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WOODTURNERS

2024 Newsletter

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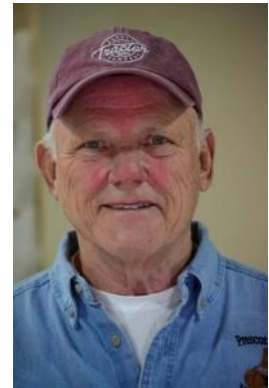
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President's Message

Ric Davis

President, Prescott Area Woodturners



As we reach the halfway mark of 2024, we're starting to feel the warmth of the season, which we're all quite used to by now. There's still plenty of excitement ahead, so stay tuned and continue to join us for the fun.

AAW Symposium in Portland

Last month, 17 members from the Prescott Area Woodturners attended the AAW symposium in Portland, Oregon. Needless to say, it was a fantastic time filled with learning and camaraderie. If you're considering attending a symposium, I strongly encourage you to do so. They are incredibly informative and provide a great opportunity to meet other AAW members.

Generous Contribution from the Mike Adler Estate

In other exciting news, the Prescott Area Woodturners recently received a very generous contribution of \$100,000 from the Mike Adler estate. The board and the endowment committee are currently deliberating on how best to use these funds to ensure the long-term health and welfare of our club.

Empty Bowls Competition Update

I recently spoke with Bruce Potter about the status of our Empty Bowls competition. We currently have about 75 bowls, with more commitments yet to come. We have not yet heard from Yavapai College, but I am confident they will make a generous donation, potentially setting a new record for our Empty Bowls charity. Many thanks to all who have

donated their work to this worthy cause. For those who are not aware, the proceeds from these bowls go to local food banks to help feed those in need.

Upcoming Events

As I mentioned earlier, we still have many exciting activities ahead:

July Meeting Tool Auction: Our annual tool auction will take place at our July meeting. There's still time to go through your shop and get rid of the items you no longer use. Just think, with all that money you can go out and buy new stuff.

August Meeting Demonstration: Ken Allen will be demonstrating his skills with basket illusion which is followed by the **September Meeting Demonstration:** Gary Frank, will once again showcase his wave bowl technique.

You won't want to miss these demonstrations, so make plans to attend and join in the fun!

Thank you all for your continued participation and support our club. Let's make the rest of 2024 just as memorable as the first half!

Partnership with Yavapai College

One of President Ric Davis's goals is to develop a greater partnership with Yavapai College and especially give support to the woodturning class taught by member Dean Humphrey.

Recently, the college made a video of one of Dean's students, Donna Richardson, who is also a member of PAW. In the video, she explains what she's learned about design and making a bowl in the class. Her video can be seen by copying and pasting this address in your browser.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/16IZwPlcVjd57VYS93l-TC3Box9oM-wZC/view?usp=drive_link

A Note from your Newsletter Editor

One day as I was sitting at a Tuesday breakfast waiting for the food to arrive, I had a conversation with one of our members that was quite interesting. As he looked around the table at the PAW members attending breakfast that day, he said that he knew everyone was a woodturner and he'd heard about their fishing or camping trips, but he didn't know much else about everyone. Recently, I remembered that conversation and thought that it would be interesting to know more about the many friends that have become like family in this club.

So, if you are willing, send me an email in the next week or two and I'll start collecting a list of occupations or careers that have been part of the lives of our members. I don't intend to put names with the list, but it would be interesting to know how many skills or interests besides woodturning and sanding (and more sanding...) are hidden in our club. If you've had many jobs, what was your favorite? If you were an engineer, what kind or what project was your specialty? If you were in the restaurant business, what kind of food did you make? If you are or were an artist, what talent area do you have? You can send a few words or give some details if you want to do so. And, if you were in the military, which branch did you serve?

In the September newsletter, I'll share the list I collect from our members. As I said, I won't post it with names and it will be just a list. I imagine there are and were many careers and occupations that have influenced the skills of the woodturners in our club.

If you want to share your job experience, please email me at kathyall3n@gmail.com.

Thanks!

Kathy Allen, Newsletter Editor

PAW General Meeting: Saturday, May 18, 2024

This meeting was cancelled since the YEI facility was unavailable. YEI participated in the Spring Home and Garden show at the Findlay Center and needed their shop area for the event. The Board of Directors will work with YEI when planning next year's calendar so that our meeting and their involvement in the show won't conflict. The club appreciates all of the effort put into cleaning YEI in preparation for our meetings and respect their need to use that area for the garden show event preparation.

