

Chips & Bits

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

What is St. Patrick's Day? Why is it celebrated?

According to Wikipedia, Saint Patrick's Day, or the **Feast of Saint Patrick**, is a religious and cultural holiday held on 17 March, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick (c. 385 – c. 461), the foremost patron saint of Ireland. Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated in more countries than any other national festival. Modern celebrations have been greatly influenced by those of the Irish heritage, particularly those that developed in North America.

Saint Patrick was a 5th-century Romano-British Christian missionary and Bishop in Ireland. Much of what is known about Saint Patrick comes from the *Declaration*, which was allegedly written by Patrick himself. According to tradition, Patrick returned to Ireland to convert the pagan Irish to Christianity.

St. Patrick's Day also falls within the Catholic Lenten season. Christians may also attend church services, and the Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking alcohol are lifted for the day. Perhaps because of this, drinking alcohol – particularly Irish whiskey, beer, or cider – has become an integral part of the celebrations.

Saint Patrick's feast day, as a kind of national day, was already being celebrated by the Irish in Europe in the ninth and tenth centuries. Saint Patrick's feast day was finally placed on the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church in the early 1600s, due to the influence of Waterford-born Franciscan scholar Luke Wadding. Saint Patrick's Day thus became a holy day of obligation for Catholics in Ireland. It is also a feast day in the Church of Ireland, part of the Anglican Communion.

Whatever this day means to you, it is yours to celebrate or not. Being part Irish, I find some connection to this tradition. My family would always celebrate by serving boiled corned beef, cabbage, and potatoes. Although there is nothing wrong with this traditional fare, I decided to share with you, during our farewell picnic, my take on this holiday by providing a smoked corned beef brisket. I hope you enjoyed it!

It is evident that by the time you read this we will have had our spring picnic on St. Patrick's Day for our club members. Like everything, it's the members who make up this club! We value each and every one of you and your contributions to the wood-turning community.

This time also signals the coming departures of many members for the summer season. We have enjoyed your company while wintering in Florida and always look forward to seeing you the next year. Please do not be a stranger and stay active with the club. We have a Facebook page where you can interact with everyone and share the projects that you are working on as well as the website.

God speed to your destinations and safe travels back and forth!

PRICE HOUSE GALLERY MONTHLY UPDATE

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, all through your incredible turnings sold in the PRW's Price House Gallery! **THANK YOU!**

February '24 sales were \$3,150, with over \$1,030 generated toward PRW operating expenses. We had one Rain-Out/Tornado Warning Sunday, and another Super-Soaker Sunday where the Gallery was the only Vendor open at the History Park - We still sold our wood art to the public!

It's no secret by now that EVERY Member has some unique talents to bring to the Club! In sharing your experience, advice, and expertise with the other Turners during monthly meetings and on Sundays when the lathes are available for everyone, you help grow the community knowledge base and spur more interest in our Craft. Let's keep woodturning a LIVE ART FORM for future young artisans to explore and investigate.

Never think that what you have to offer is insignificant! Every single item we sell in the PRW Gallery stands on its own merits, even though they may not be a flawless masterpiece worthy of display in a Museum. Each turned wood art has it's own individual appeal. Many customers simply want a small piece of art or a utilitarian item to enrich their lives and homes, and your work could very well be the one they choose!

Please don't downplay your ability to help the Club pay our rent and maintain our equipment/facilities. **We never know what items will sell in any particular week!**

Here's a list of suggested turnings:

Birdhouses	Bottle Stoppers	Lidded Boxes
Clocks	Coasters & Soap Dishes	Gnomes
Goblets	Hollow Vessels	Jewelry

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!

We will be placing a permanent rotating exhibit of Woodturnings at the Punta Gorda Library next door to Price House. which will help generate more public awareness in Woodturning, and bring more interested visitors to the Gallery every Sunday. Please THANK Michael Metivier for reaching out to set this up for us!

