



As the Wood Turns

A Newsletter of the Peaks Woodturners April Meeting Highlights

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Bill called the meeting to order. The minutes from the March meeting were approved as written.

Bill gave the treasurer's report in Ernie's absence. The beginning balance was \$5,455.39. Income included \$14 from the raffle and 23 cents in interest. Expenses were \$45 to AAW for one membership and \$95 to AAW for insurance resulting in an ending balance of \$5,329.62.

Bill updated the club on the proposed demonstrations and activities through the summer as identified in the newsletter. There was discussion about what to do in May where no demonstrator had been identified. Another "woodeo" was discussed for May to give new turners an opportunity to use a lathe and learn from more experienced

turners. John Armstrong offered to bring three lathes. Bill urged members to attend to share their knowledge and help others learn. Another idea for the May meeting was to bring in a local woodcutter to talk about the proper use and care of a chainsaw. Mike Dries suggested that a saw shop might be willing to donate something in conjunction with the demonstration that could be put in the raffle. Nothing was finalized for May.

Bill reported that he contacted Packard Industries about their "outreach" to woodturning clubs. If the club wanted to buy items for the raffle, Packard would give the club a 20 percent discount. Another possibility mentioned was a 20 percent discount to new members to get their starter set of tools.

Jeanette Baker

Board of Directors

- *President: Bill Dooley*
- *Vice President: Kevin Okon*
- *Secretary: Jeanette Baker*
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- *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 is the fourth in a series excerpted from an article by John Kelsey titled "Checklists for Woodturning Safety."

Kelsey gives four checklists: one for attitude, one for personal protection, one for the lathe, and one for the actual turning.

The checklist for turning consists of seven reminders:

1. **Clearance:** Rotate the workpiece a full turn by hand to be certain it clears the tool rest and bed before turning the lathe ON. If possible, use the tail stock for support.
2. **Chuck and faceplate:** Grab and push the workpiece to be sure it's firmly seated in the chuck jaws. For faceplates, solidly mount the piece with stout steel screws (#10 minimum).

3. **Reversing:** When running a lathe in reverse, tighten or lock the chuck or faceplate on the lathe spindle so it can't unscrew and fly off.
4. **Speed:** Check speed before turning the lathe on. Use slower speeds for larger diameters and rough pieces, and higher speeds for smaller diameters and balanced pieces. If the lathe shakes or vibrates, slow it down. If the workpiece vibrates, stop the machine to find out why.
5. **Unusual wood:** Wood with cracks, splits, knots, irregular shapes, etc. could fly apart on the lathe. Beginners should stick with sound wood. Start slow and keep your head out of the danger zone.
6. **Tool rest:** Once the tool rest is in position, be sure to tighten it before placing a tool on it. Always plant the tool on the rest before you allow it to contact the workpiece. Turn the lathe OFF before adjusting the tool rest or tool rest base.
7. **Have fun!** You'll enjoy turning more when you are confidently on top of safety.

Jeanette Baker

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Members

Members attending the April meeting were:

- John Armstrong
- Kevin Okon
- Mike Dries
- Bob Belton
- Bill Dooley
- Phillip Reuter
- Don Barnes
- Terry Davis
- William Weathersby
- Michelle Beaudreau

Guests:

- Robert Waller
- Gene Balzer

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



April Demonstration - William Weathersby salt cellar



Upcoming Demonstrations/Activities

May	12	NO MEETING		Jul	14	Summer potluck?	
June	9	Dale Gillaspay	Chemical patination & surface enhancement	Aug	11	Jan Wee	Pyrography/painting
				Sept	11-12	Jim Beaman	Hands-on workshop



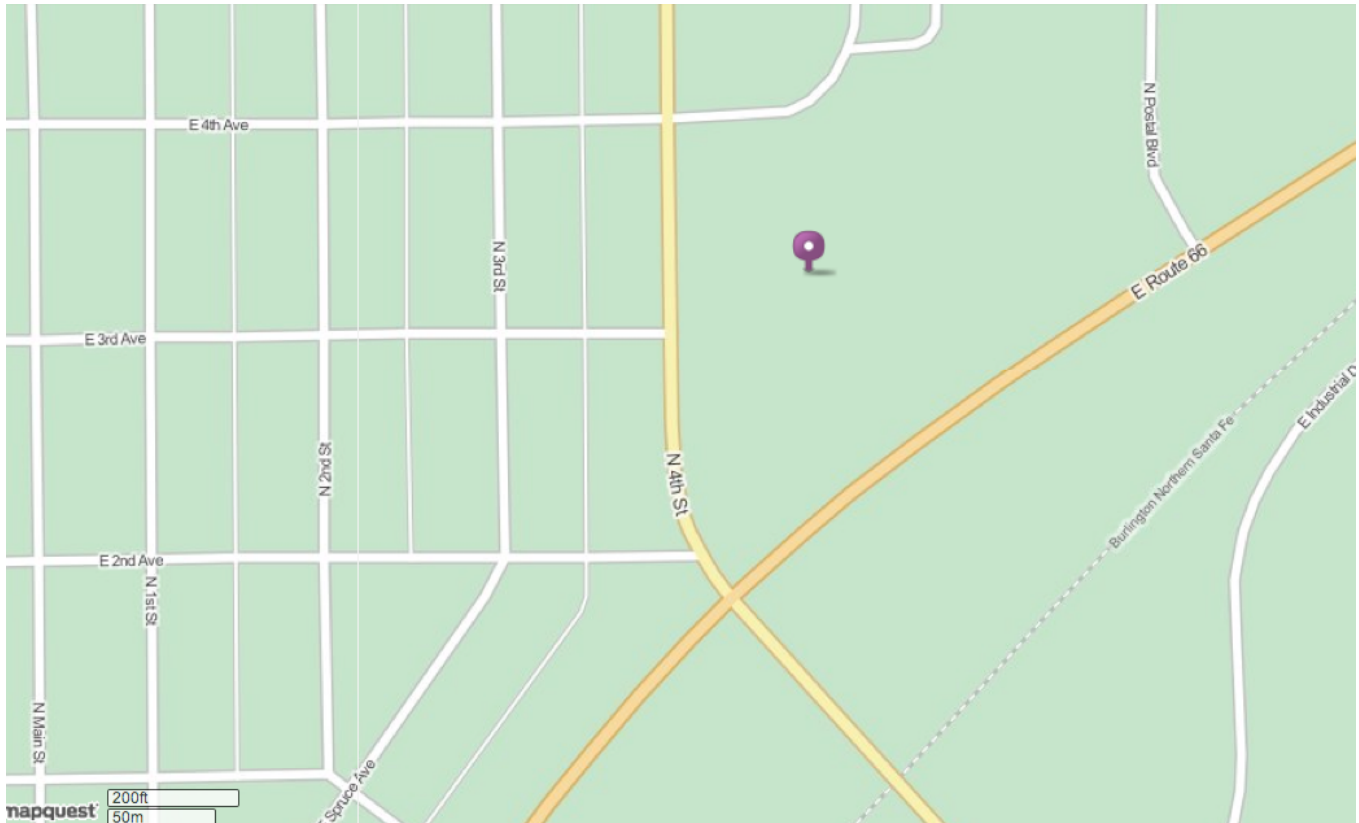
The Peaks Woodturners is a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. The purposes of the Peaks Woodturners are to (1) provide a meeting place for local wood turners, (2) share ideas and techniques regarding woodturning, (3) trade woods, (4) exchange ideas about tools, and (5) educate and foster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

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: _____
