

Chips & Bits

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AAW Virus Concerns

People worldwide are facing concerns about the COVID-19 epidemic.

We'd like you to know that the AAW leadership is carefully monitoring the status of COVID-19 in preparation for our 34th Annual International Symposium, June 4-7, in Louisville, KY. The health and safety of our members, demonstrators, trade show vendors, partners, and other event attendees is our absolute and utmost priority.

We remain watchfully optimistic that the AAW Symposium will go forward. Based on all available guidance as of March 12, the symposium is still scheduled to occur in June.

Any changes to this plan will be made based on available evidence and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), the Kentucky Department of Health, and other health authorities. Our professional conference management partner, ConferenceDirect, is actively communicating with the Louisville Convention and Visitor Bureau, our group hotels, and the Kentucky Exposition Center, the venue for the 2020 event. These ongoing discussions ensure regular and full sharing of information between AAW organizers and local authorities.

The AAW Symposium is 85 days away and the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve. Should anything change in our symposium planning, we will promptly notify you. We understand that the uncertainty is difficult and thank you for your understanding and patience as we thoroughly assess what is in the best interest of all our constituents.

For those who have already registered for the AAW Symposium, and for those still planning to register, we have waived early cancellation fees. If future developments challenge us with a difficult but necessary decision to cancel the symposium, all registration fees will be refunded in full.

We will continue to update you as new information becomes available via email, AAW social media sites, and the AAW website. A list of the onsite measures AAW will be taking, can be found at the bottom of this webpage. We have consolidated COVID-19 FAQs and travel information from reliable international, national, state and local health and regulatory agencies on this page, which will be updated frequently.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to reach Phil McDonald, AAW Executive Director, by phone at 651-484-9094 or by email at phil@woodturner.org.

We look forward to seeing you in Louisville.

Kind regards,

AAW Board of Directors and Staff

BOWL INLAY

By
Ray Fenton

The March PRW meeting demonstration was hosted by Ray Fenton and he showed the members his method of constructing a Inlayed Bowl from small scrap wood pieces. This was a great method to come up with a good use for all those little pieces of exotic woods we all hate to throw away but seem to save for eternity. The procedures for Ray's bowl can be found on the club's website under "Resources". Give it a try, I think you'll really find this interesting.



PRW President's Mid-Month Notes...

My apologies to everyone for the April PRW meeting cancellation, due to the temporary Cultural Center closure with the COVID-19 area-wide related shutdowns. Hopefully, things will return to a bit more normal in May, and we'll be able to meet again on May 7th.

If nothing else during this time of self-sequester, you might have a bit more time for turning in your woodshop, or for exploring more about woodturning from online sources & videos.

At the February meeting, I had issued a **President's Challenge** – A skills building exercise, so to speak. So for **May – how about turning a beehive ornament?** Instructions are listed on the [Resources Page](#) of the [PRW web-site](#). Those of you who attended the March meeting will have seen Bob R's beehive during Show & Tell - It's a fun one, playing with spindle work & bead-turning skills.

For our March and April meetings, I challenged the members to bring a **turned wooden egg or egg box** for Show & Tell. Cute little egg décor or gifts for family. Guidelines and instructions are also listed on that same [Resources Page](#), and many other resources are available out there on the web.

By now, most of you should have received a catalog from **Penn State Industries**, and as a member of the PRW, you will get an automatic 10% discount when you place every online order using your email address. We are teaming up with as many different vendors as we can to get members special pricing. Look for them at <https://www.pennstateind.com>

If anyone has heard of **EZ-Bond** super glue, we can get a huge discount on a combined order of \$150 in different viscosities, debonder, and accelerator – please email me if you are interested, and I will see about putting together an order. Check them out online at WWW.e-zbond.com. The discount we receive is about 50% off listed prices. This is brand I haven't tried yet, so give us some feedback if you have used it!

UPCOMING:	<u>CLUB DEMO</u>	<u>REFRESHMENTS</u>	<u>SHOWCASE</u>
APRIL	CANCELLED DUE TO CULTURAL CENTER CLOSURE		
MAY	Bob Summers	Bob Summers	Paul Swanson
JUNE	demonstrator needed	open	open
JULY	Bob Roehrig	Bob Roehrig	Normand D.

If you are unable to participate for the month that is listed on this schedule, please be courteous and give advance warning so we can find a replacement. I will send an reminder email to the month's volunteers, as things do have a way of sneaking up on us! You can always check online to see what month you are scheduled – check out [Who's Up Next](#) on our website

COMMITTEES: MEMBERS, YOUR HELP IS STILL NEEDED!

Not to belabor a point, but - **We still need 2 people to help on the A/V Team for the remainder of the year at every meeting.** If Normand is unavailable, we are dead in the water without help, and you won't see the demos on-screen! We won't have the TV screen closeups for you to enjoy during demos if no one is there to setup & operate the system.

