



Baltimore Area Turners



Thursday, July 13, 2006

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

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

20 Members attended the meeting.

Bill Smith gave an excellent demo on segmented woodturning. He also showed his shop made drum sander.

Chris had emailed members prior to the meeting to inform them that because of the demonstration there would not be a wood raffle so more time could be devoted to Bill's demo.

Here's Bill Smith's Bio from his webpage. (<http://www.smithart.us>)

I was born in 1947 and have resided primarily in rural Pennsylvania among the hardwood forests of the Northeast. I have worked with wood most of my life but have focused on woodturning since 1994.

I find great appeal in the regimentation and geometrical patterns afforded by segmented construction. I use simple clean shapes in much of my work so as not to detract from these patterns. I am particularly fond of the interplay of light and shadows when viewing my open segmented work under single source lighting. In the last several years I have developed a heightened sense of the natural world around me. Much of my latest work reflects this by the use of organic forms, texturing and non-symmetrical shapes.

Most of my art is not intended to make statements about myself or my world. I focus upon creating objects that are satisfying to hold, view and feel. If you enjoy experiencing my work then I have succeeded.

I teach workshops on segmented turnings and have conducted demonstrations at the local level, regional level and at the national convention of the American Association of Woodturners. I authored the book *Segmented Wood Turning* in order to share my process with other wood artists.

Thanks for a great presentation Bill!

Upcoming Events:

BAT Meeting August 9 at the Towson Woodcraft . Show and Tell night.

Bring your latest turnings to share with the group!

Meeting ended at 9:00pm

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