

Chips & Bits

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**Paul Bartlett
Ribbon
Streptohedrons**

Providing an environment that fosters the art and craft of woodturning

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Paul Bartlett's Ribbon Streptohedrons Demonstration

Super demonstration and also a super mouthful to pronounce. Great demonstration at the September meeting of the making of a Ribbon Streptohedrons. Easier to make than pronounce. If you missed this, check out Paul's Posted YouTube demonstration at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMikuBStrxU&t=2708s>



President's SEPTEMBER '23 Notes...

Sometimes you don't know the value of a moment until you drag it back from your memory! Having attended hundreds of live demos since the 80's, watched lots of Pro videos & hobbyist YouTube clips, and talked techniques with multitudes of Turners, I am still amazed at the helpful tidbits that flash back to mind when I need them (and sometimes a bit too late)! One of the best things about joining a Turning Organization – Everyone shares their collective knowledge and experiences freely with each other. Haven't seen a demo yet where I didn't add another useful hint to my turning memory stash!

Have you turned your **5" - 8" Trees** for the **Miniature Village Exhibit**, our collaboration with the Woodcarvers at **January's Wood Art Expo '24** yet? Members brought a wide variety of trees to our September meeting, and this is a project that can be tackled at any skill level...Turn great little trees using your scraps! **Check out the PRW website Resources page with ideas for mini-trees.** Since 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 Exhibit endeavor!

A special THANKS to Paul Bartlett for his Thursday night demo on Hollow Spiral Streptohedron Spheres. It was fascinating to see the various steps involved in creating these treasures, and marvel at Paul's ingenuity! We can better grasp the concept now...

The October Meeting on 10/5/23 will feature PRW Member **Lou Currier** creating **Sea Urchin** ornaments. It's another guaranteed night of "Behind the Scenes Magic" discoveries for everyone!

Price House PRW Woodturning Gallery is constantly evolving, thanks to our Members' displayed turnings and the many unsung Volunteers who help out on Sundays. We're having fun educating our admiring visitors on the "Wonders of Woodturning".

Election of PRW Officers will take place at our December meeting, and there are also many behind-the-scenes roles to be filled keep 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 October 5th meeting... We have NEW and unusual wood bits & chunks, logs, and larger pieces available, and other stuff for sale, too.

PRW CALENDAR - WHAT'S NEXT?

September

- 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**

October

- Sunday 1st Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM – **Need Volunteers**
Thursday 5th **Monthly Meeting – DEMO tba** – 6:30PM Price House
Sunday 8th BETH IRELAND Full Day **LIVE DEMO** – Ft Myers WSWF
Sunday 8th Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**
Sunday 15th Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**
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 Vol-**
unteers
Sunday 29th Price House Galley - Open 9 AM to 1 PM - **Need Volunteers**

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Only THREE Turning Skill Levels: Novice, Intermediate & Advanced, and
plenty of categories for your incredible turnings!

PRICE HOUSE WOODSHOP AND GALLERY

We have sold **just shy of \$20K in Members' Turned Treasures** this year alone, in only 4 hours every Sunday, thanks to your talent, imagination, and skills in woodturning!

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

We're looking for your:

Turned Toys - Spinning Tops, Pull toys, Magic Wands, Kaleidoscopes
Many children visit the Price House Gallery, and they love to take home something as a memento of their trip to the Punta Gorda Artisans Village!

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!

Ornaments - Christmas, Halloween, Window "Sparklies"
From elegant to rustic, there is a wide -pen market for all styles of ornaments!

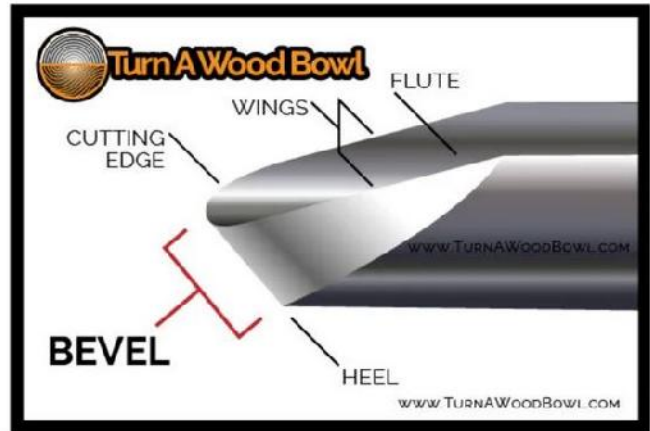
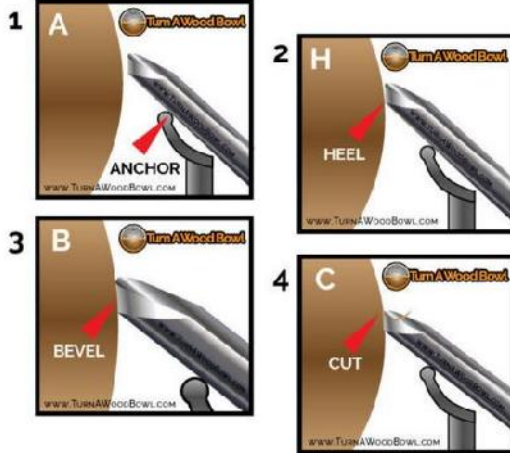
Need more ideas? Volunteer at the Gallery any Sunday, we'll give you plenty!

