

# Echoes from the "BAT" Cave



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## Secretary/Newsletter Editor NEEDED !!

The club is in need of a new Secretary/Newsletter Editor. Volunteer and become a member of the elite BAT board! More details later on in this newsletter! :-)

## BAT Members Demo at the American Craft Council Show



*The BAT booth at the ACC Show at the Baltimore Convention Center.*

For the sixth year in a row, the Baltimore Area Turners were invited to demonstrate the process of woodturning at the American Craft Council show at the Baltimore Convention Center. The ACC show is a premier art and craft show held every year in multiple cities across the nation. The show is an enormous display of works of top-drawer artists in textiles, glass, jewelry, wood art, furniture, textiles and more.

We had 9 club members volunteer to help at the BAT booth this year, either turning,

talking with show attendees, or setting-up/taking-down the booth. The club thanks Wayne Kuhn, Steve Jones, Dave Maitd, Pete Johnson, Roland Shepherd, Tom Schoff, Don Keefer, Tom & Lorrie Szarek, and Ruth Coronel for their help at the show.

One of the best benefits of volunteering to help is that you get free admission to the show. Walking around the show floor there are so many creative artists, so much inspiration for future projects.

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## BAT at the ACC show (cont'd)



Our ACC show volunteer turners, clockwise from top left, Pete Johnson, Dave Maidt, Wayne Kuhn, and Roland Shepherd.



## “Hands On” at BAT Meeting

This month’s meeting was a “Hands On” event. The club’s 3 lathes and sharpening grinder were all set up in the meeting room.

This was the chance to try out a new lathe or technique with a more experienced turner by your side. It was the chance to ask “How do I” questions.

The club would like to thank our volunteer mentors Wayne Kuhn and Steve Lane (bowl turning), Bob Pegram (sharpening), and Clark Bixler (spindle turning)

*Below: Wayne Kuhn mentors Greg Ham on turning the bottom of a bowl.*



*Above: Steve Lane shows our guest speaker Sean how easy it is to turn a bowl on the lathe.*

*Below: Bob Pegram and Jim Conlon discuss the finer points of sharpening a bowl gouge.*



## Tips of the Month

Wayne Kuhn presented two tips at this month's meeting.

First was about handling bandsaw blades. They can be rather unwieldy. They come coiled up and uncoiling them can be a little scary. One way is to just toss them out on an open area of the floor and let the blade unfold on its own. Wayne demonstrated another more controlled method. He also demonstrated the best way to re-fold the blade in a controlled manor. Of course you're wearing heavy leather gloves to protect your hands whenever you're handling bandsaw blades, right?

Second, he showed a homemade gauge for sizing tenons on the bottoms of bowls. Let's say you have your chunk of wood between centers and you want to turn a tenon so you can mount the chunk in a chuck. Well, how big should you make the tenon so it fits your chuck's jaws? Wayne's handy-dandy go-no-go gauge helps you size your tenon.

For more details on these tips, please see Wayne.

*Wayne explains his tenon sizing gauge.*



*Wayne demonstrates safe bandsaw blade handling practices.*

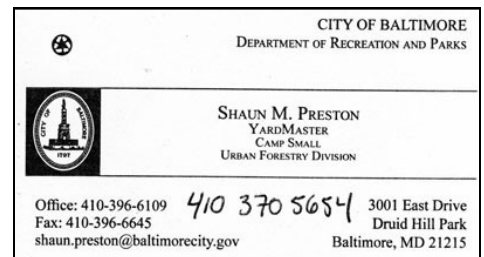


## Baltimore Wood Lot

At the March meeting we had guest speaker Sean Preston from the City of Baltimore wood lot. When city trees are cut down and removed, the trunks and branches are taken to the city's wood lot where anyone can pick up the pieces for a low-low price. The logs are priced at \$0.30 /brd-ft with the brd-ft calculated using the Doyle Scale. [Click here for a copy of the Doyle Scale.](#)

The wood lot is found at 2101 W. Old Cold Spring Lane. in Baltimore. The location is near the intersection of W. Cold Spring Lane and the JFX. Hours of operation are M-F, 9-5. You might want to call first to double check.

This could be a good source of cheap log blanks for turning projects.



## Vacuum Chuck Cart

Wayne demonstrated his custom home-made vacuum chuck cart at the meeting. The rolling cart holds his vacuum pump in the bottom of the cart along with an oil trapping exhaust filter (large white cylinder in picture). He also has a holder for his home-made vacuum chuck in the bottom of the cart (on the right-side door). The top shelf holds the piping and valves to adjust the level of the vacuum.



# President's Challenge Submissions

The next batch of Challenge entries were on display at the meeting. (Starting at the top and going around clockwise) Bob Sobczak's 4 legged stool with detailed texturing around the seat rim. Dave Mardt's lidded box with finial and 3 legged midi-stool. Clark Bixler's lidded box.



Presidential Challenges - 2017

Member Name	Elliptical	Stool	?	?	?	?
Clark Bixler	X					
Ron Ford	X					
Louie Harris	X					
Kris Kazmierski	X					
Alayna MacAnespie	X					
Dave Mardt	X	X				
Roland Shephard	X					
Robert Sobczak	X	X				

# Raffle News

We had our usual cornucopia of wood samples for the raffle. We had a collection of unusual woods such as osage orange, black walnut, maple, box elder, black palm, teak, mahogany, and Spanish cedar. The photos show it all.



## Sect'y/Newsletter Editor Needed !

Richard Deitrich has had to resign from his post as our Secretary/Newsletter Editor due to unforeseen family circumstances. Your Webmaster (Dave Maitt) is currently attempting to fill the extra large shoes that Richard left behind. Richard has done a **stupendous** job during his many years of service to the club. If you think you might have an interest to fill the position, please speak with any board member. They'll be glad to fill you in on what would be required. Come on! Join the elite BAT Board !

## Baltimore Area Turners

Baltimore Area Turners meets every month on the second Wednesday of the month. Our meetings are held at the Boumi Temple at:

5050 King Avenue  
Baltimore MD 21237-3325

Drive around to the parking lot at the back of the building and enter thru the set of glass doors. If the door feels like it's locked, it's not, just give it a tug. :-)

## President's Challenge #2

The second President's Challenge has been announced!

This challenge will be to make a stool with three or four legs. This challenge will not have beginner, intermediate, and expert levels. Instead, it will be size based on your lathe capacity.

The stools can be plain or decorated in any style you choose.

For complete details, see the BAT website.

