

Wish results in enhanced woodworking program at Franklin Phonetic School

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One of the founders of The Prescott Area Woodturners (PAW), Phil Brennon, died in May 2012. His family requested that memorials to Mr. Brennon be administered by the Woodturners club. It was the family's hope that donations could be used to promote education. This was a humbling task, and many possibilities were considered.

The obvious choice presented itself last fall when it was discovered that Franklin Phonetic School in Prescott Valley wanted to begin a wood turning program. PAW club members contacted Tom Franklin, chairman of the school, and instructor Tom Bockman, to determine the best way to help. Using monies from what came to be called the Phil Fund, PAW purchased two 10" variable speed lathes, as well as turning tools, pen kits and other materials for the start-up.

The class has been very successful. It is so popular that Franklin School has added after-school opportunities two days a week for the students who want to learn woodturning, and has now also purchased a third lathe with Arizona Tax Credit funds.



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Students, from left, Shannon Page, Juan Favela and Grant Malinowski with the school's new lathe at the Franklin Phonetic School in Prescott Valley. Below, Franklin Phonetic School shop teacher Tom Bockman works with student Timmy Young.

