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## BAWA BBQ Picnic

August 13, 2016  
Pleasant Hill Community Park

Come join us for the Annual BAWA BBQ & Tool Swap. This year it will be on Saturday August 13 from 10am – 2pm at the Pleasant Hill Community Park, 147 Gregory Lane in Pleasant Hill. It is the same spot as last year, Picnic Area #2 next to the Senior Center Parking lot.

We need some help setting up and cleaning up so plan to come a little early or stay a little late.

Setup starts at 10am, to be followed by the Tool Swap. The BBQs will be lit around 11am for serving to start around noon. After lunch we will have the Presidents Challenge.

The club will provide burgers, brats and buns along with all the necessary serving utensils, plates, cups and condiments.

The Event is potluck: we are breaking up what to bring alphabetically by last name:

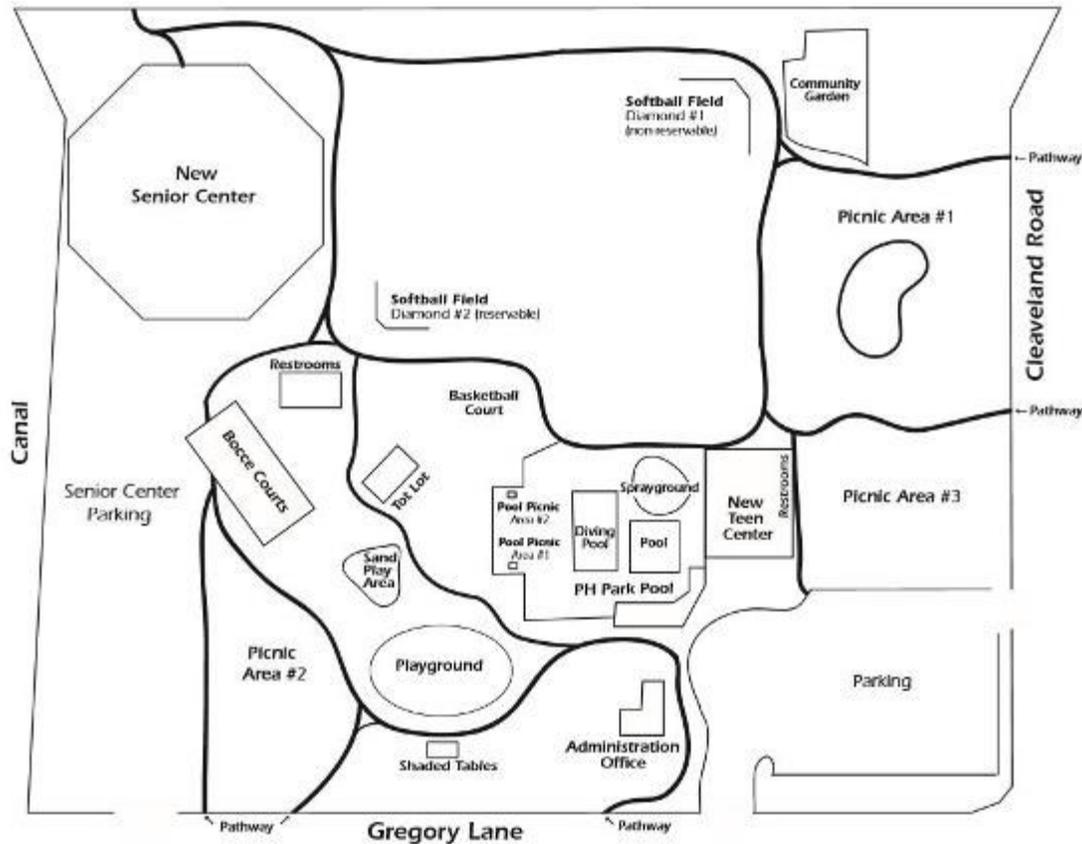
- A - H : Cold Drinks (Soda, Iced Tea, etc.)
- I - P : Sides (Baked beans, Salads, deviled eggs, etc.)
- Q - Z: Desserts

Remember to bring your Presidents Challenge projects! See you there!

