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# Harvey Klein Presents Miniatures June 8, 2019

8:30 - 12:30

Our next meeting coming up on June 8, 2019 we will have Harvey Klein demonstrating how he makes miniatures on a lathe.

Harvey is a master woodworker, entrepreneur, teacher, church leader and family man. His passion for woodworking began in junior high shop class and has progressed from cabinet and furniture making to the fine art of woodturning.



Harvey has also taught woodturning for 15 plus years. He also has owned a jewelry and lapidary business since 1981. In his free time, Harvey spends time pursuing the arts. Whether working in wood, with gems, or photography he has always taken the time to make thoughtful and unique artwork.

Happily married to Marie for nearly 50 years, father of three and grandfather to seven, Harvey lives in San Leandro, CA.

This half-day session with one of our own should be enjoyable for all of us. This presentation will give you ideas on how to make gifts and Christmas ornaments. As its only June, just think how much time you have to

make Holiday gifts for all your children, grandchildren and friends.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the June meeting.



Ornaments



Cocobolo box with face



Ornaments

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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 <u>bayareawoodturners.org/</u> for directions and club information.

#### BAWA Officers Meeting -

Officer meetings are open to all members. Contact Kim Wolfe at: <a href="mailto:president@bayareawoodturners.org">president@bayareawoodturners.org</a> if you would like to be on the agenda.

2019 Event Schedule	
June 8th	Harvey Klein Miniatures 8:30-12:30
July 13th	Turn for the Troops 8:30-12:30
July 11-14	AAW 2019 Symposium Raleigh, North Carolina
Aug 4th	BAWA Picnic 11:00-2:00 Date Change to 1st Sunday of Month
Sept 7th	Graeme Priddle & Mellissa Engler Turned & Carved Bowls 8:30-4:00 Date Change to 1st Sunday of Month
Oct 12th	David Ellsworth Bowls & Hollow Forms 8:30-4:00

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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#### Lynne Yamaguchi Japanese Heritage Winged Bowl May 11, 2019

On May 11, Lynne Yamaguchi started her meeting with a discussion about design and what it means to many of the leaders in our industry. It gave us time to reflect and view the thoughts and works of our fellow turners and artists. To me the pictures showed us many new ideas about the next step we can take with our turnings. It was also interesting learning the way people in our industry feel about their own art and art in general.



The afternoon session was filled with three winged bowls, each turned a little differently from the other. The final bowl was a winged bowl where the wings in come cases became the part of the bowl that rested on the table when it was fully turned.

Lynne also explained her thoughts on safety and the importance of wearing a mask and good dust masks when turning. She had been in an accident where a large piece of wood on her lathe came loose, and she without a mask on was hit on the left side of her face and blinded in one eye. It also took many reconstructive surgeries to get her back to where she is today.

Special thanks to Cindy Navarro for picking Lynne up at the airport, housing and feeding her during her stay in the bay area and getting her back on a plane to head home to Tucson, AZ.

For more information on Lynne, please visit her site, lynneyamaguchi.com for design ideas and more information on the accomplishments of Lynne.



Suited up & ready to go



Shaping wings



Ready for shear scraping



Shear scraping



Steps in turning waves



Lynn makes shavings



Finished wings



Roughing bottom of square bowl



Tenon formed



Taking final cuts of bottom



Completed wings



Bottom



## President's Chatter

Like many turners, I love the words "free wood". The two words are full of potential and allow my imagination to run wild.

Recently, a neighbor called to let me know she had two trees coming down. Without hesitation I was committed to the wood. Shortly afterward, I had a flashback to the last "free wood" experience. You know the drill- days of lifting, chainsaw work, blank turning and waxing. As reality set in, the glow of excitement dimed.

So I thought to myself, this time I will take less wood. This time the price of free will be-forgo Mother's Day brunch, purchase a larger saw or at the very least a new chain, and secure a half day of labor from my husband, knowing all the while that the green wood stack will haunt me until every piece is turned.

As a hobby turner, I expect there will be an evolution, from "Oh, free wood" to "oh No, free wood". Maybe I will take a cue from our June presenter, Harvey Klein, and turn miniatures. But for now, chainsaw skills are being honed and beautiful ribbons of wood are flying through the air. With the later the price of free is inconsequential and the cycle continues!

See you Saturday, Kim Wolfe

## Turn for Troops in July

The July meeting is our fifth annual Turn for Troops event. This is great opportunity for club members to come in and turn pens that will be donated to US troops serving out of the country. If you have never turned a pen before, it is a great time to learn as there many experienced members who are willing to give you a one on one lesson. This year we have a goal of 170 pens and look forward to seeing everyone participating in this community service event for those who are called to serve our country.











