

# Echos From the “BAT” Cave

Baltimore Area Turners



## SUMMER SHOW & TELL



Flanked by Show & Tell and Raffle items, BAT President Yaakov Bar Am calls the July meeting to order (*above*). Six folks participated in the President's challenge and there were amazing things presented at Show and Tell (*below*).

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The three challenged platters



Louie Harris shows his pierced platter.



John Fisher shows his massive piercing.

## PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

Challenge #3 was:

Turn a platter 6" or larger - pierce and color the surface with something you wouldn't ordinarily use.

There were three entries to the challenge and some catch-up entries to prior challenges

**Louis Harris** showed a Red Oak platter made from a 1" thick disc. It was colored with [Transtint](#) and pierced with four holes.

**Richard Dietrich** showed an Ash tray, piercings colored with aniline dye.

**John Fisher** showed a terminally pierced Maple platter dyed with cake icing dye. The dye is water based and was applied with a toothpick.

**Ron Ford** showed two Cherry goblets and a lidded box made from Maple, Rosewood, and Red Heart finished with Eddie Castelin's OB Shine Juice

**Wayne Kuhn** showed a Maple/Walnut/Osage/Bamboo Flooring lidded box lined with rigid felt.

It was good to see more and more participants in the Susan Shane Memorial Ironman Challenge.



Ron Ford shows the inside of his three-wood lidded box.



Wayne Kuhn shows his four-wood box



Hal Metlitzky's bowl  
> 4000 pieces!



Curt Theobald's  
giant piece



Binh Pho's latest  
opus.

## AAW SYMPOSIUM REPORT



Don Keefer (left) and Keith Holt (right) pose  
with their Currents pieces in Tampa.



Bob Pegram's turning grandson, Jackson.

Several BAT members attended the recent AAW Symposium in Tampa, FL.

**Don Keefer** and **Keith Holt** had pieces in the Currents collection.

Don was kind enough to send in some photos he took with his phone. Even at low resolution, these are wonders to behold.

**Bob Pegram** gives his personal take of the show below as well as previews of coming attractions.

Photos above by Don Keefer; below by Bob Pegram

by Bob Pegram

The AAW Symposium was in Tampa this year. My son-in-law, Chris Cyvas and grandson Jackson went with me. (For the past several years I have been teaching the grand kids to turn, Chris got interested and bought a lathe and now turns, too.) The symposium is a great place to learn with about 90 demos going on over three days. It also has an instant gallery with turnings from the best in the world. You can study them and take photos for later use. The AAW is about education and promoting wood turning. I always learn new ways of doing things and come away with renewed inspiration. This was the 9th year the AAW has had turning classes for young people 10 to 18, they had about 50 kids taking lessons with a lot of volunteer instructors to help out. My grandson took several classes. On Sunday, after the symposium was over, they had a drawing and gave away 25 Jet mini lathes and stands, Crown tools turning tools, Teknatooll chucks, Woodcraft face shields, two Easy Wood turning tools, every thing you needed to turn. My grandson got one and was one very happy 10 year old kid, and couldn't wait to get it home to Cleveland, Ohio and start turning.

I got to talk to Cindy Dzroda about her demo and class coming up in Oct. She is looking forward to coming to Baltimore and teaching us how she does the fabulous finials. I talked to Dale Larson, the president of AAW, about having the symposium in Baltimore, he said they wanted to have one here but the convention center turned them down. They said the symposium was too small for them to host. Jeffrey Bernstein and Judy Chernoff were active there on several panels. Warren Carpenter gave a great demo called What's in the Crotch of a tree. He will be doing a demo for us next March. He comes to the ACC show in Baltimore, see his work at [woodbywarren.com](http://woodbywarren.com). I think all wood turners should be a member of the AAW. They have a lot to offer.



Don Keefer contrasts his two gradient vases.



David Smith shows his maple and Bondo decorated sphere.



Larry Maccherone explains his staved keg.



Roland Shepard stands by his Bokote bowl.



Pat Amtmann shows her salt mill.

## SHOW AND TELL

**Louis Harris** showed Red Oak and Maple platters dyed with Transtint. He also showed a spalted Maple bowl on which he had tested three tools for turning the bottom: a 1/2" [bowl gouge](#) was hard to control; a [bowl scraper](#) produced lots of tear-out; a [Hunter tool](#) produced an excellent finish but the best of all was the [Sorby Ultima tool](#), which produced shavings so long they clogged the intake port of his shop vac.

