

# ECHOES FROM THE “BAT” CAVE

## BALTIMORE AREA TURNERS

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### May - Trent Bosch / Sunburst Platter

Trent Bosch demonstrated his Sunburst Platter for the May BAT meeting.

Trent went over his process of turning a platter with a wide rim suitable for a variety of embellishments.

The platter below is an example of three variations of carving he demonstrated.



The first tool that Trent starts any carving project with is a pencil. He sketches his design and doesn't worry about making every mark absolutely perfect. It's a hand made object and variation gives the piece character. He carefully selects the position of his design to allow any flaws in the wood to be cut away as part of the design.

Trent used a Chicago Pneumatic CP7900 air powered body saw with an 18 tpi blade to sculpt the profiled edge of the platter.



He used an Automach reciprocating carver with a Flexcut V gouge to relief cut the sketched details. A Junifer Pneumatics angled die grinder with a 2 inch 80 grit pad allowed for further undercutting. If you look at the platter above, the petals at the top appear to overlap because of the undercutting.



Trent discussed additional techniques, such as, carving lines and geometric shapes. He also spoke about the effects of burning or painting, either before or after carving.

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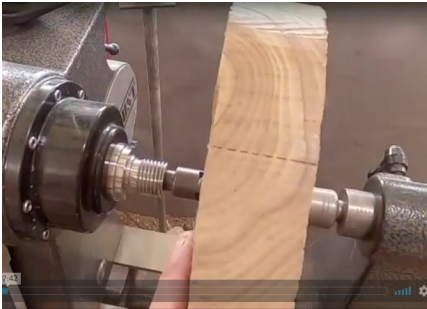
Barry Woolf



## May - Trent Bosch (continued)

### Final Thoughts:

There were two items Trent demonstrated that I found particularly interesting. The first was that he rough turns the exterior of a form turning left handed. This is to direct the stream of shavings away from his body. Definitely a skill worth developing!



The second thing that struck me was that he started the piece between centers. I think it's easy to forget the simple benefit of being able to position a piece exactly as you want it while it is between centers. I like to create plates starting with a relatively thin piece of wood. Starting between centers would allow the piece to be positioned to best align the face of the plate before turning and maximize the wood.



## July - Ed Cohen / Saturn Bowl

Our July demonstration was by BAT's very own Ed Cohen. If you missed his demonstration it is available under the Video section of the BAT website. I highly recommend it.



Ed gave a fantastic demonstration on creating a very challenging piece. He does an excellent job breaking down the steps of a very complex project, pointing out the critical steps along the way.

I liked the simple steps he covered that we can all implement in our own projects, such as his shop made depth gauge and using a triangle on the ways as a visual guide when undercutting the ring.



I also liked that there are no special tools required to create this piece. Ed discussed making an ultra-thin parting tool from a painters "5 in 1" tool, available at any hardware store. Who doesn't like a new tool, and this one comes with the satisfaction of making it yourself!

I particularly enjoyed Ed's "Earth Bowl", his variation of the Saturn Bowl. The molten core, blue oceans, and orbiting moon. It makes you think of all the possibilities that are possible with this form. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone's work at the September BAT show and tell meeting!



# Turning for Troops



The Baltimore Turners Club has taken on a worthwhile and thoughtful service project for this year: turning pens for the troops. These pens are made and given to active duty service people and also to those in VA hospitals. I am sure that most members of our group have children of relatives and friends in military service. We can honor these brave people by giving of our time to make them a gift that will both last a long time and also show that someone cares about their service.

As part of our last BAT "Pens for the Troops" drive, members turned over 1200 pens. Covid and the lack of in-person meetings has curtailed our 2021 efforts to distribute pen kits as well as to collect finished pens.

We expect to give out many more kits and to receive completed pens at our in-person August meeting. This list will be updated regularly.

Anyone unable to attend the August meeting can drop off finished pens as well as pick up additional kits from Tom & Lori Szarek in Dundalk (410- 285-4599) or from Barry Woolf in Fallston (410-879-1654.)

If you are not able to come to one of us, please call and we will get materials to you.

Especially for newer members, we do have wood blanks to share.

Sincerely,

Tom Szarek

	Name	First	Total Out	Returned to Date	
1	Arconti	Andy	15	3	
2	Chase	Stuart	40	27	
3	Cohen	Dr. Ed	25	25	
4	Conlon	Jim Jr.	0	26	
5	Fisher	Jim	40	21	
6	Ford	Ron	0	30	Totals
7	Geissel	Bob	28	28	
8	Ham	Greg	50	30	
9	Harris	Lou	200	176	as of
10	Heinlein	Joe	20	0	
11	Hill	Richard	32	32	
12	Jacobs	Lou	20	20	21-08-08
13	Keefer	Don	10	0	
14	Krebs	Paul	5	5	
15	Lamb	Bruce	10	10	
16	Lovett	Andrew	10	0	
17	MacAnspie	Alaina & Alan	20	0	
18	Rein	Ted	10	0	
19	Sobczak	Robert	50	0	
20	Szarek	Tom & Lorie	0	0	
21	Tollison	Richard	11	0	
22	Webb	Marsha	20	0	
23	Woolf	Barry	16	16	
Total Distributed=>			632	419	<==Completed & Returned
Purchased, Turned, & Donated Pens:					Ron Ford
					Jim Conlon

# 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.

Thank you,

Chuck Cohen  
Mentoring

## What's on Tap?

The August meeting will be a demonstration by Barbara Dill. You can checkout Barbara's website at [www.barbaradill.com](http://www.barbaradill.com).

For those not familiar with Barbara's work, she specializes in multi-axis turning. She has even written a book based on her years of exploration with this form.

Some examples of Barbara's best recognized styles are shown below. Looking forward to seeing what she will be sharing with us!



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



# 2020 President's Challenge

**First Challenge:** for 2021 is to turn a candlestick.

**Second Challenge:** Turn a nice shaped bowl. [See pdf for more details.](#)

**Third Challenge:** Turn a matched set, like a pair of candlesticks, bowls or vases with the same size and shape.

**Fourth Challenge:** Turn 10 pens for the Troops. Contact Tom Szarek to get the pen kits.

**Fifth Challenge:** TBD

**Sixth Challenge:** TBD

## 2021 President's Challenge Results

Name	Candlestick	Bowl	Matching Set	10 Pens	TBD	TBD
Andy Arconti	X	X	X			
Scott Bleakney	X					
Stuart Chase				X		
Ed Cohen				X		
Jim Conlon				X		
John Elder	X					
Jim Fisher	X	X	X	X		
Ron Ford	X	X	X	X		
Bob Geissel				X		
Greg Ham				X		
Lou Harris	X	X	X	X		
Richard Hill				X		
Lou Jacobs				X		
Tonas Kalil	X					
Steve Kelban	X					
Bruce Lamb				X		
Dave Maidt	X	X	X			
Jim Oliver		X				
Barry Woolf				X		

# Baltimore Area Turners Meetings

September - Show and Tell

October - Looking for a BAT member to demonstrate.

November - Richard Finley (Note - meeting will be Saturday Nov 20th @ 9AM)

## 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.

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.