

# ECHOES FROM THE “BAT” CAVE

## BALTIMORE AREA TURNERS

### November - Show and Tell

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The November BAT meeting was a show and tell. Thanks to all who presented their work. I think we had the most participation of any BAT Show and Tell.

I apologize for the poor quality of the photos I was able to capture, they don't do justice to the fine pieces that were displayed. I arranged a sampling below in honor of the Zoom lifeline that has held us together through a very difficult year.



Thanks to the following members that shared their work at the Show and Tell:

#### Ed Cohen:

- Beads of Courage “Safari Bowl”
- Wave bowl
- Box elder bowl w/ colored epoxy butterfly patches
- Textured and colored bowl

#### Joe Heinlein:

- 3 Maple bowls from the same tree

#### Ron Ford:

- “The Three Kings” - 3 carved and embellished vases (walnut, maple, and sycamore)
- Leadwood box with wenge lid

#### 2020 Officers

##### President

Ron Ford

##### Vice President

Clark Bixler

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Pete Johnson

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##### Newsletter

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Dave Maidt

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Tom Szarek

##### Mentoring

Louis Harris

Chuck Cohen

##### Program Director

Ed Cohen

##### PR/Membership

Barry Woolf



# Show and Tell (continued)

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## **Bruce Lamb:**

- Maple and walnut bowl he turned in Jr High School
- Sputnik urchin ornament
- Ornamental bird house

## **Tom Szarek:**

- Segmented vases
- Plates for Lorie

## **Dave Maidt:**

- Beads of Courage “Minion” Bowl
- Interlocking ring sculptures (2 ring and 3 ring forms)
- Beads of Courage “Book Stack” Bowl

## **Richard Hill:**

- Coffee scoop
- Curly maple bowl

## **Pete Johnson:**

- 2 Cups finished with Renaissance Wax
- Cherry Bowl finished with lacquer

## **Charles Stackhouse:**

- Maple finial - turned with a Cindy Drozda “Super Gouge”

## **Andy Arconti:**

- Square pine dish finished w/ red transtint dye and lacquer
- Poplar boxes w/ green water based dye
- Cherry vase - carved w/ V-Tool
- Black locust tea light
- Jig for sharpening skew with belt sander

## **Louie Harris:**

- A Grola - Italian drinking vessel
- Sort of square (SOS) platter
- Awl

## **Jim Oliver:**

- Natural edge Chinese Toon bowl
- Small forms made from casting resin and colored with mica powder
- Tops - One of osage orange and one of horse chestnut weighted with lead shot
- Example of belt sander bleaching Toon wood

## **Stephen Lane:**

- Example of making a pattern by photocopying a leaf
- Cherry bowl with leaf pattern transferred and burned in interior
- Bowl made by cutting blank on bandsaw using leaf pattern, then turned form and burned interior.
- Discussed use of box cutter to cut Saturn rings

# Show and Tell (continued)

## **James Crane:**

- Skew practice piece
- Pens
- Cherry mallet

## **Steve Kelban:**

- Sputnik urchin ornament
- Beaded bowl finished with danish oil and shellac
- Japanese maple lidded box with finial
- Harry Potter wands

## **Evan**

- Canary wood bowl w/ Milliput inlay
- Dyed curly maple bowl
- Segmented bowl

## **Chuck Cohen**

- Greek urn - Cherry w/ blue stain
- Cherry bowl w/ sapele base
- Box elder bowls
- Cowboy Hat

## **Clark Bixler:**

- Pens for troops

# Business Items from November Meeting:

## **Website - Dave Maidt:**

Forward photos to Dave for new website image gallery.

## **Library / Membership - Barry Woolf:**

36 total membership renewals for 2021 so far

## **Program - Ed Cohen:**

January - Craig Timmerman will present making his signature Torrus Vase

December drop in call - casting Resin with Chuck Cohen

## **Other Business:**

Beads of Courage - Over 40 bowls created by BAT members

50/50 Raffle:

Ron Ford matching ticket sales with contribution to DAV.

