

Chips & Bits

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Providing an environment that fosters the art and craft of woodturning

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PRW President's March '21 Notes...

Remember when it was big news about those large groups of orbiting satellites being sent up into space to aid in telecommunications not so long ago? And why does that matter to PRW Members?

Well, we're going to have our first monthly live demo from an International PRW Member on Zoom for April, courtesy of that technology!

Frank Didomizio was not able to return to Florida this winter due to border closings, and he has gone to some great effort and expense to equip his Northern shop with a full video set-up and streaming via satellite. He will be presenting our April 1st LIVE demonstration through Zoom, direct from Canada!

At the April meeting, we'll get a quick tour of his space and explanation of how he made this possible, and then he'll demo on turning a square project, a technique we have not seen a lot about recently. Thanks for presenting this for us, Frank! PRW April Meeting - Thursday, APRIL 1st - 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!

We appreciate your continuing support and involvement in the PRW. Stay safe and healthy, keep trying to schedule your C-19 vaccination if you don't have it yet, and have fun turning whenever you can! Cheri Bauer, President send email to: peacriverwoodturners@comcast.net

----- **The Silver Fox Tips from experience...**

These days, I'm learning when I set something down temporarily to say out loud "I put the scraper on the counter by the table saw", or whatever will involve at least one other of my senses to spark my flailing memory... These are the golden years, my foot!

If you're having trouble choosing between two things, flip a coin - While you're waiting for the coin to land, your mind will automatically start to wish for what it really wants! Makes the choice a lot easier, regardless of the heads or tails. Buying something on Amazon? Pay most attention to the 3 & 4 star reviews. They're usually the most reliable information you will find.

Think there's nothing new you can do with Norfolk Island Pine?



Dan Stevenson

March 7 at 9:51 AM · 🌐



'Sand Dollar' is my latest Norfolk Island Pine carved piece. Standing 18.5"w on 3 feet, showcasing the unique branch pattern from the natural edge to the pith on both on top and beneath. Finished in a satin lacquer. One of my largest & most technically challenging works to date. Available.



Club Demo April 1st

All members, please look for an upcoming note from our President Cheri Bauer for details on the April 1st meeting. Our member Frank DiDomizo via Canada will be putting on a 4 camera demonstration for our meeting. This sounds like a real treat and will even be coming to us via Elon Musks new International Satellite system. Stay tuned and check your email for upcoming details.

What does a square wood vase look like?





Safety Quiz

Turn to the back cover and challenge your skills before checking the answers below.

1. Using only eye protection leaves the forehead unguarded.
2. Faceshield is safely out of harm's way, when it should be covering his face.
3. Blank has visible defects (including a large crack) that should have relegated it to the firewood pile.
4. Using the wrong tool. A spindle roughing gouge should never be used for bowl turning.
5. Relying on reaching the off switch to prevent disaster; you won't have the time.
6. A blank tends to leave the chuck in a plane perpendicular to the lathe bed—stand out of this line of fire.
7. No dust collection, although at this moment that's the least of this turner's worries.

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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

Due to Covid restrictions, our monthly meeting are being held in ZOOM format.

Our next meeting is:

Thursday April 1, 2021

Cultural Center is still not open in the evenings to resume club activities

Upcoming Events

PRW meeting: April 1, 2021

Demonstration:

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.