

February Demonstrator: Paul Percell "Close Fitted Lidded Box"

Meet Paul Percell

Paul got into woodturning about 6 years ago by taking a progression of beginning through advanced turning classes offered at the Mt. Diablo Adult Education program. Then he took them again....and again. After that he became a teaching assistant for the classes and now teaches some of them himself as an instructor. So what can we learn from this? Paul is much more than a guy who got tuned in and turned on to woodturning as a hobby. He is the type of person who seeks to **master** the skills needed to be a good turner and has been persistent enough to do what it takes to make it happen.



Paul is a low-key, self-effacing man who will tell you that he is "a student of woodturning", and in a way he is. Paul approaches turning with a beginners mind. He is not afraid to make mistakes and continually challenges himself to learn new skills like multi-axis turning. But don't make the mistake of assuming that his skills are those of a novice. He is rapidly becoming an expert in all aspects of turning. Come meet Paul while he turns boxes at our next meeting.

Don't forget to check out the AAW Symposium Page: <http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2012/>

AAW has been conducting annual woodturning symposia since 1987. This page provides information on the upcoming 26th Annual AAW symposium, to be held in San Jose, California Friday June 08 through Sunday June 10, 2012, at the San Jose Convention & Cultural Facilities.

If you've never been to the AAW National Symposium go to this link to see what you will miss if you don't attend: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Om1gD3H24Y8&feature=relmfu>

See page 7 in this newsletter for more symposium information.



The Bay Area Woodturners Association is a local chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. Our purpose is to provide a meeting place for local turners to share ideas and techniques and to educate the general public regarding the art of turning. The Association usually meets the second Saturday of each month at the Castro Valley High School cafeteria. The Association periodically sponsors exhibitions and demonstration by local and internationally known turners.

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Club Meetings

Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each month unless otherwise noted. **(May) meeting: to be on Sunday due to hall availability**
8:30 doors open for setup, use store and library, swap ideas, view Displays

9:30—12:30 meeting and demo

BAWA meets in the cafeteria at Castro Valley High School, located at 3870 Mabel Ave; Castro Valley.

2012 Event Schedule

Feb. 11	Paul Purcell: "Close Fitted Lidded Box" Wayne Shipman and Dean Adkins "Q&A Sawdust Session"
Mar 10	Jimmy Clewes: "Five Projects" http://www.jimmyclewes.com
Apr 14	Mark Knize: "Decorated Rings"
May 6 (SUNDAY)	Graeme Priddle: http://www.graemepiddle.com
May 17-19	Utah Woodturning Symposium
Jun 8-10	AAW Symposium in San Jose http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2012/
July 14	Annual Picnic
Nov 10	Molly Winton: http://www.turningmaven.com

BAWA Officers Meeting -

Officer meetings are open to all members. Contact Jim Rodgers if you would like to be on the agenda.

President's Message

President's letter, February, 2012
Saw dust sessions this month!

This is the first of several post-meeting sessions we are planning for the year. If you are interested in learning to turn a fitted lid box, plan of staying for a three hour class with Paul Percell. Experienced teaching assistants will be there to also help. You will need to bring your own tools, safety gear and chuck for a 1x8 headstock thread.

In the adjoining classroom we will be conducting a lathe tuning Q & A session for other turning questions and discussions. All these activities are part of our desire to continue teach, share and learn from each other and guest wood turners.

Another part of the sharing and learning is the show and tell table. We hope everyone will bring in one of their projects, completed or still in works and tell your story. This is how we discover new techniques and learn lessons – from each other. This is for all of us to use to learn and share. If you do not wish to stand up and discuss your work and just show it, just indicate that on the sign in form and we will not call on you.

See you on February 11th,

Jim Rodgers

February 11th Sawdust Session Paul Percell "Close Fitted Lidded Box"

This is the first of several post-meeting sessions we are planning for the year. If you are interested in learning to turn a fitted lid box, plan of staying for a two and a half hour class with Paul Percell. Experienced teaching assistants will be there to also help. You will need to bring your own tools, safety gear and chuck for a 1x8 headstock thread.

The session will be limited to 12 participants and five mentors. A piece of maple 2.5 x 5" will be supplied. The costs of sawdust session will be \$13.00 per person. Participants should bring own tools and chuck (1"x 8 tpi). Tools -roughing gouge, 3/8 spindle gouge with fingernail grind, 1/16" parting tool. small 1/2"scaper can be straight or small curve for the bottom of box. Participants should be at the intermediate level for their own comfort.

