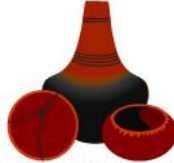


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PRESCOTT AREA



WOODTURNERS

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President's Message

RENEWABLE ENERGY. Almost every day you hear the term renewable energy, but you never hear the term wood following it. I often think those who are concerned about energy are thinking in terms of electricity, oil and gas and not wood.

Wood or trees for the most part have been a necessity since time began. Wood has heated our lodges and homes, cooked our food and provided a product for our shelter. There aren't very many products in our economy today that would be present if it weren't for wood. All of our buildings are a result of a wood product. Most of the frame work of the building, as well as the interior furnishings is made of wood. You say, well how about steel or other metals we use, they aren't wood. Did you ever think how the forms were made to pour the steel? Remember the trucks you see hauling heavy machinery on the highway which is sitting on a wood pallet. Most of those truck beds are also made of wood.

The tree is probably the best example of renewable energy we have ever witnessed. We are fortunate to have a national forestry department today that has protected our woodlands from complete devastation. In some parts of the world clear-cutting of forest may take years before trees are present once again. Trees will drop seeds that may lie dormant for years before something happens to make it come to life. That is low cost renewable energy.

Not only is wood a byproduct of trees but there are many products that are extracted from the wood: stains, alcohol and dyes to name a few. With everything a tree can produce the one thing we all enjoy the most is the beauty and comfort. A tree can provide shade and protection for years. This picture shows a tulip poplar cut down in Springfield Ohio. The Department of Natural Resources estimated the age to be 350 years or more. You can see by the two men standing in a ring cut from the base that it had reached an enormous size. You have to wonder how many wind storms, blizzards, dry spells and possible fires it went through. Was it sending out seeds in the wind that produced other trees? When you turn that beautiful bowl, take a minute to think about the real RENEWABLE ENERGY, a tree.



Larry Dorrell, President

NOTHING CAN MAKE ME GIGGLE

(From a Woodturner's Wife)

Nothing can make me giggle at the moment.
I have allergies and I'm filled with self pity
And dire thoughts.
My teeth itch, my eyes hurt, my...
I can't talk about it.

Then, a miracle.
The magazine, "Fine Woodworking," my husband's joy,
makes me laugh even while I sit on the toilet.
The poetry of woodwork transforms my spirits like
a lathe spins a log into fine art.

I must giggle at the commitment of craftsmen
and their passion.
Their dedication and reverence is so
innocent—and very funny.

Try "Drawing with Plug-ins." Now there's a subject
to give the crazed mind a diabolical laugh.

And "Make Your Own Chisel Roll" sends me nearly
off my throne.

"The Folly of Food-Safe Finishes" is enough to amuse
even the most cynical, sneezy curmudgeon.
The alliteration is downright cute.

I'll stop now with "Avoiding Glue Squeeze-Out,"
a title worthy of Shakespeare and all too appropriate
for the bathroom.

Elaine Jordan,
Woodworker's Wife

March Meeting

Our March 12 meeting featured a demonstration by Jason Clark, shown here with Larry Dorrell.



Jason created several jigs that can make life easier for a turner. This one helps a chuck hold a small piece.



March Instant Gallery

Our members are justly proud to display their projects.

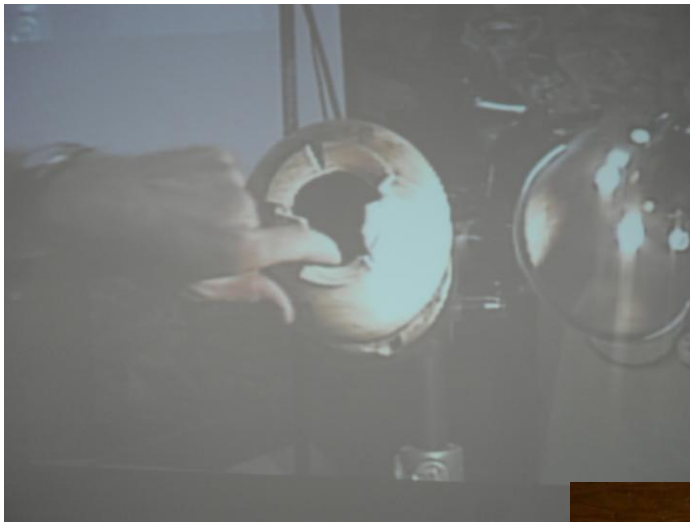




Trent Bosch Seminar

Our meeting on April 9 will be remembered for two reasons. Not only because it was the date of a seminar by Trent Bosch, for which we had planned and prepared, but also because it was the day of a last-blast of snow. Prescottonians woke up to between 5 and 7 inches of the stuff! Organizers worried that folks would not be able to get to the meeting site. ADOT did close some roads in the Flagstaff area, but almost everyone else was able to attend.

We found Trent to be entertaining as well as informative.



Our projection and sound equipment enhanced the experience. Everyone had a good seat as we watched Trent create a Vessel of Illusion. This is a screen shot.

After a delicious lunch catered by Antelope Hills, Trent began to create a plate. He demonstrated several different ways that the plate or platter could be decorated.

Trent did need to be corrected about the species of wood he was turning. He said “poplar” a couple of times and was promptly corrected. We supplied him with *cottonwood*. It soon became a running joke.



His final project was a utility bowl. He demonstrated several of the tools he brought with him as he decorated the bowl. Trent doesn't always use tools sold in woodworking catalogs, and he was as comfortable directing us to Harbor Freight as he was to Rockler.

Trent patiently answered questions at the end of his demonstration, but by 4:00 p.m. he had to be on his way.

For Sale:

Rough cut cherry, maple and walnut

Dry and ready to turn

Cost: \$2.50/board foot

Call Ed Jones at (520) 705-5800

Future Meetings

Look for Prescott Area Woodturners at the Mountain Artists sale on Courthouse Square on Saturday May 7 and Sunday May 8. Our booth will be in the usual place, near the Bucky O'Neil statue.

The next PAW meeting will be on May 14, our usual second Saturday. Ed Jones will demonstrate the creation of a stave bowl.