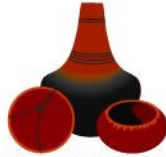


PRESCOTT AREA



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## President's Message

Recently I have been thinking about all the embellishment that I have seen added to turned items. If we go to Webster's they give a definition of "to make beautiful." Maybe what we have seen over the past couple years in magazines and articles is embellishment. Sometimes I look at an item and ask myself, where be the turned part?

If you can add to a well made turned item something special that makes you take a second look at it, you have added embellishment. At our last meeting we were shown how to add embellishment when member Bill Lieske explained how copper could be added to a bowl. Copper that is hammered to form a top or bottom of a bowl adds an entirely new look. Bill has a vast knowledge on how to use metal in ways that add beauty. I plan to learn as much as possible in the area of using metal in my turning work, and Bill will be a great teacher. But not all embellishment is done with metal. Each year when we sell at the Stocking Stuffer I wander over to the area where a group is selling gourds. They take an item grown in your garden and make it into a beautiful piece of art. When you let nature grow a gourd into any shape it chooses and then scrape and clean out the center, until the wall thickness would challenge our turnings, you are making true art. They carve the gourds, pierce them, lace the edges with leather and paint beautiful pictures. That is embellishment. I hope to have some of their group to one of our meetings to share ideas.

Embellishment is a thing of beauty. Find ways to embellishment your work, it's fun!

## Prescott Area Woodturners were busy at the end of 2011.

On November 12 several members participated in the **Holiday Sale co-sponsored by the Spinners and Weavers Guild and PAW**. This was the second year for this sale, which was again held at the Hassayampa. There was consistent activity during the day, and sales were good.



Soon thereafter, on December 17, was the annual **Stocking Stuffer** held at the Grace Sparks Center in Prescott.



PAW's entry is always popular with the crowd that attends. Again, sales were good, which means that PAW has operating funds for the coming year.

Just days later, on December 19, PAW members and spouses attended the annual **Christmas Party** at Antelope Hills Country Club. Christmas finery was evident as everyone chatted and enjoyed a delicious meal. Always a highlight, this year the recipient of the prized **Turner of the Year Award** was passed from Wade Dawson to Walter Spence. Spence agreed to keep the



trophy in a safe place, protect it at all times from harm and return it next year to the Christmas party with his own improvement of the trophy. Congratulations Spence! We look forward to next year!

**The January 14 meeting** was held at 6640 Intercal Way. The space at this location is shrinking, and the Board of Directors has been actively searching for better quarters. Just before this meeting Larry announced that he had rented space at European Techniques. The address is 6690 Intercal Way, just blocks from our current space. Our first meeting at the new space will be on March 10.



The January meeting featured a demonstration by Bill Lieske of metal embellishing techniques. Bill brought examples of the steps used to embellish various pieces. His narration included humorous explanations of his methods.

The **Instant Gallery** at the meeting showcased pieces by our excellent craftsman.

Walter Spencer has volunteered to be the Cub photographer. Look for his



photos of individual Gallery pieces on our website:  
[www.prescottareawoodturners.com](http://www.prescottareawoodturners.com).

This year the town of Anthem erected a huge Christmas tree. When the tree came down the town made arrangements with PAW to take the wood from the trunk and turn several bowls that would be donated to raise funds for the next holiday season. Larry expects the publicity for the donation of these bowls will be good for our club.

## **Future Meetings**

The meeting on February 11 (still at our current site) will feature Matt Monaco, an instructor at Yavapai College.

**Our March meeting will be at our new site** and will feature a demonstration by Dick Kelly.

## **For Sale**

6" Riser Block for 14" Jet Bandsaw. Never used. \$55.00  
Wayne Hunt 928-717-1500