

ECHOES FROM THE "BAT" CAVE

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President's Challenge Results for March and April



Top left: Bernard Pulliam turned a 4x4" pine pillar, a 3x3" corner bowl, and a pot with copper lacing to satisfy the embellishment challenge. Bob Sobczak turned an embellished ash bowl.
Bottom left: Lou Kissel turned an embellished bowl and an ash rake for his wood stove.
Top right: Alayna M. turned a handle for a long screwdriver as a part of the utility challenge.
Bottom right: Bob Pegram's embellished leaf

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March Meeting: Hands-On Demos



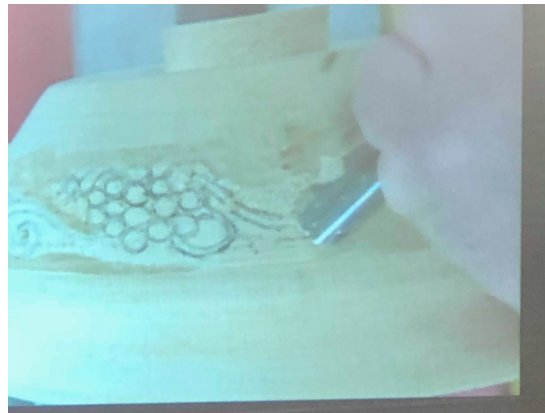
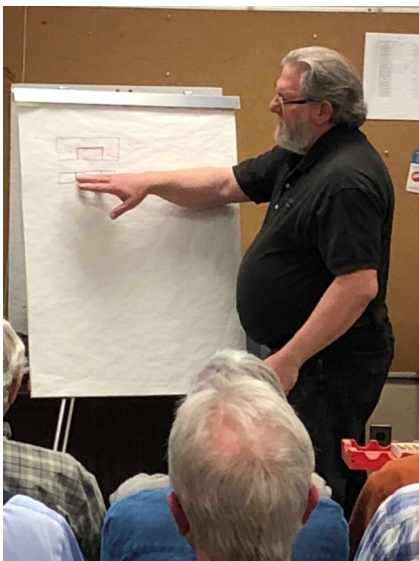
Pewas, huinis and sharpening, oh my!

Braving the unseasonably cold weather, BAT members watched Ed Cohen and Ron Ford demonstrate different methods for mending cracks in turning pieces (see [article](#) in February's newsletter for more details).

Lou Harris also demonstrated tool sharpening on both the Wolverine and Sorby systems.



April Meeting: Carving



BAT President Clark Bixler demonstrated tools and techniques for carving designs while a piece is still on the lathe. An in-depth discussion of regular carving vs. chip carving served as an added bonus to the program.

Interested in sharing a tool, technique or project with the club? Volunteer to demonstrate your project-in-progress at an upcoming BAT meeting. Contact program directors Lou Harris or Bob Pegram for details.

Improve Your Skills with a BAT Mentor – Its Free

By Edward R. Cohen, M.D.

One of our club's best kept secrets is our mentoring program. There is no question that we learn more from each other than from the professional who dazzled us at a two-hour demo. Several club members who have particular expertise in a given area, i.e. bowl turning, pen making, spindle turning, carving, pyrography, sharpening, etc. are glad to share their knowledge and experience with you. They may either come to your shop or teach you in theirs.

There are several ways of obtaining a mentor. Tom Szarek and Bob Pegram are presently in charge of our mentoring program and can pair you up with a mentor depending on your area of interest. You need not be intimidated by the club's "experts" so if there is a particular member whose personality and skill level appeals to you, why not approach him directly and ask if he would help you – you are very likely to get a positive response.

Maybe you are considering a tool purchase. Perhaps another club member may have the same tool and could let you try his before making a final decision. It is a simple matter of asking that your request be announced before the formal club meeting begins.

Being a mentor also has several advantages. It is a wonderful feeling to watch your student progress through your efforts. The mentor-student relationship often blossoms into a lasting friendship. Everyone who has ever taught will tell you that their own skills have improved as well and they inevitably learn from their student. Perhaps a highly skilled woodworker wants to get into wood turning or a skilled pen turner wants to start turning bowls. They undoubtedly have much to offer the mentor and so it is likely to be a "win-win" arrangement for both.

So, take advantage of this wonderful program. Let's make it the club's best utilized asset rather than its best kept secret.

Got an article you'd like to contribute to the next newsletter? Email it to gynenesullivan@gmail.com by June 22, 2018

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BAT is a local chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) which serves the Baltimore metropolitan area. A wide range of skills and interests are represented by our members. Work ranges from small utilitarian project to galley art and includes pen making, bowls and platters, hollow forms, small projects, furniture spindles and architectural work. We are fortunate to include professional turners and published authors among our members. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in woodturning, and guests are always welcome.

Registration Now Open for Mid-Atlantic Woodturning Symposium

You can now register online for the 2018 Mid-Atlantic Woodturners Symposium, to be held at the Lancaster, PA Marriott from Friday, September 28 through Sunday, September 30. The \$185.00 registration fee includes access to the Friday evening “Meet the Demonstrators” event, access to all 24 rotations on Saturday and Sunday, buffet lunch on Saturday and Sunday, and the closing event Sunday afternoon. There will also be a gathering of the Women in Turning group, an Instant Gallery, and a Silent Auction.

The all-star line-up of demonstrators this year includes John Jordan, Malcolm Tibbetts, Beth Ireland, Art Leistman, Michael Kehs, and Mark St. Leger. There is truly something for everyone in this third year and we are excited to bring it to you.



As a charter member of the group of clubs supporting the event, we hope to see a large turnout from BAT. To sign up, go to www.mawts.com and follow the “Registration” link. There is also a link allowing you to book a room at the Marriott at a special discounted rate. The number of rooms is limited so don’t delay!

Save the Date: BAT Trip to Penn State Industries

Saturday, June 9

Meet in parking lot of Boumi Temple, we will be leaving at 9:00am SHARP!

The trip takes about 90 minutes and we will stop for lunch. To reserve your seat on the bus, please email Stephen Jones at jones4411@yahoo.com

Baltimore Area Turners next meeting: Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Mark Supik will demonstrate endgrain turning

Coming up...

June 13 —Member Show and Tell, plus tool sale and/or swap

July 11 —Kevin Bedgood demo

August—BAT Picnic

The club meets every month on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Our meetings are held at the Boumi Temple located at:

5050 King Avenue
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Drive around to the parking lot at the back of the building and enter thru the set of glass doors. If the door feels like it’s locked, it’s not, just give it a tug!