

# The Colonial Woodcutter

## The Newsletter of the Annapolis Woodworkers Guild

Meeting 7:00 PM August 8th, Davidsonville United Methodist Church

August Meeting  
Annual Tool Swap

August 2024



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### *Newsletter Submissions*

If you have new projects, tools or fixtures that may interest to others, or if you have found a wood related news story, please share them with the Guild. Send a description, with pictures if possible, for inclusion in the Colonial Woodcutter to the editor, Duncan Adams at [duncanladams@gmail.com](mailto:duncanladams@gmail.com). Items submitted by the first Thursday of the month will be published.

Many thanks to those who contributed to this month's issue.



# August 2024 President's Message

Dear fellow members,

As we come upon the dog days of August, the O's are doing great, the Ravens are in training camp and the Guild is having our annual tool swap.

I'm the kind of guy who routinely checks Craigslist tools, Facebook Marketplace tools, and can NOT go to Home Depot without walking through the tool aisle.

I recall working on a project years ago and looking for insight into some problem, I found a woodworkers forum. One conversation went back and forth about "Normites" and "Neanderthals." "Normites" being disciples of Norm Abrams of This Old House fame. As one commenter put it, he believed one day Norm would have a machine where he would put a piece of lumber in one side and a piece of furniture would come out the other! I suppose being a tool junkie that kind of makes me a Normite. The flip side are the Neanderthals, cutting dovetails by hand, using chisels in place of saws and routers, etc. Essentially, the true woodworking craftsmen. Certainly to me!



Please check your shops for duplicate tools, tools you no longer use or need, bring some cash to pick up those tools you need or want and don't have, and let's go shopping!

See you at the swap,

Jim

# August Monthly Meeting

Thursday, August 8th, 2024, 7:00PM

Davidsonville United Methodist Church

819 W Central Ave, Davidsonville, MD 21035

Please join us for our monthly meeting of the Guild. August is the time for the Guild's traditional tool swap. Turn your under used treasures into cash and find some new tools to treasure.



## Black Walnut for Sale

Last month we reported that Bill Heath has a friend who has some 40 year old, air dried black walnut for sale. The boards are about 80% dark and 20% light. Since then Dennis Harvey has collected the boards and will be selling them at \$5 per board foot. His email address is [denharv@aol.com](mailto:denharv@aol.com).

Qty	Length	Width	Thick
2	91	7 ¼	¾
1	94	8 ¼	1 ½
1	102	11 ¾	1
1	100	10	1
2	65	2 ¾	5/8
1	92 ½	13 ½	¾
1	53	3 ¾	5/8
2	100	2 ½	½
3	40	3 ½	¾
1	99 ½	9	¾
1	97	4	¾
3	121	8	¾
1	125	13 ½	2

## Tool Sale Reminder

The Walk Through Silent Auction of the Tschantre wood working tools and equipment (see Gaggle email sent on July 29) will be held on August 10, 2024 between the hours of 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at #6 Linstead Road, Severna Park, MD, 21146. [North West corner of Linstead Road and Ridge Road Linstead Road is the continuation of Riggs Rd.]

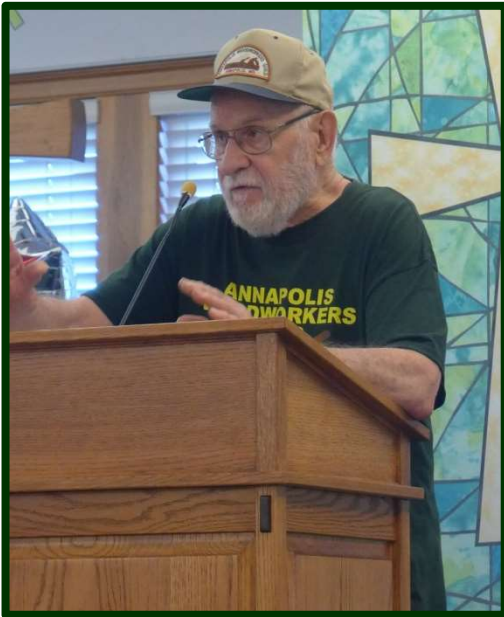
Bid tickets and bid box will be on site. Alternatively, members can submit bids by e-mail to Bill Carbin at [carbinwilliamj@yahoo.com](mailto:carbinwilliamj@yahoo.com) by 9:00 pm August 17, 2024

# July Meeting

President Jim Cowan called the July meeting to order and introduced the Guild's outreach chair Candee Van Iderstine. Candee talked about her plans to raise awareness and entice community members to join the Guild, for this she will be doing outreach events in the area. The first is on July 27 at the Busch library in Annapolis. She collected display items at the meeting to show at upcoming events; July 27, September 28-29, and October 10. She passed around sign-up sheets for volunteers to work the events and to teach classes that can be offered as part of outreach.