To sign-up call Don at [925-778-2510](tel:925-778-2510) or email Don at donjoannew@att.net.

Additional February 11th Q&A Sawdust Session

Wayne Shipman and Dean Adkins will host an informal Q&A sawdust session after the February 11th meeting. Bring in any questions, issues, problems, tips or ideas to throw out for the group to discuss. If you're having a turning problem, bring the piece in to share. Got tearout, we can discuss! Having sharpening problems, bring in your tools for suggestions or hands-on help at the grinder. Finishing issues well, you get it. It's an open forum so anything goes. We'll gather around the Oneway demo lathe at 1:00 pm and see what happens.

If you want to see a particular skill demonstrated, we can mount a piece of wood and fire up the Oneway. If you have something that needs thought, research or work beforehand, please send an e-mail to Wayne Shipman (wayne.shipman@comcast.net) and Dean Adkins (ADKD@Chevron.com) so that they can prepare.



January Presentation Summary

At the first meeting of our new year Jim Rodgers, President, led the assembly in a series of group discussions on techniques that we use to improve the quality of our cutting and finishing on various wood surfaces. Members were seated at round table to increase the member to member communications.

Issues addressed were tear out, crushed grain, surface preparation for top coating, etc.

Each topic was discussed among small groups and then shared with the entire meeting.

Here are a few key points for getting good cuts:

- Keep the tools sharp

- Reduce the tool size for final cuts

- Shorten the bevel length for final cuts

- If available, reverse the rotation of the lathe to reduce tear out

- Stiffen the wood fibers before the final cut when tear out exists

- Also try lubricating the wood with oil finishes before the final cuts (Opposite technique!)

Also discussed was perfecting the final surface:

- Try cabinet scrapers for a shear scrape

- When sanding

 - Use the best quality sand paper available

 - Always sand with the grain direction with each grit

 - Never skip a grit of sandpaper

- Try random orbital sanding

 - With power sanding or inertial sanders

 - Be sure to use a hard backing pad when sanding soft woods

 - Always use some backing pad to protect the Velcro® hooks from melting

Check out this video on Lathe Maintenance from Craft Supplies

http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/store/Lathe_Maintenance?Partnerid=e252

Robert Whitworth our January Artist of the Month

Robert Whitworth delighted the membership by showing off some of the whimsical and intricate "toys" that he makes for fun. Some take years to finish because Robert makes prototypes and works out all the details before starting the finished product. Here are some pictures of the amazing results.



January Show and Tell

Photos by Fred Deadrick



Bob Nolan's Basket Illusion Bowl



Christmas Lightbulb Box by Dennis Lawrence



A pair of clocks by Joe Morgan



Carved Bowl by Mike Bulat



Ron Tinay's inlay bowl



Elizabeth Lund has developed these very attractive styli for iPads and other touch screens.



2012 AAW Symposium News

AAW Symposium Committees

Several members signed-up as *Demonstrator Room Assistants* at the January meeting, and more responded to the mass e-mail afterwards. It's still not too late to volunteer, just follow the mass e-mail instructions by sending a request to John Ellis with a copy to Bill Mellberg, who's the local chair. BAWA has several other members that are chairing committees, whom I recognized at the January meeting. I'd like to take this opportunity to provide more information on these committees, as they will be soliciting volunteers over the next few months.

Equipment Committee: Jim Abreu is co-chairing this committee with Rich Johnson of the Silicon Valley Woodturners and John Ross of the West Bay Area Woodturners. This committee arranges for and manages all the equipment and supplies needed for the demonstrations. Lathes for the demonstration rooms are loaned by the major lathe manufacturers, which are sold afterwards. The AAW and the demonstrators provide some of the equipment needed, but everything else that's needed is borrowed from AAW members. As the symposium draws closer Jim may be asking for equipment to be loaned, so please consider filling his requests. Anything loaned is guaranteed to be returned or replaced. Jim will also be looking for volunteers to work on Thursday (set-up day) to bring all the equipment and supplies into the convention center (except the lathes!) and set up the tool room. During the symposium the tool room is staffed to move things to and from the demonstration rooms, and to pack-up and move out after the symposium ends. In all this committee needs 16 volunteers from the 3 clubs.

Grinder Set-up and Tear-down Committee: Hugh Buttrum heads up this committee which sets-up grinders in the demonstration rooms, and then tears them down and packs them for shipment. Hugh's really doing this for his "home" club, the Wine Country Woodturners, but his second home is BAWA so we need to support him if he asks for help. In all Hugh needs 5 volunteers on Thursday, and then again on late Sunday afternoon.

