy who, in turn, shared it with our PAW WIT members. The technique results in an arc in the inside of the bowl that avoids 'dead man's corner.' The photos show members turning at the lathe and some bowls that were completed during the workshop. In attendance were Kathy, Jeanie Sharp, Sally Kasner, Susan Murphy, Savannah Murphy, Violet Mitchell-Enos, Heidi DeFazio and Susan Kissel.



Behind the Scenes at PAW

Each month members meet at Yavapai Exceptional Industries (YEI) for a general meeting that usually includes conversations with friends, announcements, a demonstration given by members or professionals and show and tell items. When members arrive on Saturday morning, the area has been set up with screens, cameras, speakers, computers, tables and other items that make the meeting run smoothly (or as smoothly as the technology works that day!) In order for that to happen, a group of volunteers meet on Friday evening to set up the meeting place and set the many wires and technical equipment in place. Thanks are extended to this group that give extra time to PAW to make monthly meetings happen.



Jerry Shugars has been camera man for the club for many years and passed his keys and knowledge to Steve Friedman who is now filling that position.



Member Profiles

We're debuting a new feature with the PAW newsletter for January/February. We will pick two members (one with over five years and one with under one year membership) and ask them five questions to help us get to know them better.

Dean Humphrey (a member for eight years)



1. What has been your woodturning journey?

I started turning on my dad's Shop Craft lathe that had a wood base, a huge motor connected to a long belt and 4 step pulley. I was about 13 when I made my first table legs for a burl table for my mom. In high school we made bowls and clubs (for fishing) using a roughing gouge, scraper and 80 grit sandpaper. Life got in the way but 18 years ago I found a used Delta lathe and the turning bug hit me.

2. What aspect of the Prescott Area Woodturners club do you value the most?

For me I wanted to learn more about wood turning and meet people who sought similar goals and friendship. I feel PAW gives me the friendship I sought, and I have learned from many members during my time as a member.

3. What was your career journey?

In Jr. High I was fortunate to have a great shop teacher and it was then I decided I wanted to be a shop teacher. I did meet that goal and for 11 years enjoyed teaching High school and adult night classes in woodworking and construction trades. Due to closure of hands on "blue collar" programs, my career path changed dramatically and for 24 years I was a school transportation director. I have had many short-term job titles but I seemed to always come back to the field of education.

4. Can you share with us an interesting fact about you that most of us don't know?

I won "Best male dancer" on a cruise from Tahiti to Bora Bora. I once had a job as a Pin Chaser in a bowling alley.

5. When you are not wood turning, what do you like to do?

I enjoy working in our yard, “Hanging” with Janet my wife, designing and building one-of-a-kind furniture projects in my shop and passing onto my grandsons shop stuff my dad taught me. I like teaching too!

Dan Craighead (member since May 2024)



1. What has been your woodturning journey?

High school woodshop and books & videos.

2. What aspect of the Prescott Area Woodturners club do you value the most?

The turners are willing to help one another, also I like the charity work that PAW does.

3. What was your career journey?

Custom home builder for 10 years. Crane operator for 35 years. Largest Crane operated was 900 tons.

4. Can you share with us an interesting fact about you that most of us don't know?

People used to ask me if I was Stan Lee, the American comic book writer.

5. When you are not wood turning, what do you like to do?

Walking, Skeet Shooting, and spending time with my family and friends.

Member Anniversaries

This year in the newsletter we are honoring the membership of our club by giving a 'shout out' to the years our members have been devoted to woodturning and the friendships within this group. Throughout the year, there will be a list of members and the number of years they've been invested in this club. This edition will include those who joined during any January or February.

