

Echoes from the "BAT" Cave

Baltimore Area Turners

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Board Update



Susan Shane was appointed to the new position of Marketing and Advertising Chair.



Attendees of the November meeting re-elected all 2007 officers to continue to serve in 2008.

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2007-8 Officers

President

Wayne Kuhn

Vice President

Lou Rudinski

Treasurer

David Reed Smith

Secretary / Newsletter Editor

Richard Dietrich

Webmaster

John Meyer

Librarian

William Henry

Marketing and Advertising

Susan Shane

Raffle



A portion of the November Raffle cache.



Brandon Newman draws first winning ticket.

Raffled were pieces of green and dry cherry, yew, maple, canary wood, maple, walnut, and mahogany. Lyle Jamieson donated the kitchen caddy he turned at last month's demo. Woodcraft donated a Senco Power Plus 6-in-1 Jump Start System. Brandon Newman, who distinguished himself during Pen Turning For the Troops, drew the first winning ticket



Show and Tell



BAT members have been busy as beavers turning a plethora of items using a wide variety of techniques.



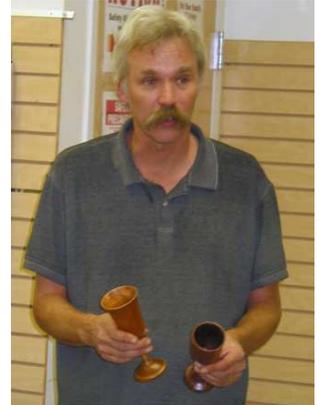
Wayne Kuhn shows a set of colored pencils of various woods.



Edwards Smith shows big bowl.



Dave Smith explains deluxe donut chuck.



Scott Tatino shows goblets.



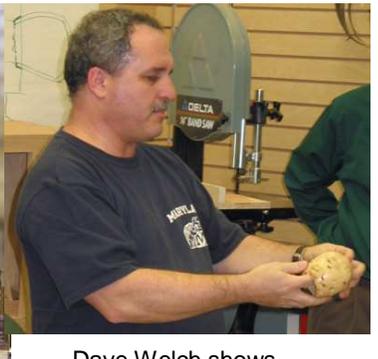
Bob Rupp showed a cedar box with an intricate lattice top. (Pictured in photo at top.)



Gerry Meekins showed mushrooms and textured boxes.



Don Bonsall shows Chess Set.



Dave Welch shows buggy hollow form.

Wayne Kuhn – Maple Bowl, set of colored pencils; **D. Edwards Smith** told the story of the “Broadway Maple,” a large dying silver maple from which he got 35 bowl blanks of various colors and composition. He showed several bowls with voids filled in with Inlaid inlay. **David Smith** – wine rack with turned ridges, donut chuck with speed nuts, insert and post for reverse-turning NE bowls; **Scott Tatina** – goblets; **Bob**

Rupp – Cedar Box with lattice top; **Gerry Meekins** – Bradford Pear mushrooms, spalted maple box with cherry top, cherry box with textured walnut top; **Don Bonsall** – Spalted Maple urn, turned chess set; **David Welch** – Cedar Round bottom HF, Pecan HF with bug holes; **Steve Lane** – Multi-center bowls inspired by last month’s demo; **Chris Kuehn** – Curly maple tool set à la Lie Nieson with screw driver set and countersink, Bradford pear mushrooms; **Rick Dietrich** – segmented clock; **Jim**

Oliver – Beech bowl stabilized with Polycryl, Bowls inlaid with ground soap stone, cup with side inlaid with mixture of Epoxy 330 and copper powder, and numerous examples of inlay experiments with materials ranging from ground stone to sawdust mixed with epoxy; **Ted Rein** – finial boxes of apple and blackwood inspired by Cindy Drozda; **John Meyer** – Cherry Box; **Ernie Grim** – segmented pen.

Show and Tell



Maple Bowl with Turquoise Inlaid



Turned Chess Set



Segmented Clock Ring



Steve Lane shows multi-center Bowls.



Chris Kuehn shows turned tools



Jim Oliver shows bowl.



Ted Rein shows finial boxes.

Second Raffle

The raffle for Cindy Drozda's wonderful finial box (pictured below) was won by Ted Rein. Ted's boxes already show strong influence of Cindy's technique. We hope the box will inspire him to even greater heights. Congratulations, Ted!



