

# **Chips & Bits**

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**December 2022**



**Jim Ellsworth**

**Providing an environment that fosters the art and craft of woodturning**

**A Publication of the Peace River Woodturners**

## President's DECEMBER '22 Notes...

**We had a Full House again for the December Demo by Jim Ellsworth** - A great meeting this month, with lots of new & returning faces, and a demo on turning unique Christmas ornaments. Thanks for a fun demo, Jim! And MY THANKS to the wonderful clean-up Crew!

**Want to learn more about MAKING YOUR OWN TURNING TOOLS?** Lou Currier will be demonstrating ways to create special tools for small turnings at our **January 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting**, and knowing these skills will could help whenever you find a need for a specialized limited-use tool, or don't want to spend the Big Bucks for those name brands.

**Price House PRW Woodturning Gallery is going strong**, with approx 200 visitors on any given Sunday – Those numbers will increase as we gain Seasonal Visitors in town. We sold **40 Member items** on 12/11...That's a darn good ratio of visitors to sales, don'tcha think? Plus, 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 Competition is January 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, with drop-off of Competition pieces on Thursday 1/5/23 MORNING before 11.** We still have ONE individual sales table left @ \$25 to display/sell your own products. Volunteer now to work in our booth, or assist with Expo set-up - ask Lou Currier about what help we need. If you want to DISPLAY your work, we have one PRW table, and your items should be brought Thursday morning also. NEW this year: Vendors can bring snacks & drinks to eat at their table, but NO COOLERS.

We 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 Thursday Lunch & Turn** was a blast again this month! A great lunch at Elena's, then seven Members enjoyed "Mentorship Time" on the PRW lathes learning limb wood spindle techniques, making mushrooms, and sharpening tools to better/proper angles under Lou Currier's guidance. We'll do this again every month, but switch the day to WEDNESDAYS! What a GREAT monthly opportunity for hands-on up-close instruction...

We're starting up CLASSES for various skills enhancements in mid-January. **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 January 12th 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](mailto:peaceriverwoodturners@comcast.net)

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## **PRICE HOUSE WOODSHOP AND GALLERY**

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

So far, over \$11,000 in our Members' "Turned Treasures" have found new homes thanks to the PRW Gallery, in only **4 hours every Sunday** when the Gallery is open to the public from 9AM to 1PM! A special THANK YOU to all our weekly volunteers, who seem to be enjoying talking with the public about our Club! We welcome all of you to come spend one Sunday a month to help us pay the rent & introduce the public to the Wonders of Woodturning...

**"Holiday and Visitor Season"** is HERE! Have you brought 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 Holiday Buyers are stalking our aisles for gift giving – **YOU can bring us works that will thrill them?**

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. This Gallery is solely to showcase the work of PRW Members, and 100% benefits the PRW – There is nothing else like our Gallery *anywhere* in the local area, and we are quite proud of it!

## PRW CALENDAR - WHAT'S NEXT?

### December

Sunday, Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Merry Christmas! Have a wonderful Holiday wherever you are!

### January

Sunday, Jan 1<sup>st</sup> needed **Price House Galley Open 9 AM to 1 PM - Volunteers**

Thursday, Jan 5<sup>th</sup> Day **Drop Off Day - Wood Art Expo Entries by 11AM / Set-up**

Fri/Sat Jan 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 4PM **WOOD ART EXPO** Charlotte Harbor Event Center 9AM -

Sunday, Jan 8<sup>th</sup> needed **Price House Galley Open 9 AM to 1 PM - Volunteers**

Thursday, Jan 12<sup>th</sup> House **New DATE: Monthly Meeting w/Demo – 6:30PM at Price**

Sunday, Jan 15<sup>th</sup> **Price House Galley Open 9 AM to 1 PM - Volunteers**

# Ornament Demonstration

## Jim Ellsworth



# SHOW & TELL



**Ruth Carteaux**



**Dave Watson**



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**Paul Bartlett**

# SHOW & TELL



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# For Sale Items

The following item below are for sale and can be seen in person at the clubs meeting facility at Price House in the History Park in Punta Gorda. LOTS of good tools and machinery and great prices.