Tuesday Demo, May 21, 2024

Sixteen members attended a meeting at Bob Zimmerman's shop to show and discuss problems with some turning projects. Some of the benefits of this club are the willingness of members to contribute ideas for fixing problems, suggest things that do and don't work well, and give good-natured constructive advice with some humor attached.

Dan Hall brought a four-legged, four-cornered inset bowl with a wipe-on poly drip that he didn't like. Other members have had difficulty with drips with both spray and wipe-on polypropylene even when sanding from both directions. Most people wouldn't notice the drip and suggestions like sanding that small area and blending it or embellishing it to cover it could be done, but most people said to leave it. Of greater concern and discussion was that the four legs on back would be 'knuckle knockers' when sanding or turning the back.



Mark Oglesby had two pieces to show. One was a 'firewood' bowl that was recovered from Spence's trash. Mark had added resin to repair the holes in it but regretted opening up one crack too much with a router. The resin in that area didn't work as well but members suggested filling that one with colors more complimentary to the wood itself like



copper. The other piece was a mesquite bowl that Ric had turned too far at the bottom so that it flexed like a tambourine. Members suggested a pedestal that would fit into the mortise at the bottom and give it strength. Mark was commended for recovering 'lost pieces' and making them into nice pieces.

Dennis Egan showed a few pieces he'd made and wanted advice on finishing them. One was a lidded box that ended up as a funnel with a hole in the bottom. A pedestal was again suggested as a way to fill the hole and give some lift to the piece. During discussion, it was pointed out that pedestals can vary in height and design to compliment the rest of the piece. Bob Z also showed a way he'd filled a hole in a platter he'd made.



Joel Brooks brought a vase with a beaded section and an area of bark that didn't sand as smoothly as the other parts of the piece, even when sanding to 600 grit. It was suggested to fill that area over the bark with medium CA glue and then sand since it would fill the fibers. Using shellac or a wood sealer would protect the other wood areas. Ken Allen had been successful with using Star Bond accelerator under the CA since it stops the movement of the CA into the wood.

Dave Henderson brought an acacia stump with a crotch and wanted advice on how to cut it to make a large salad bowl. How should it be cut to get the most pieces out of the approximately 18" tall stump? Members advised that he mark a circle to visualize the size of the blank for turning and mark both the top and bottom of the ends to guide a straight cut through the piece on a band saw with a large blade. Splitting it from end to end would provide two bowl blanks and preserve more of the crotch in the pieces. Pete Lang had brought in a large salad bowl which gave an idea of a similar finished product.



The evaluations of the day ended with some advice on Pete's bowl. His mortise was wide and members suggested angling the inner edge to make it less evident that it was turned with a mortise.



Once again, turners learned from other turners and gained new ideas.

Mother's Day Fine Art Festival Sale: May 11th & 12th, 2024

The Mountain Artist Guild sponsors this festival each May on the Plaza in Prescott and Prescott Area Woodturners participate as a vendor. Larry O'Brien volunteered to be the coordinator for this event and he did an outstanding job of organizing it. PAW was given the same location that has worked well for our club in the past near the corner of Gurley and Montezuma Streets. In addition to the tents for the sellers, MAG allows the club to have a demonstration tent and many of the plaza wanderers stop for a demo and move on to explore the items for sale by the members who choose to participate in the sale.

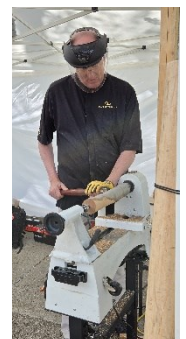
Eight of our members chose to sell their woodturned products during the sale and filled the booth with many beautiful items. Eight of our members chose to do demonstrations during the sale hours and made bowls, tops, rolling pins, tulips and other items to catch the attention of the passing crowds. In addition, two members actively collected money at the sales table and many others came to help with setup, takedown and other tasks. Larry appreciated all of the people who helped him make this sale a success. One of the benefits of the sales event is the contact with the public, allowing the club to teach people about woodturning. A few observers joined the club as a result of this event.