There are other Committees that still need your help – Look at the [Get Involved](#) page on our website.

Please remember to **bring a piece or two every month** for the donation box, and fill out the member listing so we can track the donations for the Center when we negotiate our annual rent.. **Small birdhouse ornaments are great, and any turnings that you might feel are imperfect are welcome, too!** Don't put those *Flawed Gems* in the dustbin, bring them to donate at the meeting!

Thank you all for your continuing support and involvement in the PRW,
Cheri Bauer, President send email to: peacriverwoodturners@comcast.net

The Silver Fox Tips from Past Experience...

Store your frequently-used finishes in PROPERLY LABELED flip-top small plastic shampoo bottles, close to your lathe. Put several small bolts or nuts in the bottle, and shake before each use. A flip of the top opens or closes with one hand! Small controlled squirts onto a paper towel (a rag might snag on a spinning lathe!) for easy application, and you're well on your way to a beautiful finished piece.

Keep your tools sharp to get the cleanest cut you can while turning with minimum tearout. Set up your grinder close to the lathe to minimize time stepping away from the lathe, and you'll probably use it more often. Yes, SAND is a 4-letter word, but spending the time to work through the grit levels to refine the surface is well worth the effort. It's still best to give yourself a cleaner turned surface to start with before you get to the sanding part!

Perfection may never be reached, but it is usually worth striving for it. Sometimes the best reward for something well done is simply to know you have accomplished it.

You know that turner whose works you admire? They started as a beginner, too! Some lessons come easy & some come harder. Experience is something you don't get until just after you needed it, so try not to make the same error twice in a row – Make a new one, and learn some more!

It's impossible to learn what you already THINK you know. Some things are meant to be closed, but your mind isn't one of them!

To spalt your own wood, mix together in a blender or food processor:

One can beer

One & a half tablespoons ammonia

One cup Miracle Grow (mixed double strength)

Oak leaves, grass clippings, or other natural materials that slowly decompose

Paint this mixture on all exposed surfaces of your green wood, and seal it tightly in a garbage bag. Put the bagged wood someplace warm (easy here in FL). Check

it in a month or so – mark your calendar to remember. How long is long enough?
YOU be the judge. (P.S. Clean out the blender REALLY WELL when finished –
Don't ask why!)

Happy turning!

SHOW & TELL



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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. 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:

rjroehrig@gmail.com

Membership

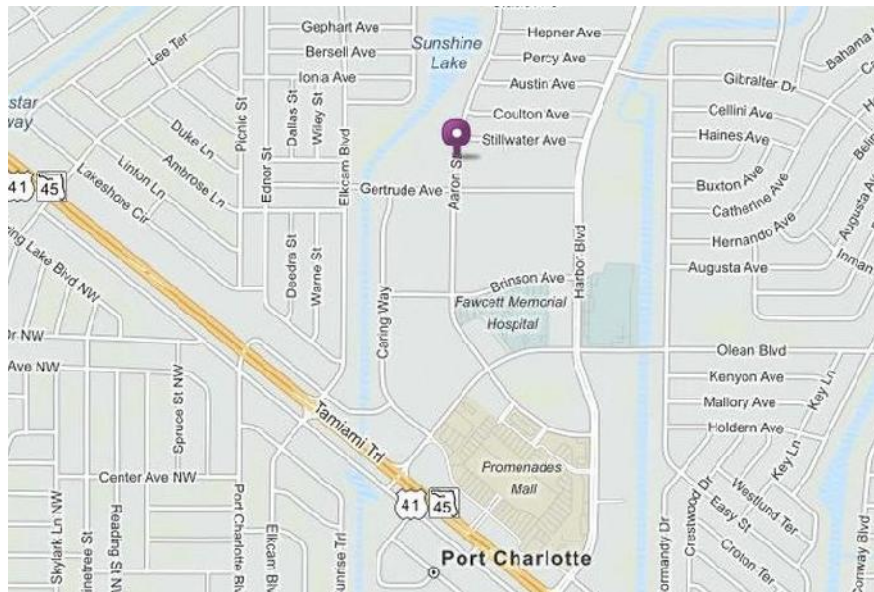
Yearly chapter dues are \$50 per individual or \$60 a family. Membership is for the calendar year. These dues help the club provide tools for our monthly demonstrations, bring in outside demonstrators, pay room rent, have a yearly picnic and other club related activities.

Meeting Location

Our Meetings are on the first Thursday of the month starting at 6:30 pm and ending by 9:00 pm. We meet at the **Charlotte County Cultural Center** 2280 Aaron St. located in Port Charlotte, FL



**Our next meeting is:
Thursday April.. Canceled**



Upcoming Events

PRW meeting: April....Canceled

Demonstration:

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

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.