
2018 Summer Picnic & Tool Swap
Sunday, August 5th, 11:00-2:00
Pleasant Hill Community Park

It Is Grilling Time!

Join us for another great BAWA community picnic under the redwoods, August 5th, 11:00 to 2:00

Pleasant Hill Community Park 147 Gregory Ln, Pleasant Hill Picnic Area #2

The club needs two volunteers to man the grill - burgers and brats provided.

Set up begins at 10:00am - volunteers to unroll tablecloths welcome!

Bring your best pot Luck dish (alphabetically by last name):

A - H: Cold Drinks (Soda, Iced Tea, etc)

I - P: Sides (Baked beans, Salads, deviled eggs, etc)

Q - Z: Desserts

Enjoy the Tool Swap - Bring items that will be helpful to other members or pick up that special something you did not know you need!

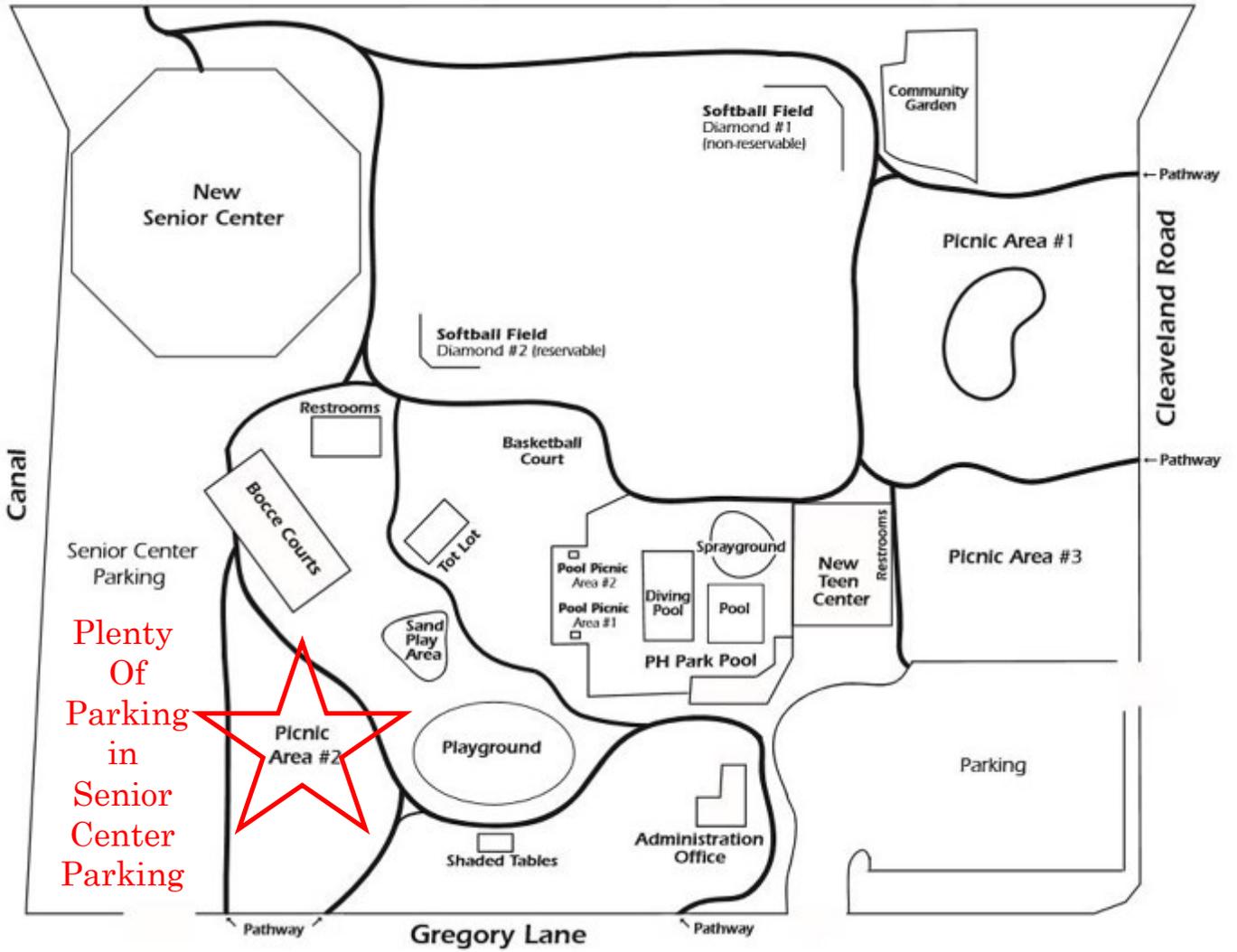
Turned Top Challenge too! - Nothing beats a good challenge. Someone will walk away with bragging rights and the admiration of all!



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147 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill





BAY AREA WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION

A CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT CORPORATION
LOCAL CHAPTER AAW

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

9:00—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 John Cobb at: president@bayareawoodturners.org if you would like to be on the agenda.

