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IRONMAN AND SHOW



BAT members brought in oodles of items to Show and Tell about (*above: a sampling of the wide variety of items presented.*)

There was also a Special Raffle of the Pecan crotch bowl which had lost its center at the March demo. Warren Carpenter took it home, completed it, and sent it to BAT (*below*). Thanks, Warren.

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Entries in the Presidential Challenge



Bob Pegram shows his three-winged bowl

IRONMAN CHALLENGE

April brought another good response to the Presidential challenge, the second in this year's Susan Shane Memorial Ironman Challenge.

There was one make-up entry to the first challenge: **Larry Maccherone** made a Maple ball and cup toy with a special way of winning.

There were seven entries to the second challenge: **Richard Dietrich** made a Dogwood winged crotch bowl
Bob Pegram made a 3-winged Holly bowl and a large Cherry bowl

Ron Ford showed a Dogwood bowl (Continued on Page 3)



Ron Ford kept the bark on his Dogwood bowl



Richard Dietrich points out a knot on his Dogwood bowl



Larry Maccherone discusses his Red Oak bowl

Susan Shane Memorial Iron Man Challenge Standings (Listed in alphabetical order)

		Ball/Cup	WingCrotch	Total
Clark	Bixler	x		1
Richard	Dietrich	x	x	2
Ron	Ford	x	x	2
Greg	Ham	x		1
Louis	Harris	x		1
Wayne	Kuhn	x		1
Kenny	Leister	x		1
Larry	Maccherone	x	x	2
Dave	Maidt	x	x	2
Jim	Oliver	x		1
Bob	Pegram		x	2
Roland	Shepard		x	1
Charles	Stackhouse	x	x	2

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Dave Maidt showed a diminutive winged crotch bowl made of scrounged park wood.

Charles Stackhouse showed a very thin-walled Maple bowl.

Larry Maccherone turned a Red Oak bowl.

Roland Shepard made a bowl from Cherry obtained at the Baltimore County tree dump.

Thanks to all who took up the challenges. Presidential Challenges are designed to take us out of our comfort zones. Give one a try! Expand your horizons!

MORE IRONMAN CHALLENGE



Dave Maidt shows his cute scrounged wood bowl



Charles Stackhouse discusses his Maple bowl



Roland Shepard with his Cherry bowl



Don Keefer showing
sea urchin top



Larry Maccharone
showing HF



Louis Harris shows
Cherry HF



David Smith explains
lost wood turning



Jim Beckwith shows
carved Walnut bowl



Doug Harris watches
attentively



Tom Longest dis-
cusses his bowls



Charles Stackhouse
shows Maple plate

SHOW AND TELL

Don Keefer showed a segmented Maple Urn with festoons on the edge made by sanding contrasting wood at an angle. It was topped with a walnut lid and a sea urchin. He also showed a Padouk bowl with a radially perforated, reinforced broad brim topped with a segmented Ebony ring.

Larry Maccharone showed a White wood HF and a Cherry HF both topped with Maple finial lids.

Louis Harris showed a Walnut rolling pin made from a raggedy piece of wood from a previous raffle, an S&S Maple lidded box and streptohedron, and a Cherry HF with a [spiral-tooled](#) ring which he had coated with black wood filler and sanded to contrast the spirals.

David Smith – Showed three sphere-based ornaments – a Zebrawood fish made from a sphere with a waste block with turned eyes, gills, eyebrows; a Secret Santa ornament with a lid held on by some rare earth magnets and an arbor shim both concealed with lacquered construction paper; and a football-shaped ornament made from a sphere with an X-shaped waste block.

Jim Beckwith, visiting from NJ, showed a walnut bowl with a carved design and a Walnut pull-string top with a brass tip. The drawstring was leather from [Michaels](#). The top impressively spun for uncounted minutes.

Doug Harris, veteran pen turner, showed his first turned bowl – Brown wood.

