

Bruin Country Woodturners

Charter / Mission / Operation Pitch

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Mission statement:

The Bruin Country Woodturners (BCW) will exist and function for the benefit of the students of Santa Clara High School and the students of the Santa Clara Unified School District Adult Education program for their education in the art and craft of woodturning. BCW shall operate as a volunteer organization with a 501(c)(3) charity organization registration, incorporated in California.

The problem

- SCHS Students: Students who take the pen-turning class do not have a formal way to further their knowledge and skills in woodturning while they are students at school.
- SCAE Students: After taking the few classes offered by the adult education program, the students want to further their skills in the art of woodturning. Currently they do not have access to equipment that will help them further their skills.

A close-up photograph of a person's hands, wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt, working on a piece of wood. The hands are holding a pencil and appear to be marking or measuring the wood. The background is blurred, showing some greenery and a red object. The text "The solution" is overlaid in white on the left side of the image.

The solution

Bruin Country Woodturners (BCW) will offer the programs necessary to solve the current problems faced by the students of SCHS & SCAE. BCW will operate as an independent 501(c)(3) charity organization, and as a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. BCW will use the SCHS facilities (lathe room & equipment) to achieve the results.

The team (Board of Directors)



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Past president of
Silicon Valley
Woodturners.
Instructor of
Woodturning at
SCHS & SCAE



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Past treasurer of
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Teacher at Santa
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School.



Member-at-Large
Rachael
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Enrichment
Supervisor at
Santa Clara
Unified School
District, Adult
Education.

Revenue model

Primary revenue for the organization will be through membership dues and donations. There will also be a fee charged for some programs like professional demos and some turn-n-learn sessions. If any type of grant is available from the government or private sector, we will avail it as well.

Membership model

- **Junior** : Anyone who is under 18 and is a student of SCHS. Dues: Free
- **Regular** : Current & former students of SCAE. Later this category will be expanded to accept members from the general public as well. Proposed dues - \$60 / year.
- **Family**: Any regular member who wants to add a child or significant other as a member. Proposed dues - \$80 / year.
- **Honorary**: At the discretion of the board. Dues - Free.

Use of Funds

The primary use of funds will be for equipment maintenance, buying tools, supplies, and instructional materials, maintenance of the website and other communication services (like SMS, Zoom etc.), audio/video equipment, remuneration for professional demos, workshops etc., and for social activities for the members like summer picnic, holiday party etc.

We will also use the funds to procure a decent insurance policy and fund the fees for many government filing requirements.

Why now?

Each year there are 120-130 SCHS students who learn spindle turning and make pens. Many of them want to further their turning skills. There are students who took the class in prior years who come and use the lathes during the tutorial and 7th periods. They have produced many exquisite turnings.

There are over 85 SCAE students (Jan-May 2023) who have enrolled in the Woodturning Intro class and many of them are in the bowl-turning class also. They have been eager to learn and do more woodturning. They do not have access to equipment. We project about 200 SCAE students (or even a conservative estimate of 80-100) each year who can potentially become paying members of Bruin Country Woodturners.

The Bruin Country Woodturners can offer guidance and add value to the education of all these students who are eager to further their skills.

Demography / Diversity

Make history by being the first club in the nation to make the art and craft of woodturning available to everyone.

Current AAW chapters in USA (~ 400 chapters)

- Mostly retired
- 97 % white males
- Owns a house
- Has a car garage converted to a woodshop with a lathe and other power tools.

Bruin Country Woodturners (projected)

- Mostly working
- Diverse ethnicity
- > 50% women (based on class registrations)
- Do not own lathes or power tools.

Dissolution

In the event the organization needs dissolution (end of life), the assets that belong to the corporation shall be transferred to the right parties as stipulated in article XV of the bylaws. Article XV of the bylaws reads:

Should the Corporation for any reason be dissolved, title to any property or equipment and such funds as are in the treasury shall be given to Santa Clara High School provided Santa Clara High School continues to have a program teaching the art and craft of wood turning at the said time. In other cases, such funds shall be given to one or more organizations or entities with similar or related purposes designated by the Board of Directors, provided that they have non-profit status as a 501(c) (3) organization.

Milestones

Note: The Milestones / ToDo list are maintained as a separate document that you can find on the website.