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Annual BAWA Picnic Sunday, August 6th 11:00 to 2:00

It is grilling time!

Sunday August 6 is the annual BAWA BBQ & Tool Swap and Turned Frisbee Challenge too! Join in the fun, 11am – 2pm (10:00 set up) at the Pleasant Hill Community Park, picnic area 2, located at 147 Gregory Lane.

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

Volunteer Chefs and Grill Masters Always Welcome! Bring Your Favorite Grill Tools and Your Best Aprons

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

A - H : Cold Drinks (Soda, Iced Tea, etc. The club does not own coolers, so if you can bring one with ice along with your beverages, that will be greatly appreciated.)

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

Q - Z: Desserts

Don't Forget the Annual Tool and Wood Swap!

Now is the chance to trade the tools you no longer use for something new!

Don't Forget to Bring Your Best Turned Flying Discs and Frisbees for the Contest!!

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Turned Frisbee Competition Returns to the August Picnic!

Join us on Sunday August 6, 2017 at Pleasant Hill Park in Pleasant Hill for our annual picnic and barbeque. By popular demand the celebrated Wooden Flying Disc Competition returns this year with two different events.



We'll have an event to see who can toss their wood turned flying disc the farthest and a second event to see who can get their wood turned flying disc to land closest to the target. Prizes will be awarded in each event.

Rules are few and simple:



Your flying discs must be lathe turned and consist of a solid disc with a recurved rim, similar to the original Frisbee flying disc;

Your flying disc must be solid, no holes in the middle and no rings similar to the Aerobie are permitted;

You get one toss for each of up to three discs in each event.

There is less than a month before the picnic to design your entries; get out to the shop and get them turned. See everyone in August!

Tool SWAP and Shop Sale

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.