Sellers and some of the volunteers: L-R: Ric Davis, Larry O'Brien, Bob Zimmerman, Ginnie O'Brien, Dan Hall, Phil Brown, Doug Rowe, John Armstrong, Mark Oglesby, David Kohler, Ken Allen, Steve Dudar, Dennis Egan



And a few of the demonstrators: Doug Rowe, Ken Allen, Bruce Peek



AAW Symposium in Portland, Oregon, May 23-26, 2024

Seventeen of our PAW members and a guest attended the international symposium in Portland, Oregon. With a detailed handout book and a phone app with their schedules in hand, individual PAW attendees chose from a wealth of professional woodturners' presentations to attend ten sessions in the three days of the symposium

As a member of the AAW symposium committee, Dave Madden had prepared the group for how best to plan their time and choices of sessions to attend. Ric Davis arrived a day early to see how the symposium was set up and to help as needed. Several others also earned yellow shirts by volunteering and experiencing the inner workings of the symposium.

The sessions were described in the handout book by a list of color-coded topics which included: bowls and platters, boxes, embellishing, finishing, hollow forms, multiaxis turning, pens, segmenting, spindles and finials, and tools and techniques. With a broad range of topics, there was something interesting to learn during every 1 ½ hour session. A vendors area provided a chance to get 'one more tool' and a chance to watch turners such as Mike Mahoney and Stuart Batty demonstrate and attract a crowd.



Back row: Mike Mitchell, Pete Lang, Dave Madden, David Kohler, John Paschal, Susan Kissel

Middle: Ken Kissel, Ken Allen, Walt Spencer, Jerry Shugars, Ric Davis, Karen Friedman, Steve Friedman, Chuck Brown, Dave Henderson

Front row: Dean Humphrey, Bruce Butler, Kathy Allen

Attendees could attend some of the exhibitions like the Instant Gallery. David Kohler entered some of his segmented pieces in the Instant Gallery and experienced the Intimate Critiques of three professional woodturners evaluating his work and offering suggestions. An entertaining live auction and banquet filled one of the evenings.

With so many of our members attending the symposium, there were many chances to meet for meals and to talk about presenters and the lessons that were learned from the sessions. The opportunities to talk together, to laugh and to share stories during meals added to the enjoyment and camaraderie of the symposium. The AAW symposium is a memorable experience that inspires new ideas for woodturning and embellishment as well as providing opportunities to connect with friends. Everyone who attended would recommend attending a symposium for the experience. It was announced that next year's symposium will be held in St. Paul, Minnesota so perhaps some of our members will attend that one too.

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.

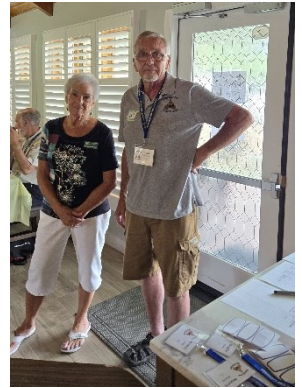
Jay Loden has arranged for special discounts to PAW members through a variety of vendors. Those vendors sell a range of products from tools and materials to safety equipment. The discounts are available to members only.

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.

PAW General Meeting: Picnic on June 22, 2024

The annual PAW picnic was held at the Victorian Estates Clubhouse in Prescott Valley. Gene and Shirley Perryman arranged for the club to use the facilities and a huge thank you goes to them. Gene and Shirley live in Victorian Estates where Gene serves as the HOA president. He recently had the clubhouse remodeled. According to Marge Hunt, who arranges the picnic each year, this was a beautiful setting for the picnic and it had a well-equipped kitchen with a large area for the tables and chairs that were set up for the event. The club provided pulled pork, buns and drinks while the 69 attendees (44 members and 25 guests) filled the counter with delicious salads and a table with tasty desserts.



President Ric Davis made a few announcements before the hungry crowd was invited to the buffet. He reminded everyone that the July meeting will be a tool sale and that Jay Loden would like to capture pictures of everyone for the roster during that meeting. Ric thanked Dean Humphrey and Larry and Ginnie O'Brien for their organization of recent sales events. Kathy Allen told the members that a WIT (Women in Turning) group had recently starting meeting. Bruce Peek explained that he has enough Beads of Courage containers for the present and asked that members keep making them since he'll be handing out more to hospitals in November. Howard Kesselman informed everyone that recently the club received an endowment from the estate of Mike Adler, a former member of PAW. A committee is evaluating how the funds will be utilized for the benefit of the club. Then it was time to enjoy the delicious foods. The relaxing conversation and shared luncheon were enjoyed by all. As is often the case, many beautiful woodturned projects were placed on the table to be admired as people walked into the clubhouse.



