

BAY AREA



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2014 Holiday Party

December 13th 12-3pm

Winslow Center

2590 Pleasant Hill Rd, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523



Once again the December meeting will be our festive holiday party loaded with great food and entertaining events. Spaced around a fabulous lunch, we will hold the annual club competition, the pro demonstrator raffle and silent auction all the while enjoying a casual opportunity to catch up with other members and guests. After the success of last year party, we are holding the event once again at the Winslow center in Pleasant Hill from 12:00 – 3:00: (2590 Pleasant Hill Rd, Pleasant Hill). Tulio's Restaurant has been brought back to fill us with their superb selection of pastas and the membership is bringing salads, sides, desserts and beverages.

The club competition has been modified / simplified and we encourage everyone to enter. There are four categories and members can submit one piece in each category. Bring the best work you created this year, it's a fantastic way to get feedback and improve your skills. If you won last year, you are automatically moved up to the next skill level category this year. This allows everyone a chance to compete for the coveted blue ribbons.

Categories:

- Bowls & Platters
- Boxes
- Spindle Work and Pens
- Hollow Forms

Skill levels

- Beginner
- Intermediate
- Advanced



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It's not a party without a raffle and auction so we have collected a fantastic array of items for members to win. Great pieces from our professional demonstrators (Ellsworth, Key, Kermode and Christensen), lessons from club experts, and various other items will be auctioned and raffled off.

Highlighting a couple items in the silent auction which are sure to catch a bid:

Jim Rodgers and Jan Blumer are both offering one-on-one coaching sessions for the project of your choice. Do you want to turn a box, make a perfect bowl, learn how to use the dreaded skew or get a chance to turn on the club's demo lathe? The possibilities are endless – it's a fantastic opportunity to hone your skills and support the club in a meaningful way. Thank you Jim and Jan!



Jan Blumer

Jim Rodgers



John Cobb

Tony Wolcott

Tony and John are offering a woodpile tour for 5 which includes stops at two East Bay wood piles where we discuss tree identification, reading logs and then fire up chainsaws to cut blanks. Everyone will leave with 5 custom blanks for bowls or hollow forms and knowledge about finding gems in the arborist piles.

The Raffle will have over a dozen pieces from our pro demonstrators: David Ellsworth, Ray Key, Jerry Kermode and Kip Christensen. In addition, there will be figured wood blanks, Craft Supplies vouchers and assorted other items to encourage participation. Tickets are 1 for \$5, 6 for \$20 and 30 for \$100. For a modest donation to the club, you have an excellent chance to win a piece from an internationally collected turner.



The Details: Saturday December 13, from 12:00 – 3:00 at the Winslow Center. We definitely need help starting at 11:00 with setup, food organization and running the club competition. It takes many hands to make this event a success, we genuinely thank all those who give a little time to make this a great event!



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Club Meetings

Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each month unless otherwise noted.

8:30 doors open for setup, use store and library, swap ideas, view displays

9:30—12:30 meeting and demo

Meetings will be held at the PHEC Woodturning Center, 1 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill, CA.

See bayareawoodturners.org/ for directions and club information.

BAWA Officers Meeting -

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

2014-2015 Event Schedule

Dec 13th	Holiday Party, Auction and Raffle
Jan 10th	Jim Rodgers
May 23rd	Jason Breach (UK Turner)
May 25th	Jason Breach Workshop

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. The Association periodically sponsors exhibitions and demonstrations by local and internationally known turners.

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Kip Christensen Dazzles BAWA Members



Kip Christensen brought his 36 years of wood turning experience to the November meeting of the Bay Area Woodturners Association. Kip was introduced to wood turning at BYU. When he turned his first object out of fresh fruit wood he knew turning would be a special part of his life. Kip has turned with many people but the most influential was Dale Nish.

Besides his studio work, Kip enjoys being involved with young turners and supports them through work at local schools and scout troops. He works with teachers who teach turning in their schools. In Utah high schools and junior high schools have lathes and turning is a part of a broader curriculum that includes material arts and design.

Kip's presentation to BAWA emphasized traditional tools and cutting techniques and ways to make turning efficient. Kip demonstrated 13 different spindle turning projects: a spinning top, egg, sphere, woodturners awl, door stop, fridge magnet, ice cream scoop, kitchen whisk, lidded box, desk clock, bracelet, paper clip golf ball, and woodturners hash browns.



