

Chips & Bits

Inside This Edition

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Jim Ellsworth
Inside/Out Turning

Providing an environment that fosters the art and craft of woodturning

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PRW President's DECEMBER Notes

Happy Holidays! I hope you're having a wonderful time amidst all the chaos and the noise!

Albert Einstein has always been a fascination for me. One statement of his in particular:
“ The Ancients knew something which we seem to have forgotten. I think ninety-nine times and find nothing. I stop thinking and swim in silence, and the truth comes to me. I did not arrive at my understanding of the fundamental laws of the universe through my rational mind. The intellect has little to do on the road to discovery.”

So my thoughts for the New Year: Woodturning, and creativity itself, can often just be fussy. Some days we create our own hurdles when a design or technique becomes forced, foreign, or unnatural. The solution might be to step back, clear the mind, and let innate knowledge guide the way... And sometimes not!

Have faith in your Creator-given powers and abilities, and second-guess yourself less often. When someone praises your turnings, don't point out the perceived flaws, and graciously thank them for seeing the grandeur of what was created... Beauty is indeed in the eye of the beholder!

Cultural Center Update: Commissioners have tasked the Community Foundation to secure a consultant to create a survey of residents to see how a revamped CCCC could benefit the community; This will be a long process before any reopening is possible. The PRW Board is making alternate arrangements for PRW meetings until CCCC re-opens. **January's meeting will be held on the SECOND Thursday, January 13th.**

Setup for the Wood Art Expo is on the first Thursday, so be prepared to drop off your Competition Entries and display pieces for our booth at the Punta Gorda Events Center between 9 AM – 11 AM on January 6th. Have you turned your **WOODEN EGG**? Sure would appreciate everyone's participation! Lou Currier has put together a great plan for January 7th-8th event. You can email Lou at loucurr@aol.com, or contact him through the PRW website. More information about the Expo itself at <https://flwoodartexpo.com/turnercatpdf.html>.

December's meeting was interesting, with some interesting automotive interruptions, and this facility remains a possibility for future meetings. WoodShopClass is a nicely set-up “Maker Space” with saws, planers, lathes & tools, and might be a great spot to check out for seasonal members who can't bring their personal shops with them to FL.

JANUARY 13th, 2022 meeting will host **TED BEEBE** demonstrating, and may be ZOOM only. Details are currently being worked out. We'll keep you posted...

If you hear or know of a space with 220 wiring that can host our group, call me with info!

We appreciate your continuing support and involvement in the PRW. It wouldn't be as fun without you, so stay safe and healthy, and have a great time turning.

Inside/Out Turning Demonstration

Jim Ellsworth



Jim Ellsworth demonstrated Inside/Out turnings at our December meeting. If you need a refresher on the subject please visit a YouTube site and type Inside/Out in the search bar.

This n' That

Soft-touch live center for fine finials

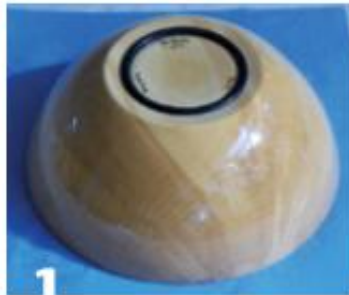
When turning small, thin finials, I sometimes have trouble stabilizing the tip at the tailstock end to keep it from whipping around without damaging it. My solution was to use a small piece of $\frac{1}{4}$ "- (6mm-) diameter aquarium tubing inserted into the opening of a mandrel saver live center. I cut notches in the tubing every 90 degrees and inserted the end of the workpiece into the tubing to stabilize it. Because the small end of the finial will turn in unison with the mandrel saver, the finial will not get marred.

—Bill Vanderhoof, Florida



O-ring bowl base

Here's an idea that came from the kitchen. My wife has a two-quart plastic mixing bowl with a rubber ring around the bottom. It sets down softly and doesn't slide, so I thought I would give it a try on a turned wooden bowl (*Photo 1*).



When turning the bowl, leave the bottom footless and bring the side of the bowl right up to the tenon. Then use a $\frac{3}{16}$ " (5mm) parting tool to form a groove around the bottom to accept a $\frac{3}{16}$ "-thick \times 3"- (8cm-) outside-diameter O-ring. The groove is $\frac{3}{32}$ " (2mm) deep and just a shade over 3" outside diameter. This sizing will allow the O-ring to be stretched slightly to fit into the groove (*Photo 2*).

I typically apply finish to the bowl, remove the tenon, and then glue the O-ring in place. I then apply finish to the bottom of the bowl inside the O-ring. This is where I find a big advantage: I no longer need to be concerned with having the finish on the bottom meet up with the finish on the outside of the bowl in a smooth and unnoticeable manner.

O-rings are available online in lots of sizes. I like the $\frac{3}{16}$ " thickness, and I have 3" and $4\frac{1}{8}$ "- (10cm-) diameter rings. Give it a try.

—Ted Beebe, Vermont

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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.peaceriverwoodturners.org



AAW site can be found at:
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 next meeting is:

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Upcoming Events

PRW meeting: January 13th

Demonstration: Ted Beebe

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.peaceriverwoodturners.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.