

# **Chips & Bits**

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## **Have Fun with Spheres**



**Bob Roehrig**

**Providing an environment that fosters the art and craft of woodturning**

**A Publication of the Peace River Woodturners**

# March Demonstration Turn a Sphere (Croquet)

Bob Roehrig & Lou Courier (demonstrators)



For Procedure sheet on turning a Sphere using the Hexagon method, see Resources on Club Website.

## President's MARCH '23 Notes...

**The PRW needs YOUR participation:** (1) Your individual talents & ideas help the Club flourish. (2) Participation benefits are real & affordable, and you learn more with access to many Mentors. (3) We share camaraderie/conversations on a subject we all have passion for...

Thank you, **Bob Roehrig**, for a detailed demo on **Turning a Sphere**, and **Lou Currier** for the hints and ideas on **Turning a Mallet** at the March meeting! More info on turning your **President's Challenge** can be found under *Projects* on our website, or type *croquet* in the "Search" field at the top of any page, so you'll have your own Croquet Ball & Mallet for our **March 25<sup>th</sup> Picnic & Croquet Match at Price House from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM.**

**April's Meeting on 4/6/23** will feature **Bob Summers**. He hasn't "spilled the beans" about his Demo Topic, but we've always had an informative evening when Bob shows us a thing or two.

**Price House PRW Woodturning Gallery is growing**, sales are strong, and Visitor volume is increasing every Sunday. We're helping to educate the public on the Wonders of Woodturning! Spouse says "we're running out of space" in your home? **Please bring your turnings** and help us fill the NEW glass display cabinets and the side room displays at the Gallery!

**The Price House Decks Project** is moving along nicely – We're setting the planks in place, and the porches should be SAFE & usable very shortly, thanks to all the dedicated helpers!

I'm curious – **Do you plan out your next turning project**, or simply throw a random chunk of wood on the lathe & let it show you what it could become? Talking with Members, there is a wide variance in those who plan out & search for the perfect wood blank, and those who chuck up a piece with no end product in mind until they round it off & see what the wood has to offer... "Turning Time" can mean something different to each of us, and that's the beauty of it!

We still need a Demonstrator for our **JULY & AUGUST** meetings. What experience or skills can you share with fellow Members? Doesn't have to be fancy or elaborate, just interesting...

**Third Wednesday Lunch & Turn** comes immediately following a New Member Training Session, so we have 2 groups get instruction and time at the lathe! **Thank You** to our overworked Trainers **David Smith** and **Lou Currier** for giving so generously of

of their time! We **NEED MORE TRAINERS** to assist all our Novice Turners – At Your Shop or Price House - Share your knowledge, Novices are EAGER to learn everything they can from our Members with even just a bit more experience! We're wearing out Lou & David as our main Training Volunteers – ask them about how it's done!

**Bring your “Fun \$\$\$”** to the April 6th meeting... We have wood chunks & larger pieces available, and lots of stuff for sale! Please park in the back lot of the Punta Gorda library at **501 Shreve Street** for a short walk to the Brown Building.

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## PRW CALENDAR - WHAT'S NEXT?

### March

Saturday, Mar 25<sup>th</sup>

**Annual BBQ Picnic & Croquet Match – 11:30 – 3:30**

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Sunday, Mar 26<sup>th</sup>  
needed

Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - Volunteers

### April

Sunday, Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>  
needed

Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - Volunteers

Thursday, Apr 6<sup>th</sup>  
House

**Monthly Meeting – Bob Summers Demo – 6:30PM** Price

Sunday, Apr 9<sup>th</sup>  
needed

Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - Volunteers

Sunday, Apr 16<sup>th</sup>  
needed

Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - Volunteers

Wednesday, Apr 19<sup>th</sup>  
then PRW

Third Wednesday **LUNCH & TURN – 11:30** at Elena's,

Sunday, Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>  
needed

Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - Volunteers

Sunday, Apr 30<sup>th</sup>  
needed

Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - Volunteers



# PRICE HOUSE WOODSHOP AND GALLERY

**The Cultural Center in Port Charlotte** is going to take many years to rebuild, so we need to fully utilize our new **home at Price House** for all it can offer! **Get involved**, share your creativity through turning - You are all Artists in one manner or another!

Where else will you find a dedicated Woodturning Gallery? **We have sold over \$9,000 in Members' "Turned Treasures"** since January 1st, in only **4 hours every Sunday** while the Gallery is open to the Public from 9 AM to 1 PM!

**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!

Volunteer to hang out at the **Artisan's Market ONE SUNDAY ONE EVERY MONTH** at the Price House Gallery from 9 AM to 1 PM. Stay for 2 hours, or for the whole time. Help us with setup, or tear-down, at closing, or with crowd control & answering woodturning questions from the Public. You can even **turn something** on one of our **three lathes** - People love to see the wood shavings fly, and the marvel at the work emerging while it happens!

We are currently **converting the second front porch room into an additional Lathe room!** We have removed the wallpaper, painted the walls, and installed new overhead lighting, and run enhanced electricity so the two smaller lathes can be moved in along with other woodworking machinery to create a true "Wood Shop" working area.

**We need to replenish the Gallery shelves!** Do you have projects you would like us to sell at the Gallery? This is a golden opportunity! Customers come back every week to see the new items, and are searching for gift items – **YOU can bring us works that will thrill them!**

**Contact us** to take a Class, or to **TEACH** a class! You each have unique talents that can be shared, especially in a small group setting of 2 or 3 students. All Classes for Members will be "cost of materials only" as necessary - no additional fees to Members!