All these projects made ample use of spindle roughing gouges, spindle gouges, skewers, and parting tools. Many used simple to make or inexpensive to buy parts. Making a perfectly round sphere is not so hard if you have handmade cup chucks to clean up the project on the lathe. Some projects used inexpensive earth magnets. Ice cream scoops with plastic handles are very cheap, but look wonderful with nice turned handles. Kip showed how to make a fixture that can be used to make different sized bracelets.

Kip spent much of the afternoon demonstrating making a lidded box. His step by step instructions will be uploaded to the BAWA web site.

For his final project Kip had the help of outgoing BAWA president Bill Melberg. Kip mounted a potato between centers. Using a spindle gouge he created hash browns that Bill was able to catch before they hit the ground.



Finishes- Kip uses 4 parts mineral oil and one part beeswax to finish his kitchen projects. He uses Hut friction polish on his fancier pieces. Often he cuts the finish with steel wool to remove the shine. Shine gets dulled by handling anyway so better not to have a blotchy finish.

Kip handed out his principles for a clean cut which are published on the BAWA web site. He endorses exercises to master using the skew and spindle gouge to make beads, coves, V cuts and ogee's. He also advocates using paper to cut designs before turning.

Kip is featured on "Teaching Woodturning Basics" available for free on the AAW site. This is a resource for turners interested in teaching basic woodturning in schools.



Jim Rodgers Presents “Platters” at January Meeting

BAWA’s January meeting will once again feature BAWA founding member Jim Rodgers. For many years Jim has been a fantastic demonstrator covering a myriad of topics. This past year, Jim has been rather busy: running a growing turning school, writing a book, filming a video series, producing an international segmented woodturners symposium and still having time to turn pieces for a number of galleries.



Jim will demonstrate platters at the January meeting, covering the entire process from blank to finished piece. Have you ever wondered how to get a truly flat surface or struggled with rim rations to make a piece esthetically pleasing? Jim will cover all that and plenty more as he delves into the process for turning perfect platters.



School Would Like Your Help

Campolindo High is one of the high schools with a turning program staffed by BAWA volunteers. Its wood shop has adopted a Kenyan high school and raises money for it by selling items largely made by Campolindo wood shop students.

They’ve asked if BAWA members would like to donate turnings for them to sell. This is a great opportunity to clear out some of your inventory to make room for new work.

You can bring any donations to the Xmas party and give them to David Fleisig, or contact David for further information at:

dhfleisig@yahoo.com



Link of the Month



Turn a Christmas Tree
with Tim Yoder

Follow the link below:

<http://www.popularwoodworking.com/woodturning>

Do you have a favorite website you think BAWA members would find interesting and informative? If so, then please send us the website name, address and a few sentences about why you think the website is cool!

Send info to: Louie Silva

Newsletter Articles

Got a great idea you want to share with your fellow Woodturners? Whether it is a turning tool, turning technique, finishing process or anything at all related to turning, your BAWA newsletter can always use an article. If you have pictures, all the better. If you need help writing it up or taking pictures, we're here to help. That's what our club is all about - sharing.

Contact:
Louie Silva
Email: banjohead@comcast.net

BAWA Classified Ads



For Sale: Vicmarc VL300 long bed lathe. Includes factory stand and variable speed drive. Includes Vicmarc VM120 chuck with three sets of jaws.

Contact:
Elaine Cox 925-846-7571

Wanted: Slow speed grinder for sharpening.

Contact:
Larry Brooks
ibgolfing@sbcglobal.net

We want members and others with items to sell or trade, services to render or if you're just looking to find a specific item from fellow BAWA members. Please send ads to Louie Silva at:
banjohead@comcast.net.

You can't beat the price...FREE!!

CRAFT SUPPLIES 10% DISCOUNT ORDER

The 10% discount applies to any published price (including sale items, close-outs, etc.) and there's no tax and S&H is free on almost all items. Craft Supplies has a new catalog that includes new items with a different item numbering system. There have been some price increases as well so don't use old catalogs. If you don't have the latest catalog please look on-line to pick your loot and check prices and item numbers.

