

Chips & Bits

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**Rudy Lopez
Demo Piece**

Providing an environment that fosters the art and craft of woodturning

A Publication of the Peace River Woodturners

Rudy Lopez Demonstration

Rudy Lopez once again provided the Peace River Woodturner club with a great informative demonstration. Hope everyone in attendance enjoyed.



Shop Safety Considerations

There's more to shop safety than just wearing shields, masks, and respirators. Read the following to make your shop as safe as possible.

- Always clean up any spill that occurs in the workshop.
- Keep heaters maintained and in a safe location.
- Store gas/combustibles in the correct containers recommended by the suppliers.
- Do not smoke in the workshop.
- Install a smoke detector in your workshop and ensure that a fire extinguisher is easily accessible in the event of a fire occurring.
- A fire extinguisher is an essential item to have in your workshop. Know how to use it.
- Maintain wiring on your tools. Repair frayed wiring on the power cable. Do not overload power strips.
- If you see black areas of obvious overheating remove the power to that tool immediately. Repair the problem before further use.
- Clean up piles of sawdust after every workshop project.
- Do not throw oily rags into a trash can. Soak them in water and dispose of them outdoors in your trash container. Empty trash can often.
- These are just a few suggestions. Do your safety check and look for any potential problems. Act on the problems immediately. Losing your tools is bad enough. Losing your house is life-changing. Losing your life is not repairable.

**It's that time of year once again.
2024 Club Dues are due**

\$50.00 single members, \$60.00 Family

**For your convenience you may pay these on line at the club's web-
site: <https://www.peaceriverwoodturners.org>**

President's DECEMBER '23 Notes...

Happy Holidays! Please join me in celebrating the election of the 2024 Slate of Officers: **Louis Currier** – President, **Michael Metivier** – Vice President, **Bob Roehrig** – returning Secretary, and I'll be stepping into the Treasurer slot while still handling the Sunday Gallery.

It's pretty amazing how far we have come in 3 years since the demise of the Cultural Center. It has been my honor and pleasure to assist the PRW through the pandemic isolation and the transition to a more active and prominent public place in our Community. I can't say THANK YOU ALL enough for the support you have shown both me and our PRW Board!

I forecast great things ahead for the PRW again in '24, and urge EVERYONE to be as active in Club Events and Activities as you can – **The more you're involved, the more benefits you'll reap!** There are many Committees that need your help in bits & pieces all year long... We have a wonderfully talented Membership, and there's lots each of you can share with the each other to help guide Members on their journey in an incredible "Turning Adventure"!

Are you ready for our **January's Wood Art Expo on the 12th-13th**? Hopefully, you have already submitted your Entry Forms and won't have to pay the higher "procrastination fee"! If you also entered your pieces in the Florida State Fair, delivery from the Expo to the Fair will be handled by a State Fair Rep on the day the Expo closes – ask Lou Currier for details.

The Rudy Lopez December Demo was well-attended, and we're working on Rudy to come back every year to delight us with new projects & techniques – Thanks, Dave Northcutt, for making the arrangements, and Thanks Again, Rudy!

PRW Member **Doc Watson** will give our January Demo Thursday, 1/4/24 at 6:30 PM. We are lucky to have such talented GREAT Presenters among our Membership, and this will be another "Don't Miss" meeting & demonstration! Come early for a front row seat...

The Holiday Season is officially here! **Price House PRW Woodturning Gallery** is ready and going "gang-busters", thanks to our Members' turnings, and the many unsung Volunteers who help out on Sundays.

Demonstrators are lined up for the first 4 months of 2024 meetings, and we need YOU to share your talents with the group! **Please step up to host a Demo at our meetings** – You'd be surprised how much closer you look at your techniques for a particular project or style when you know you'll be sharing that experience with others in the club!

Bring your "Fun \$\$\$" to the January 4th meeting... We have more tools, wood bits & chunks, logs, and larger pieces available, and other stuff for sale, too.

Happy Holidays, and hope to see you all next month,
Cheri Bauer, Retiring President peaceriverwoodturners@comcast.net

PRW CALENDAR - WHAT'S NEXT?

