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WOODWORKING SHOW, AND GETTIN' JIGGY



For the 7th year, BAT members demonstrated and displayed at the Timonium Woodworking Show. (Above: Roland Shepard and Dave Maidt man the lathes.) At the meeting later in the month, BAT members brought in their favorite jigs and tools (below). Blue tape and bowl depth gauges carried the evening.

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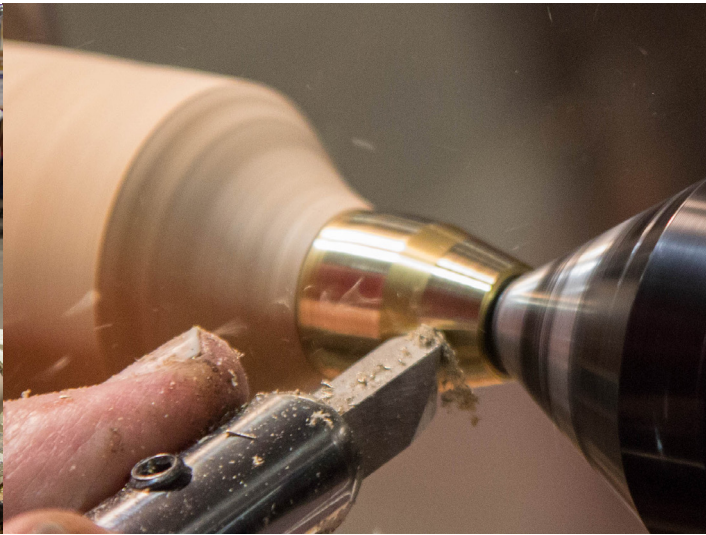
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Dave Mardt hollows a bowl.



Shaping brass fitting.



Wayne Kuhn turned many tool handles.

WOODWORKING SHOW

BAT took the Timonium Woodworking Show by storm with three lathes in continuous operation and a video and speakers in the gallery. Shavings were flying everywhere as members turned bowls, boxes, pens, goblets, awls and objets d'art. We had visitors galore and . . . Chesapeake Woodturners, Mark Supik, Barry Gross, and others were also present. There was a whole lot of turning goin' on.



BAT's Bob Pegram talks and turns.



Ted Rein turns a skinny spindle

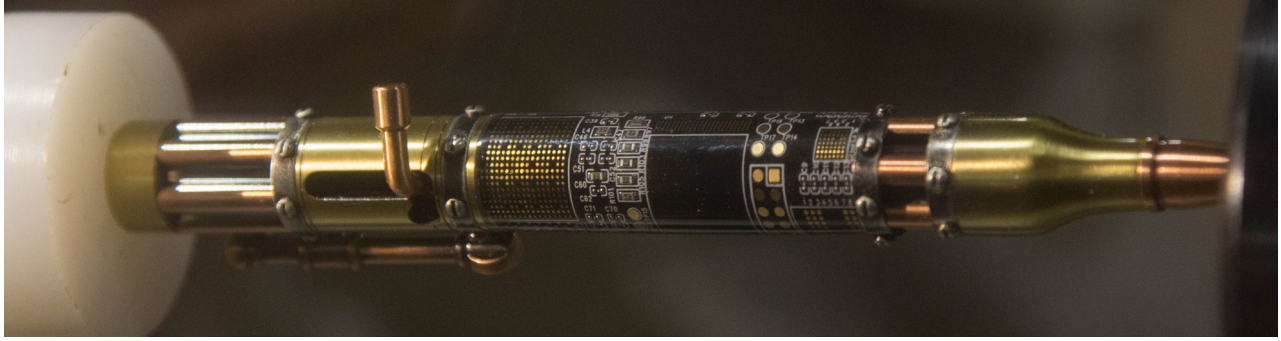


Don Schultz made many pens.

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MORE FROM THE SHOW



(Clockwise from left) Stephen Jones discusses bowls; Steam Punk pen turned by Don Schultz; urns and bowls; Boumi Potentate gavel, bottle stoppers and pens; awls and screwdrivers turned by Wayne Kuhn.



(Below) Our fellow turners were well represented in the Woodworking Show.





(Above left to right) Ron Ford shows bowl depth gauge; detail of locking mechanism; Tail-stock steady

FAVORITE JIGS AND TOOLS

An abundance of jigs, tools, and tips were shared at the BAT meeting. Favorites were [Blue Tape](#) and bowl depth gauges.

Ron Ford lead off showing a bowl depth gauge with a locking pin. He also showed a Tail-stock steady that allows access to bottom of jam-chucked piece.

Louis Harris brought a bagful of items that he had made. He showed a [Paul Crabtree](#) style hollower, a Sorby HSS cutter mounted on a straight stainless steel rod from [Access Metals](#), a locking Bowl depth gauge, a faceplate centering gizmo with the pin backed by a 1¢ metal disc, a cup center attachment for sphere turning, a ‘digital’ center finding technique using a pencil, a recess cutter made from a square scraper, a #9 carver’s sweep gouge used to trim the nubbin left after parting off, and an [auto center punch](#).

Wayne Kuhn showed a [“Down and Dirty” log cradle](#) and a go/nogo tenon gauge.

