

# Colonial Woodcutter

## *Annapolis Woodworkers Guild*

January 2020

**Meeting 7:00 PM Jan 9th Davidsonville United Methodist Church**

### AWG President's Message

by Bob Ashby



**H**appy New Year to all, with my wish that each of you will have a great and prosperous 2020! On the 'plus side' the Timonium woodworking show was certainly a great way to start. We had a good showing of AWG volunteers, both experienced and new to this annual event. I did miss having Peachtree as a vendor at the show. I understand from my contacts that an illness in their staff has caused it's absence. Hopefully they will return next year. *(more Woodshop coverage on page 6—Ed.)*

On the 'minus side' with the start of this new year we still have the continuing problem of filling our leadership positions. Please make one of your 2020 resolutions to personally volunteer for AWG in some capacity. A dynamic organization like ours always has a place and need for new and old voices. You may also find that volunteering is actually fun!

As for my personal New Year's wishes—here are some things I'd like to see: We have had classes in the past on many, I'll call 'retro', ways of building cabinets. I'd like to see some classes on new methods and materials e.g., plywood vs. hardwood panels, modern slides and modern hinges. I'd also like to see more examples of 'everyday' woodworking projects at our show and tells. You may agree, or have wishes of your own. Please let us know so we can tailor what we offer to what you want to see. Finally, if you found something neat at the Timonium show, bring it to the meeting and share your find with the rest of us. Again, may 2020 be a great year for each and every one of you.

## January Announcements

### January 2020 Speaker

#### Don Becker

#### Marionettes, Automata, Chainsaw Art

Don Becker has been a working artist for the last 30 years. His work has been seen around the world. Working as a puppeteer, a chainsaw artist, and scenic painter, has given him the chance to work with many materials. The last few years, he has been building wood automata.

*([www.dbpuppet.com](http://www.dbpuppet.com))*

*February speaker: Dave Kelsey, [whiskeycreekwoodworks.com](http://whiskeycreekwoodworks.com)*

### Annual AWG Dues

Time once again to practice writing a new year on a check (2020 in case you were wondering). AWG dues for the period January to December 2020 are now **\$50.00**. Please pay at the next meeting or send your check to our Treasurer Vincent Antonioli, 23408 Neck Road, Aquasco, MD 20608. Practice, practice, practice! Get that check date right the first time and avoid a void.



# December Holiday Party!

December's meeting was, of course, our annual Holiday Party. The gala event was held at the spacious and festive Edgewater Elk's Lodge. No ordinary party for AWG! We had ELVES (or was that a Gnome?).....



Termites! (the band, that is....) The tune of the evening was the ever-AWG-favorite woodworker's version of the 12 days of Christmas! Clamps-a-champing, Planers-a-planning!



Dozens of hand made ornaments of all shapes, colors and functions.



Toys for good girls and boys! AWG elves (Gnomes, etc.) had reportedly made about 3000 toys this year for area schools and other early childhood programs!! Santa now has real competition!

# December Holiday Party

Revelers in their finery enjoying a grand meal, libations and enjoyable conversation.



Door prizes for all.

If you missed it this year—put it down now on one of those two dozen calendars you got in the mail for next year! Second Thursday of December!





## 2019 Toy Workshop roundup

Though it may appear that Don Ames now works in a West Marine warehouse, what he really is doing is adding to a mountain of toys—about 3000—that were made for twenty one local schools, charities and hospitals by a dedicated and merry band of AWG volunteers in 2019.



Toy making operations begin each January in Andy Borland's workshop and in other AWG toy workshop locations. Work then continues on through to the last week of November. In December cartons of toys are then distributed to local schools, charities and hospitals.—21 different institutions this year.

Let us all congratulate our 2019 toy makers: **Don Ames, Paul Dodson, Bill Carbin, Jim Cowan, Jim Jordan, Duncan Adams, Will Hottle, Phil Carroll, Bill Powell, Jack Hirrlinger, Ken Davis, Harry Chavez and Andy Borland** for another year of extraordinary toy making for area youngsters and programs in need.



## 2020 Woodworking Show



Each January the Guild puts together a display booth for the Annual woodworking show at Timonium, Maryland. Our booth is a great display of the diversity of talent in our Guild and it is an equally great display of the diversity of woodworking undertaken by our members. All-in-all its a great opportunity to educate others about the Guild and to encourage others to become new members. It's of course also a great woodworking show, showcasing new technology, providing mini-classes in a wide variety of woodworking subjects, and providing a single location to pick up that tool you were wishing for, or perhaps that perfect slab for your next project. Several good reasons to attend and perhaps to volunteer to help with next year's booth.



## Upcoming Classes

### 2020 Box Making Classes



Andy Borland, Bill Carbin and Don Ames will be offering a Simple Box Making class in February, 2020 and they will be offering an Advanced Box Making class in April. In the first class you start by making a sled, which helps to produce perfect corner joinery, and you will learn how to make and use splines, which strengthen and decorate box corners. In the following advanced class you will tackle a more complex octagonal box design.

A sign-up list for the simple box making class will be available at the January meeting. Opportunity to sign up for the advanced class will begin in February. Cost for the simple box making class will be \$25 per person for AWG members. Estimated cost of the advanced box class is also \$25 per person, but will be defined prior to sign up time next February.

## January Raffle

A **Main Raffle** is held each month except April and August. Tickets are \$1 each. Raffles typically include a \$50 gift certificate and 1 or 2 other selected items.

A **Big Raffle** is held each April and August. Tickets for the Big Raffle are \$5.00 each.