December

Sunday 17th Price House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**
Sunday 24th **FINAL GALLERY SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS**
Price House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**
Sunday 31st Price House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**

January '24

Thursday 4th **Monthly Meeting – Doc Watson DEMO – 6:30PM**
Sunday 7th Price House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM – **Need Volunteers**
Thursday 11th **WOOD ART EXPO Entries Drop off 8:30 AM to 11AM**
Friday 12th **WOOD ART EXPO - 9AM to 4PM - Need Volunteers!!!**
Saturday 13th **WOOD ART EXPO – 9 AM to 4PM, with 4:15 Pickup time**
Sunday 14th Price House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM – **Need Volunteers**
Thursday 18th Third Thursday **LUNCH & TURN – 11:30 at Elena's, then PRW**
Sunday 21st Price House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM – **Need Volunteers**
Sunday 28th Price House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM – **Need Volunteers**

February

Thursday 1st **Monthly Meeting – Ray Fenton DEMO – 6:30PM**
Sunday 4th Price House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM – **Need Volunteers**
Sunday 11th Price House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM – **Need Volunteers**
Thursday 15th Third Thursday **LUNCH & TURN – 11:30 at Elena's, then PRW**
Sunday 18th Price House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM – **Need Volunteers**
Sunday 25th Price House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM – **Need Volunteers**

PRICE HOUSE WOODSHOP AND GALLERY

We've sold over \$30K in Members' Turned Treasures this year so far, in only 4 hours every Sunday, and we still have 3 Sundays left in the year! Thanks to your talent, imagination, and skills in woodturning, we can actively support Club activities, pay our monthly rent, and upgrade/maintain our tools and equipment! **THANK YOU!**

THE HOLIDAYS HAVE ARRIVED!

We're looking for your:

Bowls - Salad bowls! Kitchenware! Platters! Natural edge, segmented, artistic pieces

We have frequent visitors looking for that "just right" decorative home accent!

Ornaments - Christmas & Window "Sparklies"

From elegant to rustic, there is a wide-open market for all styles of ornaments!

Lidded Boxes - Any style: Threaded lids. Pop-top lids, Finials or Decorative inserts

Women especially love to find charming storage solutions for small items!

Vases and Vessels – Short ones, tall ones, dried flower pots, openwork, bark edge pots – *Any decorative items for holding small decorative flowers or collections!*

Turned Toys - Spinning Tops, Pull toys, Magic Wands, Kaleidoscopes

Children visit the Gallery, and they love taking home a memento of their trip!

Need more ideas? Volunteer at the Gallery any Sunday, we'll give you plenty of ideas!

Wondering if your work will sell? How better to find out – Bring your pieces to the Gallery!

2024 WOOD ART EXPO

2024 SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

WOOD ART EXPOSITION

AND COMPETITION

JANUARY 12 & 13, 2024

CHARLOTTE HARBOR EVENTS CENTER 9 AM - 4 PM
75 TAYLOR STREET, PUNTA GORDA, FL 33950

Woodcarving & Woodturning Competitions
To get Competition Entry Forms and more information, go to:

SWFLWOODARTEXPO.ORG

WOODCARVING and WOODTURNING COMPETITIONS
Displays and Judged Competition, Vendor Booths - Wood, Tools, and more
Daily Technique Demonstrations, Raffles, Silent Auction, and Wood Art Sales



**WOODCARVING & WOODTURNING
ENTRY DEADLINES:**
\$5 per Entry Application Deadline:
December 12, 2023
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AFTER December 12, 2023:
\$15 per Late Entry Application Fee
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Find Forms online at swflwoodartexpo.org

The \$5 Entry Fee deadline was DECEMBER 12th, now each piece will cost you an additional \$10 Procrastination Fee!

You can enter right up to the Thursday Drop-Off day, but WHY WAIT???

Entry application forms are available online now! Go to

www.swflwoodartexpo.org

THREE Turning Skill Levels: Novice, Intermediate & Advanced, and plenty of categories for your incredible turnings!

New this year: Collaborative **Miniature Village** - Carved Scenes in a 10" x 10" x 10" footprint. **Turners** - Please create a few 5"-7" tall trees for the display.

WE NEED YOUR HELP DURING THE EXPO!

