

Echos From the "BAT" Cave

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BAT WHOOPS IT UP!



In December BAT hosted the annual holiday party: Good food, good company, and a gift exchange. Members and spouses (*above*) relaxed a bit after feasting. Louis Harris (*below*), one of six Ironman Challenge winners, checked out the competition.

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HOLIDAY PARTY

The 2016 BAT Holiday party was a feast for the eyes and the palate. For the main course, provided by the club, there were beef, ham, and turkey sandwiches on rolls, pitas, and bread squares. There were cheeses, pickles, tomatoes, pepperoncini and condiments as well as potato and macaroni salads and chips.

(Clockwise from upper left) BAT members debate the best tool for cutting an apple pie; starting to dig into the array of sandwiches and other savory goodies; the dessert table. No one went away hungry.

BAT members stocked the dessert table with innumerable goodies: French Apple torte, American Apple pie, hand made chocolates, brownies, cakes and cookies of all sorts.

Plenty for all.

There were two door prizes - \$50 gift certificates to Craft Supplies USA.

Eight BAT members brought in items for the gift exchange.

Members brought in their completed entries to the Susan Shane Memorial Ironman Challenge. As the originator of the BAT Presidential Challenge, Susan would have been thrilled by the response to the 2016 challenge.



2016 SUSAN SHANE MEMORIAL IRONMAN CHALLENGE

Ron Ford showed a segmented ornament of Holly, Bloodwood and Walnut. **Richard Dietrich** showed a board bowl made from a Yellow Pine stair tread, Box Elder and Wood7 salt and pepper shakers, and three Silk Oak and Zebra-wood birdhouse ornaments. **Steve Langrall** showed a pair of Zebra-wood shakers, Cypress ornaments, a Poplar apple, a Walnut whistle, and a staved Cypress and 2x4 board bowl. **Ken Leister** showed Maple and painted Pine shakers, and three ornaments: a Sapele and Wenge satellite, an Osage Christmas tree, and a Sapele bell. **Louis Harris** showed several lightbulb ornaments and birdhouse ornaments. **Greg Ham** showed a Maple snowman ornament and Walnut and Tanwood Christmas trees. **Bob Sobczak** showed a Walnut inside-out snowman ornament.

All told, six BAT members successfully completed the 2016 Susan Shane Memorial President's Challenge: **Richard Dietrich, Ron Ford, Louis Harris, Steve Langrall, Ken Leister,** and **Bob Sobczak**. Thanks to all who participated.

Most participants reported that the challenges pushed them into areas of turning they had never expected to do. New techniques and skills were tested and creative muscles were exercised. Our new President, Clark Bixler, is already working on the challenges for 2017.

Fourteen BAT members entered projects in the 2016 Ironman Challenge. Thanks to all!

The 2017 Challenge starts soon - give it a try!



Some of the entries in the Susan Shane Memorial Iron Man Challenge

2016 Susan Shane Memorial Iron Man Challenge

		Handle Pear	Apple/ Bowl	Board	Whistle	Shakers	Ornament
Chuck	Cohen			x	x		x
Richard	Dietrich	x	x	x	x	x	x
Ron	Ford	x	x	x	x	x	x
Greg	Ham	x	x		x		x
Louis	Harris	x	x	x	x	x	x
Don	Keefer			x			
Wayne	Kuhn	x					
Steve	Langrall	x	x	x	x	x	x
Ken	Leister	x	x	x	x	x	x
Bill	Marr				x		
Bob	Rupp	x		x	x		
David	Smith				x		
Bob	Sobczak	x	x	x	x	x	x
Charles	Stackhouse	x	x	x			

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IRON MAN CHALLENGE

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The winning entries brought in for display.

2016 - A GOOD YEAR FOR BAT

BAT had a busy year in 2016. We demonstrated at the Timonium and ACC shows, had numerous demos by world-class turners, hands-on sessions with skew and spindle gouge, several show and tell sessions, and helped sponsor the first Mid-Atlantic Wood Turning Symposium.



January - Ted Rein demonstrated spindle turning at the Timonium Woodworking Show



January - BAT members, such as Ron Ford, showed their favorite jigs.



February - Joe Kramer showed the secrets of making a bowl from a board

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February - Stephen Jones cleared the way for ACC visitors to see Pete Johnson's turning demo.



March - BAT built a new storage room at Boumi.



March - Louis Harris lead the group in hands-on practice with the dreaded skew chisel.



April - David Ellsworth came to BAT to share his decades of experience. All were left in awe.



May - Louis Harris walked BAT through the intricacies of spindle turning with a hands-on demo.



June - Show and tell brought oodles of items.



July - Jeanne Ureno gave an excellent demonstration of surface embellishment with pyrography and tinting.



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(Clockwise from above) **August** - BAT held its annual summer picnic; **September** - Barry Gross showed how he makes his famous cast acrylic pens; **October** - Doug Thompson taught BAT the ins and outs of making his excellent tools, demonstrated sharpening, and sold a boat load of tools; **November** - Don Keefer and Ron Ford gave a tag-team demonstration of segmented wood-turning.



BALTIMORE AREA TURNERS

Baltimore Area Turners meets every month on the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be held at the Boumi Temple at

5050 King Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21237-3325

Next meeting:
January 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Agenda: Show and tell. Bring in your triumphs and fails to share with BAT



RAFFLE NEWS

There was no raffle at the December meeting. Please bring raffle items to the January meeting.

COMING UP

Don't forget - BAT Annual dues of \$25 are due in January.

The first Presidential Challenge for the 2017 Susan Shane Memorial Iron Man Challenge is:

- Turn an elliptical object. Examples:
 - Novice: French style Rolling Pin with rounded ends
 - Intermediate: Elliptical lidded box - with or without finials or stand
 - Advanced: something turned on an elliptical chuck (i.e., pendant or oval picture frame)