James Crane winner of November 50/50

# The President's Turn



There is no question that 2020 has been a challenging year for all of us, and keeping BAT together and moving ahead has been a tricky task. I have done my best and hope that everyone has enjoyed the programs and information we have passed along.

After eight years in various Board roles including Membership, Treasurer, Program Director, and two terms as President (several roles concurrent) it's time for my position as the President of BAT to come to an end. I am very pleased and honored to pass the torch to Bruce Lamb. I have come to know Bruce over these past six months since he accepted the nomination, and I have every confidence that the club will thrive under his direction. Bruce is an excellent turner, and also possesses the leadership skills that will allow him to guide the club through the next two years of his tenure. We are fortunate that he has stepped up to the job.

While I have always been honored to be associated with BAT, my pride in the group was at its' highest when we as a club gave our support to community programs. In particular, we donated over 1,100 pens to "Turning for the Troops" and more than 45 *Beads of Courage* bowls to the Children's Oncology Unit at Johns Hopkins Hospital. What a privilege to be part of such a giving group of people!

The entire Board has been quite supportive of me and the club and I am grateful for all who have served on it. In particular, I want to recognize two individuals who have given me support above and beyond, helping the club to prosper:

- Ed Cohen has served as our Program Director for the past two years and has brought us valuable and interesting programs and demos that I hope you have all enjoyed and learned from. He has also been my self-described 'wing man' providing me with valuable ideas and guidance throughout the period. Thank you for your always appreciated support, Ed.
- Dave Maidt has been our talented and resourceful Webmaster for quite a few years, and has always performed with skill and speed. His efforts and abilities really shone this past year as the website became such an integral part of the clubs' operation. I'm sure he got tired of my emails and calls starting with "Hey Dave, is it possible to . . .". Luckily for me and BAT, he always found a way. Thanks for your expertise and support, Dave. You have been a critical factor in our success. While I am looking forward to stepping down from a leadership role, I will continue to be a strong supporter and loyal BAT member. My enjoyment of the hobby and all that I have learned and will continue to learn with and from each of you is something I look forward to continuing.

Here's to a happy holiday season for everyone, and hopes for a much improved 2021. Thanks to all for your support and friendship. Stay well, and I hope to see you soon.

Ron Ford  
BAT President

# BAT Mentoring



Please know that free mentoring is available to all paid members. This is a great opportunity to get some one on one expert advice on any questions, problems or other issues you may have in relation to your turnings. So if you're frustrated, unhappy or just not completely satisfied with your turnings this your chance to get help. Our experienced mentors can help you with all aspects of wood turning. Whether it's basic bowl turning, hollow forms, spindle work, sharpening, sanding, embellishments, etc.

No question or problem is too small. In just one free, 3-4 hour session you could take your work to an entirely new level. The sessions are also relatively anonymous. Only I, the mentor and you will know. So please at the next meeting take this wonderful opportunity to fill out a mentoring request form.

This your chance to possibly bring something to the next show and tell in May or an upcoming meeting. We are truly looking forward to some different members to show their work. This is not a competition or a judging. We welcome every one of our members to bring something. No matter what.

Thank you,

Chuck Cohen

Mentoring

## What's on Tap?

Our annual December Holiday party has been canceled due to Covid-19 and we plan on donating the funds budgeted to the party to the Maryland Food Bank.

I have scheduled Craig Timmerman for our January meeting. He will show us how to turn a torus vase. A torus form is much like a donut and you will learn new, valuable turning techniques from his video.

Ed Cohen, Program Director

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Interested in sharing a tool, technique or project with the club? Demonstrate your project-in-progress at an upcoming BAT meeting. Contact program director Ed Cohen for details.

