

Echoes from the "BAT" Cave

Baltimore Area Turners



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outlines plans for 2009**



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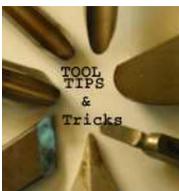
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New President Takes Over

Bill Henry took over as BAT's new president in February and kicked off the meeting with his outline for the coming year. He detailed each board member's duties as well as added some new committee chairs.

The new committee chairs are as follows.

Video & Audio Operations - David Welch

Meeting host - Steve Lane

Asst. Video & Audio operations - Rob Copeland

Asst. Meeting host -

Discount Chairperson - Chuck Aaron

Assistant Webmaster -David Welch

Baltimore Area Turners would like to thank these volunteers for stepping up and donating their time. These additional volunteers will be a great addition to our monthly meetings, as well as a great help to the board and the Woodcraft staff in getting set up for our meetings each month.

Bill also discussed the fact that we will be needing more space for our meetings. He is in discussions with the management of Woodcraft to be sure they can accommodate our future growth.

Discounts were announced by Chuck Aaron. Hartville Tool will offer discounts to individuals. If you are interested please see Chuck at the March meeting. Craft Supplies offers a discount on volume purchases by the club. Again, see Chuck if you are interested.

Bill also briefly touched on some items for the future such as a wireless public address system to complement our video set up, a summer picnic-style event and demonstrations at public events and shows.

Editorial

Bill Henry voluntarily stepped up to take on the position of President for The Baltimore Area Turners. He is off to a good start. Please continue to support him by accepting volunteer positions as they arise. By volunteering you can help spread out the load from a few individuals to many. This will enable BAT to be the organization that all the others look up to. We are a great group of people with a lot to offer each other as well as the community of artists and crafts people out there.

Please, please, step forward, your ideas are not old, or silly. Should you have an idea for a demo, fundraiser, display, or other event, please come forward. Your thoughts will be heard and taken into consideration and possibly develop into something great. So why not offer your skills, ideas and talent to the community and help BAT become the woodturning club everyone would like to be a part of.

VP Keith Holt lines up demonstrators

Our new Vice President Keith Holt has jumped into his position with both feet. He not only put together a demonstration in one month but at the same time lined up three demonstrators for future BAT meetings as follows:

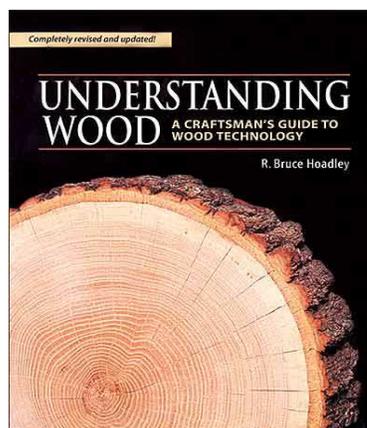
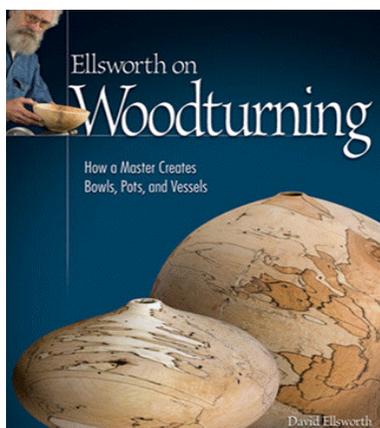
April - Jeff Turi will do a demo on what is a good form and how to make it. He is the president of the First State Wood Turners.

June - Andy DePietro will be doing his demo on vessel form and how he hollows a piece. Andy is a member and past President of the DelVal Club. His pieces are sold in Galleries in New Jersey and in the Turning Center in Philadelphia.

August - Derek Weidman. This demo will be going over multi axis turning and maybe carving. He is quickly becoming one of the top turners in the US. His work has been in many of the AAW exhibits. Look for his article in the next AAW Journal.

Great job Keith!

