



# As the Wood Turns

## A Newsletter of the Peaks Woodturners

### January Meeting Highlights

Mike called the meeting to order. The following slate of officers was presented for action:

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| President            | Bill Dooley             |
| Vice President       | Kevin Okon              |
| Secretary            | Jeanette Baker          |
| Treasurer            | Ernie Kurmes            |
| Program Coordinators | Don Baker<br>Carl Smith |

A motion was made and seconded to elect the slate of officers as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Ernie gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$5,171.71. Income

included \$300 in dues, \$480 from the sale at the Coconino Center for the Arts, and 23 cents in interest. There were no expenses in December resulting in an ending balance of \$5,951.91.

Ernie noted that he had sent a check to AAW on December 31 to cover the AAW membership for those club members who had paid their dues at that point. He reminded those who had not paid, that now was the time. He said the club liability insurance through AAW would be due in February and he would pay it when he had the bill.

*Jeanette Baker*

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#### Board of Directors

- *President: Bill Dooley*
- *Vice President: Kevin Okon*
- *Secretary: Jeanette Baker*
- *Treasurer: Ernie Kurmes*
- *Program Coordinator: Don Baker  
Carl Smith*



- *Librarian: Steve Van Ooteghem*
- *Videographer: Bob Fain*
- *Outreach: Rebecca Crawford*

### RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED

Please bring something for the raffle -- wood, tool, etc.



#### From the Editor

To continue our New Year's resolution to turn safely, it's time for another installment from AAW's Safety for Woodturners. This is the first in a series excerpted from an article by John Kelsey titled "Checklists for Woodturning Safety."

Kelsey begins by saying that your attitude is your first line of defense, with face shields and other protective gear the backup system. Good woodturners take responsibility for their own safety by internalizing a safety point of view. He gives four checklists: one for attitude, one for personal protection, one for the lathe, and one for the actual turning.

His Attitude Checklist consists of six reminders to think about in preparation for turning.

- 1. Stay alert** - Understand the Danger Zone - the space directly behind and in front of the workpiece. This is the "firing zone," where the workpiece would most likely travel were it to fly off the lathe. Also pay

attention to unusual sounds or vibrations and track down their cause.

- 2. Your workshop** - Is your lathe plugged into a grounded outlet? Don't use an extension cord. Keep your work area well lit and dry. Have a fire extinguisher near the door.
- 3. Your lathe** - Keep your lathe in good repair. Listen for unusual sounds and deal with them before continuing with your project.
- 4. Stance** - Stand easy but firm with your feet comfortably apart. Shift your weight to maintain solid footing and keep your balance. Your stance powers all turning cuts.
- 5. Tools** - Learn what tools to use for each task and keep tools sharp and clean.
- 6. Know yourself** - Know your capabilities and limitations. Experienced woodturners can turn at lathe speeds that are unwise for beginners.

We will review his three other checklists in the next few newsletters. In the meantime, keep the reminders above in mind and turn safely!

*Jeanette Baker*

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# Members

Members attending the January meeting were:

John Armstrong  
James Guidotti  
Ken Mannila  
Karl Doerry  
Bob Belton  
Lin Kwis  
Glen Hoge  
Kevin Okon  
Bill Dooley  
Mike Dries

Steve Van  
Ernie Kurmes

New Member  
Phillip Reuter

Guests:  
Manny Deubert  
Jeff Beauchamp

New members and guests are always welcome. Annual membership dues are \$30. Family membership is \$30 for the first member and \$10 for each additional member.

