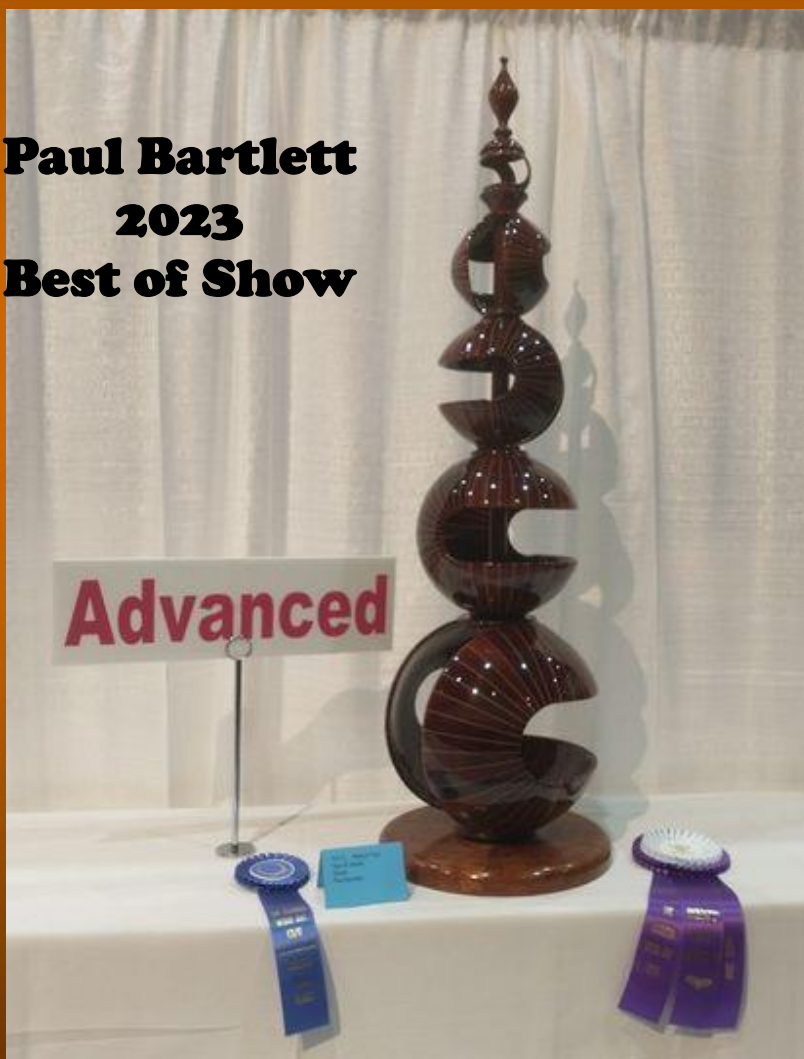


Chips & Bits

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January 2023

**Paul Bartlett
2023
Best of Show**



**Providing an environment that fosters the art and craft of woodturning
A Publication of the Peace River Woodturners**

PLEASE JOIN US!
MARCH 25th
PRW BBQ PICNIC
and Croquet Match



11:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Punta Gorda History Park
Rain or Shine!

We'll provide: BBQ Entree
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You Bring: Drinks & Lawn Chairs
Side Dish or Dessert to share
Your CROQUET Mallet & Ball

Tools from Allen Wrenches

At the last meeting, for those that attended, Lou Currier did a demonstration on making a hollowing tool from an Allen Wrench. I'm sure most of you have more spare Allen wrenches laying around than you know what to do with. Below is a picture of the tool Lou finished. When done you can turn a nice custom handle to fit plus a ferrul to keep everything tight so no splitting occurs.

In case you were not able to attend the meeting, I'm including a link to one of the many excellent YouTube Video's on this subject. Please watch the video plus to a search of YouTube for more good video's on handle making etc.



Demo Tool by Lou Currier

YouTube Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bUqtrYfOxwM>

President's JANUARY '23 Notes...

We had an informative **January Tool Making Demo by Lou Currier**, and a great SRO meeting with lots of NEW & returning faces! Thanks for a fun demo, Lou! And special thanks to the wonderful clean-up Crew, 'cuz we made a lot of shavings as usual!

On February 2nd, Frank Didomizio will demonstrate the creation of an elegant and unique bud vase, using some techniques you may not have considered! Seeing his great problem-solving skills in action could help you find a solutions to other “How can I achieve that?” woodturning situations you’ll encounter as you explore turning possibilities.