This Month's Demo— The Final Cut by Keith Holt



Keith started his demo with two book recommendations; the new David Ellsworth Book, *Ellsworth on Woodturning* as well as *Understanding Wood*, by Bruce Hoadley.



Keith explains the types of grinds he uses for his finishing cuts. The photo on the right is a spindle gouge with a free hand fingernail grind. The photo on the left is an Ellsworth bowl gouge with the grind sharpened with the Wolverine system. To get the fine tear-out free finishing cuts, sharp tools are a must.



Keith then showed us a finish we are all too familiar with.



Keith then showed us a number of techniques to reduce tear-out.



One of Keith's techniques was to use a card scraper. It was noted to **only use this on the outside of the bowl.**



Keith shared his time with Dave Smith, who showed off his homemade scraper.



A brave visitor takes a lesson from Dave.

Unfortunately photos of the final cuts Keith and Dave made are not available, however all that were present can attest to the fact that they were as smooth as 150-220- grit sandpaper without a hint of tear out.

Everyone present also went home with some great ideas and techniques to try on their own pieces. Many thanks to Keith and Dave.

March Auction

It was decided the club's lathe cabinet was unneeded and taking up valuable space at Woodcraft. BAT will be auctioning off the lathe cabinet (***without the lathe or vacuum pump***) at the March meeting

The lathe and vacuum pump will be removed and mounted on a more portable stand for remote demos. If you are interested, plan to attend the March meeting. The cabinet will be available for inspection at the March meeting.

Bat Lathe Stand– Dimensions are approximately:

Top -24" x 52" x 1 1/2"

Base- 18" x 46" x 28 1/2"

Base and top are cherry plywood with solid cherry trim. Top is removable.

Cabinet locks with a combination lock.

Drawers lock with a key located inside cabinet.

Note- retractable casters are included however they do NOT work with this application. They are designed for legs that splay outward.



Monthly Raffle

Pictured are a few of the items raffled in February: A variety of pen blanks, various pieces of wood, some large oak logs (not shown), a face shield duster, as well as other objects useful to wood turners. Woodcraft also donated a pair of gloves and a tool sharpener. Thanks to Woodcraft and all members who donated items for the February raffle.

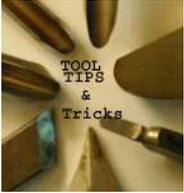


Logo Election

After many months, we are about to embark on an election for the new BAT logo. The old logo was very inspired and well designed; however, it did not lend itself well to engraving and embroidery, it just had too much detail. Susan Shane, BAT's Marketing and Advertising Director took the task to heart and begged and pleaded with members to design a new logo. We received submissions and were ready to vote when some last minute entries wanted to participate. The group voted to hold off until March for all submissions to be considered. During the March meeting a vote will be held to decide on the new logo. All submissions can be viewed here: <http://www.baltimoreareeturners.org/resources.htm>

Please review them prior to the meeting and be ready to vote for your favorite.

Tool Tips & Tricks



Here is a great way to keep your face-shield dust and fog free.

Just collect the gently used dryer sheets from your dryer after each load. Stack them together, turn a small knob (optional). Wrap the stacked dryer sheets around the knob and attach with a zip tie or other suitable means.

Cut the dryer sheets two or three times to create strips and you are done. This will remove the dust, static and help reduce fogging with regular use. Cheap, simple and effective.

Submitted by Wayne Kuhn



If you have tip, trick or technique you would like to share, please send an e-mail to admin@baltimoreareeturners.org. Attach your photos and text. The editor can help format your photos and text for the newsletter. *Please don't be shy.*

Announcements

Upcoming demo in April—**Jeff Turi** from Delaware on what is good form and how to make it



Jeff Turi, president of the First State Woodturners Club, works a lathe in his Wilmington studio. Photograph by Todd Vachon

Baltimore Area Turners

Baltimore Area Turners meets on the second Wednesday of every month at the Greater Baltimore Woodcraft Store at
1125 Cromwell Bridge Road
Towson, MD 21286

Next meeting:

March 11, 2009 at 7:00 PM

Agenda: Business, Raffle, Show and Tell

Annual dues are \$20.00