

Chips & Bits

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Providing an environment that fosters the art and craft of woodturning

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President's Message January '24

With my first meeting behind me, although running meetings is nothing new to me, I am sure that I will get better as I get more experience. It wasn't but a few short years ago that I relocated to this area. Being a member of the Polk County Woodturners prior, I was aware of the value a woodturning club has to offer and one of the first things I did was to search for a local club. I must admit, my first impression when I looked up the PRW was I didn't think I was good enough to be part of the club. I saw a bunch of amazing works and amazing turners. However, undeterred, I joined and then Covid hit. As things started coming back to a semblance of normal our President at the time, Cheri, had put out an email looking for someone to volunteer to be a representative on the Wood Art Expo Board for the woodturners. As I am the type of person who likes to stay busy and help the organizations that I am associated with, I stepped up. That initial act propelled me on a track to where I am today, and I couldn't be happier representing all of you and the works of Art that we create.

The cornerstone of a great organization are the members. Without them we could not do half of what we do. One of the traits that my dad instilled in me as a young man was that of helping others. We were both in public service, he as a firefighter and me as a police officer. Both professions put others before self and is a rewarding experience. With this, I am also an ardent supporter of volunteerism. I have seen a lot of this through members in the club, and I hope to continue seeing this as we have some major projects coming up but also in the small areas like mentorship. Most of us can probably think of a person or two who were instrumental in our development as a turner. There are those in the club who are looking for that kind of person to get them started on their journey toward becoming a great Turner.

Another great example of the willingness of our club members to get involved was the **Wood Art Expo**. We had another great show, and it could not have happened without the help of others. For those that helped, thank you. You made my job that much easier.

To echo the words of our Past President "I forecast great things ahead for the PRW again in '24 and urge EVERYONE to be as active in Club Events and Activities as you can – **The more you're involved, the more benefits you'll reap!** There are many Committees that need your help in bits & pieces all year long... We have a wonderfully talented Membership, and there's lots each of you can share with each other to help guide Members on their journey in an incredible "Turning Adventure!"

Demonstrators are lined up for the first 6 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 – Better yet, step up and become a mentor** – 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! I am sure most of you can remember someone who helped and mentored you to the point where you are in your turnings.

PRW Member **Ray Fenton** will give our February Demo Thursday, 2/1/24 at 6:30 PM. We are lucky to have such talented GREAT Presenters among our Membership, and this will be another "Don't Miss" meeting & demonstration! Come early for a front row seat...

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

Hope to see you all next month,
Lou Currier, President President@peacriverwoodturners.org

PS - We were blessed to have Lisa Bramlage at our last meeting to talk about Kaden's Cause and its importance. We have already had 3 urns donated and delivered and she was greatly appreciative. Thank You!



PRICE HOUSE GALLERY RECAP

Over \$32K in Members' Turned Treasures sold in '23, in only 4 hours every Sunday! We can actively support Club activities, pay our monthly rent, and upgrade/maintain our tools and equipment, thanks to your talent, imagination, and skills in woodturning!

THANK YOU!

A 2023 SALES RECAP:

- Birdhouses: 12** large & small – natural edge & multi-wood
- Bottle Stoppers: 39** – wood, acrylic, novelty
- Bowls: 114** – salad bowls, platters, natural edge, segmented, artistic pieces
- Boxes: 68** - threaded lids, pop-tops, finial lids, decorative inserts
- Charcuterie & Cheese Cutting Boards: 143** - solid & laminated boards
- Christmas Characters & Lighted Snowmen: 28** - seasonal decorations
- Clocks: 3** – battery operated timepieces
- Coasters & Soap Dishes: 8** sets of 4
- Gnomes: 22** - large & small furry personalities
- Goblets: 14** - decorative and utilitarian
- Hollow Vessels: 15** - lidded & open
- Jewelry: 32** – pendant, rings, earrings
- Kaleidoscopes: 25** – handheld egg & other shapes
- Key Rings & Cigar Cutters: 22** - solid wood & laminated
- Kitchenware: 86** - pizza wheels, scoops, spoons, trays
- Miniatures: 18** - natural edge, decorative & artistic
- Mushrooms: 16** – decorative & natural edge
- Music Boxes: 3** – solid shapes & boxes with hinged lids
- Ornaments: 48** - Christmas, holiday & window “sparklies”
- Pens: 56** – wood, laminated, acrylic, novelty
- Pepper Mills & Salt Mills: 28** – solid, laminated, antique-style
- Sewing Aids: 57** – seam rippers, thread cutters, crochet hooks,
- Tealights: 16** – short, tall, natural edge, intricate & tree limbs
- Tops & Toys: 52** – tops, puzzles, rolling toys
- Urns: 9** – threaded lids & fitted lids
- Vases and Vessels: 84** – Short, tall, dried flowerpots, bark edge & elegant

And Lots of Individual Items from Other Categories!