#### Tips and Techniques

When drilling holes for peppermills a forstner bit often has the tendency to drift if the grain interferes with the tip of the bit. This can be rectified. If, before you begin drilling, you use a by Cindy Navarro smaller drill bit to create a small hole before you use the forstner bit. This can either be a smaller drill bit or a machinist's bit. This will create a path for the forstner bit to follow and it will not be as affected by the grain.

Also, if when drilling, you pull the bit out frequently this will allow the swarf (fine chips or filings of stone, metal, or other material produced by a machining operation). to be drawn out and allow the bit, of any type, to travel straight.

If you use a shop vacuum it is easy for the filter to fill quickly with fine dust. At the cost of filters this can come to a lot of money over a year. I have found that using a nylon to cover the filter saves on my wallet. I buy them at the dollar store. I carefully cover the filter and it catches the fine dust. I can take the filter out and shake it and most of the dust falls. After a few times I replace the nylon. This works well and I now only have to replace my filter a couple of times a year.

When painting small pieces I have found that uses painter's triangles often leave a small indentation in the paint. To remedy this I have taken small piece of flat scrap boards and used an 18 gauge nail gun to shoot several nails through the board in a random pattern. I use these and there are hardly any marks. I have made several in different sizes for different size pieces.

If when using your shop vacuum the hose or rigid tubes come apart while you're using them, there is an easy fix. Use an awl or other sharp pointed tool to score deep X's on the ends, both inside and outside of the tube ends. The X's will create extra surface tension that will keep them together.

## DVD Review

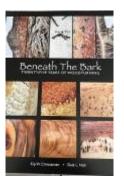
#### Beneath The Bark Twenty Five Years of Woodturning Kip Christensen Dale Nish

This is a book that I believe every turner should read and peruse over and over again. It was published to coincide with the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Utah Woodturning Symposium, which was the first woodturning symposium in the United States.

This Symposium was begun by Dale Nish to share information between turners and to encourage people to become woodturners. Over the twenty-five years that this book covers, turners from all over the world came to demonstrate their craft/art and to share with others who wanted to learn.

This Symposium has continued to draw, both demonstrators and turners from all over the world. It is a smaller symposium with the sense of family. Next year will be the fortieth year and possibly the last year that it will be held, which is unfortunate.

This book is a compilation of the work of over 140 demonstrators over the twenty-five years. It shows many works of turners that you may never have seen. It is a pictorial history of turning during this period. You will see familiar, as well as new images and ideas in the pages of this book. It is well worth you time to see and explore it.



#### SAVE THE DATE

Annual BAWA Picnic Sunday, August 4th, 11:00 to 2:00 Pleasant Hill Community Park, 147 Gregory Ln, Pleasant Hill, Picnic Area #2

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

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

A- G: Cold drinks (Soda, Iced Tea, etc.)

H-P: Sides (Baked beans, Salads, Deviled Eggs, etc.)

Q-Z: Desserts

### Turned Frisbee Competition Returns to the August Picnic!

Join us on Sunday August 4, 2019 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 two months before the picnic to design your entries; get out to the shop and get them turned. See everyone in August!

### **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.



#### **DON'T FORGET!**

Bring some of that wood you have taking up space in your shop to share in our monthly raffle.



#### Three Las Lomas Seniors Receive BAWA Award

Long time BAWA member, Patrick Blank, is at the helm of a successful turning program at Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek. His team includes volunteers, Vern Stovall and John Lawson, whose expertise further enhance the program. Together they help nurture a love of turning for Las Lomas students. This year, three of Patrick's students, Cooper Andrews, Garrett Meredith and Dylan West, will receive The Bay Area Woodturners Association Award which recognizes outstanding seniors in the woodturning program.



Dillon West & Garret Meredith

Accompanying the BAWA Award is a scholarship for a woodturning class of their choice through Mt. Diablo Adult Ed and a BAWA membership. Now, Cooper, Garrett and Dylan can plan to learn and throw chips along-side BAWA members!



Patrick Black



Dillion's ornament & platter



Garret's Bowls

## **Looking for Artists & Crafts Persons**

Fremont's Olive Hyde Art Guild would appreciate your sharing of the following information through your newsletters, or websites.

The Fremont Olive Hyde Art Guild is inviting artists and craftsmen as participants in the 37th annual Holiday Show and Sale to be held the first weekend in December, 2019. If anyone is interested in participating, please have him or her contact us by August 18th to apply for screening, which is held the second Saturday of September. For more information concerning the event, please check out our website: <a href="www.OliveHydeArtGuild.org/">www.OliveHydeArtGuild.org/</a> holiday show. Details will be given as to categories to enter, date of screening and event, available application forms, plus further details.

