

Chips & Bits

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**Peace River Woodturners Club Gallery
Thank You.....CHERI**

**Providing an environment that fosters the art and craft of woodturning
A Publication of the Peace River Woodturners**

AAW Chapter Award

American Association of Woodturners gave our chapter the 2nd place award for best Chapter Website.

BIG thanks goes out to Dave Northcutt our Webmaster. Dave is truly the Master of his ArtThanks Dave for all your hard work.



President's JUNE '23 Notes...

I'm finding that the greatest obstacle to good communication with others is the illusion that I have achieved it... Still learning that I don't know what I don't know!

Just scanned through my "Turning Ideas" sketchbook - At my current rate of completion, I'm on schedule to finish most of my planned projects by my 472nd birthday!

Have you turned your **SPINNING TOP for the July Meeting Challenge** yet? Bob Roehrig, our June **Wineglass Challenge** Member's Choice Winner, picked a Spinning Top for our July Challenge piece. Members have been having fun turning their entry! Even if you're not here in town to compete, **WHY NOT GIVE IT A TRY! Remember, the Winner of this Challenge gets to choose the Challenge Topic for the August meeting** – We have a long list of topics as suggestions! If you're stumped for ideas on making tops, take a look at the **Resources page** on the website – You'll find TOPS GALLORE in 2 different places!

Thank you, **David Smith**, for demonstrating your **techniques for turning one-piece scoops** in your June presentation! You made it look easy, and gave Members ideas for other turnings!

July's Meeting on 7/6/23 will feature a **Pro Demo from Lee Sky** on turning Hollow forms. If you're interested in some invaluable One-on-One Tools & Techniques training, there is still room available in **Lee's 2-day Hands-On class on Friday 7/7 & Saturday 7/8**. Sign-up is available on the website NOW! Help support the Educational efforts of the PRW, and help yourself build better and more satisfying turning abilities...

Never be afraid to ask questions of anyone whose work you admire, as their experience and explanations may save you a lot of grief, frustration, and trial/error. And that's not just when it comes to woodturning, folks!

Price House PRW Woodturning Gallery customer traffic has slowed just a bit since 'Bird Season has ended. We're still having fun educating our admiring visitors on the "Wonders of Woodturning", and we've caught the attention of an enthusiastic public! **Sunday Volunteers** are always needed to meet & greet the History Park Visitors who are very interested in the incredible turnings we have on display for sale.

Bring your "Fun \$\$\$" to the July 1st meeting... We have NEW wood bits & chunks, logs, and larger pieces available, and lots of other stuff for sale, too.

Hope to see you next month, Cheri Bauer, President peaceriverwoodturners@comcast.net

PRICE HOUSE WOODSHOP AND GALLERY

We have sold **over \$15,750 in Members' "Turned Treasures"** since January 1st, in only 4 hours every Sunday, thanks to your talent, imagination, and skills in woodturning!

The Historical Society is rebranding the Permanent Vendors in the Park buildings as the **ARTISAN'S VILLAGE**. 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 a destination for the Arts in an Park setting.

There will be an article in an the **Suns News ARTS Section** with information and pictures of the Artisan's Village at Punta Gorda History Park in an upcoming edition! This is great news, and a well-deserved acknowledgement for what we have achieved in one short year!

Do you turn toys of any style we can sell? There are many children visiting the Price House 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!

If you have any "flawed gems" around your shop, sand them, put a coat of finish on them & 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?

June

Sunday **25th** Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**

July

Sunday **2nd** Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**

Thursday **6th** **Monthly Meeting – LEE SKY Pro Demo – 6:30PM** Price House

Friday **7th** Hands-On Class with Lee Sky – Registration required

Saturday **8th** Hands-On Class with Lee Sky – Registration required

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

Sunday **16th** Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**

Thursday **20th** Third Thursday **LUNCH & TURN – 11:30** at Elena's, then PRW

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 – Demo TBD – 6:30PM** Price House

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**

September

Sunday **3rd** Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM – **Need Volunteers**

Thursday **7th** **Monthly Meeting – Demo TBD – 6:30PM** Price House

Sunday **10th** Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**

Sunday **17th** Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**

Thursday **21st** Third Thursday **LUNCH & TURN – 11:30** at Elena's, then PRW

Sunday **24th** Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**

June Demonstration

By

David Smith

David Smith gave the June demonstration on how to do utility Scoops.



