



PAW General Meeting 2024-04-27

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Prescott Area Woodturners met at 6708 Corsair in the Prescott Airpark on Saturday April 27, 2024. 44 attended in person and 4 via Zoom. There were 5 guests.

President Ric Davis called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Ric welcomed everyone, and asked Jay to introduce our guests. Jay reported that we now have 86 members.

Treasurer Dennis Egan announced that we were able to add \$562 to our Treasury from sales made at the Prescott Farmers Market.

Ric talked, again, about the need for volunteers. We need someone **soon** to be the coordinator of the November sale with the Spinners and Weavers. The Coordinator will only be working on this one event, but – if there is no one who steps up, we will not be able to take part.

Ric announced that, as of today, there are 17 members of PAW who will attend the AAW Symposium in May, but there is still time to sign up.

Totals for the Empty Bowls competition are: 71 from PAW and about 27 from the Yavapai College wood turning class.

The tool given to us from Simple Tools has been handed to another member for evaluation.

Donations of containers to Beads of Courage continue to be accepted. Kathy Allen has identifier beads to insert on your container.

Howard Kesselman said that he has been approached by a widow who has many pieces of new equipment for sale. Contact Howard for a list.

Safety Coordinator, and Turner of the Year, Dan Hall discussed storage of finishing products. Since many are flammable, they should be kept away from fire, sparks, or intense heat. If stored in a cabinet, there must be air flow.

Program Director Bob Zimmerman introduced Mary Schick, who came to use from the Pheonix club. She told us that she would demonstrate Pyrography, but that she would first go over some safety reminders. Pyrography requires good ventilation; work outdoors if the weather allows, or use a fan. Also, use a good mask, with ventilation and well fitted to the face. Work only on untreated wood.

Mary said she understood that wood turners make objects that are "round and brown", but that pyrography enhances the pieces, as shown in examples she brought. She talked about the three types of pyrography and distributed a handout with details.

How to start? Mary suggested practice on a flat board, perhaps creating a Sampler of designs made by various tips. She said wood with tight grain works best. Patterns can be found by Googling "Line Drawings", then transferring the drawing to graphite paper.

Mary demonstrated burning a simple leaf design that used two arcs the shape the leaf, then added veining. Mary uses this design to fully cover an object, much like the way a handful of leaves would fall. After applying gesso as a base, she then painted the design with acrylic paints in varying shades of green. She passed a handsome bowl she had finished in this all-over leaf design. She used four light coats of spray lacquer to finish the piece.

When Mary concluded her demonstration, we thanked her for her clear and thorough descriptions of her work.

President Ric Davis announced that the Tuesday Demo, scheduled for April 30, would be at his shop, beginning at about 8:30. There is no specific subject for this day.

Bruce Butler, via Zoom, said that the next Chips & Grits Zoom meeting would be held on May 9. The discussion will be on the demonstrations attendees will want to see at the AAW Symposium.

Larry O'Brien talked about the sale on Courthouse Square the weekend of May 11 and 12. Larry said there were 8 sellers so far, and a list of folks who will demo. As of this day, there were no requests for shared selling space.

Show & Tell followed. This time is always a delight.

Ric Davis announced that the next General Meeting would be on May 18 (date is adjusted for Memorial Day), when we will watch an IRD by L. Nicklot.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marge Hunt, Secretary