Thank you for your help, Roberta Moody <u>artistcontact@OliveHydeArtGuild.org</u>



## Tree Article 26: Sorting Out the Maples Part I **By Tony Wolcott**

A maple by any other name! When someone says, "It's a maple", I cringe. There are 114 maple species (Ritter, A California's Guide to the Trees among us) or about 150 species (Porter, Wood Identification and Use). Complicating the picture are local trees that masquerade as maples:

#### Not Maples!

Sycamores, London plane trees – *Platanus x hispanica* 

California sycamores – Platanus racemosa

Liquidambars, American sweet gum – *Liquidambar styraciflua* 

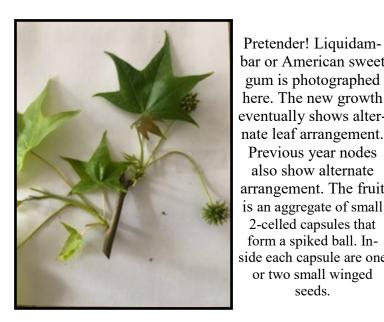
Tulip tree - *Liriodendron tulipifera* 

I walked across the street and snipped twigs from a liquidambar, a Japanese maple, a silver maple and a Norway maple variety. There are easy ways to distinguish between maples and the pretenders. When we group maples together, we are referring to Sapindaceae (syn. Aceraceae) or the maple family. Common family characteristics include opposite leaf arrangement and "samaras', the wind dispersed helicopter fruits. Very few trees have opposite arrangement of leaves. Plant ID nuts like myself use a mnemonic devise: "Mad Horses". That remind us that maples, ashes, dogwoods and horse chestnuts all have opposite leaf arrangement.

Those trees that look like maples with maple-like leaves have alternately arranged leaves. These trees do not have the maple fruit, samara, a pair of winged segments with two seeds. See photos below.



Pretender! This is a London plane tree (Platanus x hispanica). The leaves are alternate. The fruit is a collection of achenes, not a helicopter. I start coughing just looking at a Platanus.



bar or American sweet gum is photographed here. The new growth eventually shows alternate leaf arrangement. Previous year nodes also show alternate arrangement. The fruit is an aggregate of small 2-celled capsules that form a spiked ball. Inside each capsule are one or two small winged seeds.

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Japanese maple, *Acer palmatum*. Note the opposite leaf arrangement and the samara fruits.



Silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*) leaves, the underside of the leaf is much lighter. Note the opposite arrangement of leaves.



Crimson King maple (*Acer plat-anoides* 'Crimson King'). This is a good example of samaras. The leaf point narrows down to a filament, not visible here.

There are many true maples, with natural and forced hybrids. It becomes daunting to tell them apart. However, it would be wise to do so. Just recently Brad Adams, a professional turner, heard about a maple being removed. He was told it was a 'boring' silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*). Begrudgingly, he asked for just a piece of it as filler wood for a project of his. He went out to pick up the piece; the rest of the tree was chipped. It turned out to be a sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*). They are very rare in this Mediterranean climate. In Canada and eastern United States they are common. Genuine maple syrup comes from these trees, so does vibrant orange and yellow leaves in the fall. The wood is the best of all the maples.

## Part II of Sorting Out the Maples coming in July newsletter

# May Show & Tell





Charlie Saul-Completed carved bowl

Brad Adams-Bowl



Steve Griswold-Hollow form



Joel Albert-Platter & pens



Harry Levin-Bowl



Gary Bingham-Boxes

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May Show & Tell (cont.)





Mike Lanahan-Box

Rick Kalish-Press



Corwin Jones-Polyhedrons



Vern Stovall-Hollow forms



Bob Bean-Celtic pepper grinder

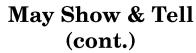




John Hile-Segmented rattles

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Michael Hackett-Segmented bowls



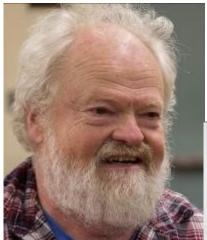
Steve Smyers-Hollow form



Martin Osborne-Spheres & bowl

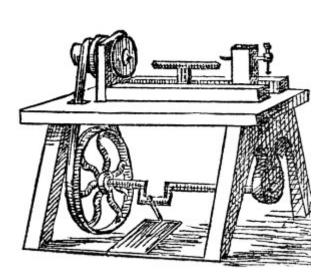


Bob Horn-Winged bowls





Bill Walzer-Winged bowl



#### Attention BAWA members who shop on Amazon.com

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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