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Jerry Kermode; Our Guest for September

Jerry Kermode will be our demonstrator for our next full day meeting on September 13. Jerry is an internationally known woodturner specializing in natural edge vessels, most recently made out of redwood burl. A professional woodworker and turner since 1972 , Jerry has pieces in collections worldwide. He is a respected teacher, both privately and at various schools and national symposiums.



For those who have not spent any time with Jerry, he is known as much for his sense of humor and friendly manner as for his ability with the gouge. He teaches and practices “the art of non-violent woodturning,” helping people to understand the subtler nuances of cutting wood without fear or trepidation. Jerry’s demonstration will present skills and knowledge that will be valuable for beginners to experts.

In working with Jerry on an agenda for our full day meeting I had selected a few projects. Jerry’s response: “and then what do you want me to do after lunch? I turn fast...” We now have six topics and I’m sure Jerry will find room to fit in a few more. Weed pot, simple bowl, sphere, off axis candle stick, sharpening / bevel geometry, wood selection and I’m sure there is more. The great point about all these projects is that they are approachable for the average turner. Everyone should walk away with new ideas and a renewed passion to try something fun.

Bring a seatbelt, this is going to be a fast and entertaining day with Jerry!





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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](mailto:wjmellberg@comcast.net) if you would like to be on the agenda.

2014-2015 Event Schedule

Sept 13th	Jerry Kermode
Oct 11th	Larry Lew-Pyrography Illusion
Nov 8th	Xmas Gifts
Dec	Annual Competition, Holiday Party 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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Bay Area Woodturners; Summer Bar-B-Que August 16th, 2014; Pleasant Hill Park #3

What a perfect day we had on Saturday, August 16th; the weather was outstanding and the food was out of this world. Thanks to BBQ Chefs' Harry Levin and Jim Abreu the burgers, brats and buns were cooked to perfection. There was plenty of food and drink that the membership brought to share, so no one left hungry. The President's Challenge to turn a Camp Fork was accepted by many members with some really creative forks, skewers and other non-descript cooking instruments. The show and tell display had some really creative pieces that continue to amaze me for their beauty and functionality. The tool swap was a great success with many tools and processed wood finding new homes and some cash changing hands. Every aspect of the day was on schedule and we had lots of fun enjoying each others company and conversation. I appreciate all the help with the set-up and clean-up from the membership, it demonstrates what a giving group we have and how much we enjoy being together. Take a look at some pictures that Joel took at the BBQ showing all aspects of the days activities.



Members Demonstrate How They Get Toasted... Marshmallows!

This year's President's challenge had members crafting their own campfire marshmallow forks. It was great fun seeing how different each fork was from another.

There were no losers in this competition as everyone received a blue ribbon. Corwin Jones also won a honorable mention for, "longest story and fastest dash after a presentation"

Fun was had by all.





President's Message

September 2014

The Labor Day celebrations are over and school has started for many here in the Bay Area. We resume our normal meeting schedule at Pleasant Hill Adult Education (PHAE) on Saturday, September 13th with our third professional demonstrator Jerry Kermode from Sebastopol who will do an all day turning event. Jerry had previously taught a Masters Class at PHAE in July that was attended by many members of the club. Jerry has agreed to return to demonstrate his turning skills and approach to "non-violent" woodturning. I hope you can join us for a meeting that will inspire you to get back in the shop after a busy summer. Jerry has graciously donated a DVD to our club Library titled: "From Burl to Bowl: Turning Wood Vessels" that you may want to purchase for your own collection.

There are many opportunities to attend events here in the Bay Area that will showcase wood work and turning in the bay area this fall.

Classes resume at Mt. Diablo Adult Education on Monday, September 8th with John Cobb teaching a Beginning Bowl Turning class that lasts for 7 weeks. Additional classes are available, so consult the schools "Learn Woodturning" curriculum for their fall 2014 sessions.

The day after our meeting on the 13th, the Tri Valley Wood Carvers will have a show and sale in Pleasanton at the Veterans' Hall on Main Street.