Joined in January:

2016: Nine years of membership: Phillip Bird, Jim Opdahl, Guy Roberts

2017: Eight years: Gerry Allen, Ray Schmelter

2018: Seven years: Carolyn Egan, Dave Madden

2019: Six years: Bill Lieske, Susan Murphy, Savannah Murphy, Larry O'Brien, Ginnie O'Brien

2022: Three years: Jeff Lott

2023: Two years: Jim Downey, Wolf Lawrenz

2024: One year: Dwayne Dargatz, Mike Lening, Charlie Pruitt

Joined in February:

2017: Eight years: Dean Humphrey

2019: Six years: Mike Mitchell

2020: Five years: Sally Kasner

2023: Two years: Violet Mitchell-Enos

We don't often stop and think about how long we've had some interests and friendships.

Tuesday Breakfasts at Backburner

Tuesday Breakfasts are informal gatherings of PAW members who chat over good food. Topics range from current projects to problems or new-found solutions. Breakfast goers can be found at the Backburner Restaurant in Prescott Valley at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. If you want to learn more about these gatherings, contact President Chuck Brown.

The wonderful staff at Backburner, particularly Jamie and Tanya, know what kind of drink the regulars like and rapidly bring the drinks to the table when the group arrives. After some coffee and conversation, orders are taken for 'the usual' or something new.

The kitchen staff are quickly setting up for the day while these 'early birds' are lined up in the cold waiting for the door to open.



The conversations, shared projects, friendships and common interests in woodturning make Tuesday breakfasts a valuable part of the PAW community events. Chuck encourages more members to join the group at Backburner each week.



One Tuesday in December, L-R: Ken Nelson, Gary Frank, Mark Oglesby, Charlie Pruitt, Bruce Potter, Bob Zimmerman, Dan Hall, Dave Henderson, Chuck Brown, Walt Spencer, Ric Davis, Ken Allen, Kathy Allen, Bruce Butler

Woodettes Social Group

Women, both turners and spouses of member turners, gather for a luncheon on the second Thursday of each month at 11:30am. These lunches provide an opportunity to know each other, while enjoying delicious food. This year, the group has met at restaurants some months and began to occasionally meet at member's homes for a luncheon buffet.

For the last luncheon of 2024, the Woodettes met at Jamie Davis' home for a chili, cornbread and salad meal with many desserts to enjoy afterwards. As usual the conversation, sharing time and friendship were the highlights of the day. Several members have been traveling and shared their adventures. A few have been working on house projects. And, the group heard about the publication of Mary Kelly's book. Some members plan to buy a copy from her in January.

Kathy Allen has been coordinating Woodettes meetings. Starting in January, Marge Hunt will be the organizer for this group. The group looks forward to enjoying another year of friendship in 2025.



Left to right: Patty Brown, Jamie Brown, Marge Hunt, Nancy Hall, Carolyn Egan, Kathy Allen, Niki Gean, Mary Kelly, Sari Butler (and the 4-legged friends: Maizie and Cody)



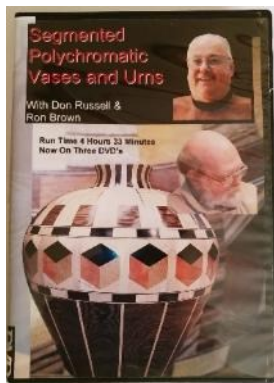
Yada, Yada, Yada

I'm going to end the year with some "I knew better but did it anyway" stories. Names will not be used. You know who you are. Someone tried to use a forstner bit on a drill press without securing the work resulting in some damaged fingers. Another successfully cut one piece of round stock on the bandsaw by hand and had started to cut another when the blade grabbed it from his hands. More finger pain. Lastly, while mounting a sixteen-inch platter blank on a friend's larger lathe, it was not noticed that the speed was left on as high as it goes. Result was a destroyed blank, some cabinet damage and bruised ego. Safety is a constant struggle and we all use shortcuts sometimes. Just think about what could happen.

Dan Hall, Safety Chair and TOTY

LIBRARY NEWS

Happy New Year to all my wonderful woodturning friends! As we embark on this brand-new year, why not dive into some exciting new woodturning designs? Segmented turning offers endless opportunities to unleash your creativity, and guess what? The PAW Library is stocked with incredible resources to help you get started.



