

Chips & Bits

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PRW President's February '21 Notes

It's amazing a year has passed since our last regular in-person meeting in the Cultural Center - and what an unusual year it has been!

Last month, we tackled Sharpening with video demonstrations and discussion from the Members. We'll continue our Get Back To Basics at the March meeting, where "seasoned veterans" can pass on their hard-earned knowledge to help ease the path for the newer turners, and share those tidbits we've learned along the way. Those fabulous pieces you're seeing at Show & Tell all started in learning the basics of woodturning craftsmanship.

Yep, I know "sand" is one of those four-letter words, so we'll also be discussing various types of finishes to use for a variety of woods and different types of applications. We started this series with tool sharpening, to maximize your tool's edge for cleaner cuts – Now let's see what other Members can recommend from there! Since we're still restricted by C-19 cautions, and the vaccines aren't flowing like water just yet, we will have another online experience for this meeting, starting with video advice from some recognizable Pro Turners, augmented by real-time Q&A from PRW members. It would be fantastic if you can Zoom from your home shop for the March meeting, to show your finishing setup, give advice, and ask questions from Members about what works best!

PRW March Meeting - Thursday, MARCH 4th - 6:30 Online via Zoom Watch for the invitation in your email the weekend before the meeting with all the Zoom details, where you can CLICK on the ZOOM LINK to join us electronically on that Thursday. IF YOU ARE NOT YET AT EASE USING THE ZOOM PROGRAM, please give me a call at least a few days before the meeting, and I will try to help you gain more comfort with the software. There's too many good things you are missing if you're not joining in!

If you are willing to give a woodturning demo for our group this year, we'd love to bring the equipment to your shop (or elsewhere) and get you online! The monthly calendar is still open for demonstrators, and we need a few brave souls to volunteer.

Thank you all for your continuing support and involvement in the PRW. Stay safe and healthy, keep trying to schedule your C-19 vaccinations, and have fun turning whenever you can! Cheri Bauer, President send email to: peacriverwoodturners@comcast.net

The Silver Fox Tips from experience... Store your frequently used finishes in small plastic shampoo bottles, Put several small stainless nuts or bolts in the bottle, too. Shake to stir up before each use, with a finger over the bottle end to minimize mishaps. A flip of the cap opens or closes the bottle. Easily controlled squirts on a brush, rag, paper towel, or other applicator, and you're good to go.

If you buy your sandpaper in sheets, cut the sheets into 4 equal pieces. This size is good for folding down to a smaller piece where you can rotate the surface to keep it from "loading up" with fine dust. Then sand your work from behind, over the top of lathe, while spinning slowly on the lathe so your fingers don't get slammed down into the lathe bed if you get a "paper catch".

Club Discount Tool Program

For the 2021 year the PRW has discount purchasing programs available once again with the following companies below. Personally I would call just to make sure you receive the discounts, but should work on line also. Details below.

Hartville Tools: 15% discount and Free Shipping

www.hartvilletool.com

800-345-2396

Penn State Industries: 10% discount

www.pennstateind.com

[800-377-7297](tel:800-377-7297)

Klingspor Woodworking: 10% discount

<https://www.woodworkingshop.com/>

800-228-0000

There are many shapes and sizes of tool rests. They have their good and bad points. Deciding which one is the best is usually a matter of personal preference, and may cause some good discussions among woodturners (not that many of us are opinionated). 😊

Straight

Often made of one piece of metal with a tapered edge on top, as seen at the near right. Some come with a round bead at the top and a curved back, as seen at the far right. The curved back makes it easier to slide ones hand along the tool rest for support and an accurate cut.



Straight, Round Bar

The post and the top bar are often the same diameter. One advantage of this type of post is they are easy to make out of a single piece of round bar stock. If you are not a good welder, your local machine shop can make them for a reasonable cost compared to buying retail.



Curved

This type of tool rest is designed to make it easier to access the inside of a bowl. I tend to like them, but experts are divided about whether one should use the curved rest or not.



Additional Notes

The top edge of the tool rest should be kept free from nicks and rough spots so the lathe tool can slide easily down the length of the rest. A metal file and some beeswax do the trick.

The height of the tool rest should be adjusted so the tip of the tool, when held in the cutting position, is at the center line of the work piece or just slightly above it. Setting the tool rest too low can result in a bad catch, and possibly cause the tool to be flung out of the operator's control.



Safety Corner

S.O.R.T.

Your Way to a Safer Workshop



The acronym **S.O.R.T.** is a tool that can help remind us to take steps to address hazards and create a safe home workshop.

S.O.R.T stands for **S**top, **O**bserve, **R**ecognize, and **T**ake Ownership.

Stop - It is necessary to take time not only at the beginning of the work shift to evaluate both the work area and equipment for hazards, but also as conditions change. When we are rushed, we miss the small details that matter. Always take the time before a task begins to evaluate the work task you are about to do. Anytime conditions change or things are not going as planned, stop work and evaluate what needs done to correct the situation.



Observe - Take time to evaluate at the environment around you. How are weather conditions, lighting, and temperature at the work area? Are the needed tools in the workshop ready to go? Has all equipment been thoroughly inspected prior to starting the work task?



Recognize - Once you have stopped and observed the work area what hazards do you see? Your ability to recognize hazards comes down to utilizing training, lessons learned, and past experiences.



Take Ownership - Ownership is the most important part of the process. Once you recognize hazards or potential issues while on the job, own them. See through that they get properly corrected in a timely manner. It is easy to just walk past an issue and think you will take care of it later. In reality, any hazard in the shop is your problem. If you get hurt or there is property damage due to the hazard you recognized and, it will have some sort of effect on you. Incidents affect jobsite as a whole, and depending the severity, can have far reaching consequences for an entire company. Taking ownership means more than just recognizing the hazard. Stop work if necessary and get the right people involved to correctly address the hazard.



Summary

While these four steps are very basic, it is easy to skip some of them and just go through the motions due to complacency or time restrictions. We often complete many of the same tasks in the same way every time we are in the shop. This makes it easy to fall into a trap of having blinders on to hazards that could lead to an injury. Use the S.O.R.T. tool to remind yourself to take the time to really evaluate your work area for hazards and to take ownership of them.

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Paul Bartlett Stave Procedure in Pictures



For further information on this Stave procedure contact Paul.

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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 \$25 per individual or \$30 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

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**Our next meeting is:
Thursday **March 4, 2021****

Will be a **Zoom meeting.
Details forth coming**

Upcoming Events

PRW meeting: **March 4, 2021**

Demonstration: **Zoom Meeting**

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.