

# Echos From the "BAT" Cave

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## PARTY TIME FOR BAT!



In December BAT hosted the annual holiday party: Good food, contests, and a gift exchange. Members and spouses (*above*) chowed down on the feast. Charles Stackhouse (*below*) was one of eight Ironman Challenge winners to show his entries over the year.

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## HOLIDAY PARTY

BAT Members spent the evening noshing, gaming, gifting and showing off their President's Challenge pieces. There was a surfeit of food including sandwiches, condiments and fixings, cheese and crackers, fruits and veges, and chips and dips. There was a plethora of desserts such as chocolate cake, home-made chocolates, brownies, cupcakes, assorted cookies, and more.

Many participated in the *Name That Tool Part* contest but there were only four winners. **Greg Ham** came in first, winning a \$20 Craft Supplies USA gift card and free admission to the next two paid demos. Creative accounting resulted in two second place winners: **Frank Mataitis** and **Ted Rein** who each won free admission to the next two paid demos. **Roland Shepard** came in third winning free admission to the next paid demo. Thanks to **Wayne Kuhn** for putting together this challenging contest.

Twelve members brought gifts to exchange. These ranged from turning tools to turned items and turning kits. Thanks to all who participated.

(Clockwise from upper left) BAT members enjoy the sumptuous repast; part of the array of sandwiches and other savory goodies; the dessert table. All in all, a deluge of deliciousness.





# 2014 SUSAN SHANE MEMORIAL IRONMAN CHALLENGE

Six more BAT members brought in make-up pieces to complete the 2015 Iron Man Challenge. This brought the number of winners to eight.

**Clark Bixler** showed a Mahogany and Cherry multi-axis wig stand and a Cocobola and Mahogany set of candlesticks. **Wayne Kuhn** showed a snowman ornament made with Maple, Red Heart, Burmese Bloodwood, Dogwood, and blue acrylic. He also brought a Maple multi-axis piece. **Richard Dietrich** showed a Mulberry multi-axis rolling pin ala [Mark Sfirri](#), a wormy Wild Cherry, NE multi-axis Yew, and spalted Sycamore set of candlesticks, and a Black Cherry icicle ornament. **Bob Rupp** showed a Bird's eye Maple and Walnut candlestick set, a Maple and spiral Sapile box, and a Padouk sea urchin ornament. **Charles Stackhouse** brought a Maple, Ash, and Ebony inside-out ornament with a rotating interior piece. **Chuck Cohen** showed a Box Elder gavel, a Tanwood Multi-axis piece and a Bubinga and SpectraPly ornament

They joined Louis Harris and Ron Ford who had brought in all pieces in previous months.

Nineteen BAT members entered projects in the 2015 Ironman Challenge.

The 2016 Challenge starts soon - give it a try!

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who participated.

## 2015 Susan Shane Memorial Iron Man Challenge

		<i>Gavel</i>	<i>Box</i>	<i>Mallet</i>	<i>C.sticks</i>	<i>Multi</i>	<i>Ornament</i>
Clark	Bixler	x	x	x	x	x	x
Chuck	Cohen	x	x	x	x	x	x
Ed	Cohen			x	x	x	
Richard	Dietrich	x	x	x	x	x	x
Stan	Dorman				x		
John	Fisher		x				
Ron	Ford	x	x	x	x	x	x
Ernie	Grimm		x				
Greg	Ham	x	x	x			
Louis	Harris	x	x	x	x	x	x
Pete	Johnson	x	x				
Richard	Kline	x	x	x			
Wayne	Kuhn	x	x	x	x	x	x
Robert	Lindlau	x	x				
Bill	Marr	x	x				
Dave	Murphy		x	x			
Bob	Rupp	x	x	x	x	x	x
Roland	Shepard	x	x				
Charles	Stackhouse	x	x	x	x	x	x



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

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# IRON MAN CHALLENGE

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The winning entries brought in for display.

## 2015 - A LANDMARK YEAR

BAT turned 10 in 2015. Along with that came a record number of members, a record number of Iron Man Challenge participants, a host of demos, initiation of the Turn and Learn mentoring program, and several fantastic show and tell sessions.



**January** - President Ron Ford turns a bowl at the Timonium Woodworking Show



**January** - Louis Harris (above) and Bob Pegram demonstrated the fundamentals of woodturning.



**February** - BAT celebrates its tenth anniversary. Good cake!

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**February** - Chuck Engstrom showed how to make boffo boxes.



**February** - Tom Szarek demonstrated at a snowy ACC show



**March** - Alex Alexopoulos delved inside a Banksia Pod



**April** - Marvelous show and tell.



**April** - Don Keefer shows graduated urn at Show and Tell



**May** - Michael Mocho demo



**June** - Rich Foa demo and AAW show



**July** - Hands on - Sharpening, bowl turning, pen turning and spiraling jig demos and practice.



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(Clockwise from above) **August** - Pete Johnson pitched horse shoes at the picnic; **September** - Mike Sorded showed Big Air Geometry; **October** - Barbara Dill turned eccentric forms; **November** - another amazing Show and Tell.



## 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 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Agenda: Favorite tools, jigs, accessories. Bring in your favorite turning device and share your tips.



## 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. (This is an increase from previous years.)

The first Presidential Challenge for the 2016 Susan Shane Memorial Iron Man Challenge is:

Make a custom lathe tool handle

This will be due in February.