All Members are welcomed to sell their wood turnings at the Gallery!

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

Wondering if your work will sell? How better to find out – Bring your pieces to the Gallery!.....Cheri Bauer, Gallery Manager

Live Demonstration

Dave Watson's Fish Mouth Bowl Demo



SHOW & TELL



Michael Metivier



Bob Roehrig



Mike Murray



Paul Bartlett

WoodArt Expo



PRW Display Booth at the WoodArt Expo

Congratulations to all the New Novice turners that took the plunge and entered pieces into this years WoodArt Expo in Punta Gorda. Your hard work has paid off and we all were thrilled to see your accomplishments and the awards that went with your work.

The following next couple of pages will show off some of your hard earned talent. Congratulations to all for your efforts and just think, next year you could be the BEST OF SHOW! Great Job to ALL!!!

WoodArt Expo Novice Turner Awards



Carl Nielsen



Michael Metivier



Michael Metivier



Ruth Carteaux



Ed Harris



Ed Harris



Diane Severns



Diane Severns



Basin Enhanced Vase
Heinrich
Novice
Gandy, FL
Peace River Wood Turners

Terry Heinrich



Bowl
Jerry Goodson
Novice
House Springs, MO
Peace River Wood Turners

Jerry Goodson

On the Lighter Side



He's all Bark and no Bite

Anyone know this Member????



For Sale



**Brand New Sealed Cut Off Wheel Set (80 piece set)
2—1/8" mandrels, 35- 15/16" cut off wheels, 35—15/16" emery
cut off wheels, 8—1 1/4" Fiberglass reinforced wheels
\$5.00**

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6:30 PM – 9:00 PM Via Zoom – register through the PRW websitePrice House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM – **Need Volunteers****March**Sunday 3rd**Thursday 7th**Sunday 10thSunday 17th**Thursday 21st**Sunday 24thSunday 31stPrice House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM – **Need Volunteers****Monthly Meeting – Frank DiDomizio DEMO** – 6:30PMPrice House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM – **Need Volunteers**Price House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM – **Need Volunteers****Third Thursday LUNCH & TURN** – 11:30 at Elena's, then PRWPrice House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM – **Need Volunteers**Price House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM – **Need Volunteers****SPRING SATURDAY PICNIC** at the History Park – DATE TBD**April****Thursday 4th**Sunday 7thSunday 14th**Thursday 18th**Sunday 21stSunday 28th**Monthly Meeting – Bob Summers DEMO** – 6:30PMPrice House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM – **Need Volunteers**Price House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM – **Need Volunteers****Third Thursday LUNCH & TURN** – 11:30 at Elena's, then PRWPrice House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM – **Need Volunteers**Price House Gallery - Open 9 AM to 1 PM – **Need Volunteers**

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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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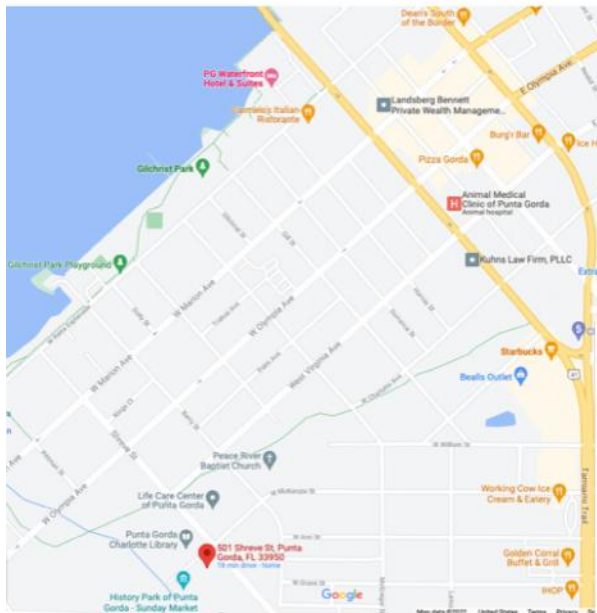
Membership

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 February 1, 6:30 PM



Upcoming Events

PRW meeting: February 1, 2024

Demonstration: Ray Fenton

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Library

The Library is available for all current club members. The club library is selling all Turning DVD's for \$1.00 each. A list of materials is available on the PRW website:

www.peacriverwoodturners.org

All Club owned DVD's were put on Flash Drives and rented for \$5.00 a month.

The library is maintained by Mark Yates.