Price House PRW Woodturning Gallery sales are going strong, even with the chilly winter mornings. Visitor volume is increasing every Sunday, and should continue to climb during Season. We're helping to educate the public on the Wonders of Woodturning! Spouse says “we’re running out of space” in your home? **Please bring your turnings and fill the Gallery!**

The 2023 Wood Art Expo was a wonderful showcase of woodturning and woodcarving, and ther were almost 100 entries in the Woodturning categories! Lots of ribbons were won by PRW Members: Paul Miller was awarded Novice Best of Show, and Paul Bartlett awrded Advanced Best of Show. Congratulations to everyone who entered for your incredible work! It's not too early to start planning your entries for the 2024 Show on Janury 12th & 13th, 2024.

The President's Challenge has been issued - Start now! Turn a Croquet Ball and Mallet for our **Saturday, March 25th Family Picnic & Croquet Match** at the Punta Gorda History Park.

We still need a Demonstrator for our **MAY, JULY & AUGUST** meetings. Will you be in town? What experience or skills can you share with fellow Members? Doesn't have to be fancy or elaborate – Sometimes just seeing the way another person uses a tool can be a revelation to other Members & help them to advance through a “bump” in their own learning curve!

Third Wednesday Lunch & Turn was a blast again this month! A great lunch at Elena’s, then eleven Members enjoyed “Mentorship Time” on the PRW lathes learning limb wood spindle techniques, starting their Croquet Mallets, and sharpening tools to better/proper angles under Lou Currier's guidance. What a GREAT monthly opportunity for hands-on up-close instruction...

We're ready to start CLASSES for various skills enhancements now! **Mentors** – Pick one or two days a month when you can help budding turners to learn & progress. **Students** – What classes would you most like to take? We'll do our best to provide the guidance you seek.

Bring your “Fun \$\$\$” to the February 2nd meeting... We have wood chunks & larger pieces available, and lots of tools for sale! Please park in the back lot of the Punta Gorda library at **501 Shreve Street** for a short walk to the Brown Building.

Hope to see you next month, Cheri Bauer, President peaceriverwoodturners@comcast.net

PRICE HOUSE WOODSHOP AND GALLERY

We have a full-time home! Now it's time to get involved and share your creativity through turning. No more false modesty – You are all Artists in one manner or another!

Members sold over \$12,000 in “Turned Treasures” in just 8 months during 2022 through the PRW Gallery, in only **4 hours on Sundays** when the Gallery is Open to the Public from 9 AM to 1 PM! A special THANK YOU to all of our weekly volunteers, who enjoy talking with the public about our Club.! We kindly request all of you come spend one Sunday a month to help us pay the rent & introduce the public to the Wonders of Woodturning...

“Visitor Season” is officially HERE! We need your woodturning talents to replenish the Gallery shelves! Do you have projects you would like to donate or consign to us for sale at the Gallery? This is a golden opportunity & you should utilize it! Customers tell us they come back every week to see the new items, and Buyers are stalking our aisles for gift giving – **YOU can bring us works that will thrill them!**

Pick a Sunday, any Sunday, and sign up to help the PRW - Volunteer to hang out at the **Artisan's Market ONE SUNDAY ONE EVERY MONTH** at the Price House Gallery from 9 AM to 1 PM. Stay for 2 hours, or for the whole time. Help us with setup, or help us with tear-down, or help with crowd control & woodturning questions from the public. You can even turn on one of our **three lathes** - People love to see the wood shavings fly, and the work emerging as it happens!

Contact us to take a Class, or to **TEACH** a class! You each have unique talents that can be honed and shared, especially in a small group setting of 2 or 3 people. All Classes for Members will be “cost of materials only” as necessary - no additional fees.

Donate a small turning every meeting for the PRW Gallery. Small items are great, like tops & birdhouses & pens & ornaments & small bowls, or anything you'd like to create! Take a look at what's currently in the Gallery – the range of works from Novice to Advanced is incredible!

If you have any “flawed gems” hanging around your shop, put a coat of finish on them & bring them along. The public is LOVING our woodturned treasures, small and large!

Want to sell your turnings? You'll earn 70% of the sale price on your consigned items! We're asking a small 30% donation from each sale of Members work, a lower cost to you than at any local gallery. And where else in the area will you find a Woodturning Gallery???