Tom Longest showed an Ambrosia Maple bowl, a Walnut “Holey” bowl, and an aniline dyed Poplar chip & dip bowl

Charles Stackhouse showed two excellent plates made at Mark Supik’s class – Maple and Cherry.

Ron Ford showed three segmented pieces – a Maple / Birds-eye Maple / Bloodwood bowl, an Acacia / Redheart / Maple / Holly bowl, and a segmented / laminated bowl.

Joel Kaufman showed an intarsia plaque with 23 turned pieces. It will be a gift to his son on graduation from [JMU](#). Wood from the [Handsome Woodman](#).

Matt Grimes showed his first bowl – spalted Maple.

Jim Oliver showed the results of sodium percarbonate (Deck Bleach) bleaching and grain enhancement techniques. An

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Ron Ford explains segmentation



Joel Kaufman shows intarsia.



Matt Grimes discusses his bowl with BAT President Yaakov Bar Am

MORE SHOW AND TELL

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Jim Oliver shows exotic bleached bowls



Clark Bixler shows golf ball carving jig



Junius Wilson shows detailed tableau with turned pagoda



Wayne Kuhn shows lathe accessory case



Jim Conlon shows bear wine stoppers

Oak platter and an Ash goblet were rubbed with an charcoal/alcohol slurry and sanded to make a dramatic grain. Several European Ash / Purpleheart segmented pieces were bleached to white/grey-green in color. He also showed a Persimmon / Bamboo segmented bowl.

Clark Bixler showed a jig for carving golf balls (a popular medium for his fellow carvers) and a 3-legged Chestnut bowl

Junius Wilson showed an elaborate “Pagoda Village” scene with a turned finial in the center.

Richard Dietrich showed a Wild Cherry Irish wedding goblet he made for his daughter’s upcoming wedding.

Wayne Kuhn showed a repurposed box which now houses a chuck and live centers for the new lathe. He also had drilled and tapped blocks to fit the spindle and the live center which can be turned into ‘soft-touch’ tips.

Jim Conlon showed two colorful teddy-bear casted acrylic wine stoppers.



MORE OF WHAT WAS SHOWN

(Clockwise from upper left)

Various - bowls and plates,
Larry Maccherone - Maple
hollow form

Don Keefer - festooned
Maple bowl with urchin lid
Jim Conlon - cute bottle
stoppers

Joel Kaufman - Intarsia JMU
plaque

Junius Wilson - "Pagoda Vil-
lage" with turned pagoda

Louis Harris - decorated
Cherry hollow form

Zoom in on these photos
to see the exquisite detail.





RAFFLE NEWS

A B&D 14.4 V Drill and Impact driver set, a mother-lode of Cherry logs and macho crotches, Cherry bowl blanks, River Birch, Holly, Cedar logs, Maple splits, Osage branch, Mulberry split, a box of assorted planks and spindle blanks and more were generously donated by BAT members to the April Raffle. Thanks to all!

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:
May 14, 2014 at 7:00 PM

Agenda: Joe Dickey Demonstration



SPECIAL RAFFLE

Warren Carpenter completed, sanded, finished and signed the Pecan crotch bowl he started at his March BAT demo and generously donated it to BAT. It was raffled off in a special raffle at the April meeting.

Congratulations to winner Joel Kaufman (right)



SECRETARY'S CHALLENGE

In May, your secretary will be out of state for his daughter's wedding and will miss the BAT meeting.

You are all challenged to take photos and/or notes of the demonstration, the raffle, the room, the officers, in short, anything that happens at the meeting. These will be edited and incorporated into the May Newsletter.

Get your work published! Send your pix and notes to admin@baltimoreareaturners.org.

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

BAT President Yaakov Bar Am has announced the third President's Challenge for 2014:

June – "Getting Skinny for the Summer"
Turn a Skinny Bowl from native wood: 6" or larger diameter, 3/16" or less wall thickness (not counting the foot).