Instant Gallery EOG Auction: Jim Rodgers is chairing this committee which supports the Educational Opportunity Grant (EOG) Auction late Saturday afternoon and evening. The EOG Auction starts in the Instant Galley with 200 turnings in a silent auction, but the 65 pieces with the highest bids move to a live auction at the banquet Saturday night. Jim will need 8 to 10 volunteers to pack up these 65 turnings on Saturday afternoon, move them to the banquet room, set them up for the live auction and then re-pack them after they're sold. Volunteers will be handling work from some of the best turners in the world, so klutzes need not apply!

International Demonstrator Greeting Committee: Norm Robinson chairs this committee which is responsible for picking up the international demonstrators at the airport and driving them to their convention center hotel; then taking them back to the airport after the symposium. Norm will need 6 to 10 volunteers from the 3 Bay Area clubs.

Registration Committee: Jeff and Demi Tanner are co-chairing this committee, which will help AAW staff with registration on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. Jeff and Demi will be looking for 6 to 8 volunteers to work the registration table, basically handing out regis-

tration packets to the attendees. AAW staffers take over at noon on Friday, freeing up all the volunteers to enjoy the rest of the symposium.

Wood and Materials Committee: Bob Nolan co-chairs this committee with John Whittier of the Silicon Valley Woodturners and Laura Uden of the West Bay Area Woodturners. This committee provides and prepares turning stock for the International Demonstrators and for the Youth Turning Room. They may ask for help in locating and cutting wood, or for specific turning stock that they can't locate. Please consider helping them if they ask for assistance.

Youth Training Aids: Corwin Jones is co-chairing this committee with John Whittier of the Silicon Valley Woodturners. This committee is responsible for providing training aids (assistants) in the Youth Turning Room, where 25 mini-lathes are set up to teach kids to turn over a total of 9 rotations. If you like working with kids this is a great opportunity, and there's no preparation work on your part. But, this is one of the bigger committees needing to fill 120 slots! Members from across the US volunteer, but we will need many local volunteers and BAWA may need to fill gaps during the symposium. Corwin's another "BAWA second homer" so he's doing this for his "home" club, the NorCal Woodturners, but we need to support him when



Special Bowl Class at Mount Diablo Adult Education Center

February 21 - March 27,
6:00 - 9:00 PM
Only \$90.00

Instructor: Jim Rodgers

This is a special offering requested by a number of students. In six weeks we will turn both dry and green wood bowls, discuss harvesting wood from the urban forest, and review design criteria for bowl shapes.

Come and play. If you have done bowl turning before or are new to the art form this is for you.

Registration is NOT on line as this is a special offer.

Please call Denise at the Pleasant Hill Education Center for more registration information. Registration is in person only at the Center office on on the first day of class by special permission.

BAWA Helps Castro Valley High School

No More Mezzanine Mess!

With the students starting woodworking projects in the new year, the mezzanine area of the woodshop needed some work, organizing and a general cleaning. A small BAWA crew spent 2 to 3 hours in the mezzanine which made a huge difference; by early afternoon the entire area was ready for the students to start gluing up their first project, cutting boards.

Many thanks to the BAWA members who volunteered

their time and labor on Saturday January 14th, including Bob Ackley, Dean Adkins, Hugh

Bevan-Thomas, Corwin Jones, Dave Nelsen, Wayne Shipman, Demi and Jeff Tanner, Jerry Theros, Dan Titzel and Don White.



All together the BAWA members volunteered 24 hours of labor to the wood shop, but more importantly got this area ready for the students to go to work on Monday morning. The lumber storage rack area was straightened up and a huge stack of new lumber was sorted by species and stowed away. The glue up area was a real mess – it got a general cleaning and all the wood clamps were sorted and stowed away. The remaining small bore black iron piping and valving was demolished and removed, freeing up wall space for a storage shelf to be installed. Bob Ackley and Corwin Jones built and installed 3 shelves for glue storage.

The horizontal wood storage racks were straightened up, creating room for the students to store glue-ups between classes. The downstairs sheet goods storage area was organized, with the smaller pieces of plywood and veneers moved to a separate storage area. Finally the lathe room got a bit of cleaning and TLC.