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# BAWA BBQ Picnic Location - Picnic Area #2



147 Gregory Ln, Pleasant Hill. Same location as last year's BBQ, Plenty of parking in the Senior Center Parking Lot.

## Tool Swap – August 13<sup>rd</sup> BBQ

One of the highlights of our upcoming BBQ in August will be our Tool SWAP and Shop Sale. This is a great opportunity to clean out your shop and sell or trade any tools, gear or wood that you have, with other BAWA members. Last year, I scored big time, lot's of great bargains that I have enjoyed using throughout the year. This year, I hope it will be even better—you never know what someone will bring to the tables to sell. So now is the time to start going through your shop and pulling together treasures to sell or swap.

*~Joel Albert~*



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# President's Challenge

Each year at the BAWA August picnic we have a president's challenge which is an opportunity for members to create something for a fun light hearted competition. The category this year is **“something used for drinking”**.

I hope to see an array of cups, goblets and other traditional vessels BUT... there is no doubt some members (Corwin) will use excessive creative license to turn something truly remarkable again. So get creative and bring an entry - who knows you might win the coveted best in picnic award.



## BAWA September 10 meeting: Tricks and Cheats

Trick or treat is coming early for the club. Instead of waiting for November, we have the opportunity to learn some new ideas at our September meeting. Our club has a rich mix of experienced and new turners. This meeting offers the opportunity for people to share, during brief (10 to 20 minute) presentations, turning techniques that they have found useful.

Normally our meetings consist of full day or half day presentations by professional turners or club members. These dedicated turners take a lot of time to prepare their demonstrations. But Tricks and Cheats is a chance to share something you have found useful with the rest of the community without having to prepare an entire presentation.

For example, we are all bothered by pesky tear-out when doing those final cuts on a project. There are some great techniques for smoothing that I have learned from different club members over the last few years. New turners may not know them, others know some, and old turners like me have forgotten many. If you have a favorite technique for getting rid of turnout please share it with the club.

Negative rake scrapers – people say they are the “knees bees” but they never work for me. Could someone demonstrate how to make one and how they work?

Finishes ... do you have a favorite? Why?

We will start with brief demonstrations on casting acrylic pens and punky wood stabilization.

If you would like to make a brief presentation please let me know

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(510) 725-0665

Bring your own materials.

The meeting will begin as always with show and tell. It doesn't matter what level you are, everyone is welcome to participate. Bring a piece of wood for the wood auction as well.



# BAY AREA WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION

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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

9:00—12:30 meeting and demo

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

See [bayareawoodturners.org/](http://bayareawoodturners.org/) for directions and club information.

### **BAWA Officers Meeting -**

Officer meetings are open to all members. Contact [John Cobb](mailto:John.Cobb@bayareawoodturners.org) if you would like to be on the agenda.

## 2016 Event Schedule

August 13th	Picnic 10:00-2:00
September	Tricks and Cheats 8:30-12:30
October 23rd (Sunday)	Art Liestman 8:30-4:00
November	TBA
December	Holiday Party (Details to Come)

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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# Turn-for-Troops 2016



For the Third year in a row, BAWA held the Turn-for-Troops pen turning event as our July meeting and once again it was a huge success. Our goal was to deliver at least 125 finished pens that will be sent to troops serving abroad. A small token of our appreciation for what they do for our country in these turbulent and dangerous times.

The day was filled with lots of wood shavings, members turning their first pen and experienced turners cranking out a hand full. There was a speed contest to see if anyone could eclipse Dean Adkins record of 36 seconds but alas his record from 2014 still stands. Harvey Klein was the day's fastest clocking in at 52 seconds; expectations for an improved performance next year are already gaining traction.

The day was orchestrated by long time member and now accomplished carver Jeff Tanner who pretty much organized everything - again. He set up 15 lathe stations with sharp tools, sanding and finishing supplies then made sure 125 blanks were cut, glued, trimmed and packaged with pen kits. He implied it wasn't that much work but we know it was and are deeply appreciative of his time and efforts. Also lending major support prior to the meeting, Jim Rodgers turned 25 pens and Bill Morris prepped 60 pen kits and turned 25 pens. Please join me in giving Jeff, Jim and Bill a heartfelt "thank you" in making this such a successful event.