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 ONLY– There is nothing else like our Gallery *anywhere* in the local area, and we are quite proud of it! Take a look at what's in the Gallery – the range of works from Novice to Advanced is incredible!

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.

FYI

ADDING HEEL FOR NEW AHBCs OF WOODTURNING



Turning Tutorials - Retaining Color in Wood

Retaining Color in Wood

Most woods will eventually change color with the passing of time. Darker woods tend to lighten, and lighter woods usually darken. Some woods, such as rainbow poplar and osage orange will change from bright, vivid colors to much less intense shades of brown. Here's a list of ways to improve color in your turnings and help the beauty of your projects stand the test of time.

Fast Turnaround Time -

Some woods, such as maple, beech, and birch are prone to oxidation and staining if left sealed in paraffin wax while green for several months. Turning these woods as soon as possible will help to ensure lighter, brighter colors in your finished project. This becomes especially important with ambrosia maple, where a bright white wood provides better contrast against the darker ambrosia lines.

Use Hard Finishes -

While many turners prefer to use oil finishes for their ease of application, non-surface building oils such as mineral oil and linseed oil only provide temporary protection for wood. These oils work best when followed by an application of carnauba wax, which provides a hard, durable surface (as opposed to beeswax or furniture wax, which is much softer). If tung oil or Danish oils are used, it is best that several applications are done to provide a suitable finish. Using shellac, lacquer, polyurethane, or any other hard finish will provide the best color retention for your turnings. These finishes help protect the wood against oxidation, and is absolutely the best choice for woods such as rainbow poplar and osage orange, which eventually tend to lose their naturally amazing colors.

UV Protection -

While there are many finishes and stains out there which are available to minimize the effects of ultraviolet light, a simple and effective solution is a light application of sunscreen! Use only a small amount, applied with a paper towel, before the finishing process begins. This is especially important to remember if your turnings will be used outdoors or near large windows indoors where they will receive a heavy dose of daily sunlight.

Mark your calendars!!

Thursday September 21

Lunch at Elania's at 11:30am - Price House for turning at 1:00pm

Thursday's Lunch-and-Turn is all about gnomes – Come out and join us for lunch at Elaina's in Punta Gorda and then head on over to the Price house where there will be everything you need to turn your own gnome to bring home including instruction and guidance. If you can't make lunch just meet us at the Price House at 1pm, hope to see you there!



Trauma Tree



Can't turn this wood.....It's had enough Trauma already

Photo by: Doug Brown

Timely Tips

5. Right Driver

Do not use your left hand to press, turn or create a cut. The left hand only guides and maintains the tool to the tool rest. The right hand, combined with body weight shifting, does all the steering and application of pressure while making a cut.

6. Tick Center of Tenon with Spindle Gouge

Realigning and centering a wood bowl to turn the tenon off can be challenging at times. To help yourself in advance, get in the habit of making a small indented tick mark with a spindle detail gouge as soon as the tenon is complete. This way, when you later reverse chuck the bowl, the live tailstock center can quickly re-find the center of the bowl tenon.

7. Cover Your Lathe

Over time, messes, spills and sprays add up. Make a special drop cloth for your lathe out of a painter's cloth or other scrap material. Purchase a drop cloth large enough to split to make two pieces: One cloth can cover the rails and the other cloth can drape over the headstock. This prevents any finishing products from getting on the lathe.



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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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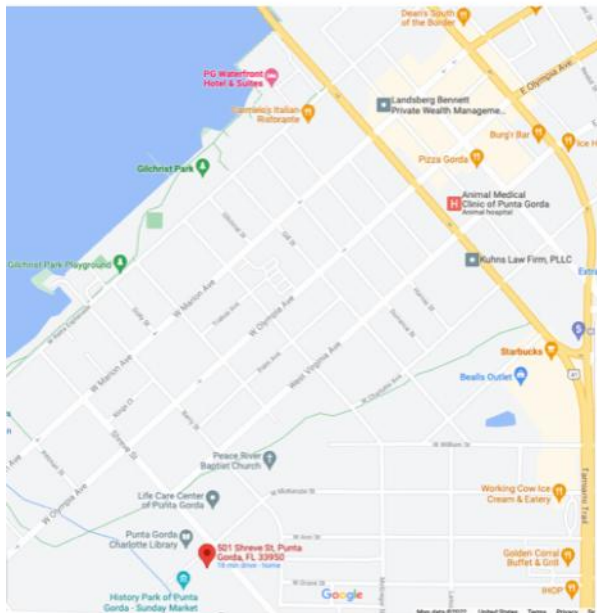
Membership

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 October 5th, 6:30 PM



Upcoming Events

PRW meeting: October 5th

Demonstration: Lou Carrier

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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.