



# As the Wood Turns

## A Newsletter of the Peaks Woodturners November Meeting Highlights

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Mike called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the October meeting were approved as presented.

Ernie gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance for September was \$2,923.55. Income included \$129 from the sale at the Flagstaff Heritage Fest, \$30 from the raffle, dues in the amount of \$100, and 13 cents dividend. There were no expenses resulting in an ending balance of \$3,182.66.

There was discussion about a slate of officers for next year. Don Baker said that he and Jeanette were willing to continue in their current roles, if someone else would help with coming up with demonstrators. Ernie agreed to continue as treasurer, leaving the president and vice president's slots to fill. Mike said he

would consider continuing as president but did not commit.

Jeanette announced that there was a sign-up sheet for the demonstration and sale at the Coconino Center for the Arts on December 3 and 4.

Larry reminded the group that the holiday potluck would be at his house on December 4 following the activity at the Center for the Arts. (A map and additional information will be sent closer to the date.)

Jeanette asked that someone send her rough notes from the meetings as well as photos, starting next month since she will be out of town probably through the May meeting.

Jeanette Baker

### Board of Directors

- *President: Mike Dries*
- *Vice President: Bob Fain*
- *Secretary: Jeanette Baker*
- *Treasurer: Ernie Kurmes*
- *Program Coordinator: Don Baker  
John Armstrong*



- *Videographer: Bob Fain:*



### From the Editor

This month's column is the third in a series on lathe maintenance, which I believe is related to safety. Much of what you will read here is based on a website called [TurningForProfit.com](http://TurningForProfit.com).

There are daily, weekly, and quarterly routines to keep your lathe in top condition. This month we will focus on the quarterly maintenance schedule.

1. Banjo/tailstock checks - Take both items off the lathe and turn them over. Blow/wipe off and debris or sawdust. Check the areas that travel along the rails and make sure they are smooth and clean. If needed, file them to remove nicks or rough spots. Replace on lathe.
2. Check the Nylock nut on your headstock, banjo, and tailstock. These

nuts are crucial to holding these parts in place. If they are loose, tighten about a 1/4 turn and check for fit. If they become stripped from over tightening, you can get replacements at the hardware store.

3. Drive belts. Unplug the lathe first! This applies to lathes where you move the belt to change the speed and to variable speed lathes. If you have to move the belts to change speed, then open up the access doors and specifically examine the belts. Is there any wear or cracks? On a variable speed lathe you will have to remove the cover over the drive mechanism and check the belt that way.
4. Electrical review. Use compressed air to blow out switches, motors, and capacitors. Check all visible wires for cracking, melting, or other signs of wear. If the electrical cord is damaged, replace it or have it repaired by an electrician.

Jeanette Baker

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# Members

Members at the November meeting were:

- Ernie Kurmes
- Bob Fain
- Don Baker
- Jeanette Baker
- Larry Gilbert
- Mike Dries
- Karl Doerry
- James Giodotti
- Alan Veale

Guests

- Leslie Prichard

New members and guests are always welcome. Annual membership dues include membership in the American Association of Woodturners. Dues are \$50 for single or family online AAW membership. There is an additional \$10 charge to receive a hard copy of the AAW Journal.

# Pride & Practice



Larry Gilbert



Jeanette Baker



Don Baker

## November demonstration - Don Baker turns a Christmas tree from a log



### Upcoming Demonstrations/Activities

Dec.	4	5 p.m.	Holiday potluck - Larry's	Jan.	10	Bring your favorite tool/jig to discuss
				Mar.	14	Kevin Okon