Photos From Last Year's Picnic

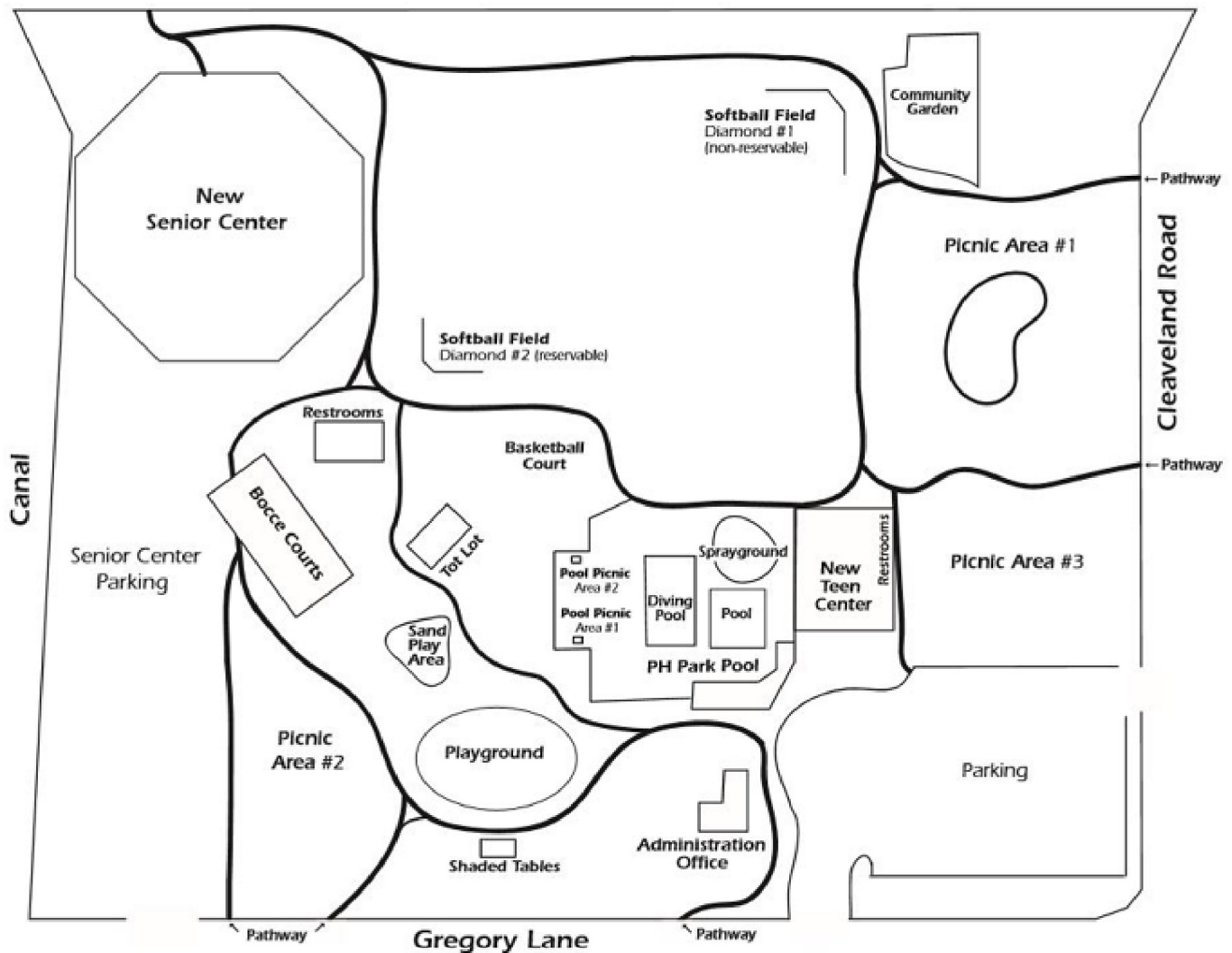


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BAWA BBQ Picnic Location - Picnic Area #2

Sunday August 6, 2016 at 11am, setup at 10am

147 Gregory Ln, Pleasant Hill. Plenty of parking in the Senior Center Parking Lot.



Tips & Tricks Book Review

Cindy will return next month.



by Cindy Navarro

Membership News

By Tim Kennedy

Membership Update

BAWA has 157 members for 2017.





BAY AREA WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION

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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 Joel Albert if you would like to be on the agenda.

2017 Event Schedule

Aug 6th (Sunday)	Summer Picnic 11:00-2:00 Frisbee Contest & Tool Swap
Sept 9th	Kalia Kliban-Porringer Bowl 8:30-12:30
Oct 8th (Sunday)	Sally Ault 8:30-4:00
Nov 11th	Carl Jacobson-Ornaments 8:30-4:00
Dec 10th (Sunday)	Holiday Party Elk's Lodge, Walnut Creek
Jan 13th	Jim Rodgers 8:30-12:30
Feb 10th	Karen Freitas-8:30-4:00 Open & Closed Twists

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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President's Chatter

August 2017

Our annual BBQ and Tool Swap is fast approaching, Sunday, August 6th, 11-2pm. The upcoming Tool and Wood Swap is a great way to clean out the old and make some great deals on something new. I was in my shop this morning looking around and am just amazed at the sheer volume of *stuff* I have managed to accumulate since I moved in 2010. I want to encourage everyone to take a few minutes, take a good look at your shop, your Tools and your Wood supply and ask a few simple questions:

Do I have too much stuff? Am I every really going to use this? Is there something else I really need?
The upcoming Tool Swap is a great opportunity for all of us to do something about it.

See you on Sunday – I am going to clean house and hope you will as well!

I want to take a moment and personally thank Jeff Tanner for all of his hard work and organizational skills in making our July, *Turn for the Troops* such a success. Special thanks to Jim Rogers for all of his support and allowing us to use the woodturning center, Bill Mellberg for his assistance with helping all of the members assemble the pens and Bill Morris for his assistance in prepping the pen kits.

CRAFT SUPPLIES 10% DISCOUNT ORDER

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.

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.

Tree Article 22: Trees of the Bay Area Region by Tony Wolcott *Castanea spp. – The Chestnuts*

The chestnuts are not a common tree in this area, but they are so dominant in other areas that they should be studied for how they are used. The American chestnut (*Castanea dentata*) and the European chestnut are both historically significant.



