



December 14, 2005

Minutes for the Twelfth Meeting of the Baltimore Area Wood Turners (BAT)

Mike Schwing (President, BAT) started the meeting at 7pm.

15 members attended with 1 new face in the crowd. (Welcome Aboard Dawn!)

Business discussed: Elections are to be held next month, and Yearly Club Dues will be collected next month too.

It was truly gratifying to see the Show & Tell table overflowing with so many great pieces this month. Chris's report of his lesson with Eli Avisera in Israel and the Hollow Form he created while working with Eli was great. Mike brought in a wooden spoon that he turned and a unique sculpture that is headed to a gallery in Maine. Lots of Bowls were shown as were several tools. Three scrapers and a Longworth Chuck that Abe made were passed around. Gerry showed some Christmas ornaments that he made as part of the 1<sup>st</sup> State Woodturners Club challenge. Several members brought in pieces they created as Christmas presents. Keith showed several small walnut bowls. Scott brought in one of the sixty (yes, sixty!) Birdhouse Ornaments he completed last week. (Hey guys, how do we get on your Christmas list?)

Several species of wood, some corian, and a really nice burl were donated to the club by members and were raffled off. Proceeds going to BAT. Frank sold another round of raffle tickets for the Vacuum Pump that was donated to the club.

Gerry Meekins (Secretary BAT) continued the discussion regarding interest in having a well known turner doing a demonstration for BAT. It looks like the demo will be a "Road Trip" to the turner's shop and likely be in early spring. Gerry will be contacting the demonstrator (Bill Grumbine) to get more details.

Gerry did a demonstration on "Tips for Photographing your Turnings". He brought in his homemade light tent and his shop halogens to show what can be done on a frugal budget. Mike also showed his light tent that he purchased on eBay.

Next month's Demo: Chris and Frank will be comparing the Oneway and McNaughton coring systems.

Meeting ended at 9:00pm