Bill Carbin talked about an upcoming basic box class that he will conduct with Andy Borland. He made the important point that the basic box class is, in actuality, a basic joinery class that has a box as a by-product. The classes, which can each accommodate five students, will be held in late August and into September. Bill passed around a sign-up sheet – nine signed up. If you missed the sign-up, you can still contact Bill to get into a class.

## AWG Raffle Program

Paul Dodson presented an overview of the Guild's raffle system, summarized below.

**\$1 Ticket Raffle:** Held each month except June. Tickets are \$1.00. This raffle includes the \$50 gift card and 1 or 2 selected items equaling no more than \$50. Total raffle value will not exceed \$100. A donated item may also be included if one is available. All other items are held by raffle chairperson for the next raffle period.

**\$5 Ticket Raffle:** Held in June. Tickets are \$5.00. Item will be valued between \$100 and \$200.

**Christmas Dinner Raffle:** Held in December. Item for members will be valued between \$300 and \$500 and a gift card for non-members valued at \$50.

**No raffle will be held in August due to tool meet.**

**Donated items:** Donate items must be clean and in good working order.



## July Speaker: Shlomi Abukassis

Shlomi Abukassis is a self-taught woodworker who, after twenty nine years of experience, describes himself as addicted to woodworking. He talked about the evolution of his style from basic to sophisticated designs. As an example of his designs he presented an art nouveau staircase that he designed and built in an Annapolis home fifteen years ago. The stairs are



sapele, which he uses frequently, with curly maple inlays and accents. It took him three months to design and four months to build.



The topper to the impressive staircase is that it is reached through a secret door behind a bookcase!

He closed by addressing finish. He used his favored method: he sands to 220 grit, applies two coats of tung oil, then sands to 4000 (dry) and seals with Bison wax.

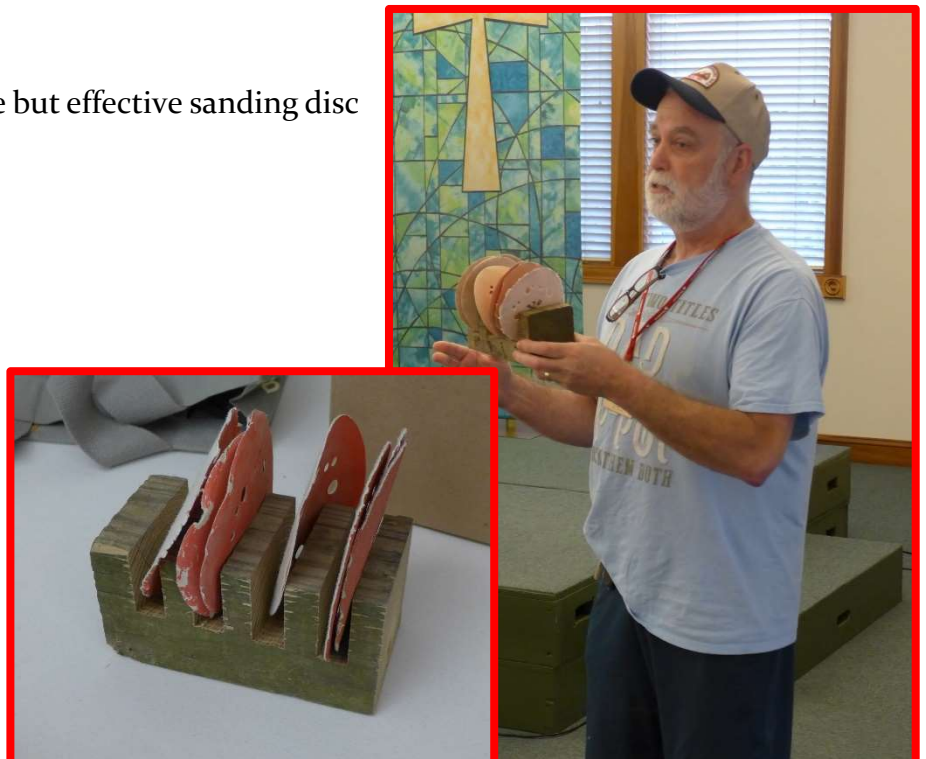


## Show and Tell



Rodger Young brought salad bowls turned from cedar and elm, finished with poly and Osmo.

