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THE LUCK OF THE IRISH



You'd have thought it was St Paddy's Day at the May BAT meeting. Three celtic rings and three Irish Wedding goblets were shown or told about (*above*). Six folks participated in the President's challenge and there were amazing things presented at Show and Tell (*below*).

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Louie Harris shows his plank box.



A shy Jim Oliver shows his lidded segmented box.



Richard Dietrich's celtic knot box.



Roland Shepard with his goblets.

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

Challenge #2 was to make a lidded box using 3 different woods - laminated or segmented.

Louie Harris showed 2 boxes - one made of Maple, Cherry and Walnut planks and another of Movingue with a grid of Bloodwood and Walnut.

Jim Oliver showed a segmented Ash, Maple, and Oak urn which was a prototype for a larger Walnut, Catalpa, and Maple urn.

Richard Dietrich showed a Maple box with a celtic knot segment made of Honduran Rosewood and Dyed wood veneer.

Roland Shepard showed two goblets for the first Presidential Challenge. He also had a petite Ebony, Bloodwood, and Yellowheart box.

Dave Smith showed two very skinny tiny Japanese Maple goblets. These were turned using a collet to advance the stem a little at a time. He showed a lidded Maple, Walnut, and Oak needle box.

Bob Rupp showed a Cherry and Sycamore box with Walnut threads.

It was good to see such enthusiastic participation in the Susan Shane Memorial Ironman Challenge.



Dave Smith shows how he made his skinny goblets.



Bob Rupp showing his threads.



Jim Oliver shows his 'Self Portrait'



Richard Dietrich shows his Irish Wedding Goblet to another group
(Photo by Jessica Sweeney)



David Smith shows one of his hollow ornaments



Joel Kauffman shows his carved canine with turned eyes

SHOW AND TELL



Pat Amtmann shows one of four gift pens

Jim Oliver showed an Osage Orange 'Self Portrait' made of spheres glued with loctite CA glue with accelerator. He used beanbags to support the pieces during the glue-up.

Richard Dietrich only told about a Wild Cherry Irish Wedding goblet he had made for his son's wedding - it had been given to the happy couple the preceding month so it was not available to show to BAT.

Dave Smith showed several Christmas ornaments - hollow spheres made of Baltic Birch plywood. For some, he had added Walnut inlays, sanded and filled cross shapes with plaster of Paris, or inlaid roundels shapes with Walnut and Holly.

Joel Kaufman - five bottle stoppers turned for the Susan B Komen Auction. A Banksia pod filled with Inlace, a Walnut, a wine barrel of Oak and Walnut, a pear turned of Pear, and a Sycamore with celtic knot. He also showed two excellent examples of scroll cut Intarsia - a flying goose and a Chesapeake Bay Retriever (modified from a Labrador pattern). The dog had turned irises and the piece had been made of at least 9 different species of wood.

Pat Amtmann showed four excellent pens she had made as gifts - acrylic, Zebra-wood, and Honduran Rosewood. They were in presentation boxes with engraved plates.

Stan Dorman showed a vertical sided bowl and discussed his problems turning the transition and the bottom. Various members of the group suggested that a curved interior is better; shear scraping and power sanding can clean up the surface; a steep bevel gouge, making one sweeping cut, works well for bottoms.

Ted Rein showed a Shotgun Shell bottle stopper and a Box Elder burl bottle stopper. The Box Elder had been so punky he needed to epoxy a threaded insert into it to hold the stopper.

Ron Ford showed a Curly Maple bowl with a walnut base and a Rosewood rim.

Don Keefer showed a Maple burl bowl, a Curly Maple 'Angel Fish' which had been carved and stained with aniline dye and acrylic paint. (It was the male of a pair - the female is on its way to Tampa for exhibition at the AAW Symposium.) He also showed a gradient segmented bottle with layers ranging from 1/16" to 1/2" in thickness.



Stan Dorman listens to discussion by BAT



Ted Rein is locked and loaded with his shotgun shell bottle stopper.



Ron Ford shows his Curly Maple bowl.



Don Keefer explains the construction of his gradient bottle

MORE SHOW AND TELL

Dave Mardt showed a Maple Irish Wedding goblet with a celtic knot in the bowl and two entwined captive rings. He also showed an Maple and Walnut oblong segmented bowl and discussed how to keep it upright. Feet didn't work so he made a Viking Long Boat style cradle for it.

Don Schultz showed 4 gorgeous acrylic pens. **David Welch** showed an Obeche (Triplochiton scleroxylon, aka Wawa or Samba) Irish Wedding goblet with three captive rings.



Dave Mardt shows the linked rings on his Irish Wedding goblet



Don Schultz shows four acrylic pens.



David Welch explains why his Irish Wedding goblet has three rings



SOME OF WHAT WAS SHOWN



Zoom in on these photos to see the exquisite detail.

(Clockwise from upper left)

- Don Schultz - Acrylic pens
- Roland Shepard - Ebony, Bloodwood, and Yellowheart box
- Ted Rein - Shotgun shell and Box Elder burl stoppers
- Ron Ford - Curly Maple, Walnut, and Rosewood bowl
- David Welch - Obeche Irish Wedding goblet





RAFFLE NEWS

Cherry and Locust splits, Birch, Catalpa, and Dogwood logs, a Maple crotch, Mahogany, Ambrosia Maple and Japanese Maple spindle blanks, Cedar pen blanks, and a lathe pulley set were donated by BAT members to the raffle. Thanks to all who donated!

BALTIMORE AREA TURNERS

Baltimore Area Turners meets every month on the second Wednesday of the month at the Boumi Temple

5050 King Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21237-3325

Next meeting:
June 12, 2013 at 7:00 PM

Agenda:
Don Schultz - Acrylic Pen Turning

BAT LATHE IS HERE!

The General 260 lathe (*right*) donated to BAT by **Jim Oliver** has been refurbished and is ready for use. It is mounted on retractable rollers for portability and stability. Thanks to **Bob Pegram** for getting it all fixed up.



SUSAN SHANE MEMORIAL IRONMAN COMPETITION

Here's the current standings (in alphabetical order):

Name	Points
Richard Dietrich	2
Louie Harris	2
Wayne Kuhn	1
Jim Oliver	1
Bob Rupp	1
Roland Shepard	2
David Reed Smith	2

(The term 'Ironman' is not intended to imply that participation has anything to do with gender. As Susan would have said, "Women can be Ironmen, too.")

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

BAT President Yaakov Bar Am has announced this year's third President's Challenge:

July – Turn a platter 6" or larger - pierce and color the surface with something you wouldn't ordinarily use.