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PRW President's Notes...

Did you know it's time for PRW Elections, too? PRW Board Members are elected for 2-year terms, with different positions expiring on alternate years. The Vice-President and Treasurer terms will expire at the end of December 2020. If you are interested in running for either of these positions, please contact us by phone or email – **You can email right from the PRW website** in the **Member List** under the **About Us** section, once you are logged on to the website. Click on any Member and try it!

I want to extend my **SINCERE THANKS** to all the PRW Members who have responded to the survey sent from the PRW BOD in an email last week! To date, about half the Members have kindly let us know about your wishes and concerns. Your input gives us a glimpse into your comfort level with Club events moving forward, and will help guide us in some necessary decisions and adjustments as we head to 2021. Most of the YES/NO questions were a 60/40 or close to 50/50, and great ideas were shared.

So many of you miss getting together, and wish to gather in a minimal-risk location, as soon as we can make proper arrangements to safely return to in-person meetings. The Cultural Center is currently open from 9-3 on weekdays only, so evening meetings there are not possible at this time.

Plans are underway for an open-air, social-distanced meeting on Thursday, November 5th 6 PM, at The Maple Leaf Village Woodworkers Shop off Kings Highway, weather permitting. We'll have a lathe demonstration by Member (and Maple Leaf resident) David Smith, which was postponed from August. David will be working just inside the building and fully visible to the attendees through the open garage door. Restrooms are conveniently located on-site.

No refreshments will be served at this meeting, which will help minimize accidental contact, so make sure to BYO mug o' coffee or other beverage. **Mask-wearing by attendees will be enforced** by Mean Ol' MamaBear Bauer - This issue is a no-brainer, folks, according to all of your survey responses. Let's do our absolute best to stay safe & healthy, and maintain respect for each other's well-being!

If the Wi-Fi cooperates, **we will Zoom this meeting/demonstration live**. If we have internet issues and cannot Zoom live, we hope to put the video up online by that weekend for everyone to enjoy.

PRW November Meeting - Thursday, Nov 5, 2020 - 6 to 9 PM at Maple Leaf Village

We are still working out lots of the arrangements for providing a live demonstration for this meeting, and are asking for any help you can provide, or ideas you might have, to make this happen in a safe and worthwhile manner. Your patience and cooperation are greatly appreciated!

The Silver Fox Tips from Past Experience...

Telling an angry person to calm down is about like baptizing a cat... Useless and under-appreciated.

Prayer is the original wireless communication.

My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffered from mental illness. I said, "No, we all seem to enjoy it."

Appliances hate me... I thought the dryer made my clothes shrink. Turns out it was my refrigerator.

I thought growing old would take longer.

Went shopping while hungry... I'm now the proud owner of every product in Aisle 6.

Camping: where you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person.

Becoming an adult may be the dumbest thing I have ever tried.

I'm a true multitasker... I can listen, ignore, and forget all at the same time!

I won't say I'm worn out, but I don't dare sit near the curb on trash day.

People who wonder if the glass is half empty or half full miss the point - The glass is refillable.

Retired: Under new management. See spouse for details.

Sometimes it takes me all day to get nothing done. Then I do "diddly-squats" for exercise.

I don't trip, I do random gravity checks.

Hold on while I over-think this.

My spouse says I have 2 faults. I don't listen and... something else.

Never laugh at your spouse's choices. You happen to be one of them.

One minute you're young and fun. The next, you're turning down the car stereo to see better.

I'd grow my own food, if only I could find bacon seeds.

Losing weight doesn't seem to be working for me, so now I'll just concentrate on getting taller.

Some people are like clouds... Once they disappear, it's a beautiful day.

My body is a temple - ancient and crumbling, perhaps cursed or haunted.

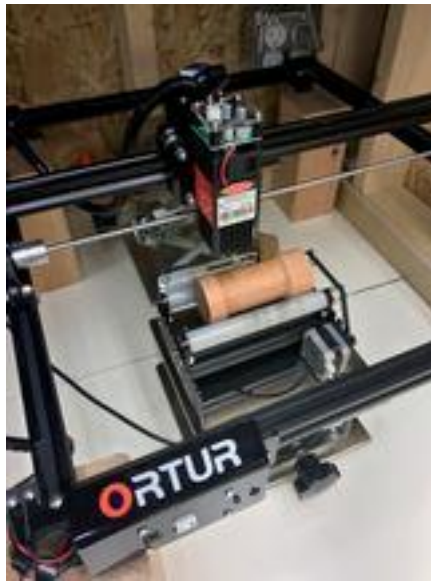
Common sense is not a gift. It's a punishment when you deal with everyone who doesn't have it.

Laser Engraving to Compliment Your Turnings

Mark Yates

Member Mark Yates has acquired a new Laser engraver to help compliment his turnings on his lathe and would like to share with you some pictures of the process he used to make a Tooth-pick holder.

Laser Engraver



Step 1



Step 2



Step3



Step 4



Step 6.....roller engraver



Finished Product



Bottom Signature



Here's the information on the laser machine and software.....It takes about 1 1/2 hours from start to finish to make this toothpick holder.

Laser Software: <https://lasergbl.software.infomer.com>

Gcode photowizard: <https://www.gcodephotowizard.com/>

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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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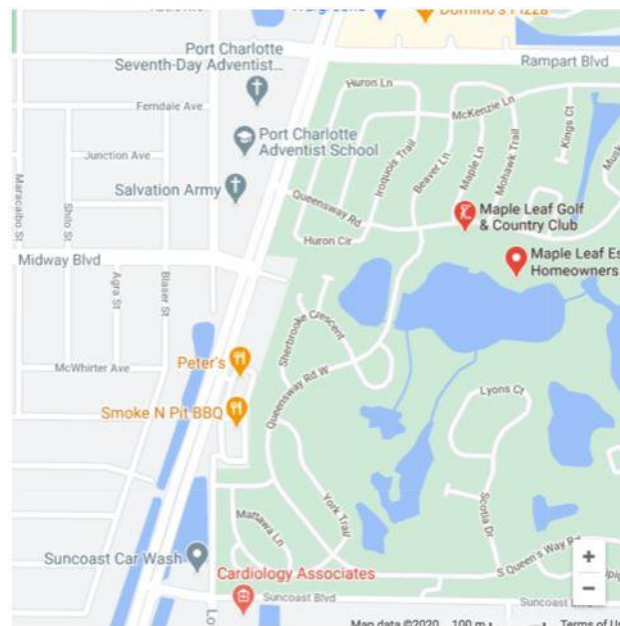
Membership

Yearly chapter dues are \$25 per individual or \$30 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 6:00 pm and ending by 9:00 pm. We will be meeting at Maple Leaf Village: 2100 Kings Hwy. Port Charlotte

Our next meeting is:
Thursday November 5, 2020



Upcoming Events

PRW meeting: Thursday November 5, 2020

Demonstration: David Smith

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.