As part of the CVHS-BAWA adoption program we buy supplies and tools for the woodshop. BAWA found a really great deal on 4 Sorby woodturning tool sets, which each included 6 tools: a 3/4" roughing gouge, a 3/8" spindle gouge, a 1/8" parting tool, a 1/2" round nose scraper, a 3/4" oval skew and a 3/8" bowl gouge. Each set was only \$100 which was a great deal! We also bought 6 rubber erasers to clean sanding discs and belts. An unknown member donated 2 quart bottle of Titebond glue. Finally, last November the club bought 8 flexible neck LED lights for the lathe room, which Norm Robinson and Dean Adkins mounted on magnetic bases and delivered and spotted on the lathes after the meeting.



If you couldn't volunteer for this work party, please try to make the next one. Also, the club is looking at other ways for members to contribute to the CVHS-BAWA wood shop relationship, which could include labor, expertise or donations of equipment or materials. A sandpaper drive is in the works for the spring. The Board would welcome any suggestions – simply send them to Dean Adkins at adkd@chevron.com.



If Wood Could Grow Legs???

The wood raffle has been an important fundraiser for BAWA for many years. Last year it raised \$832 in revenue; in 2010 it raised \$577, and \$306 and \$537 in 2009 and 2008 respectively. The wood raffle works only if members who are afflicted with “wood hog” disease donate wood to the raffle, as well as members who need wood and are willing to buy tickets. I’ve cut and donated quite a bit of wood over the last 4 years trying to keep the raffle going, and many members have contributed wood on a consistent basis. It takes an involved Wood Meister to convince members to donate wood, sell tickets during the meeting and run the wood raffle. No one gets paid for their efforts; they do it to give back to the club, for its members, and the friendship and camaraderie that BAWA offers.



But there might be a problem. Members who bought tickets to try and snag some redwood burl and some spindle blanks of pecan were disappointed because the wood disappeared. We do not know how it happened or when it happened but we will try to be more vigilant so it does not happen again. BAWA is the only club that I know of that doesn't charge its members for the professional demonstrations and the wood raffle helps make that possible.

Hartville Tool 15% Discount

Hartville Tool is still offering a 15% discount off regular prices to BAWA members who are registered in the program. Hartville has recently expanded their offerings on turning tools and supplies, and a new master catalog was just released in December and is available at our meetings. Their prices are very competitive even before the 15% discount. Add free shipping on orders over \$99 and no tax and you've got a great deal at Hartville Tool! But, you have to be registered thru BAWA to qualify for the 15% discount. If you want to register, send an e-mail to Dean Adkins at "adkd@chevron.com" stating your home and e-mail addresses. If you don't have their master catalog pick one up at the next meeting!

Note from Hartville Tool's Doug Weingart:

If you haven't visited our web for a while you are going to find our web site quite different than it was early last summer. The reason is that we suddenly and unexpectedly lost our previous web site provider. When you go to log into your account, or to check-out you will see a message that says:

"Notice to Returning Customers! *Due to our recent changeover to a new web platform and order fulfillment system you will be required to create a new online account if you have not placed an online purchase since 6-9-11. We do apologize for this temporary inconvenience! Note also that your account activity prior to then may not be available online until we have completed our transition. We greatly appreciate your patience as we work diligently to provide you with a faster, easier, and more enjoyable shopping experience!"*

Unfortunately this has also meant the temporary loss of the function that allowed Club Members to see their discounted pricing online as they shopped. At this time we do not know when this function will be restored. This does not mean that you can't get the 15% discount. It just means we have to do things a bit differently for a while. This applies to all clubs and members participating in our discount program.

When you order you just need to be sure to mention that you are a registered BAWA Club Member in the checkout notes and we'll be sure to give you the discount on all applicable items, as we physically review every order that comes through. The discount will not show on your e-receipt, but it will show on the hard copy that comes with your order.

If you prefer, you can also call us to place their order at 800-345-2396 and mention the discount. Hope this is helpful!"

*Best Regards,
Doug Weingart
Club Discount Program Coordinator
Hartville Tool clubs@hartvilletool.com www.hartvilletool.com*

Dublin Woodcraft - BAWA 3% Rebate for Member Purchases

Dublin Woodcraft provides a valuable service to our membership and the community, so please consider them for your next purchase or turning class!

Your purchases at Dublin Woodcraft also help the club! Did you know that BAWA gets a 3% rebate on all purchases made by BAWA members? For this to work we need you to bring your receipts (or a copy) to next meeting. The rebate is only good for recent purchases – we can only turn in receipts if they are less than six weeks old! So be sure to bring in your current Woodcraft receipts (or a copy) and give them to Bill Mellberg or place them in the wood Woodcraft Receipt Box on the membership table!