The **American chestnut** (*Castanea dentata*) is a large, monoecious deciduous tree of the beech family native to eastern North America. Before the species was devastated by the chestnut blight, a fungal disease, it was one of the most important forest trees throughout its range, and was considered the finest chestnut tree in the world. It is estimated that between 3 and 4 billion American chestnut trees were destroyed in the first half of the 20th century by blight after its initial discovery in 1904. Very few mature specimens of the tree exist within its historical range, although many small shoots of the former live trees remain. There are hundreds of large (2 to 5 ft diameter) American chestnuts outside its historical range, some in areas where less virulent strains of the pathogen are more common, such as the 600 to 800 large trees in northern Lower Michigan.



Castanea sativa, or **sweet chestnut**, is a species of flowering plant in the family Fagaceae, native to Europe and Asia Minor, and widely cultivated throughout the temperate world. A substantial, long-lived deciduous tree, it produces an edible seed, the chestnut, which has been used in cooking since ancient times.

I am more familiar with the European chestnut. The wood is used for every form of construction – logs, flooring, roofing, framing, doors, cabinetry. You cannot find any other wood in homes in northern Italy. Besides roasting chestnuts on open fires, chestnut flour is used in a variety of ways – pasta, sauces, cakes, candy and so on. The wood is golden to dark brown. It is related to the oaks so is sturdy and with grain and ray patterns. Not the easiest of woods to work, but well worth the finished product.

Below is the *Castanea dentata*, characterized by the tooth like leaf margin. The flower arrangement is typical of chestnuts.



Kalia Kliban: September Presenter

Kalia Kliban has been a professional woodworker since the early 90s, primarily making custom cabinets and furniture with occasional forays into guitar repair and construction. In about 2009 she switched to lathe work as her primary outlet. She focuses on functional tableware because she loves bowls, but basic lathe skills can go in a million different directions.



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 8, 2017 Meeting “Turn for Troops”

The July 2017 BAWA monthly meeting was our 4th Annual “Turn for Troops” event.

“Turn for Troops” (also called the “National Turn-a-Thon”) is sponsored by Woodcraft and is part of a nationwide effort to send one-of-a-kind handcrafted wood pens to military personnel serving overseas and those in rehabilitation centers. Last year over 13,000 unique pens made by woodturning volunteers were sent to the men and women defending American freedom. Since the National Turn-a-Thon began 14 years ago, approximately 140,000 pens have been sent to military personnel.

The BAWA “Turn for Troops” event was once again entirely organized and orchestrated by Jeff Tanner. He begins preparing one year in advance by collecting scrap pieces of wood, which he cuts into pen blanks. He also drills the holes, glues the brass tubes into the blanks, barrel trims the ends and packages them. The pen mechanisms were donated by Woodcraft.

Turning 170 pens was this year’s goal. Now do the math! That’s 340 blanks that had to be drilled and tubes to be glued and 680 ends that had to be trimmed! Kudos and special thanks to Jeff for spearheading this effort!

Approximately 30 members attended the event including several who have turned pens before but never for “Turn for Troops.” In addition, there were several who have never turned a pen before, and were given a crash course on how to do so. Eighteen lathes were set up and members took turns utilizing the lathes. In addition to pens that were turned during this event, a few members dropped off pens that they made at home and donated them to the cause. The goal of turning 170 pens was achieved!

Many thanks are extended to the members who attended and supported this service to the community activity. Also, thanks to Jeff Tanner for all his efforts and to his wife, Demi, for all her help as well!



To the left is an image of the 170 pens turned by the BAWA members. I am very thankful for all of the members that participated in this very special event. Special thanks to Jim Rogers for all of his support and allowing us to use the woodturning center, Bill Mellberg for his assistance with helping all of the members assemble the pens and Bill Morris for his assistance in prepping the pen kits.

*Sincerely,
Jeff Tanner*

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Photos of "Turn for Troops," 2017



Jean-Louis Meynier & Jeff Tanner



Ed Connor



Finish Applied to Pen



Pressing Hardware onto Pen



John Langen



Bill Mellberg



Some of the 170 Pens Made



Richard Kalish