Jim Cowan showed us his crude but effective sanding disc rack inspired by vinyl record storage.







Art Mensch has been restoring a church door and in the process he found an interesting joinery artifact. He brought a piece that he had to cut off in which he found oak wedges that had been used to lock in the tenons.



Dennis Harvey demonstrated a task lighting solution that he has discovered. It is a light weight clamp on LED lamp powered via USB, which he couples with a Ryobi tool battery through a USB adapter. This set up is portable and runs for over sixteen hours on a charge. Dennis uses it primarily for show display lighting, but it is also handy for task lighting in the shop

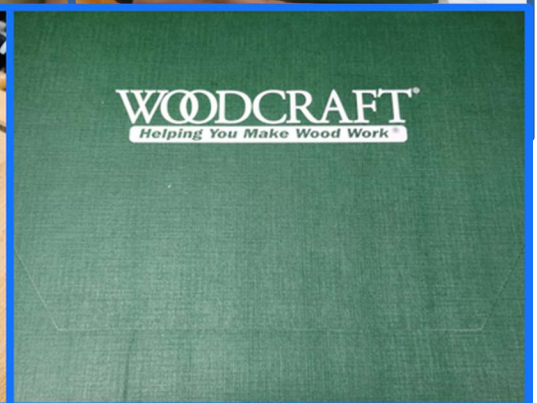
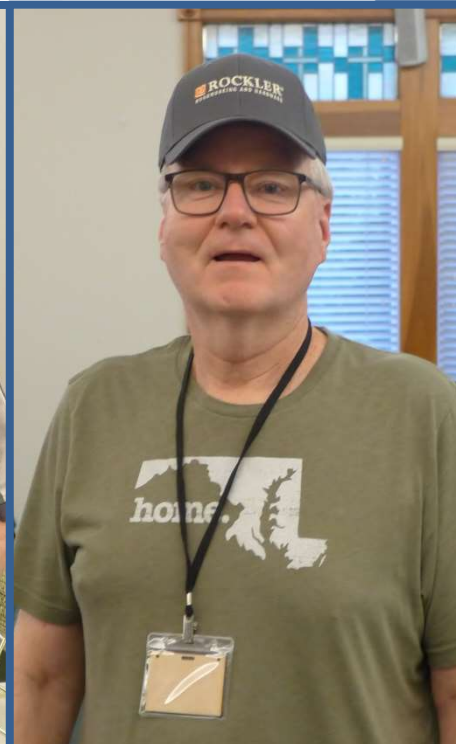
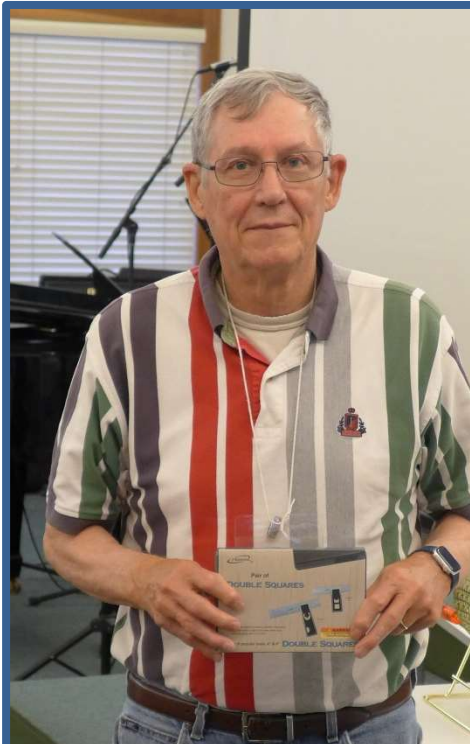
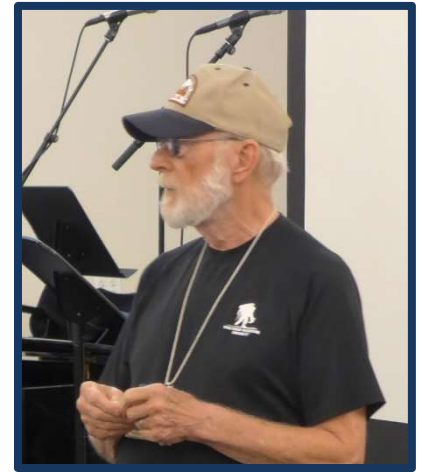
Mike Mantich made this beautiful wall mountable Hot Wheels case for his grandson. It can hold 128 cars in individual bins. Mike made it from four 8 foot lengths of 1x8 white pine, and finished in two shades of dye finish.