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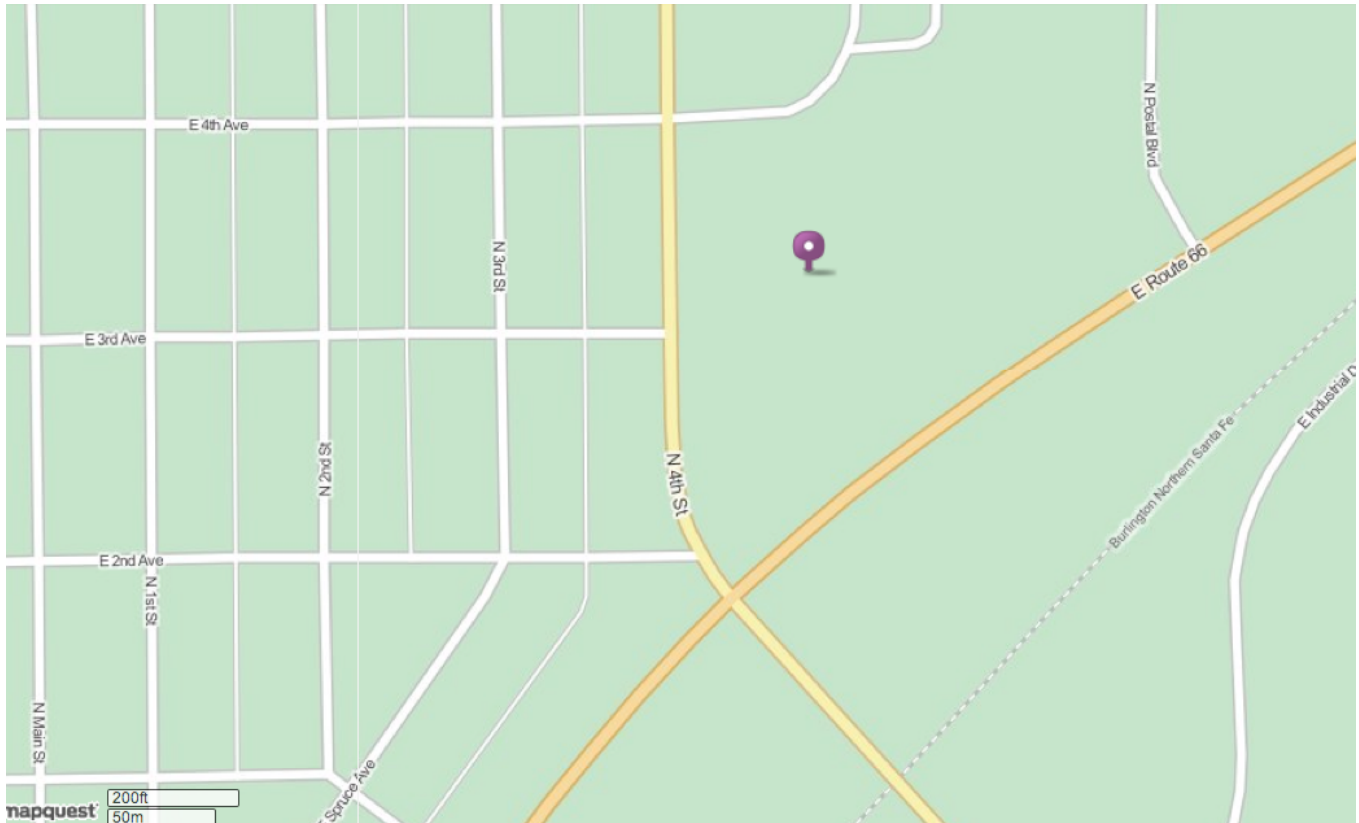
*The Peaks Woodturners is a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. The purposes of the Peaks Woodturners are to (1) provide a meeting place for local wood turners, (2) share ideas and techniques regarding woodturning, (3) trade woods, (4) exchange ideas about tools, and (5) educate and foster the art of woodturning. Membership is open to anyone interested in woodturning.*

*Meetings take place on the second Tuesday of the month and begin at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise posted. The location for meetings is Local Works at 1926 N. Fourth Street, Suite 9 (behind Hunan East).*

[www.peakswoodturners.org](http://www.peakswoodturners.org)

# How to get to Local Works:

Local Works is located at 1926 N Fourth Street, Suite 9. From Route 66 go north on Fourth Street. Look for the strip mall with Radio Shack, Hunan East, and the Habitat for Humanity Re-Store. Park in that parking lot. To get to Local Works, go between the Re-Store and Hunan East. Suite 9 is located behind Hunan East.



## PEAKS WOODTURNERS MEMBERSHIP FORM

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Confirm e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Membership (\$50/year includes AAW membership.)

Additional member(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an AAW member? \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: **PEAKS WOODTURNERS**

Send completed form and check to:

Peaks Woodturners  
c/o Ernie Kurmes  
5937 E. Abbey Rd.  
Flagstaff, AZ 86004

Willing to give a demonstration? \_\_\_\_\_

Topic \_\_\_\_\_

Demonstrations you'd like to see: \_\_\_\_\_

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