



Baltimore Area Turners



Thursday, February 9, 2006

Minutes for the Fourteenth Meeting of the Baltimore Area Wood Turners (BAT)

Chris Kuehn (President, BAT) started the meeting at 7pm.

17 members attended with 6 new faces in the crowd.
(Welcome Mike, Jeff, Larry, Rick, and Chris and Emily. Glad you found us!)

Business discussed: Changes to the meeting's content.

Chris proposed to change the meeting to devote more time for our excellent Show and Tell that has started to limit our demonstration time allotment. Chris suggested and the group approved that we alternate our Show and Tell with our Demonstrations monthly.

Other business discussed:

Eli Avisera will be featured at a class at Troy Beall's shop in Davidsonville (March 27) Fee \$120. See Chris for more info.
(Chris's email; coralhound@hotmail.com)

Congratulations to Chris Kuehn for winning the AAW Layered Bowl Contest.

Chris's entry can be seen on the AAW Web Page

http://www.woodturner.org/news/forum_turning_contest_results_winter_2005.htm

Great job Chris!

Several species of Wood and a Reciprocating Saw were donated to the club by members and were raffled off. I hope to see the Highly Figured Maple and the Sassafras log turn up as pieces on the Show and Tell table real soon. Total proceeds from the wood raffle go to BAT. A reminder to all, this is the second major way we get our funding after our dues.

Again this month the Show & Tell table had many great pieces.

Skip showed his Pear piece with the dyed rim and a Spalted Maple Bowl. (Remember Skip, "Spalt Happens")

Dean's pierced and airbrushed piece with the Binh Pho influence was right on. Keep them coming Dean!

Lou showed us a Boxelder closed form container with a Purple Heart lid. Lou said it started as a bowl but when he realized he was about to turn away the red figure, he made the design change and turned it into a closed form container. Great idea Lou. It would

have been a shame to turn away all of that great red color. Nice detail on the inside of the lid too!

David showed an inside out ornament that he turned. A Christmas tree design reveals itself after glue-up. Very nice design David. This one should prove very popular next Christmas. David also showed us the issue of Woodturning Design magazine that features his sharpening machine. This is the machine demoed for us at the October 2005 meeting . Great job David!

Scott showed us his “Mystical” Magic Wands. Scott says he knows they have magical powers since every one he makes seems to disappear. (Lucky nephew!) I’ll attest to their magical qualities too. As I was doing my “Abra Cadabra” imitation with one of them what should appear but Wayne with our new Lathe “Cabinet”. What a beauty Wayne! Wayne showed us all of the storage areas and drawers. The built in Vacuum Pump is a wonderful and unexpected addition thanks to Wayne’s brother. Absolutely fantastic work guys!

This month’s Demo was a Powerpoint Presentation by Keith Holt. Keith outlined in great detail how he creates his “Sphere within a Sphere”. Keith took us on a journey from his design inspiration to tool implementation! Keith guided us through his initial germ of an idea to turn a piece for a friend, through his selection of raw materials, and on to the hurdles of how to hold the piece, hollow , and return to hollow the inner sphere. These problems alone would have deterred most of us. Couple these with the task of making the tools, calipers, and sanding jigs to complete the piece and you get a true sense of how daunting this project must have been!

Thank you Keith for taking the time to put together this presentation for us and allowing us to share this experience with you.

Next month’s Demo: Mike Schwing suggested an anonymous critique to take place at our March meeting. This will also be an exchange so if you want to participate please bring in an unsigned piece in a brown bag (anonymous). Chris suggested placing 3m painters tape (blue tape) over your signature to obscure it if it is already signed. Place your work in the bag on the show and tell table so it can be numbered for the exchange. After the critique your piece will be “gifted” to one of the other participants.

Meeting ended at 9:00pm

February 2006 Activities

Baltimore Fine Craft Show (Featuring over 40 Wood Artists) February 24th thru 26th
www.craftcouncil.org/baltimore for more info.

“Art in Motion: Work by Siegfried Schreiber” At the Wood Turning Center, Philadelphia
February 3rd thru May 20th
<http://www.woodturningcenter.org/2006/Motion/index.html> for more info.