2018 Event Schedule

Aug 5th	Summer Picnic & Tool Swap (Sunday) 11:00-2:00
Sept 8th	Sam Angelo 8:30-4:00
Oct 13th	Bob Nolan A Bowl Within a Bowl 8:30-12:30
Nov 10th	John Cobb Hollow Form From Log 8:30-12:30
Dec	Holiday Party
Jan 12th 2018	Jim Rodgers 8:30-12:30

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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Sam Angelo, The Wyoming Wood Turner

Sept. 8, 2018

8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Sam was born in Akron, Ohio and graduated from high school in 1968. His first woodworking project, at age 11, was a car that was entered in the Akron Soap Box Derby.



He attended college in Montana on a basketball scholarship and after graduation began teaching in a one-room schoolhouse in 1973, 70 miles from the nearest town. At that time he met and married his wife, Cheryle. Sam coached basketball and track at Sacred Heart High School in Miles City, Montana until moving to Worland, Wyoming in 1980.

During the next 30 years, Sam taught at Worland High School, and coached several sports, and on the side established Angelo Woodworking. He restored furniture, built custom cabinets, and began woodturning on a borrowed lathe. That experience provided an opportunity to replace broken chair parts and develop basic lathe skills. His current interest is the joy of woodturning, using his talents in design, color and creativity to create works of art and teach others woodturning.

Sam feels that joining the American Association of Woodturners was one of his most important investment helping fan his passion for woodturning.

While working as a school counselor at Worland Middle School, Sam applied for grant money and developed an after school turning program. He has been the president of the Worland Wyoming Woodturners, a local chapter of the American Association of Woodturners.

After 38 years in public education, Sam retired in 2011. He has produced well over 100 YouTube videos on all aspects of woodturning. His current routine is to turn daily, write, teach, and demonstrate when those opportunities are present.

We are pleased Sam will be joining us on September 8th.

Sam will be presenting a lidded box demonstration and if time permits a presentation on finishes. We look forward to seeing you at our Sept. 8, 2018 meeting.





President's Chatter

August 2018

Spin it:

Time to fine tune your spinning top design and make sure your finger muscle training enables peak performance at the BAWA Aug 5th picnic and North American Spinning Top Championships. We are looking forward to another fantastic gathering including the ever popular tool swap, President's Challenge (spinning top competition), BBQ potluck lunch and just a fun social time. It is scheduled for Sunday (11:00 - 2:00) at Pleasant Hill Park and we have requested nice weather - not too hot. I hope to see you there!

Turn it:

In July we hosted our 5th annual Turn for Troops event where members turned 80+ pens over 3 hours. Jim Rodgers and Jeff Tanner each contributed 30+ finished pens which enabled us to exceed last year's total. The trove of beautiful pens will be sent to troops serving abroad - a really nice token of appreciation for the service these brave men and women give to our country. A huge thank-you to Jeff Tanner for prepping the 100+ pen kits we used that day. It's a ton of time and effort to get that all done. Great job Jeff!

What's your orientation?

No this is not an attempt to start a political firestorm to get me removed from office, it's some thoughts about the impact of grain orientation. We all know when turning a bowl or spindle project that grain orientation is paramount in the ease and quality of a cut. Pushing your freshly ground edge into the ends of fibers dulls a tool quickly, makes marginal progress and frequently creates significant tearout. Rarely however do we have a discussion on the impact of grain orientation on hollow forms, where it impacts warping, shaping and tool limits. I have been turning a bunch of hollow vessels lately and paid attention to the impact of the grain direction and not surprisingly it had a definite impact on the outside as well as the inside.

When hollowing, have you experienced the vibrating chatter as your tool extends too far over the rest? It's a common problem, especially with smaller tools and is primarily a phenomenon due to physics. That said, it can be minimized if you pay attention to grain orientation and tool control. OK, I think I just lost half of my dozen readers - too geeky and technical :) However if you want to see a live example and learn other tricks and tips for hollowing come to the November meeting.

Thanks again to Jeff for a great job organizing our Turn-For-Troops meeting and to all the members who attended. It's a pleasure to put some effort into giving back while doing something we'll all enjoy. I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday.

Keep Turning & Spinning

John Cobb
President

Tips and Techniques

This month instead of my usual column, I want to ask all of you some questions. The purpose is to see if or how you can improve and enrich your turning.

There are no right or wrong answers to the questions, as they are only meant to provoke you to think about your turning and what you want from it or where you want to move with it.

How long have you been turning? How did you learn? How long between learning and returning to turning took place or was there a break in your turning?

Do you subscribe to any turning magazines? Do you read any books on turning or any of the various methods of texturing, pyrography or colorization? Do you watch DVDs?

When you want to do something new, do you practice until you understand it or do you do it once or twice and figure that you've mastered it?



by Cindy Navarro

Do you make practice boards for staining, colorization, texturing or pyrography? Do you take lessons to learn new things, either individually or in a class?

This week I am in Michigan attending The Ron Campbell Woodturning Retreat. I am here with 80 turners from around the country. It is a hands-on event with demonstrators doing classes and students repeating what they have witnessed. This is one of several of this type of events that I have participated in the past year. My skill level has improved greatly and I am tackling many new and different types of turning. These events have been the impetus for this column.