Raffle tickets may be purchased at the meeting hall entrance table

### New Year Raffle

**This month's drawing: A \$50 Lowes gift card; a Bucket Boss Superbib Apron; and a pair of Venturegear Earmuffs**



***U Gotta Play to Win!!***

**Bring a buck Get a Ticket and**

**Good Luck!!**



## Segmented Cuts

### Perspiration Lumber

**Ruben Arizmendi**, local wood dealer, has offered Annapolis Woodworkers Guild members wood in exchange for labor at his shop. He will allow you to pick out the wood you desire, price it and then you can work off the cost at (NEW) \$40 per hour. No money need be exchanged—only your labor equivalent for the wood (you can, however, always buy the wood instead of supplying labor). Ruben says that a typical task he needs help with is planing raw lumber. Ruben did not supply a formal list of his wood types but is quite extensive. The deal is available now.

Ruben's business is located at 8163 New Cut Road Severn Maryland, Phone: (443)-871-3394.

### Pen Making

Want to learn the “Ins and Outs” of making fine writing instruments? Dennis Harvey has volunteered to tutor anyone interested in learning how to make keepsakes that will be treasured by yourself and others. Dennis Harvey—find him at the next meeting or call 240-463-4641.

### Volunteer at Historic London Town and Gardens

Interested in demonstrating 18<sup>th</sup> Century Carpentry?

Join us in our Carpentry Shop, interpreting hand tool wood working.

Period clothing is provided and an interest in Colonial American furniture is preferred.

If interested visit <https://www.historiclondontown.org/volunteer>

For questions, contact [visit@historiclondontown.org](mailto:visit@historiclondontown.org) or call (410) 222-1919.



**This month's plank: Leopardwood.** Use it to make something **Wild** (like that New Year's Eve party animal you wish you still were! )

## Mentors and Problem Solution

**Want to learn a new skill?** AWG has many member-mentors to help you. See the list below to contact one.

**Have a vexing woodworking problem?** There may be many other members with the same situation. AWG has a “problem box” where you can anonymously place your problem or question for discussion and possible solutions at the next meeting. You will find the box at a table near the meeting hall entrance door.

### AWG Member Mentors

Last Name	First Name	Phone	E-mail	Mentor Subject
Ames	Don	410-268-0509	dfames@verizon.net	Use and maintenance of Edge Tools (planes, chisels, scrapers)
Applegate	Patrick	410-426-8287	patrick__applegate@comcast.net	Finishing with Shellac (brushed and padded)
Arndt	Michael	410-960-3239	MarylandWoodPro@gmail.com	General wood finishing and finish restoration/repair
Ashby	Bob	410-969-2910	toolsrus58@comcast.net	Shapers, router tables and tooling for same
Borland	Andy	410-647-1242	AHBorland@aol.com	Box making
Chavez	Harry	410-863-5940	harry.chavez@gmail.com	Intarsia
Dodson	Paul	410-760-5382	pdwoodcrafts@verizon.net	Scroll saws and scrolling
Harvey	Dennis	240-463-4641	denharv@aol.com	Pen making
Hirrlinger	Jack	410-798-1339	tjhirr@verizon.net	Toys, tricks and puzzles
Luck	Jim	410-647-6622	jfl639@verizon.net	Inlay and shaker boxes
McDonald	Chris	410-326-1685	cmcdonald@thewavaz.com	Cabinets

# Administration

## AWG OFFICERS (June 2019 —May 2020 Term)

President – Bob Ashby

1st Vice President – Bruce Mitchell

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Treasurer – Vince Antonioli

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Webmaster— Tyler Quevedo

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## MEMBERSHIP and MEETINGS

Membership is open to all interested Woodworkers.

**Annual Dues: New Members Joining between Jan and June: \$50; joining between July and Sept \$25; Free between Oct and Jan, but be sure to “re-up” the following year!**

### General Membership Meetings:

**2nd Thursday of each month 7 PM**

**Davidsonville United Methodist Church**

**819 Route 214, Davidsonville, MD**

### Executive Board Meetings:

**4th Thursday of the Month at 7 PM**

**Jan 2020 Meeting: Edgewater Library**

**25 Stepneys Lane, Edgewater, MD**

**All are welcome at board meetings**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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Website:

**[Annapoliswoodworkers.org](http://Annapoliswoodworkers.org)**



## The following vendors support AWG



**Wurth Wood Group**, 6660 Santa Barbara Road, Elkridge, MD 21075

410-796-7600 [WWW.Wurthwoodgroup.com](http://WWW.Wurthwoodgroup.com)



**Hartville Tools**, Hartville, OH

800-345-2396 [WWW.Hartvilletool.com](http://WWW.Hartvilletool.com)



**Exotic Lumber Company**, 1610 Whitehall Road, Annapolis, MD 21409

410-349-1705 [WWW.Exoticlumber.com](http://WWW.Exoticlumber.com)



**Somerset Door and Column Company**, 174 Sagamore Street, Somerset, PA 15501

800-242-7916 [WWW.Doorandcolumn.com](http://WWW.Doorandcolumn.com)

## The following vendors support AWG



**Brusso Hardware LLC**, 67-69 Greylock Avenue, Belleville, NJ 07109

212-337-8510 [WWW.Brusso.com](http://WWW.Brusso.com)



**Klingspor** 2555 Tate Boulevard Southeast, Hickory, NC 28603

800-645-5555 [WWW.Klingspor.com](http://WWW.Klingspor.com)



**American Woodcrafters Supply** 212 East Main, Box G, Riceville, IA 50466

800-995-4032 [WWW.Americanwoodcrafterssupply.com](http://WWW.Americanwoodcrafterssupply.com)



**Lake Erie Toolworks** 1234 Irwin Drive, Erie, PA 16505

815-528-4337 [WWW.LakeErieToolworks.com/Pages/Club](http://WWW.LakeErieToolworks.com/Pages/Club)

10% Online Discount Code: **AWG10**