Ed Connor



Kim Barker



Hugh Bevan-Thomas



Dave Bentley



Jim Abreu



## Tips and Techniques Hearing or Not?



by Cindy Navarro

Table saw, reciprocating saw -100-110dBA  
planer – 100-105dBA  
Band Saw – 95-100 dBA

In the past post I talked about safety and the use of a face shield and respirator. This month I would like to speak about hearing. Working in a wood shop can be very noisy from both small handheld power tools to larger tools, like a table saw, planer, joiner, router and dust collection equipment.

The OSHA website states that noise over 85dBA can cause hearing loss. This loss can occur regardless of the length of time your ears are exposed to the noise levels, even if only for a few minutes at a time. Hearing loss is cumulative and a little exposure to loud noises here and there adds up. Over a period of time, even a few hour a week in a home shop can lead to permanent hearing loss that cannot be corrected with hearing aids.

Various wood working tools are all above the acceptable level of 85dBA. Here are some of the levels:

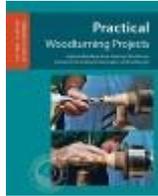
Many small hand tools like circular saws, routers, grinders are as loud as the larger tools and can cause as much damage. Short term exposure can cause temporary problems like stuffy ears and tinnitus, inability to understand speech.

Wearing hearing protection is easy and should be utilized whenever you are using any equipment, even a vacuum. This consists of either ear plugs, of which there are quite an assortment or ear muffs. Most have a noise reduction rating (NRR) from about 21 dB to 33 dB. Using a protector with an NRR of 25 brings everything in our shop down to a safe level.

So consider how important it is for you to hear and think about how much exposure you have on a daily basis. Protect your ears, just like your eyes as you can get one set and hearing loss cannot all be corrected by the use of hearing aids.

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## Library Recommendations Book Recommendation



I would like to recommend the book Practical Woodturning Projects by American Association of Woodturners. It is part of the Getting Started in Woodturning Series.

Even though it could be considered, by many, a beginners book I found it to be full of very helpful information and tips. I tried making many of the projects and found them to be challenging, as well as, fun to make. The projects are skill builders and the

information can be applied to other projects.

Skill building projects are a great way to practice your woodturning while making things that you can use or give as gifts. The projects range from letter opener through increasingly more difficult pieces like a two part goblet. There is a safety check list and an article on using Sketch-up for woodturning that you will find useful.

The Getting Started in Woodturning series is one that I think is a good addition to anyone's personal library.



## Presidential Ramblings *August 2016*

Presidential Ramblings returns next month.

# Segmenting Woodturning Symposium 2016

October 27-30, 2016

Registration is open

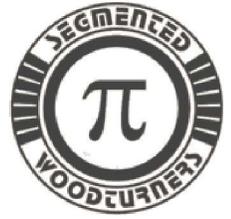
[www.segmentedwoodturners.org](http://www.segmentedwoodturners.org)

Registration is open for the 5th biennial Segmenting Symposium.

Interest for segmenters and general turners, Experienced or Novice.

- Network and Fellowship with turners you only know online.
- Book NOW while discounted rooms are still available.
- Now is the time to get the best Travel Fares.
- Increased advertising means more local traffic for sales at the Instant Gallery.

Spouse tour and participation. Spouse Lounge



The 3-day event will be held in Quincy, a suburb of Boston, MA making it an ideal opportunity to combine a short vacation with the symposium. Boston is one of the oldest cities in the US with a rich history going back to our founding fathers.

This is the largest worldwide gathering of segmenting enthusiasts and we welcome anyone interested in learning about this fascinating field. The symposium includes an incredible slate of demonstrators doing a total of 42 demonstrations during the 9 rotations. You will see topics for individuals interested in segmenting with all experience levels and areas of interest from segmenting fundamentals, to open segmenting, to including the use of alternative materials. Additionally, these subjects will also interest non-segmented turners: sculptural techniques; finishing; design approaches; photography; selling your work; and many unique design and construction techniques.

