

# **Chips & Bits**

October 23

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**Lou Currier  
Sea Urchin**

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

**A Publication of the Peace River Woodturners**

**Lou Currier**  
**Sea Urchin Ornament Demonstration**



## President's OCTOBER '23 Notes...

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**People who see the glass as half-full or half-empty are missing the whole point – The glass is infinitely refillable!** The same can be said for your creativity in woodturning. Once you have achieved a comfort level turning a certain project, or conquered a specific technique, is it time to challenge yourself to move on to something entirely new, or search ways to vary your routine to go a bit further with that same technique? The choice is yours! Just make sure you “keep on turning”!

Turned your **5” - 8” Trees** yet for the **Miniature Village Non-Competition Exhibit**, our collaboration with the Woodcarvers at **January’s Wood Art Expo ‘24**? We are collecting them at monthly meetings to take to the Expo! **Check out the PRW website Resources page with ideas for mini-trees.** Since most of our Northern Members should be back in town by the January Expo to drop off their other Entries for the Expo (hint, hint), 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!

**A special THANKS to Lou Currier** for his Thursday night demo on Sea Urchin ornaments. Using a support dowel between the icicle and the top helps support the delicate shell from any pressure, and creates a well-centered ornament that’s delightful!

**The November Meeting on 11/2/23** will feature PRW Member **Jim Ellsworth**. It will be another guaranteed night of “Behind the Scenes Magic” discoveries for everyone!

**Price House PRW Woodturning Gallery** has some new display fixtures and shelving, and is constantly 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, and there are many behind-the-scenes roles to be filled, keeping our group beneficial for everyone. What can you do to help support the Club? Ask to see the “**ASSIST NEEDED LIST** anytime!

**Bring your “Fun \$\$\$”** to the November 2nd 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 [peaceriverwoodturners@comcast.net](mailto:peaceriverwoodturners@comcast.net)

# PRW CALENDAR - WHAT'S NEXT?

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## October

Thursday **19th** Third Thursday **LUNCH & TURN** – 11:30 at Elena's, then PRW  
Sunday **22nd** Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**  
Sunday **29th** Price House Galley **HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE**  
Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Extra Volunteers**

## November

Thursday **2nd** **Monthly Meeting – DEMO tba – 6:30PM Price House**  
Saturday **4<sup>th</sup>** **PGICA Arts & Crafts Show – 10 AM to 4 PM**  
Saturday **4<sup>th</sup>** **Charlotte County Eco Fair - 11AM to 1 PM Tringali Center**  
Sunday **5th** Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM – **Need Volunteers**  
Sunday **12th** Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**  
Thursday **16th** Third Thursday **LUNCH & TURN** – 11:30 at Elena's, then PRW  
Sunday **19th** Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**  
Thursday **23rd** Happy Thanksgiving !  
Sunday **26th** Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**

# PRICE HOUSE WOODSHOP AND GALLERY

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We have sold **just shy of \$23K 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!

**IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT YOUR TURNINGS FOR THE HOLIDAYS! WHAT CAN YOU CREATE TO DAZZLE THEM?**

**We're looking for your:**

**Ornaments** - Christmas, Halloween, 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!*

**Bowls** - Kitchenware, platters, decorative natural edge, segmented artistic pieces

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

**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!

**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! Take a look at what's in the Gallery – the range of works from Novice to Advanced is incredibly diverse and sells well!

**We constantly need to replenish the Gallery shelves! Donate a 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! Large items are impressive, and generate lots of conversations with customers and potential new Turners about the art form.

**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!

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](http://swflwoodartexpo.org)

**New this year: Collaborative exhibit with Carvers & Turners - The Miniature Village - Carved Scenes in a 10" x 10" x 10" footprint**