One gem you definitely need to check out is the 'Segmented Polychromatic Vases and Urns' DVD featuring Don Russell and Ron Brown. This DVD is a treasure trove of knowledge, teaching you how to craft stunning "Dot Flower" designs that look beautifully intricate. And here's the best part the dot patterns are cleverly created using forstner bits and plug cutters.

Many of us are familiar with using a wedgie sled for cutting segments and this video reveals another method. You'll see how to master segmented cuts using a radial arm saw and even learn how to calculate and fine-tune your angle cuts with precision.

Swing by the PAW Library at the next general meeting to check out the 'Segmented Polychromatic Vases and Urns' DVD, along with a plethora of other amazing materials. Let's make this year the most creative one yet!

Heidi DeFazio, PAW Librarian

Upcoming Symposiums



OREGON WOODTURNING SYMPOSIUM



Several members attended the Oregon Woodturning Symposium in 2022 in Albany, Oregon and recommend this event which is offered every other year. The 2024 symposium will be held March 14-15 in Albany. For information about this event, go to <https://www.oregonwoodturningsymposium.com/>.



The AAW international symposium will be held in St. Paul, Minnesota on June 12-15, 2025. **Please notify President Chuck Brown if you plan to attend.** If he has at least five members who plan to attend, each person can get \$40 off their registration fee for that symposium. He will need to request a code from AAW to get a discount for each person attending and can request this chapter group discount until June 11th. However, participants need to register by April 11th to get the early bird rate. Go to <https://www.aawsymposium.org/> for more information about this event.

PAW IS GENEROUS

Empty Bowls

Empty Bowls is a fundraiser for local food banks, for which local ceramic and wood artisans donate "empty" bowls. Last year, PAW and Yavapai College worked together to produce 252 bowls to contribute to the Empty Bowls event. Bruce Potter will continue collecting empty bowls that are made throughout the year by our members for the event that will be held in September.

Beads of Courage

Bruce Peek is the coordinator of Beads of Courage for our club. He will be donating some of the donated containers to Phoenix hospitals during January and February.

Some new members asked to have details on the criteria for making these containers. (Source: <https://beadsofcourage.org/beat-bowls/>)

Dimensions: Interior for turned boxes: 6" diameter (5" min.), 5" height (4" min.)
Interior for flatwork boxes: 4"x6"x4" **Base and lids:** Box bases should be wide enough so the box is stable and does not tip over easily. 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. **Finishes:** Bowls must be safely sealed (polyurethane suggested). Please use a safe finishing process without toxic materials. Bowls that have not been properly sealed can harbor mold which is dangerous to our members 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.

Our club provides beads and cards to members who make these. See Kathy Allen for those supplies. She will collect containers for Bruce at any meeting.

Supporting Vendors and Member Discounts

The vendors listed below supported us during our recent holiday party.

Please support the following vendors who support us:



A list of the vendors who give discounts to members and how to take advantage of the discounts can be found on our website at this link:

<https://prescottareawoodturners.com/discounts/> 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.

Upcoming 2025 PAW Club General 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.

Monthly general meetings are held at Yavapai Exceptional Industries (YEI) located at 6708 Corsair Avenue in Prescott. The meetings begin at noon, but members often gather early for friendly chats and admiration of the Show and Tell table. Please bring a chair when you come to the meeting.

Tuesday demos are held at a variety of locations. Watch for email announcements about each month's events. Tuesday demos are often an extension of the general meeting topics and give members a chance to ask questions or learn more about the topic.

Date	Program or Event
January 25th	Women in Turning group: Making a Wig Stand
January 28 th	Tuesday Demo: Kathy Allen: Cuts, Scrapes and Booboos
February 22nd	IRD: Laurent Niclot: Woodburner Texturing
February 25 th	Tuesday Demo: Dan Hall: Woodburning

*IRD = Interactive Remote Demonstration

The online calendar for the Club can be found at
<https://prescottareawoodturners.com/calendar-test/>