# Pride & Practice



Lin Kwis



John Armstrong

# January Demonstration - *Kevin Okon turned sushi plates*



### **Upcoming Demonstrations/Activities**

|      |    |                    |     |    |                    |             |
|------|----|--------------------|-----|----|--------------------|-------------|
| Feb. | 10 | Woodturning Clinic | Apr | 14 | William Weathersby | Salt Cellar |
| Mar. | 10 | TBD                | May | 12 | TBD                |             |



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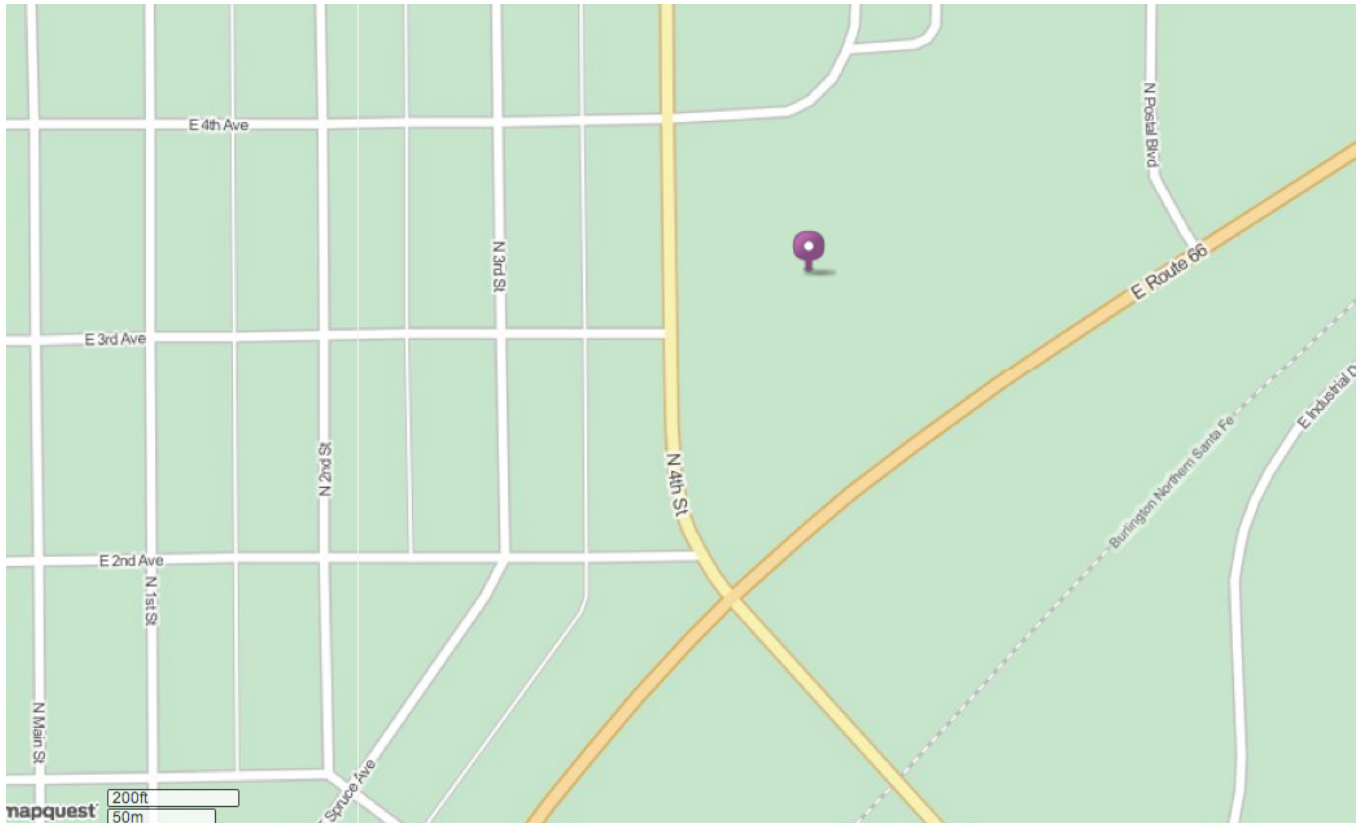
*The Peaks Woodturners is a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. The purposes of the Peaks Woodturners are to (1) provide a meeting place for local wood turners, (2) share ideas and techniques regarding woodturning, (3) trade woods, (4) exchange ideas about tools, and (5) educate and foster 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 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 R-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 (\$30/year, individual. Family: \$30 + \$10 each additional member)

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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