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*“Turn It Up 2” ..... Jimmy Clewes Returns March 10<sup>th</sup>*



BAWA is excited to host professional turner Jimmy Clewes again at our March meeting. If you missed Jimmy in November 2009 you're in for a treat, just ask any member who attended. Jimmy is one of the world's top woodturners and an internationally-acclaimed artist, demonstrator, teacher and author. His charming British style, creative mind, quick unending wit and audience bantering personality make for a great show, and you're likely to learn a few things that improve your creativity and advance your turning skills.

Several projects will be demonstrated during the all-day meeting, but none repeated from 2009. Jimmy will start with his quick “Back to Basics Bowl Turning” demonstration which covers tool and process techniques. Other demonstrations planned for the day include a long stem goblet with a captured ring, a colored rim figured platter and a lidded box or two, possibly an Arabic box, a clam shell box or a square oriental box. Jimmy's demonstration will be interspersed with discussions on design, shape, form, aesthetics, coloring, and “yes”, his unique humor and style of woodturning.

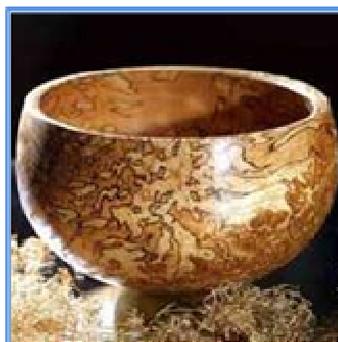
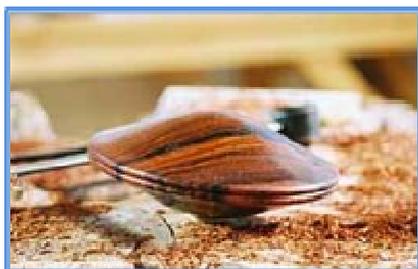
Jimmy's demonstration starts around 9:30 am and will end by 4:30 or 5:00 pm, so show up early for a good seat. The demonstration is free of charge to BAWA members, the Castro Valley High School staff, and students 18 years and younger. The general public is invited as well, but will be charged an entrance fee of \$25 for the day.



***Jimmy Clewes Bio:***

Shortly after leaving school at the age of 16 Jimmy attained an apprenticeship in engineering and decided to further his studies by attending Manchester Polytechnic. He received Honors Degrees with special emphasis on 3 dimensional design. With that focus, he began to specialize in designing and making furniture which was influenced by Japanese tools and design. It was during his time in college that his interest in woodturning was rekindled. The combination of his college education, his limitless imagination and his professional skills was a perfect fit for Jimmy to pursue his creative abilities as a woodturner and to take that ability to the next level.

Jimmy now has over 24 years of professional experience in woodturning, and has demonstrated across the United States, Europe, Canada and New Zealand. Originally from the north east of England, Jimmy now lives and teaches in Las Vegas. He has produced critically acclaimed DVD sets, including *Turnaround with Jimmy Clewes*, *Turn It On*, *Turn It Up*, *Turning the World*, and *Back to Basics*.



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 at the Castro Valley High School cafeteria. The Association periodically sponsors exhibitions and demonstration by local and internationally known turners.

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## Club Meetings

Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each month unless otherwise noted. **(May) meeting: to be on Sunday due to hall availability**  
8:30 doors open for setup, use store and library, swap ideas, view Displays

9:30—12:30 meeting and demo

BAWA meets in the cafeteria at Castro Valley High School, located at 3870 Mabel Ave; Castro Valley.

## 2012 Event Schedule

Mar 10	Jimmy Clewes: "Five Projects" <a href="http://www.jimmyclewes.com">http://www.jimmyclewes.com</a>
Apr 14	Mark Knize: "Decorated Rings"
<b>May 6 (SUNDAY)</b>	Graeme Priddle: <a href="http://www.graemepiddle.com">http://www.graemepiddle.com</a>
May 17-19	Utah Woodturning Symposium
Jun 8-10	<a href="http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2012/">AAW Symposium in San Jose</a> <a href="http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2012/">http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2012/</a>
July 14	Annual Picnic
Aug 11	Suggest a professional
Sept 8	Molly Winton: <a href="http://www.turningmaven.com">http://www.turningmaven.com</a>
Nov 10	Suggest a professional

### **BAWA Officers Meeting -**

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

# Febuary's presenter: Paul Percell



## Paul Percell Multiaxis Bowl Turning

BAWA member Paul Percell treated the club to a demonstration of multi-axis bowl turning. He started out with a 2" thick by 8" long square blank and but 4 layout marks around the center mark. He turned it to the layout marks on each axis which created four equally spaced square corners and lots of air in between. This type of turning takes super light cuts, tight fittings, and faith that the whole thing will not fly across the room! Paul then turned a tenon and rounded the back of the bowl before chucking it to create the inside. The finished result was a standard bowl shape, but with square corners. Very cool and fun to make if you like Shadow or ghost turning!

