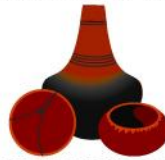


PRESCOTT AREA



WOODTURNERS

Post Office Box 11780
Prescott, Arizona 86304

President's Message

There is an age old question as to which is better, man or machine. Since man invented the machine, has he done so to improve his production, quality or speed? No question all three have improved the quality and comfort of our lives.

In this past month I had the opportunity to be in Fairbanks Alaska on vacation and visited the Alaska Bowl Company. The company claims to be one of the last bowl companies which produce wooden bowls in the USA. It was a very interesting business with a large number of items all made of wood. You could watch the bowls being made which was interesting. No question the purpose of the business was to make bowls in large quantities, and with very little change in design. The primary wood was Spruce, being as it is the most common wood in that part of Alaska. Some of the very large bowls made out of burl were beautiful. The size might have limited the actual use of the bowl, but it was a very nice piece. All of the turning was done by machine which amounted to mounting a large chunk of wood on the chuck and cutting the shapes with large curved knives. The machines removed a large amount of wood in a hurry making a rough turned bowl. Then the rough turned bowl was refined with another machine, prior to the finish going on.

Another one of their products was several bowls cut from the same piece in reduced sizes. We call that a 'bowl saver' in our world. I wonder if those people have ever heard of Mike Mahoney? The wood used was beautiful, but it didn't have the look of a handmade item. In my opinion the bowls were too thick and appeared to have been turned with a high amount of moisture in the wood as the rims seemed to have a waver in some of the bowls.

The machines worked fast, and produced a large volume of bowls with a fairly good appeal. If you were visiting Alaska and wanted an item to remind you of your trip then the bowls were your perfect gift. The machines did the job that man had planned for it, and I enjoyed watching it perform. However, the hands-on work our members do is truly a craft that will not be duplicated with a machine. The machine doesn't have the imagination or the pride that our members display.

Larry Dorrell

Group turning on July 9 for EMPTY BOWLS.



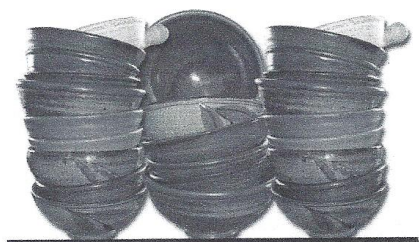
Sawdust flew (and was caught by the camera) on July 9 when 13 turners gathered at our meeting site. Seven lathes were available, and were all in use at various times throughout the day. PAW members always donate to the EMPTY BOWLS event in Prescott. The intent this year was to create even more, while enjoying the creative atmosphere.



Turners were: Ed Jones, John and Karel Armstrong, Gary Frank, Larry Dorrell, John Garner, Fred Martenis, Ken Fulkerson, Don Jordan, Jim Muehleisen, Roger Harlow, Jerry Shugars and Dave Passo.

The Daily Courier Newspaper sent a photographer that day and caught Dave Passo making a virtual fountain of wood chips. Dave admits that he planned the whole thing. The picture and article appeared on the front page of the paper just a few days later.

The following letter came in response to the newspaper article.



Empty Bowls

Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Church
882 Sunset Avenue, Prescott, AZ 86305

Prescott Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
945 Rancho Vista Dr., Prescott, AZ 86303

July 14, 2011

Prescott Woodturners Club
c/o President Larry Dorrell
1354 Sierry Peaks Drive
Prescott, AZ 86305

Dear Mr. Dorrell:

Our thanks to you and the members of the Prescott Woodturners Club for taking time from your busy schedule to make bowls for our Empty Bowl project.

What a nice surprise to see the photo and article on the front page of The Courier this past Tuesday advertising both of our organizations.

A reminder that the Empty Bowls event will be held on Sunday, September 11th this year. To accommodate the City's 9/11 program at the Courthouse on Sunday afternoon, we will be serving from 10:30 am. to 1:00pm. Hope to see some of you there and you will make yourselves known so we can thank you personally.