On Saturday the 20th you can attend the 58th annual Mill Valley Art Fair (Old Mill Park) with many wood workers showing their art work.

From September 13th to October 19th the Sonoma County Museum, woodworkers are hosting their 26th annual exhibit ion, "Artistry in Wood" with all forms of wood in a juried show.

For the first three weekends in October over 300 artists will open their studios to the public in Santa Cruz, sev eral of which are woodworkers, including Michael Shuler a long time turner.

The first meeting of the Diablo Woodturners will be on Thursday, October 2nd at PHAE starting at 7:00 PM in room 108.

The 4th Segmenting Symposium will be held October 16-19 at the Drury Plaza Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. Our immediate past President, Jim Rodgers will be one of the many talented demonstrators that will be in attendance.

The Bay Area Woodworkers hold their annual wood show October 17-19 at Woodcraft in San Carlos.

The Woodworking Shows returns to Sacramento (Cal Expo) on November 7-9 with demos and vendors exhibiting techniques and tools.

As a hobby for most of us, these woodworking exhibitions, shows, weekend fairs and open studio's are an opportunity to share inspiration that keep us engaged in trying new ideas and trying out new forms and techniques. I hope that you get the same inspiration from the monthly demonstrations that the club provides along with the excellent talent that is on display at Show and Tell each month. I encourage you to come to our meetings on a regular basis, make new friends, share what you know with others and donate wood to the raffle that has been collecting dust in your shop. There is an additional opportunity to share with the community through volunteerism with the local High School woodshop program. Please see the appeal from Jan Blumer in this newsletter that asks club members to volunteer some of their time in the classroom. This summers President's Challenge was a lot of fun with some really creative Camp Forks on display and some amazing stories on their creation and intended use.

Respectfully,
Bill Mellberg, President, BAWA

BAWA Classified Ads



For Sale-Mark V Shop Smith.

The unit is in great condition with no rust, no problems. The speed control is fully operational.

Contact Bob at 925-820-5190 or
Email at spitzka@comcast.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!!

Measuring Turning Tools

How come the actual size of gouges never seems to match the dimensions listed in catalogs?

The folks at Oneway explain that British and North American manufacturers measure gouges differently, which has proven effective for sowing massive confusion here in the colonies. While American and Canadian makers measure the diameter of the tool, the Brits measure the distance across the inside of the flute. Thus what we might measure as a 3/4" gouge could be described by its Sheffield maker as a 1/2" gouge. And we'd both be right, even if neither of us knew what the other was talking about.

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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.

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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
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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.

CANCER BENEFIT

8-29-14 Pleasant Hill (Courtesy Record)



DAN ROBINSON/COURTESY RECORD

Taking a turn for the better



Jeff Tanner and his wife Demi Tanner, above, turn wooden pens on a lathe at the Pink Turn-A-Thon at Rockler Woodworking and Hardware in Pleasant Hill on Saturday. The pens will be donated to the local chapter of the Susan G. Komen Foundation to raise funds and awareness of breast cancer. At left, Demi Tanner puts a colored dye on the pen she turned.

**Tri-Valley Wood
Carvers 42st Anniversary Show!
Veterans Memorial Hall
SEPTEMBER (SATURDAY)13 & (SUNDAY)14,
2014
10:00am TO 4:00pm
301 Main St., Pleasanton, CA 94566**

FREE ADMISSION!!! Lots of Demos, Sales, Contests, Displays, Awards, Raffle prizes, Silent Auction, Country Store, Welcome Table, Vendors (selling) and MORE.



HIGH SCHOOL WOODTURNING PROGRAMS-CALL FOR SUPPORT

As many of you know, a number of club members are participating as instructors at the woodturning programs at several local high schools. The high school programs are now in the twelfth year of operation. Programs are active at Las Lomas in Walnut Creek, Campolindo in Moraga, Mt. Diablo in Concord and Acalanes in Lafayette.