# Inertia Sanders Two Choices DIY Which one will you choose?

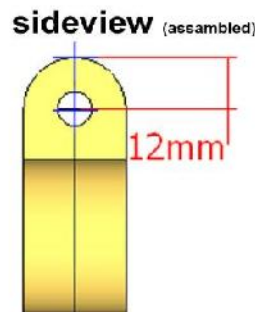
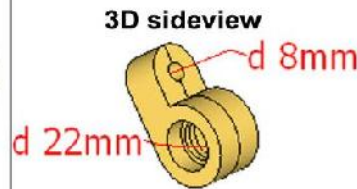
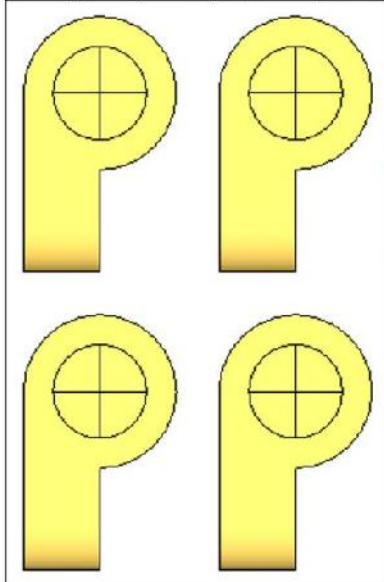
Below you will find two choices to make you own Inertia sander. Both excellent. First one is pictured below with instructions to make. The second one is a Rudy Lopez sander and is also pictured below, but the procedures due to it's 10 page length are posted on the club's website at: [peacriverwoodturners.org](http://peacriverwoodturners.org)



## Homemade Bowl Sander Plans



cutting templates (two, in case you mess up)



- All you need:**
- 12mm (1/2") birch plywood
  - wood for the handle
  - two rollerblade bearings
  - 8mm (5/16") hex-head bolt
  - 8mm (5/16") carriage bolt
  - nuts, wing-nut, washers
  - foam material + glue
  - Velcro®
  - 50mm (2") or 75mm (3") sanding disk

[Link to the video](#)



## **Thursday “Lunch & Turn”**

**Elaina’s Restaurant 11:00 AM Lunch**

**After lunch everyone will head over to our meeting house in the History Park for a Pen turning extravaganza.**

**We’ll title this:**

**"Everything you thought you knew about making pens and then some!"**

**Wood & Resin Blanks**

**Bushings**

**Tools that work the best**

**Pen Mandrels**

**Pen Presses**

**Hardware**

**Standard and CA Finishes**

**Great opportunity for veterans and beginners**

**Look for Signup Message from Cheri in the next day or so**





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# SHOW & TELL

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**Bob Roehrig.....Ribbon Spheres**



**David Smith**



**Lou Currier  
Driftwood Goblet**

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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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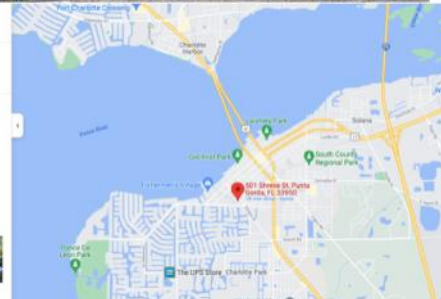
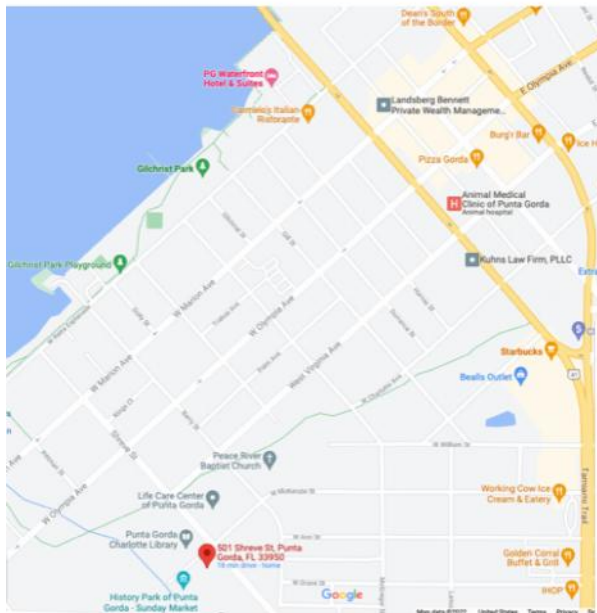
**Membership**

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 November 2, 6:30 PM**



## Upcoming Events

**PRW meeting: November 2, 2023**

**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](http://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.