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Well for those of us that made the trip to the AAW SYMPOSIUM, in Albuquerque this past weekend, found a complete array of topics to learn. The presenters were top notch and in all cases they gave us knowledge to bring home. I find that watching them perform a task seems so easy but when you get home and try it well maybe I forgot a step or two. The trade show was great with so much offered it was hard to carry everything out in one trip! That is why we are a little short on our club order to Craft Supply!

What a great opportunity to be in attendance with such world class turners. It was wonderful to have Phil Brennon there and to have him recognized at the banquet. No one could have been more proud of his accomplishments than the members of the Prescott Area Woodturners. Everyone made a safe trip to and from the symposium which is great. Sometimes it is more about the adventure than the journey.

Remember our next scheduled meeting is July 11<sup>th</sup> at the golf club house. Times are 1pm/4pm. This meeting we will have one of our own present, as B turn an enclosed vessel. In addition she will show how she grinds her gouges and skewers. Members are also able to bring your dull tools and Brenda will sharpen them for you. If you have ever been to one of Brenda's classes you know her sharpening techniques are impressive. This will be a great meeting so plan to be there.

During our last meeting we agreed to bring back from the Board some suggestions on purchasing equipment. We plan to continue that discussion during our July meeting. At the recent Board meeting we developed some talking points and they are as follows.

If we were to make a wish list for future purchases it would look like this. 1. Purchase video equipment that will allow everyone to see the demonstrations more clearly. This would include projectors, screens etc. 2. Replace the small mini lathe as our current one is in bad shape. 3. Retain the present large lathe as it is in good working order and it is only used 10 to 14 hours in a year's time. 4. Build a safety screen for the mini lathe to be used while turning at public demonstrations. 5. Provide at least one or more top named turners each year for the club. This would more than likely be a full day demo and might be shared with another club to help with the expense. As I said they are talking points for us to consider and you may have other points that you wish to bring up. Remember it is your club, so please speak up at the meeting.

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Empty Bowls is coming up again and if you choose to make one or several bowls they should be completed by September 5<sup>th</sup>. A location for their pick up has not yet been determined.