## **Our expert team of demonstrators:**

Malcolm Tibbetts, Jerry Bennett, Andy Chen, John Beaver, Robin Costelle, Tom Lohman, Bob Behnke, Michael McMillian, Gary Wood, Ray Feltz, Jim Rodgers, Bruce Berger, Alan Miotke, and Wayne Miller.

In addition to this exciting group of demonstrators, the event includes a tradeshow, instant gallery, Saturday evening banquet with entertainment and awards ceremony, turning exchange, "Beads of Courage" participation, and a comfortable environment to relax with old and new friends after a full day of learning.

Visit [www.segmentedwoodturners.org](http://www.segmentedwoodturners.org) to download the 9-page brochure, learn more about the symposium, and to register on-line.

The registration fee includes the Saturday evening banquet. A block of rooms at the hotel are also available for attendees at a heavily discounted price until they run out, so register early!

For questions contact me at [wayneomil@segmentedwoodturners.org](mailto:wayneomil@segmentedwoodturners.org)

Wayne Miller  
President, Segmented Woodturners



# 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](mailto:newslettereditor@bayareawoodturners.org)

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

## For Sale:

### Griggio T45 Tilting Arbor Shaper

- 1 1/4" and 1 1/8" Morse No.5 arbors
- Manual plus power tilt and height adjustment
- 10 hp, 230/460 volt, 3 phase motor, wired 230 volts
- 4 wheel Holz / Italian made feeder

### Comet 12 inch Radial Arm Saw

- 1 1/2 hp, 115/230 volt, 1 phase motor, wired 230 volts
- **Dust Collector**-Cincinnati drum top Dust Master 200 with explosion proof 2hp, 230/460 volt, 3 phase motor, wired 230 volts
- **Porter Cable** 635 EHD Versa Plane
- **Black & Decker** 3327 3hp Router
- **Jorgensen Clamps**
  - Style 72: 15 4', 5 3' and 5 8'
  - Style 37: 5 18", 12 24" and 9 36"

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## Recent BAWA BBQ's



2013



2014



2015



## 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](mailto: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.

## General Elections

Since BAWA has not heard back from their respective campaigns, it can be assumed that Hillary and Bernie will not be on our ballot in October.

Crazy politics aside, this coming September the club will be compiling nominations for our Board of Directors. At the following meeting in October, the membership will vote for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. These positions are a great way to give back to the club and continue the effort to make BAWA one of the best clubs on the West Coast. Each of these jobs requires a varying amount of time, if you are organized, on average the commitment is a few hours of work per week with some periods more busy than others. Here is a short description of each position:

**President:** Chief organizer and delegator. You oversee the group of directors and officers to ensure all of the club functions are running properly. Periodically checking in with all officers for what they need to do their job and take input on how things can improve. You get to choose which and how many functions you want be involved in - it is very much a custom role adapted to the strengths of the individual.

**Vice President:** The VP is responsible for meeting content. They schedule local and professional presenters for the club's monthly meetings and write newsletter reviews. This past year, VPs from other local chapters have begun coordinating with each other - a great effort that can continue to develop. One of the great benefits of this job is that you get to know many members of BAWA, other clubs and the

professional demonstrators that make up our calendar. Time requirements for this position fluctuate, some weeks will be busier and others. It's possible two members can share this role.



**Treasurer:** The keeper of the books is responsible for creating an annual budget, monthly status reports along with regular credit and debit processing. We currently use Quickbooks which has streamlined the function. Joel will work closely with the new Treasurer over a period of time to ensure a smooth transition.

**Secretary:** A great entry point for a new member to get involved. You take notes at Board meetings and help the President track action items.

BAWA is financially very sound and continues to grow in membership every year. Joining the Board or working as a club officer is a great way to ensure the club continues to thrive and improve. If you are interested in a board seat or have any questions about getting involved send me a note: [president@bayareawoodturners.org](mailto:president@bayareawoodturners.org)

This is a great time to get involved.

Cheers  
John Cobb  
President

## 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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## Membership News

By Tim Kennedy



Membership Update

BAWA has 139 paid-up members for 2016 and 6 life members.