

Chips & Bits

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**Rod Castle
Awls**

Providing an environment that fosters the art and craft of woodturning

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PRW President's FEBRUARY '22 Notes...

I think it was Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the world-wide Scouting Movement, who said “The most worthwhile thing you can do is try to bring happiness into the lives of others.” That has been a guidepost throughout my life. Optimism + Thought + Effort = Resilience

With that in mind, your PRW Board is moving forward with a 6-month Pilot Program to rent space in the Price House at the PG History Park, under an agreement with the Punta Gorda Historical Society. This will begin April 1st, 2022, and run through September 30th, 2022, with options to extend the Program if desired. This will allow us meeting rooms with full use of the Powermatic lathe, a return to more “normal” meeting schedules, plus many more options for teaching classes, training sessions, and display and sale of woodturned creations to the public.

The SUCCESS of this endeavor will require all your help and support - from every PRW Member, residents and seasonal, in big ways and small!

Here's how you can help:

Bring a turning to every monthly meeting to donate toward the PRW gift shop and sales area to be established at the Price House. It will be open on Sundays from 10 AM to 1PM, and any time when we have volunteers. Small items are great, like tops & birdhouses & pens & small bowls, or anything you fancy.

Make a tax-deductible donation to the Price House Fund. Checks can be made payable to The Punta Gorda Historical Society, and brought to any meeting. Please put “Price House Fund” on the bottom left **notation** line. *If we collect \$1,000 in donations, **our Anonymous Donor will match that!** No donation is too small - Big or small, we're grateful for it all.*

Donate your time to help with the design, updates & improvements we will be making over the next few months. Sign up to join a Work Crew.

Price House Pen Project – As the deck (non-pressure treated) boards and other wood are removed for replacement during upgrades around the the Price House, any suitable wood could be resawn into pen blanks, and then be turned into a Historical Park mementos for sale by Members. Do you enjoy turning pens? (Continued)

time on the PRW lathe in the A/C comfort of Price House for a small fee. **Volunteer to teach a small class** for 1 or 2 turners. What skills have you honed that you can share with the other PRW Members? Want to become a Mentor?

Are you a **novice or short-time turner**? Do you want to learn everything you can from a patient Mentor? Where would you like to start in your journey? Tell us more!

Want to sell your turnings? We are considering a % donation to the History Park from each sale of Members consigned works, less than at any local gallery – Please give us your input!

Have any other ideas we should consider? Don't hold back! Let us know!

February's outdoor meeting with **Rod Castle's** demo was unique! Safe travels, Rod. A lot of interesting ideas brought up at his presentation, and lots of thoughts and suggestions from the assembled members and our guests.

The MARCH 3rd meeting will host **BOB SUMMERS** with details on **thin-wall turning and a piercing demonstration – Come see how it's accomplished!** We will hold this **OUTDOOR DAYTIME** meeting at 10:30 in the fresh air on the covered front porch of the Price House, the brown building at the Punta Gorda History Park – make sure to bring your chair! Take an opportunity afterwards to check out and learn more about our future plans for the building. You can park in the History Park front lot, or the back lot of the Punta Gorda Library at **501 Shreve Street** for a very short walk to the Brown Building.

We appreciate your continuing support and involvement in the PRW. It wouldn't be as much fun without you, so please stay safe and healthy, and have a great time turning whenever get the opportunity! Cheri Bauer, President email: peaceriverwoodturners@comcast.net

The Silver Fox Sez:

If you're having trouble choosing, flip a coin! While you're waiting for the result, your subconscious mind will already be wishing for what you really want... This should make it easier to make your choice.

Club Discount Tool Program

For the 2022 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

[1-800-377-7297](tel:1-800-377-7297)

Klingspor Woodworking: 10% discount

1-800-228-0000

Purple Heart Wood

I like to use purpleheart pen blanks because they're less expensive than other exotic hardwoods. Recently, I stumbled on a cool trick. I discovered that I could cause the wood to overheat and turn dark by using the back side of the sandpaper while the wood is turning. Light overheating makes purpleheart look like rosewood; further overheating makes it look like ebony. Heating alternating sections creates light and dark contrasts as if the pen was made of multiple pieces of wood.
—Tom Bockman



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History Parks Price House....New Meeting Site



Price House Porch View where April Meeting will be held

Rod Castle Awl Demonstration

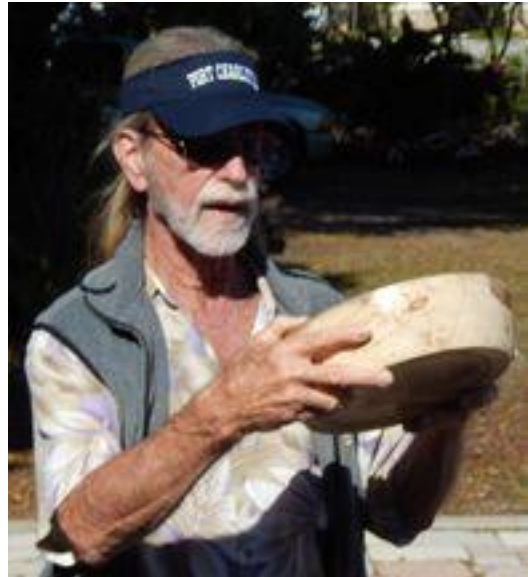


The February PRW meeting featured a Rod Castle Awl making demonstration. Rod uses the finest of materials (Brass, exotic wood, and piano steel wire) in the construction of his Awls. Rod has brisk sales of these on his Etsy site and enjoys making these along with his great Pepper Mills.

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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



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www.woodturner.org

Photo's

Photographs for this months "Chips & Bits" were provided by Bob Roehrig, Mark Yates, and Cheri Bauer. 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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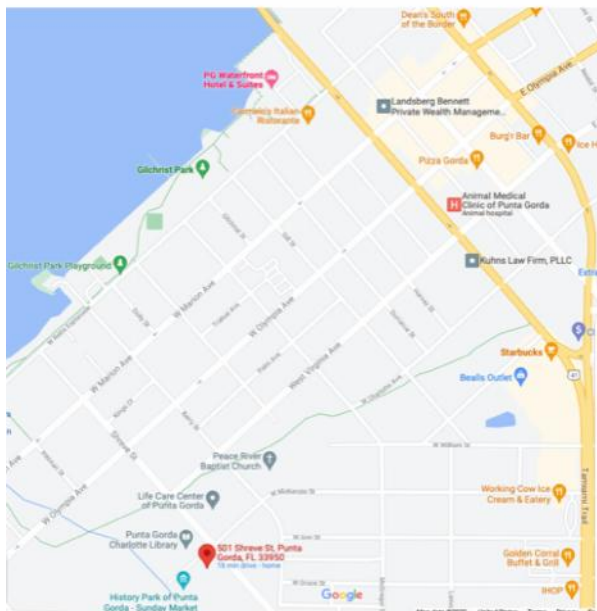
Membership

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 10:30 AM and ending by 12:30 pm. We meet at the Punta Gorda History Park at **501 Shreve St.** in Punta Gorda, Florida.

Our next meeting is: Thursday March 3, 2022 @ 1030 AM



Upcoming Events

PRW meeting: March 3, 2022

Demonstration: Bob Summers, Piercing.



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.