

Echoes from the "BAT" Cave

Baltimore Area Turners



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Show and tell

A wonderful show and tell was had by all. Keith Holt, Dean Swaggart, Jim Oliver, David Smith, Frank Wheeler, Edwards Smith, Dave Maidt, Soma Jobbagy, and Larry Zeafla all presented their best and their problem pieces.

Keith presented a Paulownia [generic flying disc], Silver Maple HF, and a walnut NE bowl in progress. Dean showed a walnut platter with bleached and decorated rim (see upper right) and an intricately burned and dyed patterned box. Jim held up his broken finger and presented a Bradford Pear bowl treated with Ferrous Sulfate which rendered a verdigris color. He also showed a large ash bowl from a log which had been infested with Banded

Ash Borer. Dave Smith showed a spindle piece inlaid with nutmeg! Frank showed a Box Elder Box with bloodwood finial and showed his finial jig. Edwards showed an Ambrosia Maple bowl which developed a scalloped edge after an accident. Good save! Dave Maidt showed a segmented bowl and a router decorated winged bowl. Wunderkind Soma showed a Padouk Box and a tiny Bokote box which contained a 10mm three-ringed goblet. Larry showed his first bowl.

Discussions included preserving the light color of green walnut sapwood, dealing with tear-out, how to mount a piece—chuck vs glue block/face plate.



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Naked Turner Bares All



Raymond Overton (left) graced our meeting with his presence. (See Story on Page 2.)

VP Lou Rudinski's Decorated Bowl (right) won 'Juror's Choice' at the Chesapeake Woodturner's display at Montpelier Mansion this month.

Kudos



Naked Turner Bares All

Dressed in T-shirt and jeans, Raymond Overman exuded southern charm as he told us of his philosophy of turning, his inspirations, and some of his sales techniques.

He was introduced to turning by a friend of his father. Literally following the advice of Napoleon Hill, “Start where you stand, and work with whatever tools you may have at your command, and better tools will be found as you go along,” he turned his first piece, an end-grain bowl of spalted pear, by turning the outside with a roughing gouge and hollowing the inside with a skew. He has soldiered on with his classic Delta lathe, acquiring better tools and skills and producing ever-more sophisticated creations which he chronicles on his blog, the Naked Wood Turner. He says he is not worried about getting a specific grind angle on his gouges, but is more concerned with what feels right and what produces the desired results.

Both he and his father, also a turner, make good use of found wood near their home near Charlotte, NC. He finances his addiction by selling at two craft shows a year. The pieces he produces in his 8’x10’ shop demonstrate proficient turning coupled with imaginative carving and texturing, as exemplified by the whimsical teapot pictured on this page. He draws inspiration from all art forms – attends craft fairs, galleries, and surfs the net looking at glass and ceramics as well as wooden objects. His blog has links to numerous on-line galleries of such objects, as well as an excellent NE bowl tutorial, a video of bowl turning, and even a webcam.

He says he tends to turn items in series – exploring multiple variations on a theme. He showed us his stock-in-trade, a lidded box with finial called a “Diamond Box.” which he turns in multiple sizes to accommodate M’Lady’s diamond jewelry collection, regardless of how endowed it might be.

In a nutshell:

Home: Fort Mill, South Carolina

Home Club: Charlotte Woodturner’s Club (www.charlottewoodturners.org)

Day job: IT

Lathe: 1954 Delta Rockwell with 11” swing—upgraded with 1 HP AC VS Drive

Favorite wood: Free—especially fruit wood—cherry, walnut, peach, Bradford pear, as well as maple, hickory, pecan, oak

Website: www.nakedwoodturner.com

www.overmanshop.com



Right: Raymond Overman addresses BAT.

Lower Right: Diamond Box

Below: Teapot (reproduced with permission)



Club Discounts

Towson Woodcraft: 10% discount to BAT members on meeting nights from 5:00 PM to 9:30 PM. Membership card will not be required and the register will remain open throughout and 1/2 hour after the meeting. (As President Wayne Kuhn said, "Please remember that they let us use their classroom at no cost to us and are paying a staff member to stay there during our meeting. Should you decide to shop elsewhere that is your choice but I encourage everyone to continue to support the Towson Woodcraft Store.")

World of Hardwoods: 7519 Railroad Avenue, Harmans, MD 21007 (near BWI): 10% discount on wood.
Website: www.worldofhardwoods.com. (Link is on BAT website)

Craft Supplies USA has monthly Club Discounts. March discount—10% off all abrasives. Club orders (\$1000 minimum) receive 13% off everything except lathes and free shipping.
Website: www.woodturnerscatalog.com (Link is on BAT website)

The BAT Card: Don't leave home without it.

Websites

Websites of interest:

Like to talk turning? BAT is a great resource but if you need more, try some of the following discussion groups:

Turnit: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/turnit> (membership limited to members of Maryland turning clubs)

Sawmill Creek: www.sawmillcreek.org

WoodCentral: www.woodcentral.com

Links to all are on the BAT website.

Tips and Tricks

Problems with tear-out? Try: sharper tools, higher speed, and, if still tearing out, wetting wood with water or finish. – Lou Rudinski

Inexpensive oil finish – Mix 1 gallon of Boiled Linseed Oil and 1 gallon of mineral spirits with 1 qt of clear varnish in a 5 gallon bucket. Dip or soak pieces. – Raymond Overman (adapted from recipe of Russ Fairfield on Woodcentral.)

Do you have a tip?

Have your tips and tricks published in Echos from the BAT Cave

Submit them to:

Admin@baltimoreareeturners.org

Raffle



Some of the wood raffled off in March meeting, including large slab of walnut donated by World Of Hardwoods.

Treasury

Treasurer's Report

1/31/07 Balance:	\$1,581.75
Additions:	
Dues:	\$40.00
February Raffle:	\$78.00
Lathe Raffle:	\$335.00
Expenses:	(none)
2/28/07 Balance:	\$2,035.75

Baltimore Area Turners

Baltimore Area Turners meets every month on the second Wednesday of the month at the Greater Baltimore Woodcraft Store at

1125 Cromwell Bridge Road
Towson, MD 21286

Next meeting:

April 11, 2007 at 7:00 PM

Demo: Vacuum Chucking