**Donate a small turning** every meeting for the PRW Gallery. 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"** hanging around your shop, put a coat of finish on them & bring them along. The public is **LOVING** our woodturned treasures, small and large!

## **How To Clean A Wood Salad Bowl**

Most wood bowls today come pre-seasoned. You don't need to do anything special before you use them. When you are finished using them each time wash them out with a little dawn soap, water, and a sponge.

The dawn soap will help clean off any of the oils in the salad dressing that may lead to buildup on the bowls.

When you are done washing them rinse them in warm water and quickly dry. To avoid cracks never let the bowls sit and water and make sure you dry them by hand don't air dry.

## **Reseasoning A Wooden Bowl**

To reseason or season the wood salad bowl you will want to apply a [food grade mineral oil](#) to it. Do not use an olive oil or vegetable oil.

Those tend to go rancid over time and will make your bowls smell. Using a paper towel or old rag liberally apply the mineral oil to the bowl.

Let the bowl sit for about 20-30 minutes so it can absorb the mineral oil and then wipe off any excess. Your bowls will now be ready to use again.

That's all there is to it. It's just that easy to clean and care for your wooden salad bowls. Keep them looking nice with these simple tips on how to clean a wood salad bowl.

# **New Look for Club Gallery WOW!!!**



**Gallery Room**



**Instruction Room**



**New Glass Showcase**

## **All Hands on Deck**

**Workers getting new rebuilt deck in place at the Price House**





## Some **SPRING CLEANING IDEAS** for your **Lathe & Workshop**

**1. ORGANIZE THE SHOP** - This can focus on many things, but primarily your turning tools, extra woodworking equipment, and supplies. Spend more time **turning** than looking for where the pencil sharpener ran off to again...

**TOOL CHEST:** It's good to have a dedicated place just for turning tools, and to wipe them down & put them back where you'll remember you put them! This includes all the extras like tape measure, right angle square, center-finder, pencils, utility knife, etc.

**SUPPLIES:** Sandpaper, organized and ready to go. Screws, nail, and other small items grouped & easy to find in the same area.

**WOOD FOR TURNING & making jigs:** Review periodically so you know what you have available. Maybe even sorted into spindle blanks, bowl blanks, and other, and **MARKED WITH SPECIES** if you know it!

**2. SET THE STAGE** – Take a few minutes to reorganize when at a stopping point, not leaving a mess to come back to later. Yeah, you want to show off the latest accomplishment for appreciation, but don't leave your mess for the time when you're "raring to go" but have to clean up first. Make it a habit to:

PUT CLEANED TOOLS back where they belong.  
CLEAN the shavings off the lathe & floor  
ENSURE no hazards are left to trip you up  
WHAT ELSE needs to be put away?

**3. EXAMINE YOUR POWER TOOLS** – A maintenance checkup for every power tool should be scheduled several times a year to keep things working properly.

TUNE UP your table saw, bandsaw, and drill press.  
BLOW OUT sawdust with compressed air anywhere it can hide & wear your dust mask.  
ADD LUBRICATION where necessary, and check all handles & adjusters.  
CHECK all power cords for damage.

**4. PLAN AHEAD** – Brainstorm projects. Jot down notes and ideas, dimensions, anything that will help that half-formed idea turn into a project. Figure out what you are turning towards – a future gift, something useful for yourself, a challenge to attempt to build new skills. Ideas are all around you!

RESEARCH SOURCES for turning projects ideas.  
READ turning-related magazines.  
CHECK OUT woodturning websites

When you have an organized shop, it's quicker & easier to get down to the fun of turning!

# SHOW & TELL



**Jim Wild**



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**Bob Roehrig**



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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](http://www.peaceriverwoodturners.org)



AAW site can be found at:  
[www.woodturner.org](http://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**

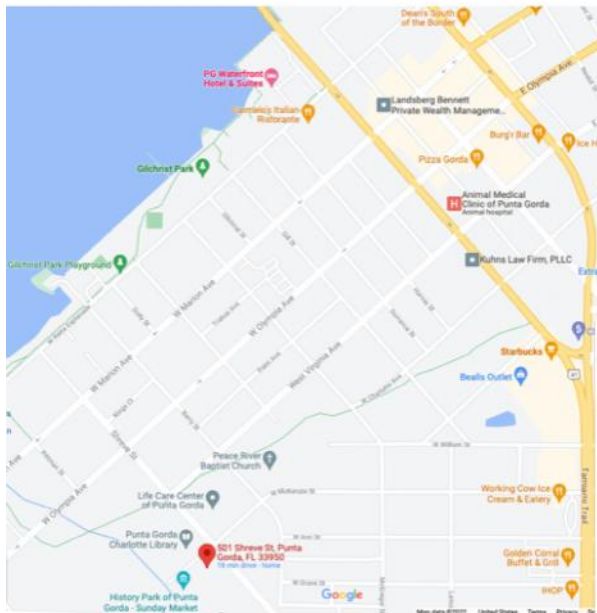
Yearly chapter dues are \$50 per individual or \$60 a family. Membership is for the calendar year. These dues help the club provide tools for our monthly demonstrations, bring in outside demonstrators, pay room rent, have a yearly picnic and other club related activities.



# 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 April 6, 6:30 PM**



## Upcoming Events

**PRW meeting: April 6**

**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.peaceriverwoodturners.org](http://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.