

# **Chips & Bits**

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**Bob Summers  
Natural Edge**

**Providing an environment that fosters the art and craft of woodturning**

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## Bob Summers Evening Demonstration Basics of Bowl Turning

The June meetings evening demonstration was given by Bob Summers on the basics of turning a bowl. Bowl turning has its variations, but the basic fundamental steps are usually pretty much the same no matter who's doing it. Bob's demonstration showed the use of the screw chuck, the scroll chuck and the swept back gouge. Starting and finishing steps were discussed and samples of various bowl types were passed around. Once again, if you need further information, the club does have mentors willing to help you in their shops plus good old YouTube has some great informative video's. Don't forget the club's library which also contains some good bowl turning video's that can be checked out. See Mark at the July meeting.



# Truths of Woodturning

(continued from May)

## #4. Finishing is half the battle

When you're finished with the woodwork, you're only halfway done. While we all love to work wood, most of us dread finishing. We enjoy being precise and finicky when making a project, but most of us hate the sanding and the cleanup required for a perfect finish. However, when we skimp, we usually get poor results. Glue spills show up suddenly when finish is applied. Or we find sanding scratches or flaws in surfaces that are supposed to be perfect. The undeniable truth is that the finishing is as important as the woodworking, and it frequently takes almost as long.

## #5. Practice makes perfect

When we decide to undertake a new project, we can't wait to jump right in and get to work. However, woodworking is a bundle of skills that are polished by practice. That's why your parents and teachers told you, ad nauseam, "Practice makes perfect." The truth is that the quality of your projects is better if you are not learning the skills on the job. It is wise to try unfamiliar skills on some scrap first.

## #6. Dry-fit before glue-up

This is one of the first things to go wrong when we are rushing. It also can be the result of over-confidence. Other times we simply forget. Whatever the excuse, dry fitting saves a lot of grief. Joints that are too tight can lock up when glue hits them, and freeze before coming together completely. Basically, you don't want to be scrambling around or discovering any nasty surprises after the glue has been spread and the clock is ticking fast.

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**Chapter Information**

Peace River Woodturners Inc. (PRW) is an organization formed for individuals interested in woodturning and was formed on Oct 1, 2007. The primary purposes of the PRW are consistent with the fundamental purposes of the American Association of Woodturners: To provide information, education and an organization for those interested in turning wood.



The PRW web site can be found at:

[www.peacriverwoodturners.org](http://www.peacriverwoodturners.org)



AAW site can be found at:

[www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org)

**Photo's**

Photographs for this months "Chips & Bits" were provided by Bob Roehrig. If you have digital photo's that you would like to have considered for use in the newsletter, please send them along with any articles to the editor at:

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**Membership**

Yearly chapter dues are \$50 per individual or \$60 a family. Membership is for the calendar year. These dues help the club provide tools for our monthly demonstrations, bring in outside demonstrators, pay room rent, have a yearly picnic and other club related activities.

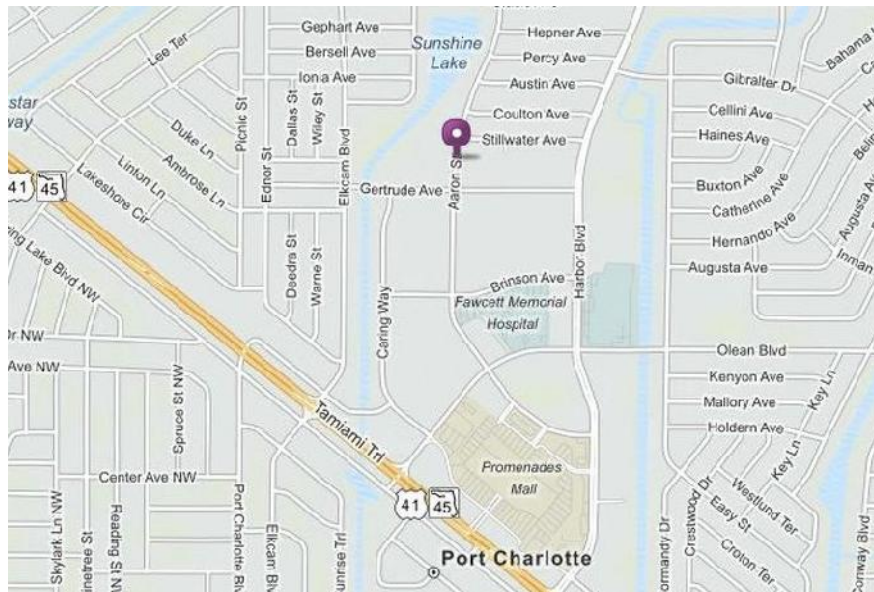


**Meeting Location**

Our Meetings are on the first Thursday of the month starting at 6:30 pm and ending by 9:00 pm. We meet at the **Charlotte County Cultural Center** located in Port Charlotte, FL



**Our next meeting is:  
Thursday July 12, 2018**



**Upcoming Events**

**PRW meeting: July 12, 2018**

**Demonstration: Bob Roehrig  
Christmas in July.....**

**Library**

The Library is available for all current club members. The club library contains Books, magazines, and DVD's available to check out.. A list of materials is available on the PRW website:

[www.peacriverwoodturners.org](http://www.peacriverwoodturners.org)

Please help us maintain the library by returning checked out items promptly. The library is maintained by Mark Yates. New material can be ordered by request.