**Don Keefer** showed a second gradient vase of Red Heart and Purple Heart. He also showed a Purple Heart carved slot vase lined with gold leaf.

**David Smith** showed a Walnut sphere with Maple cutouts and black tinted Bondo filler. He also showed a One-Way type live center on which he had reamed out the front end of the shaft with a [Taper Pin reamer](#) so it would accept [Tapered Dowel Pin stock](#). He showed a large number of tapered pins cut with different types of points or cup centers. He assured alignment of pin to center shaft by filing a notch on the receiver and marking the taper pin with a center punch. He also threaded the hole in the Morse taper to hold a drawbar.

**Larry Maccherone** showed a Pine staved keg hollowed with a 1/2" bowl gouge with painted raised bands which looked authentically metallic. It is designed to hold a bag of wine with the spigot held in an opening in the front.

**Roland Shepard** showed a lovely bowl of Bokote. He had picked up the blank at a flea market for a song.

**Pat Amtman** showed a Walnut pepper grinder with a knot stabilized with CA, and a Maple salt mill. She asked for advice in picking a water-resistant food-safe finish.

**Jim Oliver** showed an Osage bud vase dyed with a dilute solution of black dye and resanded to expose the prominent grain. He showed an Ash bowl treated the same way. The technique emphasized the grain but also the tool marks. Finally, he showed a Laburnum box.

**Dave Maidt** showed a Cherry burl and asked for advice on how to approach it for turning.

**Clark Bixler** showed two flat pieces - one burned and one Kol Rosed - and a NE Osage square bowl.



Jim Oliver explains his stained Ash bowl.



Dave Maidt ponders a Cherry burl.



Clark Bixler shows his NE Osage square bowl.

## MORE SHOW AND TELL



Larry Maccherone's wine keg - with the look of real metal



Clark Bixler's Kol Rosed Choo Choo



## SOME OF WHAT WAS SHOWN

*(Clockwise from above)*

David Smith - Walnut, Maple and Bondo sphere  
Don Keefer - Red Heart and Purple Heart gradient vase

Jim Oliver - Dyed Osage and Ash vessels  
Clark Bixler - Pyrographic scene

Zoom in on these photos to see the exquisite detail.





## RAFFLE NEWS

Red Oak, Walnut, Cedar and Maple blanks, Bowling Ball slices, Holly, Cherry, and Mulberry splits, Dogwood, Chestnut, Apple and Holly logs, and an ASA socket set were donated by BAT members to the July raffle. Thanks to all!

## BALTIMORE AREA TURNERS

Baltimore Area Turners meets every month on the second Wednesday of the month at the Boumi Temple

5050 King Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21237-3325

Next meeting:  
August 18, 2013 at 12:00 Noon

Agenda:  
Summer Picnic - Food, Bocci, Turning, Raffle  
Special Acrylic Pen Raffle

## SUSAN SHANE MEMORIAL IRONMAN COMPETITION

Here are the current standings (in alphabetical order):

		Goblets	3wd Box	Platter	Points
Richard	Dietrich	x	x	x	3
John	Fisher			x	1
Ron	Ford	x	x		2
Louis	Harris	x	x	x	3
Wayne	Kuhn	x	x		2
Jim	Oliver		x		1
Bob	Rupp		x		1
Roland	Shepard	x	x		2
David	Smith	x	x		2

(The term 'Ironman' is not intended to imply that participation has anything to do with gender. As Susan would have said, "Women can be Ironmen, too.")

## PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGES

You know about Challenge #4:

**August** – Turn a pair of Bocci balls - 4 to 4 1/2" diameter spheres.

Here are some previews of BAT President Yaakov Bar Am's fifth and sixth President's Challenges:

**September** - Turn a square-edged platter with a natural edge cup in the center.

(Helpful Videos: Go on You-Tube, Search for Rex Guinn, scroll down on his page to "Square Edge Bowl Turning 1-5") [Google would not allow linking to the videos.]

**December** - Turn a lidded box with a 3" or larger fabulous finial.

([Cindy Drozda](#) will visit BAT in October to show you how to make your finials fabulous.)