

# **Chips & Bits**

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**November 2022**



**Louis Courier  
Gnome Demo**

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

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## Elaina's Lunch & Turn

Nice crowd showed for the Lunch & Turn at Elaina's in Punta Gorda.



# President's NOVEMBER '22 Notes...

**We had a Full House for the November “Gnome for the Holidays” Demo** - A great meeting this month in our return to the pretty-much-treeless History Park, with a demo by Lou Currier on how to create fuzzy bearded wood gnomes as ornaments or paper-weights. Thanks for a great demo, Lou! And MY THANKS to the wonderful clean-up Crew!

**We need a DEMONSTRATOR for our January 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting!** Feb-thru-April slots are already filled, with May-thru-Sept available for you to share something that you have learned with the group. Stop hiding your light – Let it shine! Come play on our big lathe on a Sunday during Market days to get a feel for the Powermatic, and you won't be intimidated to demo!

**PGICA Art Fair** – almost \$600 in sales for the one-day Art fair, so we signed up for next year's 11/4/23 Show, same place & 2 tables again, since they offered a us discount. Thanks, Bil & Lou & Bob R for helping Cheri to WOW the PGI Community with Member's turnings!

**Price House Woodturning Gallery** fared well in the hurricane, except for the porches! We need to **re-stock NOW** with our Members fabulous turnings for the Holiday and Seasonal Visitors. Need space in your home? **Bring your wonderful turnings tu the Gallery!**

**The 2023 Wood Art Expo Competition is approaching quickly – Deadline for applications and the \$5 fee per entry is DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>, or you'll pay \$10 extra for each!** And let me know if you want space at our PRW Sales/Display table. There are FOUR individual tables left @ \$25 each if you want your own table to display/sell your products. We definitely need more **NOVICE ENTRIES in the Competition** - It would be terrific if every PRW Member, **Novice through Advanced**, would participate! There are so many categories, you can find one where you're comfortable. Online: [swflwoodrteexpo.org](http://swflwoodrteexpo.org) for details & info. **Volunteer now** to work in our booth, or assist with Expo set-up - ask **Lou Currier** about what help we need.

**Third Thursday Lunch & Turn** was a blast this month! After a great lunch at Elena's, seven Members enjoyed “Mentorship Time” on the PRW’s Powermatic lathe & slow speed grinder to try out techniques & sharpen tools under Lou Currier's guidance. And David Smith worked on perfecting a sliding sled to cut accurate angles on segmented pieces on the radial arm saw. We'll do this again every month! Great monthly opportunity for hands-on up-close instruction...

We have more of the **black ABS threaded pieces** in stock for \$10/set for your lidded urns, or to make a funeral urn to donate to Kaden's Cause, if you're not yet ready to hand-chase threads in your turnings. Or you can use this as another reason to learn hand-chasing thread techniques.

**Bring your "Fun \$\$\$"** to the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting! **Jim Ellsworth** will give the LIVE demo. We have wood chunks & larger pieces available, and a snazzy fan-powered face shield 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.

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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 \$8,000 in our Members' "Turned Treasures" have found new homes thanks to the PRW Gallery: Over \$3,500 has been generated for the PRW, and our Members have earned \$4,000, in only **4 hours every Sunday** that the Gallery is open to the public from 9AM to 1PM! A special THANKS to our weekly volunteers, who are 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?**

**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.

**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.

**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.

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## **PRW CALENDAR - WHAT'S NEXT?**

### **November**

Sunday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup>  
needed!

**Price House Galley Open 9 AM to 1 PM - Volunteers**

Thursday, Nov 24<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving Day - Enjoy your time with family & friends!

Sunday, Nov 27<sup>th</sup>  
needed!

**Price House Galley Open 9 AM to 1 PM - Volunteers**

### **December**

Thursday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

**Monthly Meeting with Jim Ellsworth Demo – 6:30 PM**

Price House in the Punta Gorda History Park

Sunday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>  
needed

**Price House Galley Open 9 AM to 1 PM - Volunteers**

Sunday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>  
needed

**Price House Galley Open 9 AM to 1 PM - Volunteers**

Thursday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>  
PRW

Third Thursday **LUNCH & TURN** – 11:30 at Elena's, then

Sunday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup>  
needed

**Price House Galley Open 9 AM to 1 PM - Volunteers**

Tuesday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>  
**DAY!**

**WOOD ART EXPO Woodturning Entry Forms due TO-**

**All PRW Members are asked to participate**

[www.swflwoodartexpo.org](http://www.swflwoodartexpo.org)

Sunday, Dec 25<sup>th</sup>  
you are!

**Merry Christmas!** Have a wonderful Holiday wherever

# 5 Steps To Better Turning Results

These seem like basic steps, and they are, but sometimes we need to be reminded that a firm foundation starts with doing the basic things with excellence. Quite often, the fancy stuff ends up biting us in the butt.