Again, thank you for your continuing and generous donations to help us feed the hungry in the Prescott area.

EMPTY BOWLS 2011
Eunice Ricklefs,
Committee Co-Chair

There was no meeting in August. Instead PAW participated in the Mountain Artists Guild show and sale on Courthouse Square August 13 and 14.

MAG August Sale

By Gary Frank

The sale was a great success. We sold more than the May sale. The weather cooperated and only got a few drops of rain. The clouds on Saturday helped to keep the temp down and the crowds up. I believe that part of the success is due to the quality of items being sold; I was impressed.



The crowds were good most of the weekend. The demos went well and drew good crowds and of course crowds draw bigger crowds. Bigger crowds mean more potential customers. I want to thank all that put on the demos. I am sure that your efforts helped the sales. We picked up one new member on Sunday and there are several more people that appeared very interested.



I also want to thank all of you that helped set up and take down the canopies and tables. I could not believe that we were done by 4:35 on Sunday. Most of the canopies were down before I could write up the final sale! I want to especially thank John Garner. I could not have got



through the sale without his guidance.

Now it is time to get turning because the Holiday Sale with the Spinners and Weavers at the Hassayampa Inn is November 12, so get busy! Gary Frank

But before the Hassayampa Sale is the



PAW Barbeque

Saturday, September 10, 2011

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Ed and Twilla Jones have invited the Prescott Woodturners and their spouses to their home for this year's barbeque. Many of you turners are familiar with Ed's shop. Spouses will enjoy their shaded wrap-around deck with views of Mingus Mountain.

This year Ed has scheduled activities in the shop.

10:00 to 10:30 a demo on carbide tools (you can try using a carbide tool)

10:30 to noon, Dave Passo will demo how to assemble and cut a zig zag feature ring for a segmented bowl

Lunch is at noon

At 1:00 Ed will demo several ways to glue up segments into a ring for a segmented bowl

The club will provide pulled pork sandwiches, beer and soda. What can you bring? If your last name begins with A through H, please bring a dessert. If your last name falls between J and Z, please bring a picnic salad. Bring something that YOU like, because all left-overs will go home with you. Include serving utensils (labeled of course). Make only one recipe, or enough to feed 6 to 8 people. We'll have tables but please bring a chair.