The following pictures show the members and guests who enjoyed this event.



Tom Johantgen, Liz Herbstreith, Ric Davis, Callie Himoff, Ken Allen, (Kathy was taking pictures), Bruce Peek, Jamie Davis



Marsha Craighead, Dan Craighead, Mark Oglesby, Pete Lang, Jenny Scaboo, Bob Scaboo



Susan Kissel, Jeanie Sharp, Chuck Boheneck, Ken Kasner, Sally Kasner, Ken Kissel



April Pruitt, Charlie Pruitt, Rick Sommerfelt, Chris Sommerfelt, Bob Zimmerman, Lucille Zimmerman



Karel Armstrong, Niki Gean, Howard Kesselman, Walt Spencer, Patti Spencer, John Armstrong



Steve Comstock, Dennis Egan, Carolyn Egan, Diane Comstock, Richard Geernaert



Gerry Allen, Barbara Walter, Scott Walter, David Long, Barry Walter, Ilse Allen



Alan Doty, Jane Doty, David Kohler, Ruth Kohler, Brenda Shultz, Monty Shultz, Jim Winge



Larry O'Brien, Gene Perryman, Shirley Perryman, Gary Frank, Jeanette Frank, Ginnie O'Brien, Janet Humphrey, Dean Humphrey



Marge Hunt, Connie Henderson, Dave Henderson, Jim Muehleisen, Nina Muehleisen, Wayne Hunt



Jerry Shugars, Phil Brown, Steve Friedman, Karen Friedman, Sandy Brown, Ginny Shugars

Please note: someone who brought a salad left a large serving spoon at the picnic luncheon. Please see or contact Kathy Allen to get it back.



Chips ‘n Grits Discussions

Moderated by Bruce Butler



(Wood chips, not potato chips

and sanding grits, not hominy grits!)

May 9, 2024: This Chips ‘n Grits discussion was primarily an informational session for members who would be attending the AAW symposium in Portland, Oregon from May 23-26th. Members learned how the Instant Gallery and silent auction work during the event. Parking at Preflight or Parking Spot were recommended at the Phoenix airport. Many members would be carpooling. The Guidebook app would provide information once the schedule has been added to it. There would be about 1,200 people attending the symposium so finding restaurants that aren’t too full may be a challenge. Bruce led a ‘walk through’ of the sessions and members talked about the various presenters and choices of which might be valuable to attend. The link to this discussion can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BanM9XYdQqA>.

June 13, 2024: Members who attended the AAW Symposium in Portland met on Zoom to discuss some of the things they learned during that event. One of the members had placed some of his pieces in the Instant Gallery and talked about the individual critiques he was given by some nationally known segmenters. He was given three critiques and all gave him a different point of view. Another member said that he learned again that there’s more than one way to do things. Several members commented on how organized and enjoyable the symposium was. Powermatic supplied the lathes and their generosity was noted. Some tips like not storing CA in a refrigerator because it might start setting up and like using an O-ring to mark the depth on a drill bit are simple but helpful tips shared by some of the presenters. The handout book supplied for attendees of the symposium was very detailed and a copy of it will be placed in the PAW library. The link to this discussion can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xh3SpLeWaAw>.

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 Back Burner Restaurant in Prescott Valley at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. If you want to learn more about these gatherings, contact Ric Davis.



Is it 7:00 yet?



A few interesting comments were overheard recently. Ken and Kathy's visitor from Australia enjoyed the Tuesday breakfasts and was amazed by the pleasant and interesting bit of 'chin-wagging' going on. A new member who attended one breakfast said that it's amazing to see so many happy, smiling people at one long table. The friendliness of the PAW members is obvious!



Woodettes Social Group

The Woodettes meet on the second Thursday of each month at 11:30 at a variety of restaurants. Marge Hunt sends out an email with the location a week before the luncheon.