SIGN UP ON THE PRW WEBSITE for the times when you can help us at the EXPO! Go to the Upcoming Events page, and select the different **2-hour time slots** you'd like - Sign up for one, then click back to the Event & sign up for more, please! There are lots of ways you can assist us this year...]

Volunteer List for 2024

Appreciate your help

If interested in helping out, please see Cheri or Lou to sign up

THANKS

PEACE RIVER WOODTURNERS 2024 Volunteer List		
Board Members -2024	Volunteer	Expires/Dec
President	Louis Currier	2025
Vice President	Michael Metivier	2024
Secretary	Bob Roehrig	2024
Treasurer	Cheri Bauer	2025
Past President	Cheri Bauer	2025
Committee Chairs-2024	Volunteers (at least 3 each needed)	Expires/Dec
Audio/Visual	Slyfield, Yates, open	2024
Product Donations	C. Bauer, open, open	2024
Christmas Party/Picnic	open, open	2024
Club Inventory of Resources	open, open, open	2024
Demonstrator Recruiting	open, open, open	2024
Grant Procurement	open, open, open	2024
Librarian	Yates, open, open, open	2024
Meeting, Lathe Setup/Cleanup	Metivier, Anschultz	2024
Membership / Recruitment	Smith, open, open	2024
Mentors	Bartlett (segmenting), F. Bauer, Beebe, Currier, Ellsworth, Smith, Watson, Stayner, Fenton open, open	2024
News Letter	Roehrig, open, open, open	2024
Nomination	open, open, open	2024
Photographer	Roehrig (Show & Tell), Yates, open (EVENTS)	2024
Pro Demonstration Invites	open, open, open	2024
Proportional Drawing	Metivier, open, open, open	2024
Public Displays of Woodturning	C. Bauer (gallery), open, open, open	2024
Shows	Currier (WoodArtExpo), open, open, open	2024
Sunshine	open, open, open	2024
Trainers	Currier, Smith, open, open open	2024
Website	Bauer, Northcutt, Currier open, open, open	2024

**The Leading Cause Of
Injury In Old Men Is**



**Them Thinking They
Are Still Young Men**

Lunch & Turn

Below are pictures from Last Thursdays Lunch and turn. New members and novices are learning quickly and enjoying making shavings.



Manfred Roehrl, Mindy Bickey, Chris Van Doren, Ray Fenton



Honey Dipper made by Mindy Bickey



Mindy Bickey

SHOW & TELL



Ted Beebe



Paul Bartlett



Bob Summers

SHOW & TELL



Craig Slyfield



Dave Watson



Peter Simard



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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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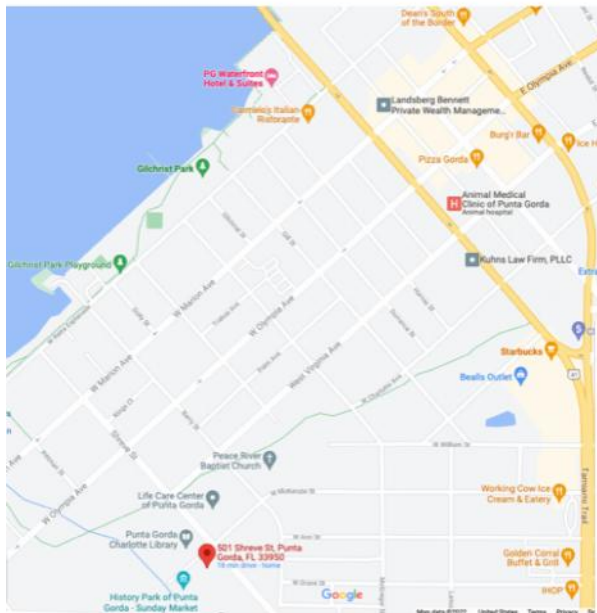
Membership

Yearly chapter dues are \$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 9pm. We meet at the Punta Gorda History Park at **501 Shreve St.** in Punta Gorda, Florida.

Our next meeting is: Thursday January 4, 2024 - 6:30 PM



Upcoming Events

PRW meeting: January 4, 2024

Demonstration:

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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.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.