Rick Dietrich shows back of segmented clock.



Ernie Grim shows segmented pen.



John Meyer showed cherry box. (File photo)

Sources

Chris Kuehn's multi-tip screwdriver was made with the Wera Hex Drive Bit Set. This is available from a number of sources, including MSC (www1.mscdirect.com) where the item number is 02091841 and the price is \$10.09. Compare this with Lie-Nielsen's Multi-tip Screwdriver available with a curly maple handle for \$45.

Jim Oliver's Beech bowl was stabilized with Polycryl. This is an acrylic polymer which soaks into the punky wood. It is available at Packard Woodworks (www.packardwoodworks.com) where the item number is 128620 and the price is \$13.95 for one quart of the concentrate.

BAT Pen Turning Demo



Mike Lang discusses Choosing the Pen Kit.

Mike carefully drills Tulipwood blank. Wayne Kuhn turns Rosewood pen.



Wayne sands pen barrel.

Mike finishes pen barrel.

David Welch and Wayne admire Susan Shane's turned acrylic pen.

On December 1, BAT turners participated in a step-by-step demonstration of pen turning at the Towson Woodcraft Store. To a standing room only crowd, Wayne Kuhn and Mike Lang each made pens from start to finish. During the morning session, Wayne made a Slimline pen with a formed finger grip out of rosewood. Mike made a Cigar pen out of a beautiful piece of tulipwood. The pens were raffled off to audience members at the end of the session.

The presentation was divided into stations: 1) Choosing the kit, 2) Cutting & Drilling the blank, 3) Glue up of tubes, 4) Milling & finishing, 5) Assembly. Wayne and Mike seasoned their presentations with numerous tips and tricks and were assisted by David Welch and Susan Shane who gave insights into some of the finer points of pen turning. Susan and Mike also brought portfolios of their pens to display and discuss.

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:

December 12, 2007 at 7:00 PM

Agenda: Holiday Party. Refreshments and lathes will be available. Bring your raffle donations. Members will each get a free raffle ticket.

New Board Member: Susan Shane



Susan Shane shares her list.

Susan Shane is the new Marketing and Advertising Chair. Her role is to improve the visibility of and heighten the profile of BAT. To this end, she presented a list of suggestions at the November meeting including:

- 1) develop professionally produced BAT brochure and business cards
- 2) solicit companies to donate items for raffles – thanks on website
- 3) Embroidered shirts/sweatshirts/smocks/hats/badges
- 4) BAT Catch phrase
- 5) Field trips to other clubs' meetings or museums
- 6) Bring a friend night
- 7) ID cards for members to be worn at meetings so everybody knows everybody else
- 8) Bulk purchase ability – abrasives, glue, finishes
- 9) Classified section on website
- 10) Info on website on how to become member
- 11) Advertising in local stores / City Paper / Craig's List
- 12) Member shows – yearly woodworking show
- 13) Rent booth at Timonium Home and Hardware Show – she will form a committee
- 14) Calendar of events on website
- 15) Holiday Party
- 16) Recognition – award for outstanding contribution to BAT.

To express her appreciation for support of the group, she gave each member a Retractable Pencil Pull.

If you are interested in participating in any of these activities or have other ideas, contact Susan at our next meeting.

Board Re-elected By Acclimation

All 2007 members of the BAT board agreed to serve in their positions for another term. No other members expressed interest in running for any office during the last two meetings. BAT voted in the board by acclimation. Officers will serve until December, 2008.

Woodcraft Donation Project

Woodcraft donated a Senco Power Plus 6-in-1 Jump Start System to the BAT raffle. This is a new product for the store. They will continue to donate new products to the raffle but request that the winner deliver a brief 10-minute review at a later meeting. The winner of the Jump Start System agreed to prepare a review.

Announcements

American Association of Woodturners: AAW 2008 Symposium will be held 6/20 through 6/22/08 in Richmond, VA. Cost of attending has not been announced but the 2007 cost for early registrants was \$275 for AAW members and \$320 for non-members.

If we can sign up 5 new members, we can get a free admission to the symposium. If you're not a member, consider it strongly. Detailed information on membership is available at their website: www.woodturner.org

Video Equipment: BAT will apply for AAW grant to assist in purchase of video equipment for demonstrations. Gerry Meekins has agreed to draft a specification list of equipment needed.