

Chips & Bits

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**Dave Watson
Peppermill**

Providing an environment that fosters the art and craft of woodturning

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PRW President's APRIL '22 Notes...

Well, it's definitely been a month of "FIRSTS"... Our first regular monthly evening meeting settling into our new digs inside Price House, an enthusiastic crew moving our big lathe into it's new home, lots of donated woodworking equipment being delivered, our first shared Zoom Pro Demo with the Sarasota Woodturners, our first Sunday Market sales day in the new PRW Showroom... And we now have a fabulous PRW Club-house for daytime and evening classes, public education and awareness, all in a cool new space – Come see what else is new!

So it's time for everyone to get more involved! You can participate, in big ways and small!

Donate a turning every meeting for the PRW gift shop, now open on Sundays from 10 AM to 1 PM. Small items are great, like tops & birdhouses & pens & small bowls, or anything you'd like to create! And if you have any "flawed gems" hanging around the shop, put a coat of finish on them & bring them along!

Volunteer to hang out with us one Sunday a month at the Market at Price House.

Sign up to take a Class, or to **TEACH** a class! Every single one of us has unique talents that we can share and improve, especially in a small group setting of 2 or 3 people.

Want a **cool space to work** when it's too hot in your shop this summer? Schedule time on the PRW lathe in the A/C comfort of Price House.

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... We can help!

Want to sell your turnings? We're working on a small % donation to the PRW & History Park from each sale of Members consigned works, less cost to you than at any local gallery.

At the **April 7rd meeting**, Dave Watson showed us 3 different projects to inspire creativity, and he'll be back again on **May 5th** to demonstrate how to turn a big ol' root ball, now that the Powermatic lathe is in place. Park in the back lot of the Punta Gorda library at **501 Shreve Street** for a short walk to the Brown Building... There's lights on the front steps now, too...

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:

Don't ever be afraid to start all over again. This time you're not starting from scratch, you're starting armed with experience!

You can't "use up" your creativity... The more you use, the more you'll generate!

It's Time to Join a PRW Crew!

Now that we're back to regular meetings, we need volunteers to step up and help again...

MEETING SETUP / CLEANUP CREW

Come a bit early & help set up the chairs, break out the Keurig & coffee supplies, and help us get ready for the meeting. You'll get a choice reserved seat...

HOSPITALITY CREW

Be a welcoming smile at the door! Greet Members & Guests as they enter, guide them to the sign-in sheet, and explain "what's where" in our Price House Clubhouse.

PROPORTIONAL DRAWING CREW

Collect \$\$\$ for the Proportional Drawing & dispense tickets, then have fun "rolling the drum" and announce the winning numbers just before the Demonstration starts at the meeting.

Peppermill Grinder Demonstration

By
Dave Watson



Dave Watson gave the April meeting demonstration on turning a crank style peppermill. Dave took us through the steps and processes involved and achieved a very nice mill which you see posted on the front cover. Believe Dave purchases his hardware from Penn State Industries which by the way our club members receive a discount. These mills can also be purchased from other vendors such as Crafts Supply. Thanks Dave for stepping up and providing your demonstration and we will all look forward to your Root-ball Demonstration at the upcoming May meeting.

AUDIO VISUAL CREW

Assist Lou Currier with camera work to capture all the action.

CUSTODIAL CREW

Pull the garbage bags & replace with new ones after each meeting, then place the bags in the dumpsters at the front of the History Park on your way out the main driveway... We are our own cleaning service, folks!

SUNDAY SALES CREW

Help out in our Price House Sales Area from 10 to 1 on Market Sundays at the History Park. You'll get to schmooze with the public & talk about woodturning... Sounds like fun!

Your Solution to Oily Woods



A Ebony contains oils that easily rub off on fingertips and show on the sanding pad.



B These solvents remove any surface contamination and the natural oils in many exotic woods. The solvents dry quickly and won't leave any residue to interfere with topcoat adhesion.



C Wax-free shellac brings out the inherent color of the stock. Standard shellac contains wax, which can compromise good topcoat adhesion.

The thought of applying finish to a project can be enough to kick up your pulse rate and blood pressure, especially when the project contains an “exotic” wood full of natural oils [Photo A]. That’s because the oils and resins in woods such as cocobolo, rosewood, padauk, purpleheart, teak, and even eastern red cedar can markedly slow or practically stop a finish from bonding or curing. These wood species require different preparation before finishing. Follow these helpful tips to make the process smooth as silk.