These suggestions come from many years of mistakes. My Dad, who was a WW2 veteran always asked me "If you don't have time to do it right the first time, how are you going to find time to do it over?" Remember that wherever you go, there you are.

## 1) **Slow Down**

No one remembers how fast you made something. Everyone sees and remembers how well you did something. If you thought a task was going to take 2 hours, allow 3 hours and use the extra time to do the things that bring your work to excellent.

## 2) **Plan Your Work**

Before you start, review the steps you will need to complete a project at least mentally. If your project is complex, write them down. Review the materials, tools, and supplies you will need for each step, and make sure you have them on hand and available before you start.

## 3) **Really See**

As you complete each step, STOP! Take time to really look at your project thus far. It helps to get a strong light you can bring close to the project to look for torn grain, or sanding marks that you didn't completely remove before you went to the next finer grit. It is usually at this point I have to start over with the sanding because there are still visible marks from 80 or 120 grit that I missed. If you don't see well, try using a magnifying lens or even your smartphone's camera for more detail.

Is the shape what you want? Ask yourself if you are really completely finished and ready to go to the next step. Act like you could never go back, especially if you are flipping the project around in a 4-Jaw chuck.

## 4) **Do Things On Purpose**

Unless this is the first time you are attempting a project like this, you should have a very good idea of the steps involved. Think about the order you do them and arrange your tools and supplies so you can complete each step easily without too much scrambling around during the process. Always begin a new project with freshly sharpened tools!

## 5) **Don't Take Short Cuts**

It is easy to get in a hurry and skip steps. You almost always pay a price for rushing. This is particularly true with sanding. A great rule of thumb is that subsequent grits should not be finer than 1.5 times the previous grit.

Example:

Let us say you begin with 80 grit. The next grit should not be finer than 120 grit.

$80 \times 1.5 = 120$ . After 120 you could go to 180 and so on. You don't have to go all that way, but that is the maximum you should go to in order to remove scratches from the previous paper.

Trying to sand out torn grain is usually a Fool's Errand. Take time to shear scrape it, use a negative rake scraper or another tool to cut torn grain away rather than sand it. You might put a fresh edge on your gouge and try a very light cut, just anything to remove torn grain rather than sanding it.

## Club Discounts

The club is currently signed up and roster updated with Penn State Industries (PSI) and that will give you a 10% discount on all orders.

Klingspor is another company we work with and our roster is also updated with their data system. You will receive a 10% discount on all orders through them.

Happy Turning!!!!

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## Lou Currier Gnome Demonstration November Meeting



# SHOW & TELL



**Mike Mectivier**



**Bob Summers**

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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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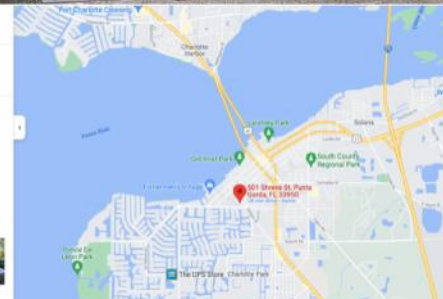
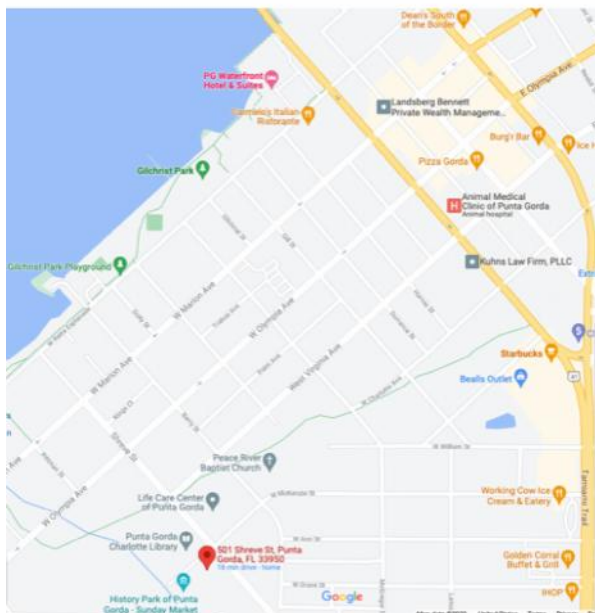
## Membership

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 6:30 PM and ending by 9 pm. We meet at the Punta Gorda History Park at **501 Shreve St.** in Punta Gorda, Florida.

**Our next meeting is: Thursday December 1st , 6:30 PM**



## Upcoming Events

**PRW meeting: December 1, 2022**

**Demonstration: Jim Ellsworth**

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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](http://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.