

# Echoes from the "BAT" Cave

## BALTIMORE AREA TURNERS



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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! :-)

## Roland Turns a Goblet!

This month our very own Roland Shephard demonstrated how to turn a simple goblet.

He started with a 6 inch long by 2 inch diameter blank of very dry cherry. His first step was to mount the blank between centers so he could add a tenon onto one end of the cylinder. He then mounted the tenon in a chuck so he could access the other end of the blank. Using a bowl gouge, Roland started hollowing out the end of the goblet as you can see in the photo. After being satisfied with the size of the goblet

opening he used a round nose scraper to smooth out the inside of the cup. Next came turning the outside of the cup. Roland first measured the depth of the cup and marked the depth on the outside. He used the depth mark to assist in turning the outside diameter and shape of the goblet. By running his fingers along the inside and outside of the cup, he was able to gauge the wall thickness until he reached a respectable wall thickness of about an 1/8 inch. This is now a good time to sand the goblet cup while



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## Roland Turns a Goblet! (cont'd)

the rest of the stem is thick and won't break.

Now it's time to start working on the stem of the goblet. It's best to start thinning the stem down gradually working from the cup end down towards the foot end. When he reaches the end of the blank down by the chuck he shapes a nice foot for the goblet. Then using a parting tool, he parts the finished goblet off the lathe.

At this point you can finish the goblet with the finish of your choice. You could use a liquid epoxy on the inside of the goblet cup to seal it and make it useable/drinkable.



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## The AAW Symposium in Kansas City, June 22-25, 2017

A first person report with photos by Bob Pegram

I flew out to Kansas City, Mo. on Thur. checked in and went to a special presentation by Richard Raffan. He talked about his life of turning, 47 years, showed slides of his work over years and had some things on display. There is so much to see and do, you have to pick out what demo's you want to do.

The instant gallery had hundreds of beautiful turned work, some made you wonder how they turned them, others gave me ideas for things to try to turn. I took out a Beads of Courage bowl, they were a couple of hundred BOC bowls on display. They will be spread around the country to kids undergoing serious illness.

I went to a couple of Glen Lucas's demo's, he is from Ireland, and is very good at demo's. Another real good demo was done by Rudy Lopes, he takes his time and explains what he is doing. Trent Bosch, gave a good demo on turning hollow forms, he has some new tool to use on hollow forms.

Some of the members from Chesapeake Woodturners were busy working at the symposium, Joe Dickey, he is the treasurer for the AAW, Margaret Lospinuso who is on the board of advisors was there with Lou. Al Hockenbery is also on the board of advisors.

The trade show was huge with a lot of new tools you would want to buy. On Sat. night they had the Celebration Dinner and silent auction. I am now looking forward to the symposium in Lancaster, Pa. this fall.

## Some photos from the AAW Symposium



*One of the many demos.*



*Some of the fabulous items on display in the Instant Gallery.*



## Some more photos from the AAW Symposium



*A critiquing session.*

*A small part of the vendor area.*



*Some of the many "Beads of Courage" bowls made and donated by woodturners from around the country.*

# President's Challenge Submissions

Here are the latest submissions for the President's Challenge.



*A natural edge bowl  
by Alayna M.*



*A bird house and  
miniature natural  
edge bowl by Dave  
Mardt.*



*A natural edge bowl by ? Someone  
please help me out, who made this?*

## President's Challenge Status

### Presidential Challenges - 2017

Member Name	Elliptical	Stool	Natural Edge	?	?	?
Clark Bixler	X					
Ron Ford	X	X				
Louie Harris	X	X	X			
Kris Kazmierski	X					
Steve Langrall			X			
Alayna M.	X	X	X			
Dave Mardt	X	X	X			
Jim Oliver			X			
Bob Pegram			X			
Roland Shephard	X					
Robert Sobczak	X	X				

## Raffle News

This month's raffle booty!



## Sect'y/Newsletter Editor Needed !

I've said it before, and I guess I'll have to keep saying it again.

Richard Deitrich had to resign from his post as our Secretary/Newsletter Editor due to unforeseen family circumstances. Your Webmaster (Dave Mardt) is currently attempting to fill the extra large shoes that Richard left behind. Richard did 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 at 7:00 pm. Our meetings are held at the Boumi Temple located 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 #3

The third President's Challenge has been announced!

This challenge will be to make a turning with a natural edge. The turning can be a bowl, vase, mushroom, ... Anything as long as it has a natural edge as part of the design.

The 4th challenge will be announced soon!