# July Raffle Winners

Paul Dodson conducted the monthly raffle. The three members who won are pictured below.



Pair of Double Squares  
Phil Christenson

Rockler Hat  
Joe Bodner

\$50 Woodcraft Gift Card  
Sue Springett

## Annapolis Maker Space

Trevor Griffin, vice president of the Annapolis Makerspace, addressed the Guild meeting to describe what the Makerspace is, how they are organized and the capabilities they have. The main points are summarized below. They have approached the Guild about forming some kind of cooperative arrangement. A meeting is being planned to see what can be worked out.



- They've a 501(c)(3) non profit
- They've been around about 7 years now
- Currently they have around 1200 sq ft of workshop but are likely moving to a new spot in the next couple months, a 1600 sq ft shop if things work out
- They have around 90 members and charge \$65 per month for 24/7 access to the shop via key fob access control
- They've been heavily woodworking oriented since opening, which is different than a lot of makerspaces. They currently have a Sawstop table saw with router table attachment, a band saw, drill press, drum sander, jointer, a 20" planer, various hand tools, and a small benchtop lathe. In addition to some of the traditional tools, they have a massive 4ft x 8ft CNC router, a 100W CO<sub>2</sub> laser cutter/engraver, a Sailrite industrial sewing machine, a few high end 3D printers, and some other random stuff.

### Address

2014 Renard Ct, Unit C, Annapolis, MD, United States, 21401

### Email

hello@makeannapolis.org

### Website

<https://www.makeannapolis.org/>



The Annapolis Makerspace shop – this equipment layout is somewhat out of date



## An Honor

Andy Borland

I have made boxes since I got involved in woodworking. I have all kinds of boxes in our home. I never thought one of my boxes would be honored to hold our son-in-law's mother's ashes. I told him to choose one of the boxes. He chose one and put a small brass cross on it. The box is in the columbarium at the Old Wye Church. At right is a picture of the box during the church service. Keep nice boxes around. You never know how they might be used, and you too might be honored.



## The Handicapped Woodworker Again

Andy Borland

Here is Andy again and we have been busy. In the three pictures below you will see three cutting boards made of three kinds of wood. The pictures are not great because the boards have not been oiled. We use mineral oil and store the boards on their sides. That prohibits the end grain from sucking up water left on your sink. I would not be able to do this without the help of my friend Bill Carbin. We explore new ideas and make numerous items that we have never made before.



# Outreach Event in Annapolis

On July 27th the Guilds outreach coordinator, Candee Van Iderstine, arranged Guild participation in a community event at the Busch Library on West Street in Annapolis. Candee reported that it felt like we reached a lot of people and raised awareness of the guild.

The event had about 12 total organizations represented and a surprisingly high total attendance. About 30 people were engaged. More stopped but just to look at the display. In addition to Candee, Carl, Wick, Paul Hansen and Jim Cowan staffed the table.

Many folks expressed that they were interested but did not have a place for a shop. We mentioned the Annapolis Makerspace to those people as well as the toy workshop as a place to learn and give back. This response may indicate a stronger impetus to some kind of partnering with the Makerspace.

Unlike the big Baltimore wood show in Timonium, these were truly local people. Those who expressed the strongest interest were advised about the tool trade in August but not all. I hope none show up expecting a full meeting.