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Louis Harris with hollower

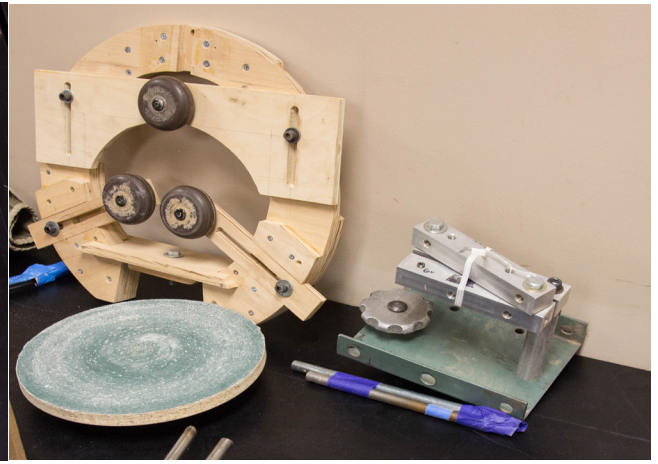


(above) Detail of hollower; (right) Wayne Kuhn with log cradle





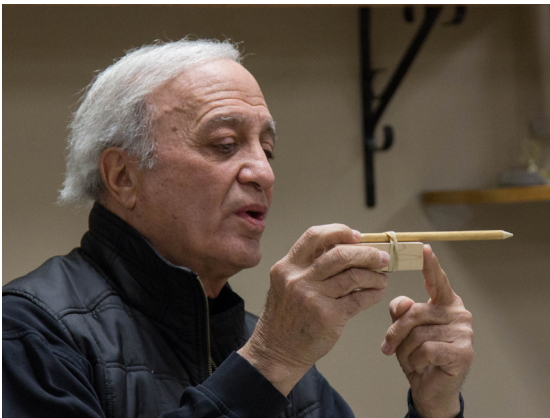
Wayne Kuhn's Go/NoGo gauge and Log Cradle



Jigs, tools and blue tape were in abundance.

MORE JIGS AND TOOLS

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Ed Cohen explains his bowl depth gauge technique

Noting how he hates to measure, **Ed Cohen** showed a number of devices that break the tedium. He showed a Golden mean caliper (from Ebay), a flat compass which holds a Sharpie, a [caliper gauge](#), a [Blokz 'squid' center finder](#), a go/nogo tenon and recess gauge, and a bowl depth gauge technique involving blue tape.

David Smith showed two bowl [shear scrapers](#) made from 1/2" [HSS tool bit](#). He also described another bowl depth measuring technique using blue tape.

Richard Dietrich discussed the [Robo-Rest](#) attachment for the Wolverine sharpening jig and a 5/8" [Thompson](#) bowl gauge mounted in a Clewes [quick-release holder](#). The tiny bit of wobble was cured by wrapping a monolayer of blue tape to the base of the blade shaft.

Clark Bixler showed a home-made donut chuck for bowls and urns. He explained that using 5 bolts allowed more precise centering than 4 bolts would. The heads are aimed at the tailstock for safety.

Dave Mardt brought in a number of items. He had an MDF disc sander held to the headstock with a tapped wooden block, an indexer made with [William Smith](#) PDFs, a steady rest made from inline skate wheels from a thrift store and finally an Elbo-style hollowing system with laser guidance made from aluminum blocks with bronze bushings.

Ted Rein makes golf ball bottle stoppers – he showed a jig for holding a golf ball on the headstock for drilling. It was made of wood and PVC pipe with the ball held on by blue tape.

Tim Stuhmer showed a [Tear Drop](#) tool and examples of the fine details it can produce.

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David Smith with shear scraper



STILL MORE JIGS AND TOOLS



(Clockwise from left)
Tim Stuhmer shows
Teardrop tool; Dave
Mardt shows lathe
mounted sanding disc;
Richard Dietrich shows
Robo-Rest; Clark Bixler
with donut chuck; Ted
Rein shows mounted
golf ball; example of fine
detail cut with Teardrop
tool.





RAFFLE NEWS

Cedar logs, Elm and red Maple splits, a Mystery Box of turning project kits, Ash, Mahogany and Wood 7 spindle blanks, two magnetic strips, an Osage bowl blank, BAT gift cards, a Carba-Tec mini lathe, Brownwood and Walnut Boards and more were donated by generous BAT members to the January Raffle.



AMERICAN CRAFTS COUNCIL SHOW

BAT has been invited to demonstrate at the American Crafts Council show on February 19-21 at the Baltimore Convention Center. For the fifth year, we will be one of over a dozen artisan groups demonstrating our craft. The show is an enormous display of works of top drawer artists in textiles, glass, jewelry, wood art, furniture and more. Not only can you see the works but you can talk with the artists. It's a great opportunity for getting inspiration and information. While you're there, come and visit the demo area.

BALTIMORE AREA TURNERS

Baltimore Area Turners meets every month on the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be held at the Boumi Temple at

5050 King Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21237-3325

Next meeting:
February 10, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Agenda: Joe Kramer - Bowl from a Board



PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

BAT President Ron Ford has announced the first President's Challenge for 2016:

February – Turn a lathe tool handle.
(Minimum length is 8")

(This is the first entry in the Fourth Susan Shane Memorial Iron Man Challenge.)