Want to donate your turnings to the Gallery? All Member Woodworking Art is solicited and appreciated! Proceeds from donated works go directly toward PRW operating expenses.

PRICE HOUSE PORCHES REJUVENATION PROJECT

New Member Christopher Van Doren has stepped up to lead the Price House Porches Rejuvenation Project, and **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED ASAP!**

Portions of the south porch have already been demolished, and we need additional help and muscle to clear out more of the damaged decking, stairs & supports.

Could you please help us now that the weather is cooler ?

Please contact Chris at (207) 831-9480 to let him know you are available to help!

MARCH PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE:

Turn a CROQUET Mallet & CROQUET BALL

Bring them along to the Saturday, March 25th BBQ Picnic & Croquet Match !

Looking for resources, tutorials & inspiration for this project? Here's some ideas:

<u>Turn a sphere</u> – Mike Peace	<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jYnbWbxVcVI</u>
<u>Step-by-Step Sphere Turning</u>	<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_KzecGrApLk</u>
<u>Turn a Sphere</u> - Craft Supplies	<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBDkdLjXbhs</u>
<u>Turning a Sphere</u> – Dread Knot	<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZM26MkUohMw</u>
<u>Hollow Sphere</u> – Alan Stratton	<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jkwwx28aZW_s</u>
<u>Octagon method</u> – Alan Stratton	<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_dp_TAvX-s</u>
Gwinnett Woodturners <u>Demo</u>	<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0EQ6NZL5nXk</u>
<u>turn a croquet ball</u>	<u>https://youtu.be/9pAFXUhKz4E</u>

<u>Make A Croquet Mallet</u>	<u>https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Croquet-Mallet</u>
<u>Croquet Mallet Options</u>	<u>https://www.woodmallets.com/croquet-mallet-options/</u>

Give it a try – You might surprise yourself with what you'll learn! It's all for the fun of playing with wood, and to gain more skills in your woodturning!

Pictures from the January WoodArt Show

The following are pictures from the recent January WoodArt Show held in Punta Gorda at the Event Center. Many members from our club entered pieces and did an outstanding job of representing our club at the show.







Lou Currier



Frank Didomizio



Dan Harper



Carl Neilson



Dave Robinson



Bob Roehrig



Greg Arbogast



Jack Murphy



Mike Metivier



Paul Miller

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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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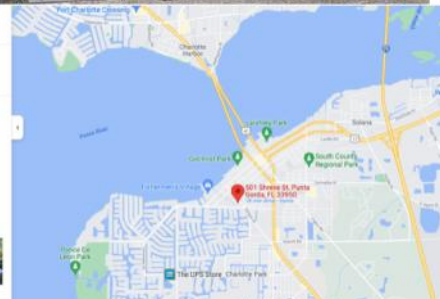
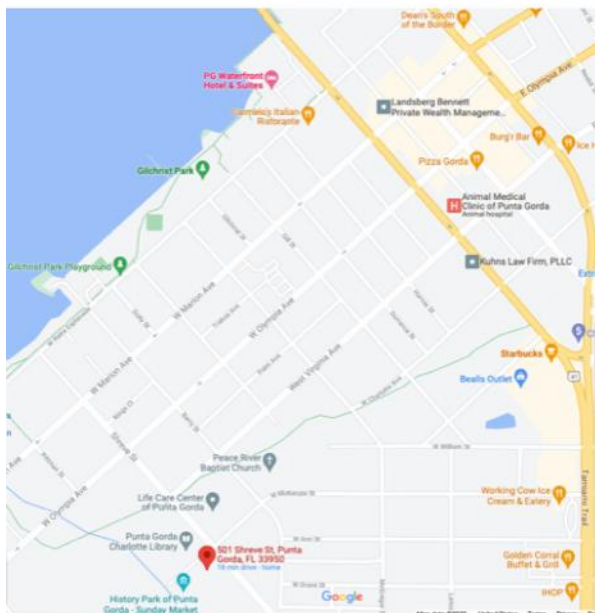
Membership

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 Meetings are on the first Thursday of the month starting at 6:30 PM and ending by 9pm. We meet at the Punta Gorda History Park at **501 Shreve St.** in Punta Gorda, Florida.

Our next meeting is: Thursday February 2 , 6:30 PM



Upcoming Events

PRW meeting: February 2

Demonstration:

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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.