

Chips & Bits

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**Lee Sky
Meeting Demonstration**

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Lee Sky July Demonstration

Great July demonstration by Lee Sky on small “Layered” vessels. What a great use for all those little pieces of exotic scrap wood that fills your buckets.

Lee gave a great demo on a spin off of work done by Jim McPhail a prominent turner who lived up in the Ashville NC area. Lee’s demo showed exactly how to make great use from all that beautiful colored wood.



President's JULY '23 Notes...

WHAT CAN YOU LEARN when attending a monthly PRW meeting? Unless you're absolutely the smartest, most experienced turner on the planet, you'll always learn a thing or two by seeing a live demo and talking with other Members at the meetings! Shared information will benefit us all, no matter the skill level, so ask questions, keep an open mind, and listen when others Members speak from experience... It's never a wasted evening!

Have you turned your **MICRO-MINI VESSEL for the August Meeting Challenge** yet? Bob Roehrig, our July Tops **Challenge** Member's Choice Winner, picked Lee Sky's demo project as our August Challenge. You can turn a fun little piece using all your scraps! **Check out the PRW website Events page or July Show & Tell page for pictures of 3 mini-vases to get you started on ideas** – Mix and match any types & kinds of materials to create your own unique vessel! Layer up the individually sanded rings with CA glue right on the lathe to build you piece as-you-go. Even if you're not here in town to compete, **WHY NOT GIVE IT A TRY!** **Send us your photos!** Remember, the Winner of this Challenge gets to choose the Challenge Topic for the next meeting – We have a long list of topics as suggestions!

A special THANKS to Lee Sky for his great Thursday night demo, and the 2 days of hands-on training and coaching that lucky Members received. For those who didn't attend the hands-on, you missed an incredible opportunity for detailed one-on-one instructions and clarifications on angles of attack, ways to make your turning easier and more productive, and great tips - Plus turning a unique Bottle Brush Burl to call your own!

The August's Meeting on 8/3/23 will feature a PRW Member **David Smith** turning captive rings. If you've never seen this technique demonstrated, or want to know more about how it's done, this Demo will be quite informative!

Price House PRW Woodturning Gallery still has steady customer traffic even though since "Bird Season" has ended. We're having fun educating our admiring visitors on the "Wonders of Woodturning", and we've caught

PRICE HOUSE WOODSHOP AND GALLERY

We have sold **over \$17,600 in Members' "Turned Treasures"** since January 1st, in only 4 hours every Sunday, thanks to your talent, imagination, and skills in woodturning!

THE ARTISAN'S VILLAGE is gaining attention, with the PeaceRiver Woodturners in the **Price House**, (brown building), the VAC Common Threads Fiber Arts in the Quidnau-Hindman House (yellow building), and the **SWFL Potter's Guild** in the **Trabue House** (front white building) at History Park. We are establishing an Arts Destination in an outdoor Park setting.

NOW IS THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT TURNINGS FOR THE HOLIDAYS! WHAT CAN YOU MAKE?

Do you turn toys of any style we can sell? There are many children visiting the Price House, especially during the summer with their parents and grandparents, and they love to take home something as a memento of their trip to Punta Gorda!

Want to donate your turnings to the Gallery? Every Member's Woodworking Art is solicited and appreciated! This Gallery is a showcase for PRW Members, and 100% benefits the PRW – There is nothing else like our Gallery *anywhere* in the local area, and we are quite proud of it!

We constantly need to replenish the Gallery shelves! Donate a turning every meeting for the PRW Gallery. Large items are impressive, and generate lots of conversations about the art form. Small items are great, like tops & birdhouses & pens & ornaments & small bowls, or anything you'd like to create! Take a look at what's currently in the Gallery – the range of works from Novice to Advanced is incredible!

DO you have any "flawed gems" around your shop? Sand them, put a coat of finish on & bring them to the Gallery. The public is LOVING our woodturned treasures, small and large!

THANK YOU to all of our generous Volunteers, those who place their work in the Gallery, those who enjoy talking with the public about the PRW! So how are the rest of you Members involved? **Pick a Sunday, any Sunday, and help the PRW!** We need your help! - Come & assist, or bring your turnings!

PRW CALENDAR - WHAT'S NEXT?

July

Sunday **23rd** Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**

Sunday **30th** Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**

August

Thursday **3rd** **Monthly Meeting – CAPTURED RINGS DEMO – 6:30PM**

Sunday **6th** Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**

Sunday **13th** Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**

Thursday **17th** Third Thursday **LUNCH & TURN – 11:30 at Elena's, then PRW**

Sunday **20th** Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**

Sunday **27th** Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**

Does Your CA Glue Stain?

There you are turning and your bowl is looking great but all of a sudden you notice a crack.

If you decide to fix the crack with CA (cyanoacrylate), you can fill the crack with some fine wood dust or other colored filling.

But before you add the filler and apply the CA, here's the tip – **spray a light coat of canned lacquer around the cracked area and let it dry.**



Don't bother using a good quality canned lacquer, any brand will do.

The light coat of lacquer around the crack surface acts like a mask and reduces the amount of staining caused by the CA.

Once the crack is glued and dry, sand the surface and remove all the lacquer in the process.

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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:

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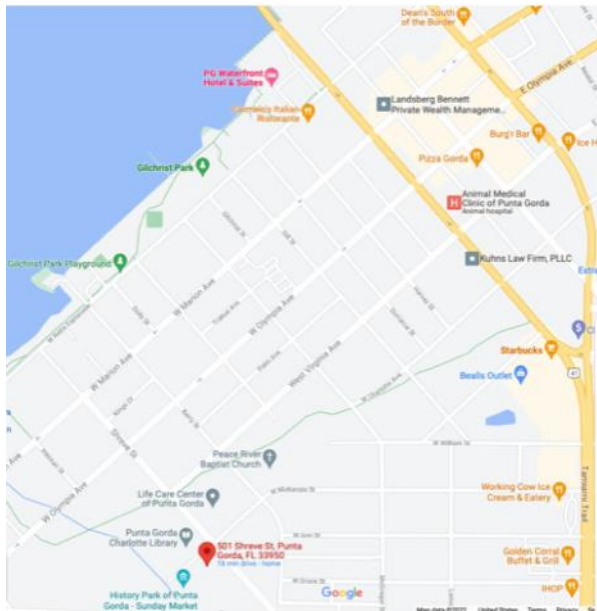
Membership

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 9 pm. We meet at the Punta Gorda History Park at **501 Shreve St.** in Punta Gorda, Florida.

Our next meeting is: Thursday August 3 @ 6:30 PM



Upcoming Events

PRW meeting: August 3, 2023

**Demonstration: Lou Carrier:
Captured Rings**

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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.