Our teaching staff team has involved Jim Abreu, Brad Adams, Jan Blumer, Dave Fleisig, Roz Harper, Paul Lipsky, George Lucido, Bob Nolan, Norm Robinson, Vern Stovall, Jim Rodgers, Hugh Bevan Thomas, Don White and an equally long list of members who have supported the program in various ways.

This Fall we have two or three opportunities for additional instructors. The commitment would be for a few hours once a week from October to May when school is in session. We typically have two instructors at each school. The shops all are all equipped with state of the art lathes (Powermatic and Delta Midi Lathes), tools and other equipment. Each of the schools fulltime staff instructors provide tremendous support and backup for the volunteer instructors.

We have developed a basic curriculum and work with new instructors until they feel comfortable with the program. You don't need to be the best turner or instructor in the club to participate. You do need to have a desire to make a difference in the lives of young people.

If you would like to explore getting involved in this special program, please talk with Jan Blumer or Jim Rodgers.

Thanks for your support.



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August Show and Tell



A green rimmed bowl by
Harvey Klein



John Cobb with an
unfished bowl



Bill Walzer looks very happy
with the beautiful platter he
created

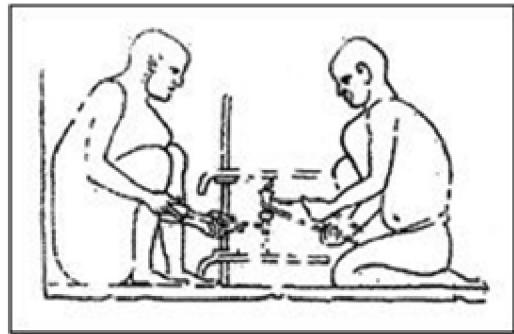


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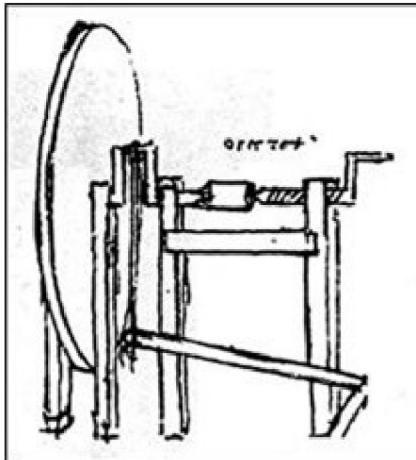


Cindy Navarro proudly
displays her bowls and
kitchen utensils

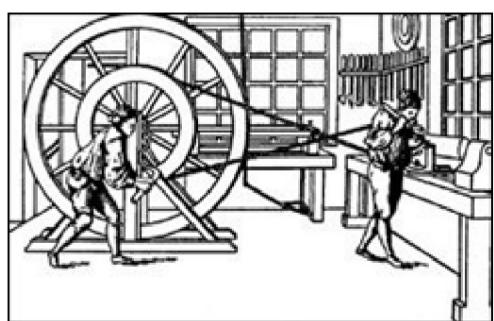
Lathe History



Earliest known illustration of a woodworking lathe. From Egyptian tomb, 300 B.C.



Design for continuous drive lathe by Leonardo da Vinci, 15th century.



A 'great wheel' lathe with dual wheels, providing two different turning speeds. From *Encyclopédie Méthodique*, Vol. IV

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Hook and Loop Sanding Disk Tip

By Paul Dauer

For those who have been frustrated by hook and loop sanding attachments which have lost their grip due to wear or overheating the hooks by too much pressure or speed, the attachment need not be abandoned.

Rather than purchase a new one consider resurfacing the hook face. Fabric or sewing stores generally carry "industrial strength" Velcro kits containing four 1-7/8", self adhesive hook and loop pairs. Light pressure for 24 hours secures them. For the unduly cautious, tubes of adhesive especially for use with the hook material are also available. The cost of a kit with four hook and loop pairs is approximately \$4.00, much less than the price of a new attachment, and the surface repair can be done repeatedly.

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