# 2020 President's Challenge

**First Challenge:** for 2020 is to turn a Beads of Courage bowl. (See BOC Guidelines in the newsletter.)

**Second Challenge:** Turn a plate or a platter.

**Third Challenge:** Turn a gavel or a carvers mallet.

**Fourth Challenge:** Create a piece that incorporates wood and one other material (fabric, leather, metal, resin, etc.) as an integrated component.

**Fifth Challenge:** Turn something with a natural edge.

**Sixth Challenge:** Turn a holiday ornament (any holiday)

## 2020 President's Challenge Results - Winners highlighted in yellow

Name	BOC Bowl	Plate/Platter	Gavel/Mallet	Multi-Material	Natural Edge	Holiday Ornament
Andrew Arconti	X					
Clark Bixler	X	X	X		X	
Chuck Cohen	X					
Ed Cohen	X	X	X	X		
James Crane	X	X	X			
Jim Fisher	X	X	X	X		
Ron Ford	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joe Harber	X					
Louis Harris	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joe Heinlein		X	X	X		
Phil Horak	X		X	X	X	
Don Keefer	X					
Steve Kelban	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wayne Kuhn	X					
Bruce Lamb	X	X	X	X	X	X
Alan MacAnespie			X			
Dave Maidt	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jim Oliver	X	X	X	X		
Bob Sobczak	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tom Szarek	X					
Jon Withrow		X				



# Baltimore Area Turners Meetings

Nov - Show and Tell

Dec - No Meeting - Happy Holidays!

Jan - Craig Timmerman - Torus Vase

## BAT Club Discounts

Mark Supik & Company - \$20 discount on instructional classes for members of BAT  
( [www.marksupikco.com/workshops](http://www.marksupikco.com/workshops) ) 410-732-8414 [mark@marksupikco.com](mailto:mark@marksupikco.com)

Hartville Tools - 15% discount for club members plus free shipping. ( [www.hartvilletool.com](http://www.hartvilletool.com) ) 800-345-2396

Penn State Industries - 10% discount for club members. ([www.pennstateind.com](http://www.pennstateind.com))

Klingspor Woodworking Shop – 10% discount on all non-powered merchandise in catalog

Exotic Lumber (Annapolis and Frederick) – 10% discount

Freestate Lumber (Timonium) – 10% discount

Lyle Jamieson Woodturning - 10% discount due to club demo ([lylejamieson.com](http://lylejamieson.com))

## New BAT Website

Our Webmaster, Dave Maidt, has been working hard on a brand new BAT website, and it is up and running! New look and feel, and incorporates many new features we will be able to take advantage of now and in the future. The website address remains the same at <https://baltimoreareaturners.org>

One area that needs your attention is the Gallery. Dave has created a wonderful space for everyone to share their work. Please send pictures to [bat@diadav.com](mailto:bat@diadav.com) and they will be posted.

Thanks again to Dave for this terrific upgrade!!

- BAT Board

## New BAT Facebook

BAT has a new Facebook page. Close to 30 members have joined, but only a small handful are contributing content or posting information. This is a great way to stay in touch during these unusual times, and everyone is encouraged to take advantage of it.

Please remember that this is a private page available to BAT members only, and that you must have a current Facebook account to join.

To join, click on the following link and click on "**Accept**" at the top of the page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/355364505441249/?ref=share>

Please log on today and start sharing pictures, projects, etc.

- BAT Board

## Want to build your woodturning skills?

The American Association of Woodturners (AAW) strives to deliver the publications and services that our members need to grow, connect, explore, and thrive in the areas of woodturning that are important to them. With nearly 16,000+ members and 360+ chapters internationally, AAW's many resources, including our award-winning *American Woodturner* journal, help our members to learn, create, and connect.



By signing up for a complimentary Guest membership, you can have limited access to a sampling of AAW resources for a full **60 days**. You'll be able to explore what the AAW has to offer, kick our tires, and hopefully decide to become a full-fledged, paid AAW member to benefit from everything the AAW has to offer.

Visit us at [woodturner.org](http://woodturner.org)

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.