TECHNIQUES & TIPS FOR CHUCKING

Useful Techniques for Holding Work

By Chris Grace

There are several techniques for holding your work on the lathe. One technique is to turn a wasteblock to secure the work. A second technique is to turn a jam chuck with a spigot that fits into the opening of a vessel, making it easy to reverse chuck the vessel for finishing the bottom.



Wasteblock-1

Pressure fit a 3" wide by 1" thick blank between the chuck and tailstock. Turn a tenon that will fit into your chuck. True the face of the blank outside the tenon.



Wasteblock-2

Double-check the size of the tenon to make sure it will fit into the jaws of your chuck.



Wasteblock-3

A dovetail scraper makes creating the tenon a simple task. Simply line up the scraper flush to the blank...



Wasteblock-4

...then plunge it in to form the dovetail. Finally, draw it back along the cut face to true the face.



Wasteblock-5

Reverse it into your chuck jaws, and true the face before applying wood glue to the wasteblock. I prefer to use an octagon-shaped wasteblock, but a round one works equally well. If you choose to use a round wasteblock, be sure to true the outside diameter.



Spigot-1

Occasionally you need to reverse chuck a vessel and there seems to be no simple way to do so. One solution is to turn a jam chuck with a spigot that fits directly into the opening at the top of the vessel. To make this spigot, mark a scrap of wood measuring 2" x 2" x 3" with your center finder.



Wasteblock-6

Then press your turning blank onto the glued wasteblock with tailstock pressure. Allow ample time for the glue to set when using yellow glue. You are now ready to turn the blank into any desirable shape. This technique is particularly useful when the turning blank is limited in size and there is no room for a tenon.



Spigot-2

Mark from every corner in case it's not square, then eyeball the center and punch a mark.



Spigot-3

Press the blank against your chuck jaws, or better still your cork faceplate, and start turning it to a cylinder. Create a dovetail tenon on the outside end.



Spigot-5

Measure the hole your spigot will fit into, zero your calipers, and measure how much you still need to remove at different points along the spigot, then turn away the waste until you are almost at '0'.



Spigot-4

Reverse, grip the jam chuck in your chuck jaws, and rough down, leaving a taper that will be sized to fit into the opening of the vessel you need to reverse chuck.



Spigot-6

Fine-tune the fit with 80 grit abrasive; this also helps the spigot grip inside the vessel.

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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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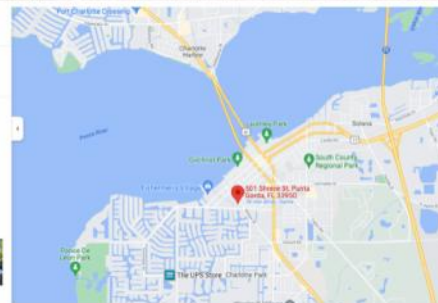
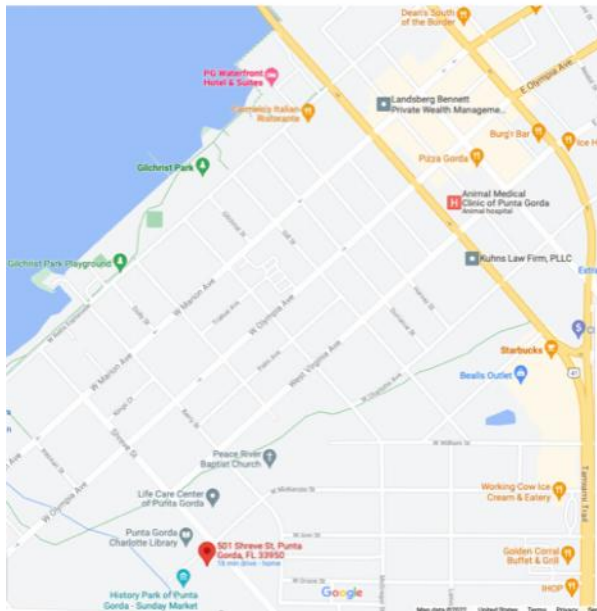
Membership

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 10:30 AM and ending by 12:30 pm. We meet at the Punta Gorda History Park at **501 Shreve St.** in Punta Gorda, Florida.

Our next meeting is: Thursday June 1st, 6:30 PM



Upcoming Events

PRW meeting: July 6th

Demonstration: Lee Sky

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.