

# Echos From the "BAT" Cave

Baltimore Area Turners

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## IN MEMORIAM SUSAN SHANE

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October brought the sad news of Susan Shane's passing from complications of pneumonia. Susan's dynamism and drive has left an indelible mark on BAT. Through her leadership, BAT has gone in directions previously unheard of - including craft fairs (*above*), adoption of a Logo and Woodworking Shows (*below*). She will be sorely missed by all of us who knew her.

This special edition is a commeration of her history with BAT. It includes Wayne Kuhn's eloquent eulogy and a host of pictures. We've gone far in the last 5 years. Thanks for leading the way, Susan!

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## **SUSAN SHANE**

**APRIL 22, 1947 - OCTOBER 9, 2012**

It is with deep regret that I have to announce the sudden passing of our beloved president Susan Shane due to complications of pneumonia. Susan was a dynamic, vibrant person with a passion unsurpassed for all things hand crafted, especially her turned pens. To call them craft does a disservice to her pens, they were truly art.

Her passion for Baltimore Area Turners began with her first meeting in 2007, Susan could not get enough. She was quickly appointed the position of director of community relations and took off with it. She frequently brought her husband Stephen Gabinet to the meetings with her and signed him as a member also.

Susan pushed the club for a new logo, purchased and embroidered brand-wear, organized our annual holiday party as well as the woodworking show. Her list of accomplishments goes on.

Susan was elected President of Baltimore Area turners in January 2011 with a landslide election. As President Susan organized monthly board meetings, a first for BAT as well as revised the by-laws. Susan's passion for BAT never diminished, she wanted Baltimore Area Turners to be the absolute best it could be.

Susan was a people person; she never met anyone she didn't like, gave hugs freely and if she said she would call she called. She had a very endearing manner and a great sense of humor and you could not help but get caught up in her enthusiasm.

She will be missed by all whose lives she touched.

*Wayne Kuhn*



At Susan's first recorded appearance at BAT - July, 2007 - she made a splash with an armload of pens.



November, 2007- appointed PR Director



November, 2007 - Pen Turning for the Troops



2007 - Fearlessly following with Lyle Jamieson



January, 2008



March, 2008 - BAT's first Craft Show at Loch Raven HS



2008 - Showing and Telling



April, 2008 - Front and center at Dean Swaggart's Demo



December, 2008 - Sharing the love of turning



2008 - Working with President Wayne Kuhn



August, 2008 - On the road to a Logo



2008 - More Logos



(Clockwise from upper left) Still more Logo candidates; March, 2009 - Finally, the Official BAT Logo ; February 2011 - fearlessly cutting screw threads; Supervising the the filming of Bob Rupp's screw thread demo; 2011 - Second year at Timonium Woodworking Show (pictured with husband, Stephen Gabinet)



June 2011, Signing the BAT By-Laws

A selection of embroidered Brand Ware



(Clockwise from left) Modeling David Reed Smith's pendant necklace; Teaching finer points of pen turning; Showing off her spalted Maple bowl; Admiring an ornament made for the 2011 Holiday Party gift exchange; Showing off a Mark Supik hoodie.

SUSAN, WE MISS YOU LIKE CRAZY



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Baltimore Area Turners meets every month on the second Wednesday of the month at the Greater Baltimore Woodcraft Store at:

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