



# As the Wood Turns

## A Newsletter of the Peaks Woodturners June Meeting Highlights

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Kevin called the meeting to order, with Bill on the way. The minutes from the April meeting were approved as written.

Bill asked guests to introduce themselves and give some background about their interest in woodturning.

Ernie gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$5,329.62. Since there was no meeting in May there were no expenses and the only income was 45 cents in interest, resulting in an ending balance of \$5,330.07.

Ernie passed around a card from Michelle Beaudreau thanking the club for participating in the Empty Bowls project. She reported that \$2,500 was raised and donated to local food banks.

Don Baker reminded the group that the July meeting will be a summer potluck. Carl Smith and his wife Debbie Farnum have graciously agreed to host again this year. They will provide the meat and drinks but members need to bring a dish to share.

Jeanette mentioned that she hoped everyone has seen the invitation from the Prescott Area Woodturners to day-long demonstration by Kirk Deheer on June 13.

Bill asked members to start thinking about the County Fair where we usually demonstrate and sell items to benefit the club. The dates this year are Saturday and Sunday, September 5 and 6. Jeanette will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

Bob announced that the Coconino Center for the Arts soon would be accepting applications for entry for the *It's Elemental* exhibit. The exhibit runs from November 17 through December 19. He will send out more information but the organizers really would like to see more entries from woodworkers and encouraged members to apply. The Fine Craft Show and sale which takes place concurrently with the exhibit will be December 5-6.

Jeanette Baker

### 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:*



### 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 month's excerpts are taken from an article by Nick Cook called "Safety Lessons: Twenty Ways Not To Turn A Bowl."

1. Don't start BIG - you'll learn a lot more about turning techniques by turning a lot of small, shallow bowls than by turning one or two really large pieces.
2. Don't use expensive wood for practice pieces. There's plenty of free wood around.
3. Don't start with hard woods. Using green wood is a great way to start.

4. Don't make your practice bowls too deep. Start with a small platter before attempting any kind of bowl. When you're comfortable with that, transition to a shallow bowl — just slightly deeper but no more than 8" in diameter. Keep the form open rather than making the openings smaller.
5. Don't worry about applying finish to anything yet. Nick suggests using a screw chuck or a faceplate and turn shapes that resemble bowl forms (shapes) until you get to the point of becoming comfortable with the bowl gouge. When you get to the point of not thinking about what the tool is doing, you're ready to turn a bowl. Once you get a few decent-looking shapes, turn the bowl around and begin hollowing out the interior.

To be continued next month.

Jeanette Baker

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# Members

Members attending the June meeting were:

Kevin Okon  
Bob Belton  
Bill Dooley  
Terry Davis  
William Weathersby  
Michelle Beaudreau  
Don Baker  
Jeanette Baker  
Ernie Kurmes

Larry Gilbert  
Bob Fain  
Mike Dries  
Andy Fox  
James Guidotti

New Members  
Jeff Beauchamp  
Harvey Cassidy

Guests:  
Diane Sanders

Bonnie Vagen  
Scott Baker

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



William Weathersby



Bob Belton



Harvey Cassidy

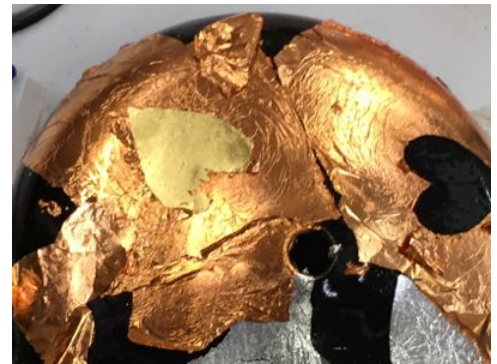


Jeanette Baker



Larry Gilbert

## June Demonstration - Dale Gillaspay - chemical patination & surface enhancement



### Upcoming Demonstrations/Activities

Jul	14	Summer potluck	Carl & Debbie's	Sept	11-12	Jim Beaman	Hands-on workshop
Aug	11	Jan Wee	Pyrography/painting	Oct	13		
Sept	5-6	Coconino County Fair		Nov	10		



