

Chips & Bits

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Happy Members

First actual meeting since last March



We're very happy to announce that we have finalized plans for our 2022 Florida Woodturning Symposium. The Symposium will be on February 17-20, 2022 and is moving to the **RP Funding Center in Lakeland, Florida.**

We have confirmed our lineup:

National Demonstrators

- [David Elsworth](#)
- [Mark Gardner](#)
- [Carol Hall](#)
- [Avelino Samuel](#)

Regional Demonstrators

- [Keith Larrett](#)
- [Jack Roberts](#)
- [Kent Weakley](#)

Our Committee has been working hard to create a new Florida Woodturning Symposium experience for you. Our focus was to ensure a safe environment for our attendees and after review we felt that would no longer be possible at the Baptist Convention Center at Lake Yale. That started us on an exhaustive search for a new location. Although we checked out many places, the RP Funding Center in Lakeland was the one that met our needs the best. Since we have moved away from a campus location, we have shifted the structure of the Symposium to an event similar to the AAW symposium.

The 2020 Symposium will change in a number of ways:

- There is plenty of room. Each of the demonstration rooms will allow us to accommodate social distancing and will comfortably allow more attendees.
- You will need to coordinate your own accommodations and meals. There are two modern hotels on the RP Funding site. We are developing special Symposium pricing for our event. Each of these hotels has breakfast included in the pricing. We will have a lunch concession at the venue, but dinners will be on your own.

We will be having a cash bar for a meet and greet after the daily demonstrations at one of the hotels

1. The Instant Gallery Critique and Auction/Raffle will take place on Friday and Saturday after the Meet and Greet and end by 7:15.
2. For this first year we have decided to not do any workshops. Once we see how the new event works, we may bring them back in future years.
3. We are still working out the details about our raffle and auction and we'll keep you informed.
4. We have altered the schedule to give each of the demonstrators a full 90 minutes. We also start first thing Friday morning and we'll be combining both National and Regional demonstrators each day. We've also added one extra rotation for the National demonstrators, reducing your chance of missing one of your favorites.

We're still working on a number of details, but we're excited about the new Symposium. Keep checking our [Facebook](#) page and our [Website](#) to see the latest news. We'll also be mailing regular updates, so stay tuned.

Florida State Fair

Any member interested in entering a piece for the upcoming State Fair next February, please read the following below and use the link to get your application. Ted Beebe is willing to transport your project to the fair and pick it up to return. Your job will be to get Ted your project and make proper arrangements for pickup.

Submit your arts and crafts entry at the Florida State Fair and let your creativity shine! Youth and adults can enter all kinds of categories from seasonal crafts, ceramic work and leatherwork to graphic art, Legos or jewelry and more.

Ribbons and/or premiums will be given to top participants in each category. **Participants must submit either online or paper entry forms by December 11, 2020.**

For questions or concerns, contact Brenda Gregory, the Competitive Exhibits Coordinator at (813) 734-2810 or brenda.gregory@floridastatefair.com.

Go to the following link provided below to read the rules and regulations and to download your application.

<https://floridastatefair.com/creative-living/arts-crafts/>

Then go to this link below:

<https://floridastatefair.com/creative-living/>

First meeting Since March

Peace River Woodturners held their first meeting since March in an outdoor setting at Maple Leaf Village in Port Charlotte. Turning demonstration was held at the large garage door while members sat outside as pictured.



Notes from the President

PRW President's Notes... With a bit of pleasant weather, we held our FIRST open-air, socially-distanced meeting since March at the Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club Woodworkers Shop on Nov 5th . The Zoom portion didn't go as smoothly as planned, but those brave souls who stayed tuned in to the end DID get to see the demonstration live! The videos of parts of the Show & Tell and the demonstration are now posted online, so you can access them right on the PRW website. Aiming for a bit better production value for our second attempt, so ...

We will host the next outdoor in-person meeting again at Maple Leaf G&CC Woodworkers Shop on December 3rd at 6 PM. Bring your Show & Tell items, your face mask, your beverage of choice, and a sweater for the cooler evening weather as the sun goes down! The library will be available at the meeting, so you can once again check out professional and club videos to return at the next meeting. Restrooms are onsite, and there is plenty of room for close-up views of the demonstration & Show & Tell on the 2 screens set up outside the building. We're doing our absolute best to keep you safe & healthy, and maintain respect for each other's well-being, while having some friendly interaction and fun with turning! The Zoom should run a bit better this time, too. PRW December Meeting - Thursday, DEC 3, 2020 - 6 to 9 PM at Maple Leaf G&CC Watch for the meeting invitation I'll send to your email soon with Zoom details, and we'll hope that you can click on the Zoom link to join us electronically if you won't be there in person!

My GRATEFUL THANKS to those of you who were kind enough to send pictures to Bob Roehrig for the newsletter – We'll get those posted on the website's EVENTS NOVEMBER Show & Tell page.

No one has volunteered to run for the PRW Vice President or Treasurer positions, so both Bil Tucker and Mike Schwarz have graciously agreed to stay on for another year. These are both 2-year positions, folks, so there is still time to decide how YOU will assist our woodturning organization to satisfy the varied turning-related instruction/fascination desires of all our members in 2021.

Have you tried yet to communicate with any other member through the PRW website's Member List? 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!

Thank you all for your continuing support and involvement in the PRW. Stay safe and healthy, and have a great Thanksgiving Holiday, even if it is a remote occasion with your extended family! Cheri Bauer, President send email to: peaceriverwoodturners@comcast.net

The Silver Fox Tips from Past Experience... I've learned never to make the same mistake twice – There's so many opportunities to make new ones!

Knock knock. Who's there? Arthur! Arthur Who? Arthur any more drumsticks left?

My family told me to stop with the dumb Thanksgiving jokes, but I just can't stop cold turkey!

SHOW & TELL



Larry McClish



Rod Castle



Carl Nielsen

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Paul Bartlett



Ray Fenton
Dutch European Work Benches

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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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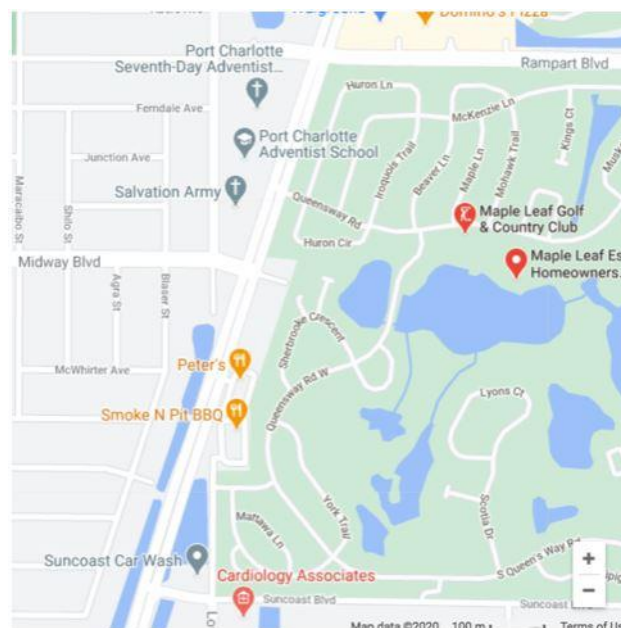
Membership

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 December 3, 2020



Upcoming Events

PRW meeting: December 3, 2020

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.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.