On May 9th, the Woodettes met at the Gurley Street Grill in Prescott. As it happened, they were the only people eating in the patio area that day (probably because the summer vacationers hadn't yet arrived...) so it was easy to hear the discussions that occurred. The food was delicious and the group will definitely return in the future. The topics varied from travel to doctors to craft fairs and spring gardening. They even talked about places to buy wood like West Penn Hardwoods! In attendance were: Nancy Hall, Marge Hunt, Patti Spencer, Connie Henderson, Susan Kissel, Kathy Allen, Niki Gean and Sally Kasner. (No photo that day)

A small group met at Rosa's in Prescott Valley on Thursday, June 13th. The small group made conversation easy as they talked about the upcoming PAW picnic and Marge was able to find some volunteers to heat the pulled pork. The group talked about a lot of books they'd read and many added them to their reading lists. The discussion made them glad they live in the 21st century!

From left to right: Niki Gean, Patti Spencer, Jamie Davis, Marge Hunt, Sally Kasner





A WIT (Women in Turning) group has been added to our Prescott Area Woodturners Club. An organizational meeting was held at Kathy Allen's house in Prescott Valley on Saturday, May 18th. PAW currently has twelve women woodturners in the club and six of them were able to attend the first meeting. They each showed some of their projects they've completed and shared their level of knowledge and confidence when woodturning as well as things they'd like to learn.

Initially, the WIT members want to learn from each other and may invite some mentors to help them learn certain skills. The group wants to become established and figure out the early 'growing pains' before inviting other PAW members to join their events and learning sessions.

The group also met by Zoom for a planning meeting on Friday, June 21st. Future planning meetings may occur at coffee shops or as part of a hands-on workshop. In July, the group is planning a hands-on workshop on making pens and sharpening tools. Future news about the group will be included in the PAW newsletter.



Left to right: Sally Kasner, Susan Murphy, Violet Mitchell-Enos, Donna Richardson, Kathy Allen, Susan Kissel



Face shield safety. Everyone I know and everything I read agrees you should wear a face shield at all times when turning. It is a small inconvenience that could save you a lot of time and pain if a piece of wood comes off the lathe. Shields come in many, many shapes and price ranges. Some have filters and can get quite expensive. Any we use should have an ANSI rating of Z87, Z87+ or Z87.1. Z87 is the minimum the AAW recommends. There are cheaper shields that are just meant to provide protection from hazardous liquid splashes and are not appropriate for woodturning. Manufacturers also recommend wearing safety glasses with the shield. Choose the best one that is comfortable to wear and use it any time the lathe is turning.

TOTY and Safety Chair, Dan Hall

LIBRARY NEWS

Summer is here, and it's the perfect season to enrich your garden with extra wood chips. What a better method than creating your own through woodturning? Explore the vast resources of the PAW Library for fresh inspiration. Dive into an extensive collection of books and DVDs that are sure to spark ideas and enthusiasm for your next woodturning project. It's time to make those woodchips fly!

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. Bruce Potter said that the club donated 85 bowls in 2022 and 100 in 2023 for this September event on the Plaza in Prescott. With the challenge between the club and Yavapai College, he expects many more bowls will be donated this year. All bowls in this friendly challenge will need to be submitted **by the end of August**. At this point in the summer, the number of bowls received is the same as it was in April. However, Bruce said that he knows there are many more in production. The final number will be included in the September newsletter. This year's Prescott Empty Bowls event will be held on the plaza in Prescott on Sunday, September 8th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

YC students: 34 PAW members: 75 Empty Bowls: 109!



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 is the coordinator of Beads of Courage for our club. Bruce said that he's had to deliver fewer bowls lately, which is great news since that means fewer children are ill. He's presently taking them to the hospitals a few times a year. 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 lidded containers to this program.

Upcoming 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.

Monthly 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. All of the members who help clean up after a meeting are greatly appreciated. Ask Ric Davis for ways you can help!

Date	Program or Event
July 27	Tool Auction and Picture Taking
July 30	Tues Demo: Arizona Toothpicks
August...whole month	Display at Prescott Library
August 24	Ken Allen: Basket Illusion Vase
August 27	Tues Demo: Ken Allen: Beading, Using an Index, Inking
September 14	Farmers' Market Sale
September 28	Gary Frank: Wave Bowl
October 26	To be determined
November 9	Holiday Sale at Grace Sparkes Activity Center
November 16	IRD: Craig Timmerman: Turning a Torus Vase
December 8	Holiday Luncheon (members only)
December 7	Stocking Stuffer Sale at Grace Sparkes Activity Center

*IRD = Interactive Remote Demonstration