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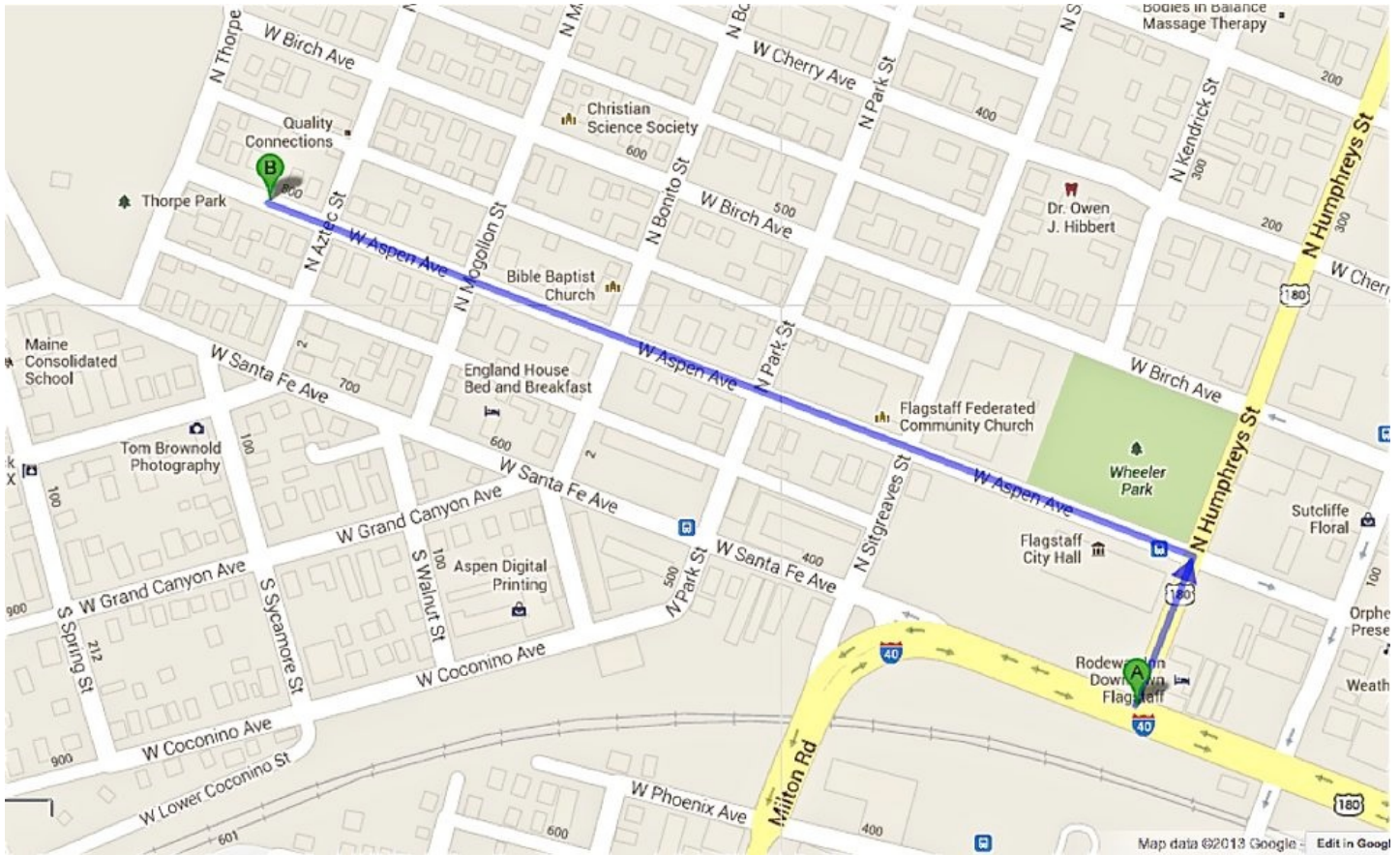
*The Peaks Woodturners is a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. The purposes of the Peaks Woodturners are to (1) provide a meeting place for local wood turners, (2) share ideas and techniques regarding woodturning, (3) trade woods, (4) exchange ideas about tools, and (5) educate and foster 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 Carl and Debbie's:

From Route 66 downtown go north on N Humphrey's St. Go 1 block to W Aspen Avenue and turn left. Go past Wheeler Park, the Public Library, and the Federated Community Church. Go about 4 1/2 blocks across N Aztec St. The house is on the left, 811 W Aspen Avenue.



## 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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