Cheri Bauer, Gallery Manager



April

Thursday 4th

Sunday 7th

Sunday 14th

Sunday 21st

Thursday 25th

Sunday 28th

Monthly Meeting – Bob Summers DEMO – 6:30PM

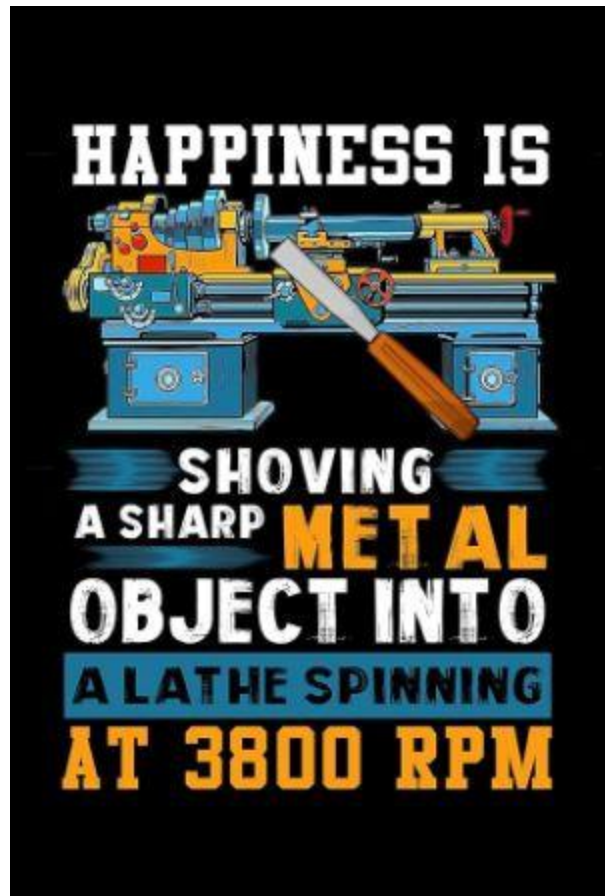
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Third Thursday **LUNCH & TURN** – 11:30 at Elena's, then PRW

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2 Piece hollowform Demonstration



If you missed the demo, please go to this
YouTube Link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=ceI05zukRNo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ceI05zukRNo)



Turning Pictures of Interest



Messy Shop Award



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Chainsaw for sale
Cuts 4 logs per gallon

SHOW & TELL



Dave Barron



Don Arruda



Jeff Corwin



Ruth Carteaux

SHOW & TELL



Dave Watson



Bob Summers



Bob Shaffer



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



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: All content at the discretion of the newsletter editor. Changes at members requests will be considered.

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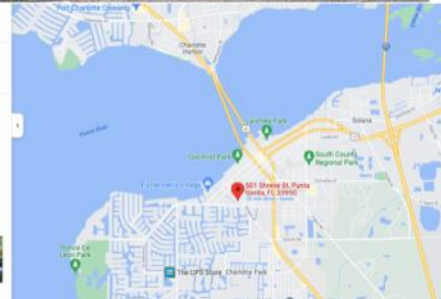
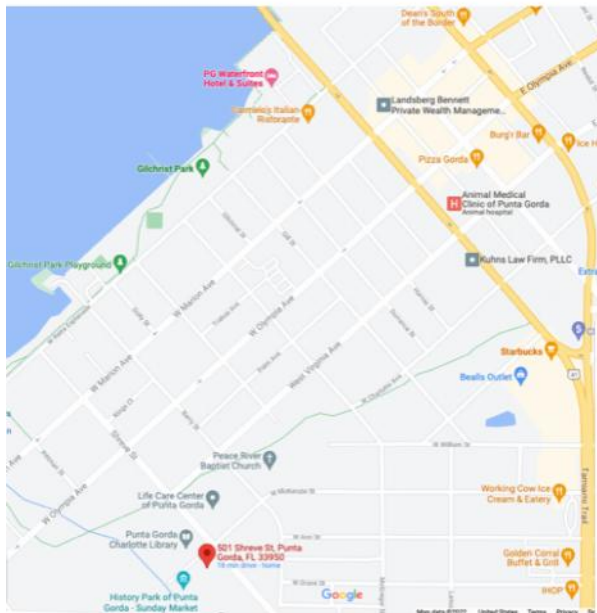
Membership

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: Bob Summers

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Library

The Library is available for all current club members. The club library contains Books, magazines, and Flashdrives are available to check out.. A list of materials are available on the PRW web-site:

www.peaceriverwoodturners.org

Please help us maintain the library by returning checked out items promptly. The library is maintained by Mark Yates.