## Appreciation for Guild Members Support of Santa's Workshop

The Guild's toys for kids program requires a significant amount of material – wood, glue, wheels, axels – to keep it operating. The Guild's treasury provides about one third of the total expense, and for the rest we depend on donations from individual members. So far this year members have donated cash totaling \$1500, 1000 wheels and four gallons of Titebond glue. The toy group wants to take this opportunity to thank all those members for their generosity.





# Tip of the Month

## Sandpaper Cutting Board

By: Logan Wittmer

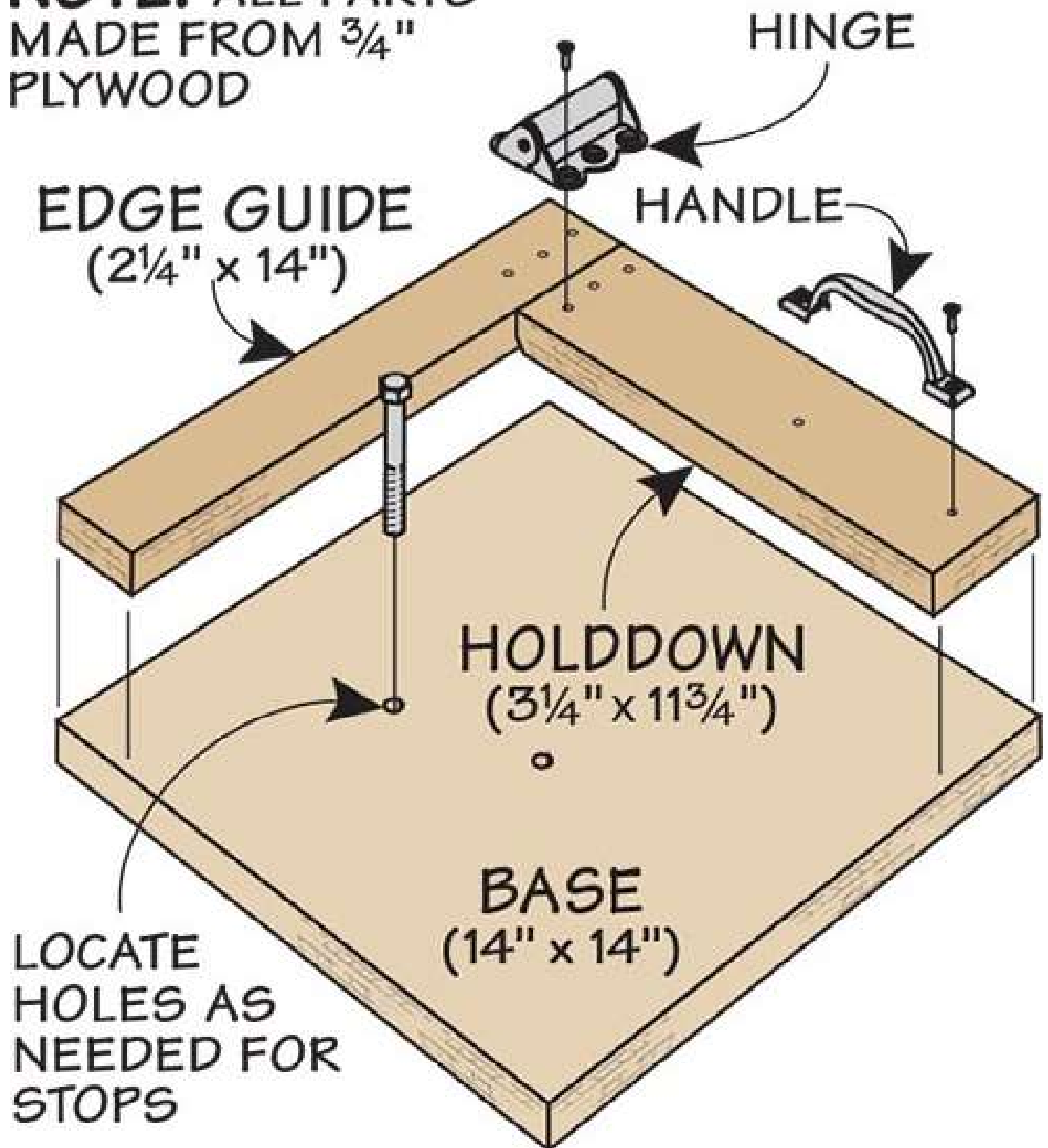
Here's a quick way to accurately cut to size sandpaper. It can be set up for any sheet size you need.