## See Pictures on Following Pages

**ITEMS FOR SALE** (70-30 split) by Doug Brown—asking price is on these in blue tape:

Ryobi 10" benchtop thickness planer \$150 ( Lou is interested in this. I believe I recently replaced blades.) I have the old set for resharpening and a blade installation guide jig if desired for \$10 for both.

Delta 6" variable speed benchtop jointer planer \$150

Craftsman Pro steel benchtop router table with inserts, fence, guard with Craftsman Professional Router \$110

Doweling jig \$5

Heavy clear acrylic mount stand (15)

Metal swivel craft pedestal \$10

Incra router table jig \$150

Incra table saw jig \$150

Craftsman Pro heavy duty 3-roller tool stand \$50

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Woodworking vise for workbench (



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The following items are for sale. If interested please contact the members name and phone number below. See previous page for description and prices.

**Doug Brown**  
**315-323-3006**



ROUTER



Ryobi Planer



Router Table

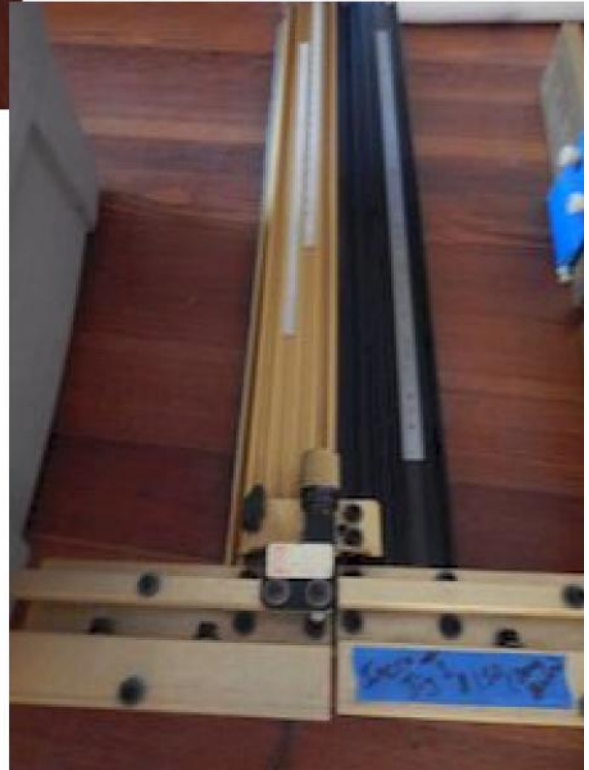


Delta Bench Top Jointer

# For Sale



**Incra Gauge**



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The following items are for sale. If interested please contact the members name and phone number below.

**Paul Bartlett**  
**941-473-9790**

**13" Grizzly Planer and Bench Top Drill Press.**

**Both are in good shape, just need them out of the shop for more room. \$200 for BOTH**



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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](http://www.peaceriverwoodturners.org)



AAW site can be found at:  
[www.woodturner.org](http://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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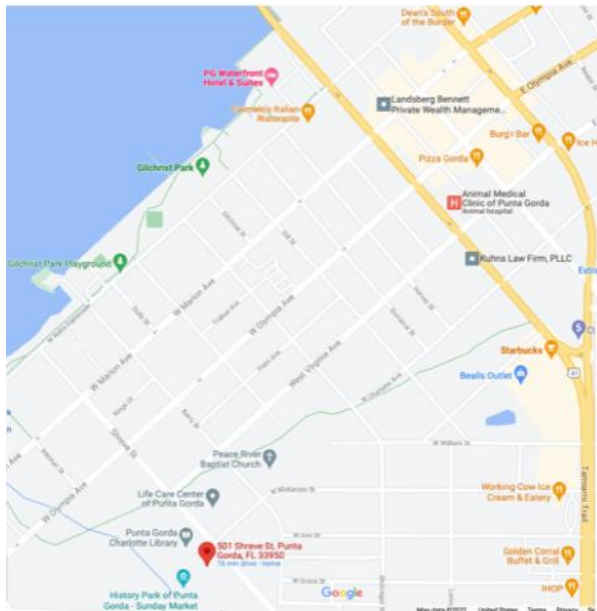
**Membership**

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 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 January 9, 2023, 6:30 PM**



## Upcoming Events

**PRW meeting: January 9, 2023**

**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.peacriverwoodturners.org](http://www.peacriverwoodturners.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.