## Website Updating

Ros Harper will chair a small team to make recommendations about refreshing the website in advance of the AAW meeting in June. Dennis Lawrence, John Cobb, Taree Klausner, Jim Campbell, and John Prout volunteered to help generate ideas for the Board of Directors. If you have suggestions for what you want to see on the site, please contact any of these members. Thanks!

Here are the names of the wood contributors, Thanks a bunch keep the wood coming..

Bill Walzer---Walnut and Live Oak - Cindy Navarro---Myopromum

Larry Dubia--Liquid Amber, Walnut and Plylam - Bob Nolan--Plum

Brad Adams--Madrone Burl, Maple Burl and Walnut - Tony Wolcott--Two Camphor Burls

# Artist of the month: Elizabeth Lund

Elizabeth Lund showed the club why she has been named an emerging artist by AAW this year. She has a wide range of pieces and is not afraid to experiment with a variety of different textures and embellishments. "E" has also become an accomplished carver and will next be seen as an AAW presenter!



## Fire Extinguisher & Smoke Detector Reminder By Nick Todd

Last January I had a small fire in my shop. I had just brought a finished piece into the house and I decide to send an email. After a few minutes I smelt smoke and returned to the shop to investigate. I opened the door to see smoke down to the five foot level throughout my shop. At that time I didn't have smoke detectors in the shop. I kept two fire extinguishers at either end of my shop. The handle on the fire extinguisher failed (it was commercial grade). The other fire extinguisher was behind the fire. I was regulated to the garden hose. The fire was started by a heat gun that either shorted out or I kicked it on while I was finishing the piece. In the latter case, I am assuming I did not hear the heat gun, because of fan noise from a space heater. In my outlook calendar I have a January reminder to inspect and replace fire extinguishers and smoke detector batteries in my house and shop. Lessons learned: It took less than 30 minutes and \$25 to install two smoke detectors. I had always planned on installing smoke detectors, it just never happened. If I had inspected my fire extinguishers more often, the damages would have been far less. My shop is in my attached garage. When I started to buy equipment for my shop, I put in a sub-panel to provide protection to my lathes and compressor. That protection worked. Because I had my shop lights on a separate circuit, the lights stayed on when the outlet breakers were tripped. It would not have been fun to put the fire out in the dark.

AAW 2012 Symposium T-shirt



Don't forget to check out the AAW Symposium Page: <http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2012/>

AAW has been conducting annual woodturning symposia since 1987. This page provides information on the upcoming 26th Annual AAW symposium, to be held in San Jose, California Friday June 08 through Sunday June 10, 2012, at the San Jose Convention & Cultural Facilities.

*February  
Show and Tell  
Photos by Fred Deadrick*



Bob Nolan;s Jeweler's Lathe



Acrylic Pen by Bill Mellberg



Corwin Jones glue-up sphere study



Gears and planets by Don White



Ned Lyke Small Vase



Segmented vase with lid and finial by Hugh Bevan-Thomas



Vase by Dave Gill



A pair of Pepper Grinders by Leonard Staton



# AAW Symposium ..... Only 3 Months Away!

As you should know by now the AAW Symposium will be held at the San Jose Convention & Cultural Facilities this June, Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup>. This is just over 3 months away so preparations by the 3 “Host” Bay Area chapters will really ramp up in April!

If you plan to attend and have not registered yet, please consider doing so soon. There’s no limit on attendance at the symposium, but the banquet on Saturday night can fill up. The easiest way to register is on-line at the AAW website at <http://www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2012/> which also has a ton of information on the symposium. The cost for AAW members to attend the 3 day symposium is \$250 if you register by May 15<sup>th</sup>, \$300 thru May 28<sup>th</sup>, and \$350 at the symposium. AAW offers a discounted registration (\$150) for spouses, and student’s ages 10 to 18 can register for free with a paying member. Non-members can also register, but pay a bit more and then become members.



The February newsletter described volunteer opportunities being led by BAWA members. But, there are also a couple of areas chaired by AAW that need a large number of volunteers as describe below. You don’t have to be registered to volunteer on these committees, so a spouse or a friend may want to consider helping:

**AAW Product Sales:** AAW sets up a store at the symposium in which AAW merchandise and products are sold. Volunteers are needed to set-up the store on Thursday, and then sell merchandise from Thursday through Sunday, and then close it down and pack-up the unsold merchandise. If you want to help with product sales please contact John Ellis ([nmwtwebman@aol.com](mailto:nmwtwebman@aol.com)) who is the National Volunteer Coordinator, and copy Chris Bannister ([tobie4paws@comcast.net](mailto:tobie4paws@comcast.net)) who chairs this committee.

