

## PAW General Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2025

The Prescott Area Woodturners met on Saturday, April 26th, 2025 at YEI, 6708 Corsair Avenue in Prescott. The meeting was attended by 47 members and four guests in person and five members on Zoom for a total of 56 attendees.

President Chuck Brown called the meeting to order at noon. Membership Director Dave Henderson stated that the club has 110 members and introduced the guests who were attending.

Kathy Allen introduced Kate Hanni who is the Manager of Philanthropy for the YRMC Foundation. The club now has a partnership with the Foundation to supply wig stands for patients who lose their hair due to chemotherapy. Kate shared her gratitude to club members for their generosity in making wig stands. She is a cancer survivor and shared a bit of her own experiences and her heartfelt appreciation for our club. The WIT group had previously given her about twenty wig stands and six have already been given to some patients. Kate shared a note from one of the chemo patients who was so thankful that a community member cared enough to use their time and talent to make a beautiful wig stand. It made her smile at a really difficult time.

Kathy also shared that Sally Kasner will become the new WIT liaison starting in May.

Ken Allen, the club program director, introduced professional woodturner Dave Landers who gave an IRD (interactive remote demonstration) on an upside-down hollowing technique that resulted in a small opening at the top of a hollow form. During his demo, Dave showed each step from placing his 4"X6" silver maple piece on the lathe, laying out the form of the shape and demonstrating the hollowing process. Along the way, he showed some of the adapted tools that he uses. For example, he designed a blue wooden 'elephant' with the inside of legs giving the tenon size, the outside of the legs the size of a mortise and a mark that showed the depth of the jaws. It was blue so it could be found on the floor more easily among the wood shavings.

Dave showed a drawing of the project so the audience could see the form and the plug that would be made during his demo. He made some alignment marks from top to bottom so he could later match the grain. He made a tenon on both ends of the piece and parted off the bottom that would be made into a plug. Dave showed how to determine the length to drill through the piece to begin the hollowing process. He emphasized ergonomic movements when using his hollowing tool and proprioception when measuring the opening with his fingers.

After he hollowed out the form, he placed the plug in the chuck so he could shape it to fit into the bottom and make it appear that it had always been one piece. After gluing it in place, he made a recess along the glue line to hide it. He then mounted the piece between a PVC pipe and piece of foam on the headstock and a cone on the tailstock to finish the outside of the shape. It was an excellent demo with many techniques explained along the process. Dave will send the link to the recording and a handout to Ken who will send it to members by email. Dave put no time limit of the use of the recording as long as it was available only to members.

During the break, members who'd made wig stands posed for a photo with the 35 wig stands that had been made and donated to the YRMC Foundation. That photo will be in the newsletter and shared with Kate Hanni and the hospital team. We look forward to donating more wig stands to this local charity in the future.

Assistant Treasurer Susan Murphy said the club netted about \$550 during the Farmers Market to add to the club operating fund.

Ric Davis, Ken Allen, Walt Spencer and Chuck Brown gave a presentation to the members about purchasing an audio video upgrade to the club's system since gremlins attack during every meeting. Ric stated that they were requesting members' approval on building a workable system from the ground up. Ken gave some history on the current equipment. While he was president at the end of Covid, he cobbled together the club's equipment in such a way that the club was able to start having Zoom meetings and keep the club together. He used his own computer until the club could purchase one, but the system doesn't all work well together which is evident from the monthly sound or video problems. Spence stated that he's been a member since 2010 and watched how the system has worked marginally at times and is embarrassing to the members like Ken who try to make it work. He said that the club bequest from Mike Adler allows the club to purchase a replacement if the members would give their approval. Ric asked for member approval to spend up to \$10,000 on this purchase of equipment. Chuck fielded some questions from members then the group asked for a vote. A motion was made by Sharon Lyons to give approval to spend up to \$10,000 to improve the audio-visual system and build a storage area for the equipment. Bob Zimmerman seconded the motion. The members at the meeting passed the motion with the majority giving 'aye' votes and one 'no' vote. The motion passed and the committee will continue researching the best possible equipment at a reasonable price to meet the club's needs.

Dan Hall's safety minute was focused on wearing appropriate clothing and shoes while turning even in the hot summer temperatures. As a farrier in the past, he broke several toes and doesn't advise dropping tools on bare feet.

Ken Allen said the Tuesday demo on April 29<sup>th</sup> will be given by Jerry Shugars at Ric Davis's shop, 4826 N. Yorkshire Loop, PV at 8:30 a.m. Jerry will be giving his own observations, suggestions and advice on doing upside down hollowing. Next month will be the picnic and a Tuesday demo which will be given by Walt Spencer.

Larry Dorrell shared an interesting story about a 5,000 lb., 1890 Patten lathe that he and Jim Dotseth had been able to use. They spent two days playing on the lathe, which was run by a tractor, to turn a 36" X 1 foot piece of white oak into a small bowl. He also showed a ring cut from a 350-year-old tree that was large enough for two men to stand inside.

Susan Kissel asked if anyone was willing to make a donation for a Yavapai College tech who was retiring soon.

Chuck relayed a message from Larry O'Brien about the May MAG sale on the plaza in Prescott. It is held on May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and Larry would appreciate having about two more sellers, three

more demonstrators and a lot of tops to be given away to children at the event. Phil Brown asked if the club owned turning tools that demonstrators could use since they are so heavy to carry to the plaza. Chuck will add that to the Board of Directors agenda since it would be helpful for the club to own tools for these events.

Chuck reminded members that the club decided to contribute 125 bowls to Empty Bowls by September and the college has agreed to make 25. He has some blanks to give to people who would like to use them for this purpose. Contact Chuck if you would like one.

Marge Hunt said that Woodettes are still meeting on the second Thursday of each month for lunch. Contact her for information. The invitation for the PAW picnic on May 17<sup>th</sup> was emailed to members on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. A maximum of 80 people can attend so it's important to RSVP to Marge soon.

Dusty Jones had some African sumac for sale and had it on display. If interested in any pieces, contact Dusty.

Ric Davis stated that the location had changed for the Jim Muehliesen tool sale on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to his house at 4826 N. Yorkshire Loop in Prescott Valley. The sale will be held from 9-12.

Ric also asked for help with putting things away after meetings. He'd put together a list of things that need to be done at the end of each meeting and asked for members to sign up for jobs. If anyone wants to help with setup, the crew usually starts at 10 a.m. on meeting days.

Chuck Brown brought up the issue of finding people to do the jobs that keep the club running smoothly. At the June meeting, he will have a list of the approximately 40 positions for volunteers to fill within the club. He urged everyone to think of ways they can contribute to the club. Chuck also checked with members to see if they are comfortable opening emails and attachments. He reminded members that he's willing to help anyone who'd like to learn those skills.

Show and Tell was another opportunity to see and learn from the projects members show that they've made. After Show and Tell, there were four drawings with the Wheel of Fortune for prizes. Members who'd worn their name tags and stayed for the whole meeting were eligible to win.

Chuck adjourned the meeting at 3:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Allen, Secretary