It's amazing how many different sizes of sanding sheets you need in the shop. To simplify things, I made a jig that eliminates the measuring and can be configured to cut various sizes to fit your sanders and sanding blocks.



A spring-loaded, hinged panel holds the sandpaper flat and acts as a straight edge for cutting. Removable bolts placed in holes positioned on the board create stops to cut each size of sandpaper. You can write notes and labels on the plywood for each size you need to cut.

**NOTE:** ALL PARTS  
MADE FROM  $\frac{3}{4}$ "  
PLYWOOD



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# AWG Member Mentors

**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 (when we are back in session at the church). Until then send your problems to the editor, President, or other AWG officer.

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>E-mail</b>	<b>Mentor Subject</b>
Ames	Don	410-268-0509	dfames@verizon.net	Use and maintenance of Edge Tools (planes, chisels, scrapers)
Arndt	Michael	410-960-3239	MarylandWoodPro@gmail.com	General wood finishing & finish restoration/repair
Ashby	Bob	410-969-2910	toolsrus58@comcast.net	Shapers, router tables and tooling for same
Carbin	Bill	410-647-0393	carbinwilliamj@yahoo.com	Box making
Chavez	Harry	410-863-5940	harry.chavez@gmail.com	Intarsia
Dodson	Paul	410-984-8488	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

# AWG Officers

## (June 2024 —May 2025 Term)

President – James Cowan  
1st Vice President – Ann Sentinella  
2nd Vice President – Carl Wick  
Secretary – Jim Menefee  
Co-Treasurers – Vince Antonioli and  
Rodger Young  
Tour Coordinator – Open  
Program Committee – Brian Parker, Sue  
Springett, Bob Ashby, Art Mensch  
and Carl Wick  
Newsletter Editor – Duncan Adams

Historian - Open  
Endowment Coordinator – Bill Carbin  
Entertainment Coordinator – Paul Dodson  
Out Reach – Candy Van Iderstine  
Show & Tell Coordinator – Bill Carbin  
Special Projects Coordinator – Open  
Membership Chairperson – Tom Dettweiler  
Charity Coordinator—Andy Borland  
Webmaster— Tyler Quevedo  
Education Chair—Rick Hodgdon

### MEMBERSHIP and MEETINGS

Membership is open to all interested Woodworkers.

Annual Dues: Current members renew dues in January at \$50.

New members added during the course of the calendar year will be assessed dues that are a pro-rata portion of the remainder of the full calendar year during the month joined.

#### General Membership Meetings:

2nd Thursday of each month 7 PM  
Davidsonville United Methodist Church  
819 W Central Ave, Davidsonville, MD 21035

#### Executive Board Meetings:

4th Thursday of the Month at 7 PM  
By phone/video until further notice  
All are welcome at board meetings  
Contact a board member for invitation

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

Correspondence:

**Annapolis Woodworkers Guild**  
P.O. Box 6001  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Website:

**Annapoliswoodworkers.org**



## AWG's Supporting Vendors



### Exotic Lumber Company

1610 Whitehall Road, Annapolis, MD 21409  
410-349-1705 [WWW.Exoticlumber.com](http://WWW.Exoticlumber.com)



### Rockler Woodworking & Hardware

12975 Fair Lakes Shopping Center Ste 2975  
Fairfax, VA 22033  
571-435-8030  
<https://www.rockler.com/retail/stores/va/fairfax-store>



### Somerset Door and Column Company

174 Sagamore Street, Somerset, PA 15501  
800-242-7916 [WWW.Doorandcolumn.com](http://WWW.Doorandcolumn.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)



**Bruso Hardware LLC**  
67-69 Greylock Avenue  
Belleville, NJ 07109  
212-337-8510 [WWW.Brusso.com](http://WWW.Brusso.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**



**Würth 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)

**MARYLAND SELECT HARDWOODS**  
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301-743-2225 [Dennis.Woodruffi@gmail.com](mailto:Dennis.Woodruffi@gmail.com)

**Timberline Farms Sawmill**  
Arnold Sewell, owner/operator  
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