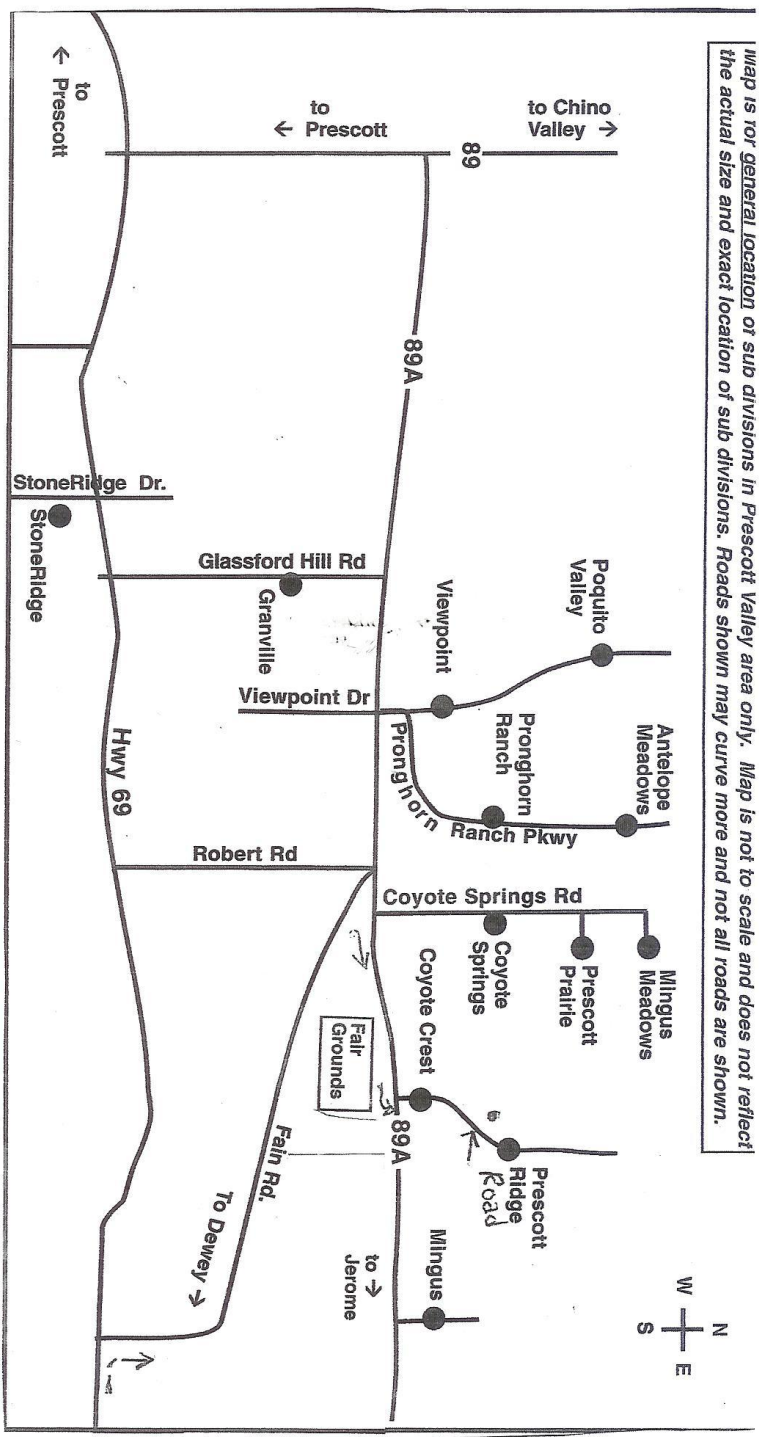
Please RSVP by September 3.

Twilla: 771-2801 or twillajones@hotmail.com

Marge: 717-1500 or mwhunt@cableone.net

A map and directions are on the next page. See you there!

Map is for general location of sub divisions in Prescott Valley area only. Map is not to scale and does not reflect the actual size and exact location of sub divisions. Roads shown may curve more and not all roads are shown.



. Our address is: 8760 N. Prescott Ridge Rd., Prescott Valley, AZ85615

From Hwy 69, turn right on Fain Road until it intersects with Hwy 89A, go

Right on 89A past the fairgrounds (racetrack) approx. 1 mile to Prescott

Ridge Road (it's the 1st left past the fairgrounds) Left on Prescott Ridge Rd.,

About 1 mile, the house is on the left side. It's a yellow farmhouse with a large

Front porch.

FUTURE MEETINGS

October 8, 2011

Roger Harlow will be giving a slide presentation and lecture on the principles of design and incorporating these principles in designing wooden vessels.

Saturday November 12, 2011

This is the date of the Holiday Sale at the Hassayampa. This sale was very good for us last year and we have committed to participate this year. However, the sale runs only on Saturday, and it is the date of our regular November meeting

Sunday November 13, 2011

Ken Fulkerson had previously arranged with J. Paul Fennell as guest turner for a day-long seminar in November. Because of the conflict with the Hassayampa sale, J. Paul has graciously agreed to give our demonstration on Sunday instead of Saturday. Read on to see what we can look forward to:

Morning Session:

Creating hollow forms

- Showing the process starting with a wood blank
- Developing the outside form, design considerations, use of tools to minimize sanding
- Techniques to deal with Arizona's dry and hot climate.
- Use of home-made tools--hollowing and calipers
- Techniques for the hollowing process.

Afternoon session:

- Carving and decorating techniques
- Tools for carving and piercing
- Design layout techniques
- Proper vessel thickness for carving and piercing
- Finishing

Be sure to mark your calendar today so that you won't miss any of these special opportunities!