I encourage each of you to think about your answers and ways that you can enrich your turning.

Attend something new related to your turning. Try something new, take a class, take a private lesson, go to a retreat.

But most of all, enjoy and have fun.

Membership News

By Hugh Bevan-Thomas



Membership Update

Our Membership has now risen to 146
Please welcome our three new members this month:
Michelle Yi, Alvin Cramer and Patrick Ford.

Rockler Helps BAWA Members

BAWA members receive a 10% discount when purchasing directly at the Concord Rockler Store at:

<http://www.rockler.com/retail/stores/ca/concord-store>.

Mention your BAWA membership when checking out, to receive your discount. Rockler also donates part of the proceeds back to the club which help support our Holiday Party raffle.



BAWA Classified Ads



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: newslettereditor@bayareawoodturners.org

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



July: Turn for Troops

The July meeting was once again a resounding success as we skipped setting up the chairs and instead turned on the lathes and made a bunch of pens for a great cause. This was our 5th annual Turn for Troops meeting where members turned 80+ pens over 3 hours. We had first time pen turners who learned the process to experienced pen makers who went into production mode and cranked out a bunch. Jim Rodgers contributed 40 pens and Jeff Tanner 30 which enabled us to exceed our goal of 150.

Turn-for-Troops is a program that is nationwide. Every year woodturners from around the country turn hundreds of pens which are sent to deployed military personnel serving across the globe. Our trove of 160 beautiful pens will first be sent to Woodcraft who donated all the pen kits and then they coordinate delivery to our troops. It may be just a pen, but it is a really nice recognition for the service these brave men and women give to our country.

A huge thank-you to Jeff Tanner for prepping 150+ pen kits we used that day. It's a ton of time and effort to get that all done. Woodcraft also gets a shout-out for donating a few hundred dollars' worth of pen kits and coordinating this program. Anna Duncan assisted with the pen assembly. Great job Jeff and everyone who contributed to this year's success. We are already planning for next year's TFT meeting, if you have nice figured wood to donate, please see John Cobb or Jeff Tanner.

I would like to thank all of the BAWA members who participated in this year's Turn for Troops event, as we had a very nice turn out and exceeded our goal of turning 160 pens. Very special thanks to Jim Rogers for allowing us to use the woodturning center and his support for this event, John Cobb for his donation of pens blanks, Anna Duncan for her assistance with helping the members assemble the pens and Bill Morris for his pen blank donation and assistance in prepping the pen kits.

*Sincerely,
Jeff Tanner*



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The 10% discount applies to any published price (including sale items, close-outs, etc.) 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.

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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.

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BAWA is always looking for ways to generate funds to improve our Club. BAWA recently registered with Amazon's program to support charitable organizations, AmazonSmile. It is an easy, no cost way for our Club to benefit from your Amazon.com shopping expenditures.

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Tips from Highland Woodturner

Dust Collection Hack

Something in my shop has been bugging me for a long time. When trying to clean up the shop floor with the dust collector hose it keeps sucking down on the floor. I pop it loose and keep vacuuming but then it sucks down again and I have to keep popping it loose. If only I could break the suction factor without affecting the flow...

My thought was to put a small notch in the bottom edge of the hose fitting. I used my bandsaw to cut the notch and now the hose doesn't lock down on the floor and it moves freely. Anything that cuts plastic will work.



Modifying a Tool Rest



I recently decided to modify my 6" Oneway tool rest. I have been having to file it for years. I have seen newer tool rests with steel round stock on the top edge and it got me thinking about the advantages of a longer tool rest:

1. I never have to file again
2. Offers a smooth surface
3. It looks cool

I suppose I could order a new one online but I am part Scottish and part Swedish. I don't spend money and I am pretty handy at figuring out a way to make something I already have work for much cheaper.

I went online and found a 1/4" high speed steel rod that was eight inches long and it was only six dollars and change. It was delivered the next day in Atlanta. I ground the top of the tool rest flat and then used JB Weld to glue the rod on the top of my tool rest. It is now an eight inch tool rest with the addition, but I will probably grind it back to a six inch. The tools glide across it with ease, which has been a nice improvement.

Sharpened Woodturning Tools

I was recently asked to look at a broken turning tool sent back from a customer. Upon inspection it was evident the tool had not been sharpened before use. Why is this a cause for breakage? Most new tools don't come sharpened. Using a non-sharpened tool causes the user to apply more force thereby scraping the wood. More force heats the tools from friction on the wood and causes the tool to bounce off the tool rest and then catches on the wood. This bouncing is very hard on the tool and can cause breakage particularly on thinner tools.



Actually the result of an UN-sharp tool not cutting is an indication of the need to sharpen your tool (sharpen when you find yourself pushing the tool harder to remove fiber).

By the way, most new woodworking chisels have not been sharpened, just ground. Read the catalog or ask the customer service personnel if it comes sharpened.

*Courtesy of Phil Colson, woodturnerphil@gmail.com
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