

Chips & Bits

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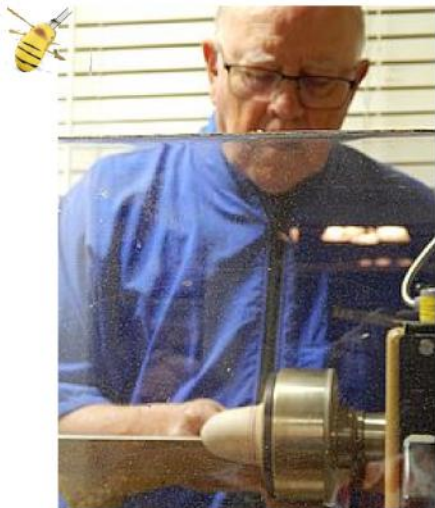


**Bee Hive Ornaments
Jim Ellsworth**

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

Bee Hive Ornaments Demonstration

Jim Ellsworth



Farewell Dave



With a saddened heart I have to announce that the Peace River Woodturners have lost a great turner and dear friend with the passing of Dave Brethauer this past Saturday. Even though a part time Floridian, Dave when down also managed to do a monthly demonstration for the club and participate in just about every meeting Show & Tell. Helping out was always on Dave's agenda. RIP Dear Friend.



Lunch & Turn

A productive day was held for the Lunch & Turn



Lou showing how



Diane finishing a pen



Michael M.



President's NOVEMBER '23 Notes...

Life has ways to constantly remind me not to take myself too seriously, to pursue every day the activities that bring me joy, and not postpone fun until a tomorrow that may not arrive. One of my greatest desires is to be relevant and connected to those people I love and admire, and to help others in their quest for knowledge. This commitment to the exchange of ideas is, for me, what the PRW is all about!

We still need your **5" - 8" Trees** for the **Miniature Village Non-Competition Exhibit**, our collaboration at **January's Wood Art Expo '24**? We are collecting trees at monthly meetings to take to the Expo! **Check out the PRW website Resources page with ideas!** Most of our Members should be back in town by the January Expo to drop off their other Entries for the Expo (hint, hint), so please turn a few mini-trees to help support this Collaborative endeavor! And enter 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 Cheri for details!

A warm THANKS to Jim Ellsworth for his Thursday night demo on hollow Bee Hive ornaments. Hollowing reduces the overall weight, and the discussion on beading tools vs rolled beads was interesting. Jim even left us some bees to decorate your own hives!

The December Meeting on 12/7/23 will feature Pro Demonstrator **Rudy Lopez**. It will be another guaranteed night of "Behind the Scenes Magic" discovery for everyone!

The Holiday Season is officially here! **Price House PRW Woodturning Gallery** has new display fixtures and shelving, and is constantly changing and updating thanks to our Members' displayed turnings, and the many unsung Volunteers who help out on Sundays.

Annual Election of PRW Officers will take place at our December meeting. Nominated are: President - Lou Currier; Vice President – Michael Metivier; Secretary – Bob Roehrig; Treasurer – Cheri Bauer. There is still time to "Throw your hat in the ring" before the Votes are counted, PLUS there are many behind-the-scenes Committee roles to be filled, keeping our group beneficial for everyone. What can you do to help the Club prosper and continue helping other Turners? Ask to see the "**ASSIST NEEDED**" and **COMMITTEES LIST** anytime!

Demonstrators are lined up for the first 3 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 December 7th meeting... We have NEW and unusual wood bits & chunks, logs, and larger pieces available, and other stuff for sale, too.

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

PRICE HOUSE WOODSHOP AND GALLERY

We've sold **just over \$25K in Members' Turned Treasures** this year alone, in only 4 hours every Sunday! Thanks to your talent, imagination, and skills in woodturning, we can support Club activities, pay our rent, and upgrade our tools and equipment!

THE HOLIDAYS HAVE ARRIVED! What can YOU create to dazzle our loyal customers who return weekly, and appeal to those who had no idea the world of woodturning existed until they step into the Gallery?

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!

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!

Want to donate your turnings to the Gallery? Every Single Member's Woodworking Art is solicited and appreciated! This Gallery is a showcase for PRW Members ONLY – There is nothing else like our Gallery *anywhere* in the local area!

PRW CALENDAR - WHAT'S NEXT?

November

Sunday 19th Price House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**
Thursday 23rd Happy Thanksgiving !
Sunday 26th Price House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**

December

Sunday 3rd Price House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM – **Need Volunteers**
Thursday 7th **Monthly Meeting – Rudy Lopez PRO DEMO – 6:30PM**
Sunday 10th Price House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**
Tuesday 12th WOOD ART EXPO - Entry Forms DEADLINE
Thursday 14th Third Thursday **LUNCH & TURN** – 11:30 at Elena's, then
PRW
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**
Monday 25th **Merry Christmas to All!**
Sunday 31st Price House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**

January '24

Thursday 4th **Monthly Meeting – Ray Fenton 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 AM to 11AM
Friday 12th WOOD ART EXPO - 9AM to 4PM - Need Volunteers!!!
Saturday 13th WOOD ART EXPO – 9 AM to 4PM; 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
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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**

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

A Busy PRW Saturday

Last Saturday proved a busy day for the club. Events were held in Punta Gorda with their Civic Association and in Englewood with an Eco display conference.



Punta Gorda Display

Englewood with David & Jack



SHOW & TELL



Diane Severn
First Pen.....YEA!!!



Lou Currier
Gnome



Cheri Bauer
Gnomes

SHOW & TELL



Paul Bartlett
Segmented Rings



Bob Roehrig
Spheres



Bob Shaffer
Pepper Mill

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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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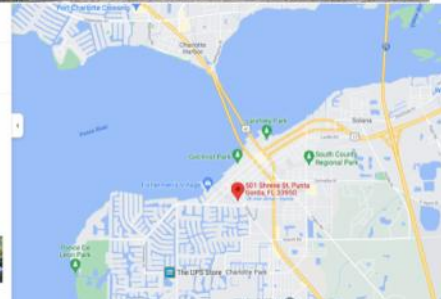
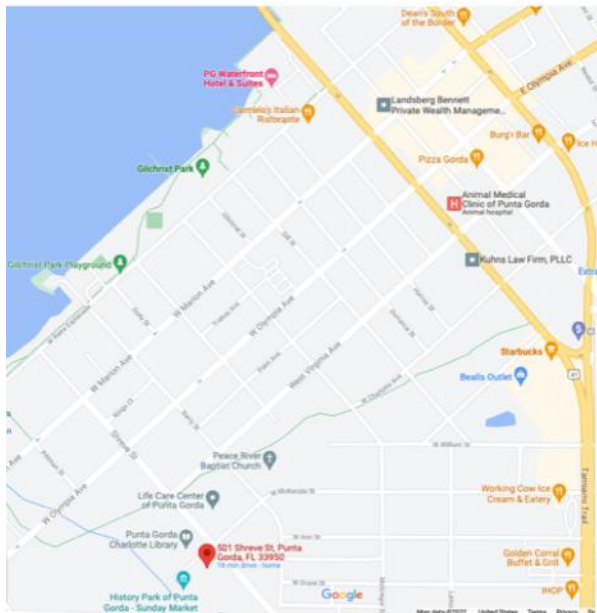
Membership

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 December 7, 6:30 PM



Upcoming Events

PRW meeting: December 7, 2023

Demonstrator: Rudy Lopez

: ps....Rudy is a professional Turner

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.