**Instant Gallery:** One of the largest draws at the symposium is the Instant Gallery, where a few thousand turnings are on display for all to see. Volunteers are needed on Thursday and Friday morning to receive, register and place the turnings in the Instant Gallery; then to answer questions and secure the Instant Gallery during the symposium; and finally to check-out and return the turnings to their owners on Sunday afternoon. If you want to help in the Instant Gallery please contact John Ellis ([nmwtwebman@aol.com](mailto:nmwtwebman@aol.com)) who is the National Volunteer Coordinator, and copy Chris Bannister ([tobie4paws@comcast.net](mailto:tobie4paws@comcast.net)) who chairs this committee.

One of the ways that AAW supports the local community is thru the “ReTurn to Community” fundraiser. At the 2011 St. Paul Symposium the fundraiser was “Empty Bowls” and over \$10,000 was raised for 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Heartland, a Midwest food bank that delivers 60 million pounds of food annually. The Bay Area “Host” chapters have decided to continue the “Empty Bowls” fundraiser with 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest of San Jose as the receiving charity. So how does this work? Basically turners from across the US donate bowls (and plates, platters, spoons, scoops, ladles, etc.) which are displayed in an area near the Instant Gallery. Symposium attendees, as well as the general public can view the turnings, and if interested you purchase a raffle ticket for \$25. In St. Paul ~550 bowls were donated, and on Friday morning the sea of bowls was opened for anyone with a raffle ticket to pick out a bowl and take it home. I ended up with a nice 11” cherry bowl turned by Dale Larson and a 9” quilted maple plate by Tom Wirsing, AAW President. It’s that simple.

This is a great opportunity to donate to a local charity that feeds the hungry, and for a \$25 donation you can take home a turning of your choice. Any size bowl of any turning quality is ok to donate ..... it’s just a fun way to raise money for a great charity! BAWA will start accepting donations at the April meeting, or you can simply drop them off at the symposium. Check out the article in the August 2011 newsletter for more information.

Additional information on the symposium and details of the various volunteers needs can be found in BAWA’s January and February newsletters. If you’re interested in volunteering to help in any of these areas simply talk to or e-mail the BAWA chair or myself.



AAW relies on the local chapters and their members to plan, organize and prepare for the symposium, and then relies on volunteers from throughout the US, and the world, to set-up and help run the symposium. Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup> is “Set-up” day and many volunteers are needed to get the symposium ready to roll, and volunteering here really doesn’t cut into one’s symposium experience. But, volunteers are also needed during the symposium to make it all to happen successfully, but here the opportunities can be very rewarding. We’ll start working this in earnest at the April meeting.

*Dean Adkins*

## ***Hartville Tool 15% Discount***

Hartville Tool is still offering a 15% discount off regular prices to BAWA members who are registered in the program. Hartville has recently expanded their offerings on turning tools and supplies, and a new master catalog was just released in December and is available at our meetings. Their prices are very competitive ..... even before the 15% discount. Add free shipping on orders over \$99 and no tax and you've got a great deal at Hartville Tool! But, you have to be registered thru BAWA to qualify for the 15% discount. If you want to register, send an e-mail to Dean Adkins at "adkd@chevron.com" stating your home and e-mail addresses. If you don't have their master catalog pick one up at the next meeting!

Note from Hartville Tool's Doug Weingart:

*If you haven't visited our web for a while you are going to find our web site quite different than it was early last summer. The reason is that we suddenly and unexpectedly lost our previous web site provider. When you go to log into your account, or to check-out you will see a message that says:*

***"Notice to Returning Customers!*** *Due to our recent changeover to a new web platform and order fulfillment system you will be required to create a new online account if you have not placed an online purchase since 6-9-11. We do apologize for this temporary inconvenience! Note also that your account activity prior to then may not be available online until we have completed our transition. We greatly appreciate your patience as we work diligently to provide you with a faster, easier, and more enjoyable shopping experience!"*

*Unfortunately this has also meant the temporary loss of the function that allowed Club Members to see their discounted pricing online as they shopped. At this time we do not know when this function will be restored. This does not mean that you can't get the 15% discount. It just means we have to do things a bit differently for a while. This applies to all clubs and members participating in our discount program.*

*When you order you just need to be sure to mention that you are a registered BAWA Club Member in the checkout notes and we'll be sure to give you the discount on all applicable items, as we physically review every order that comes through. The discount will not show on your e-receipt, but it will show on the hard copy that comes with your order.*

*If you prefer, you can also call us to place their order at 800-345-2396 and mention the discount. Hope this is helpful!"*

*Best Regards,  
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## ***Dublin Woodcraft - BAWA 3% Rebate for Member Purchases***

Dublin Woodcraft provides a valuable service to our membership and the community, so please consider them for your next purchase or turning class!

Your purchases at Dublin Woodcraft also help the club! Did you know that BAWA gets a 3% rebate on all purchases made by BAWA members? For this to work we need you to bring your receipts (or a copy) to next meeting. The rebate is only good for recent purchases – we can only turn in receipts if they are less than six weeks old! So be sure to bring in your current Woodcraft receipts (or a copy) and give them to Bill Mellberg or place them in the wood Woodcraft Receipt Box on the membership table!