Orders are placed by filling out an electronic order form which is available on the BAWA website. E-mail the form to Dean Adkins (adkd@chevron.com) with all the requested information:

- Member name, phone number and e-mail address
- Catalog item number
- Catalog page number
- Item description
- Quantity ordered
- List / sale price (before 10% discount)

You can call Dean (925-998-4111) to place an order, but must follow up with an e-mail to confirm all the required information.

President's Message

December 2014



The holiday season is a special time for the chapter with plans for the Holiday party at the Winslow center on the 13th mostly complete. The end of the year competition is the highlight of the day with our member's best work on display and plenty of comfort food served for lunch. The demonstrator and silent auction is the next best part of the day with treasurers for everyone. Unfortunately I will miss this year's Holiday Party, but I will be there in spirit. The most important part of my day at the party is to thank all of the Directors and Officers who volunteer their time and skills to the success of the chapter. I have asked John Cobb to recognize all of your hard work in my absence and to introduce the new Board of Directors for 2015.

The past two years as BAWA President has been an honor and privilege to work with such a giving group of volunteers and skilled craftsmen. We have had an outstanding program of member and professional demonstrators over the past 24 months thanks to the efforts of VP John Cobb who is the next BAWA chapter President. Additionally I have had a very supportive group that served on the Board of Directors (BOD) that I'd like to recognize. Thanks to BAWA Secretary David Fleisig, BAWA Treasurer Joel Albert and BAWA Member at Large Kathy Kennedy, for their guidance and insight in the operation of the chapter for the past 24 months. I would like to recognize the newest additions to the BOD, Paul Litsky who is the new VP/ Program chairman and Michele Freeze the new Member at Large who will be serving on the 2015 Board. I would also like to recognize the efforts of Jim Rodgers who continues to support the chapter through the Pleasant Hill Adult Education School that provides us a place to meet and is our main source for new members.

The chapter has a stable and size appropriate location for our monthly meetings, we continue to grow the membership, we are fiscally sound and provide a safe work area for our demonstrators. The chapter has invested in the quality of our presentations with new video projectors and additional screens. We have increased the resources of both the library and store that provide a service to the chapter. We have improved the effectiveness of our website and added a dues payment feature with Pay Pal this year. As a group we have much to be thankful for due in large part to the collective efforts of the membership and chapter leadership.

At the January meeting I will be sitting in the gallery with all of my peers as your immediate Past President. Your continued support of John and the other Directors and Officers of the chapter will continue because it is through your collective efforts that we have such a fun and sharing group. Thanks for all you do to make the Bay Area Woodturners Association (BAWA) the best that it can be.

*Respectfully,
Bill Mellberg, President, BAWA*

November Show and Tell



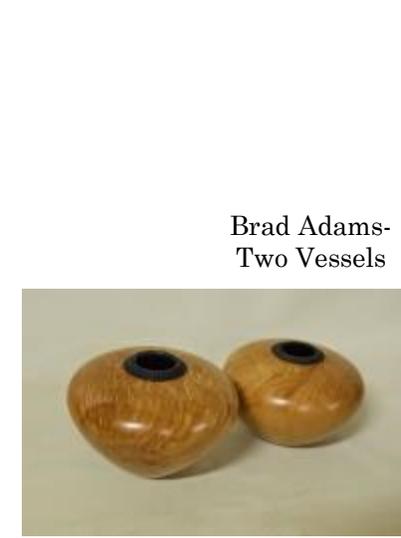
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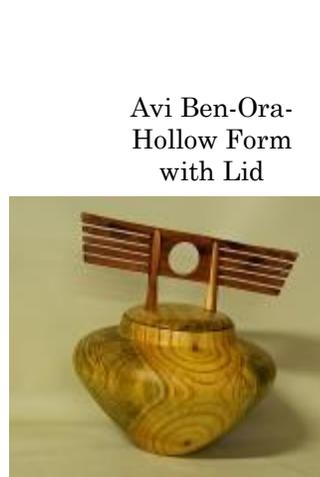
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Brad Adams-
Two Vessels



Bob Bean-
Pepper Mill



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Harvey Klein-Christmas Ornaments



Jay Holland-Bowl with Pyrography



Tim Kennedy-Bowl



Gary Bingham-Two Canisters



John Cobb-Burl Vessel



Don White-Vase

