



As the Wood Turns

A Newsletter of the Peaks Woodturners August Meeting Highlights

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Bill called the meeting to order. The minutes from the June meeting were approved as presented.

Ernie gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$4,915.53. Income included \$30 in dues and 21 cents in interest. There were no expenses resulting in an ending balance of \$4,945.74.

Bill encouraged members to sign up to participate in the County Fair. The club will be demonstrating and selling turned items Saturday and Sunday, September 5 and 6.

Bob reminded the group that the deadline for submitting items for the It's Elemental show at the Coconino Center for the Arts is September 15. You can submit up to four items for a cost of \$35. You also can sell the items during the show with a 30 percent commission to the Center.

Don Baker requested approval to pay Jim Beaman \$500 for the hands-on workshop he is giving September 11 and 12. Jim will be providing the wood. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to pay this expense.

Jeanette mentioned that there is a sign-up sheet for the workshop and encouraged members to sign up. The workshop probably will be from 9 to 4 and members are responsible for bringing their own lunch.

Bill reported that he had been contacted by a person hired by Joe Davidson to help promote Local Works. The has been asked to develop a teaching program using the equipment available at Local Works. Concern was expressed about liability issues as well as who would teach the classes.

Jeanette Baker

Board of Directors

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



- *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."

11. Move the tool rest with the lathe turning. (Don't)

12. **Don't follow the curve** - it's not uncommon for beginners to make straight cuts along the tool rest. To produce a better profile, move the tool rest around the shape of the bowl. Work on a continuous curve, not thinness.

13. **Cut in the wrong direction (Don't)** - For face-grain bowls, cut uphill or from the bottom to the top on the exterior of the bowl. On the interior of your bowl, cut downhill or from the rim to center.

14. **Don't move your body** - You are not bolted to the floor. To produce better curves, use your body and move it throughout an arch. Learn that "woodturner's sway."

Place the tool handle against your hip and hold the handle with your right hand near the shaft and you left hand on the tool rest throughout the cut to provide additional support. Remember, if you move your feet, you move the pivot and lose the curve. Learn to swing your body, but don't move your feet.

15. **Use dull tools (Don't)** - It takes experience to be able to tell whether a tool is sharp. Different woods react differently to being cut. When in doubt, sharpen the tool. The best way to sharpen a tool for beginners is with jigs and fixtures; they all work and provide excellent results. Grinding by hand is important to learn, but for beginners, jigs and fixtures are a great help.

Be sure to touch up your edge on the grinder before making your final cut. A dull tool will pull or tear the fibers, leaving a surface that you can't sand smooth. This is especially true on end grain.

To be continued next month.

Jeanette Baker

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Members

Members attending the August meeting were:

- Don Baker
- Jeanette Baker
- Ernie Kurmes
- Larry Gilbert
- Bob Fain
- John Armstrong
- Karel Armstrong
- Lin Kwis
- Karl Doerry

- Bill Dooley
- Terry Davis
- James Guidotti
- Glen Hoge
- Bob Belton
- Mike Dries

Guests:
Jan Wee

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



Karel Armstrong



Larry Gilbert



Jeanette Baker



Lin Kwis



Bob Belton



August Demonstration - Jan Wee surface enhancement with pyrography and paint



Upcoming Demonstrations/Activities

Sept	5-6	Coconino County Fair	Oct	13	TBD
Sept	11-12	Jim Beaman Hands-on workshop	Nov	10	TBD



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).

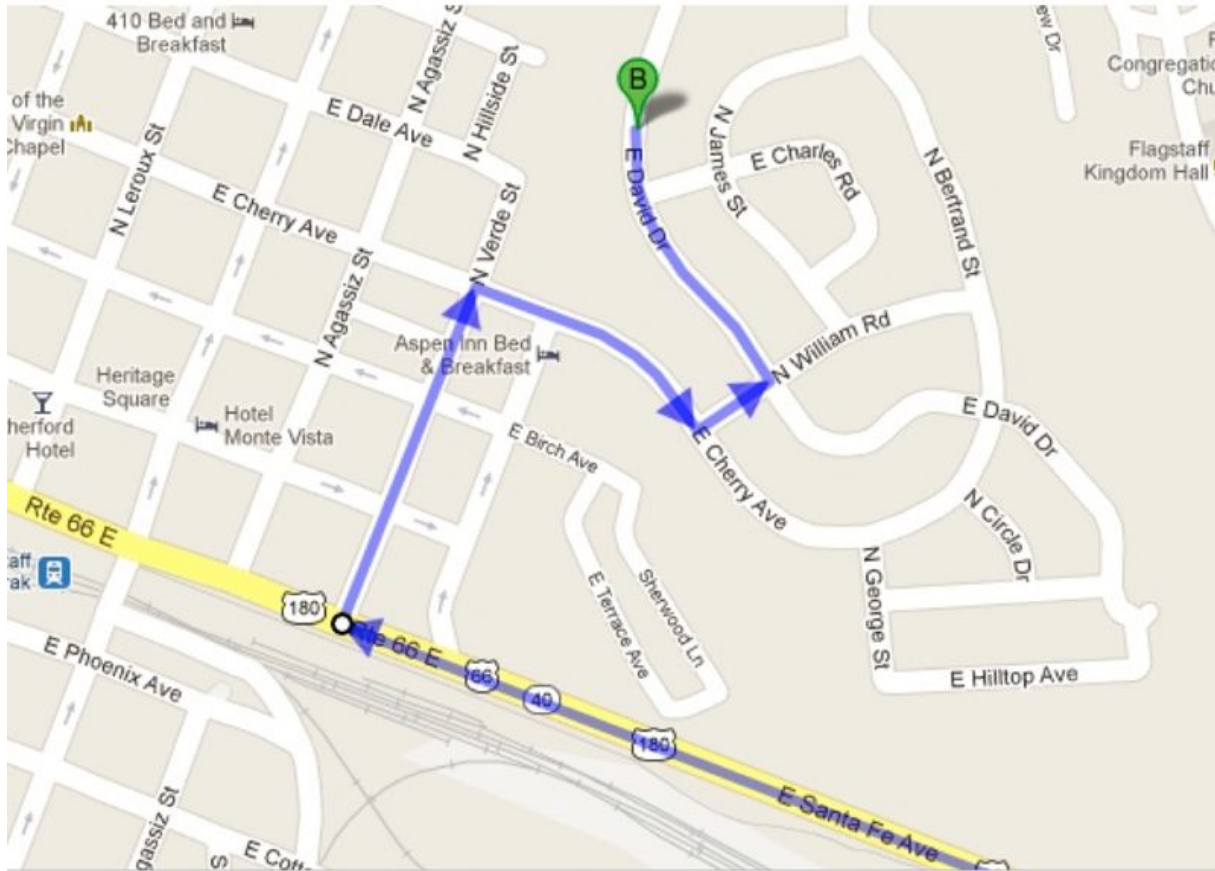
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Jan Wee Surface Enhancement



How to get to the Bakers for the workshop:

From Route 66 downtown take N. Verde St. north to E. Cherry Ave. Turn right and go to N. William Rd. at the top of the hill. Turn left on William and go one short block to the cross street, E. David Dr. Turn left on E. David Dr. We are a block and a half down on the left, 333 E. David Dr.



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: _____