Prep, seal, then topcoat

Typically, I sand to 150 grit for projects receiving stain. But because we prize exotic woods for their inherent color, skip the stain and apply a clear topcoat. For oily exotics, sand instead to 220 grit for a smooth surface that allows any finish to bond well. Remove all sanding dust between grits.

Eliminate any oils from the wood by wiping down the freshly sanded surface with a fast-evaporating solvent [Photo B]. Then, apply one or two coats of dewaxed shellac, such as SealCoat, sealing the wood and preventing additional oils from migrating to the surface [Photo C]. A very light sanding with 400-grit sandpaper between coats smooths the surface and removes dust nibs. The prepped surface is now ready for your choice of topcoat.

Choose the best topcoat by considering the intended use of the project: Furniture subjected to heavy use benefits from varnish or a durable oil- or water-based polyurethane finish. A sprayed catalyzed lacquer is also a good choice for experienced finishers.

For decorative pieces and projects that see less wear, try a simple buffing [Photo D], regular nitrocellulose lacquer, or additional coats of shellac. A quality paste wax also suits those projects.

Troubleshooting

If you apply finish to an exotic-wood project and discover a sticky or tacky finish days later, don’t lose faith: Try these options.

First, be patient. The oils and resins can delay the curing process, so with a little more time, the finish may harden. But be aware that the tacky surface will trap dust during the wait.

Second, a vigorous wiping of the surface with a fast-drying solvent may remove the uncured finish. If that works, follow with a light sanding and a couple of coats of dewaxed shellac to seal the surface and prevent any additional bleed-through. After the shellac cures, reapply the topcoat.

As a last resort, consider it a lesson learned, and scrape, sand, or strip the old finish completely and start over. An out-of-date finish may not cure, so test-apply the finish on scrap to check for freshness before recoating.

The beauty and character of exotic woods should increase interest, not angst, in your projects. Now that you know how to handle those oils, you’ll find finishing Nirvana. 🌳



D For decorative projects that aren’t handled frequently, simply buff the natural oil with a lamb’s wool, left, or a synthetic buffing pad, right, on a random-orbit sander. This provides an incredibly smooth—though not very protective—surface.

► Nothing, including glue, sticks to an oily surface. Before gluing exotic woods, clean all mating surfaces with a solvent.

► Catalyzed lacquer has a shelf life of about 6 months. It chemically cures, creating a more durable finish than nitrocellulose lacquer, found in spray and cans on home-center shelves.

► Learn more about the benefits and uses of shellac.
woodmagazine.com/shellacfinish

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FOR SALE

The following woodturning items are listed for sale. Contact Bob Roehrig at either: rjroehrig@gmail.com or 941-888-5142 if interested.



Brand New David Ellsworth 5/8" Bowl Gouge
\$45.00

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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

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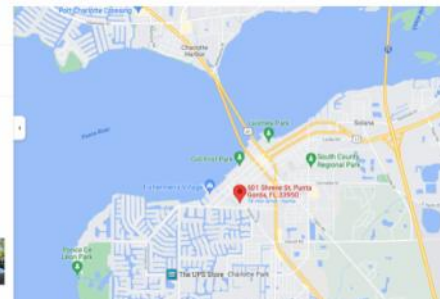
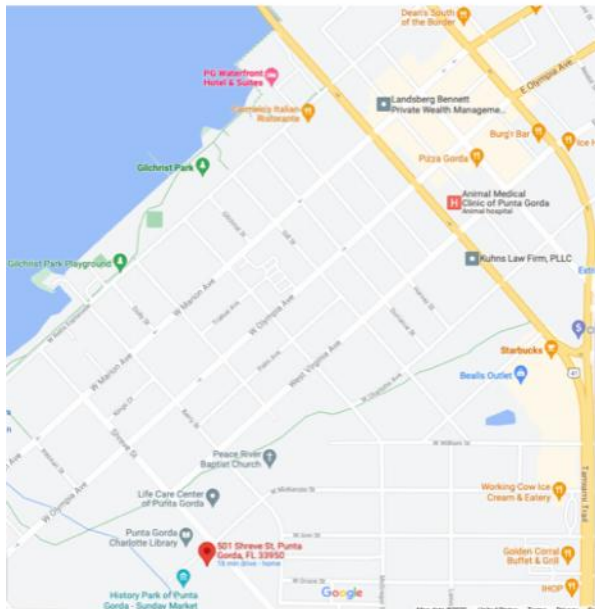
Membership

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 May 5, 6:30 PM



Upcoming Events

PRW meeting: May 5, 2022

**Demonstration: Dave Watson
Root Ball Turning**

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.