

Colonial Woodcutter

Annapolis Woodworkers Guild

June 2020

June Meeting Cancelled

AWG President's Message

by Bob Ashby



Hello my long-time-no-see Guild members! We are still in tough times, but I am hoping that we soon will have an end in sight.

I have had a few health issues that are getting better. As a consequence I have not spent a lot of time out in my shop. I'm hoping that all of you have had better success and have been doing great things that you can share when we meet together again. Instead I have taken some time to research a few things on the Internet that I have wanted to know about for a long time. The first thing was to find a glue that I used at the first shop I worked at. It was a tan powder that you mixed with water. It was weather and water resistant. It had a slow dry time that you could adjust a little by adding warm water, instead of cold water. It did not shrink and would accept a stain. The down-side was it was a formaldehyde based product. Nonetheless, it was one of the best glues I have ever worked with. Well, it took thirty years, but I found it. DAP 00204 Weld Wood Plastic Resin Glue. This brought back a lot of old memories mixing the glue in five gallon cans and loading up a press.

The other think I have been looking at is what people are now doing with two-part epoxy. The uses of epoxy in woodworking has seemed to have taken off by rocket! If you look on UTube you will find an amazing array of ways you can use this product to turn a piece of wood you would have burned in the past into a beautiful furniture piece. It is very interesting and I can't wait to try casting some in a project.

My message, in my own little way, is that even if you cannot work in your shop due to health, weather, or Covid-19, try to use the time to think of a future project or make your shop more efficient, or just try something that you've never done before. It's much better than day-time TV offerings.

That's all I have for now—until I see you all again “AMF” (Adios, my friends)

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June Announcements

No June Meeting

Stay Safe, Stay at Home, Stay in your shop!

**The Guild is making arrangements for a July
“virtual” Guild meeting**

Please read about these plans and how to set up
your computer to participate

All in this newsletter!

Future Classes

Would you be interested in future classes on the use/maintenance of routers? Perhaps in a class to help you make scroll saw boxes? Your board continues to actively look for class/demonstration ideas that would help broaden the interest and skills of a broad segment of Guild membership. If you are interested in the subject areas above or have another interest you would like your Guild to pursue once we are operating in normal mode again, contact one of your board members (listed on the admin page of this newsletter)!

July Guild Meeting via Zoom

General Meeting in July

We're going to try to hold a general meeting on **July 9th via Zoom**, a computer video application. A number of things we typically do at our meetings are not very compatible with a Zoom session that has a lot of participants, but Show and Tell could be. There's even the advantage of being able to show things that are too large or clumsy to bring to a Davidsonville meeting. Items could be projects large or small, complete or in progress, new or old, or tools of note. Anything you think may be of interest to the membership. Whatever it is, be sure you can hold it up to your computer camera, or that you can bring your computer (or phone) camera to it. Zoom can run on your phone as well as your computer, so that should not be too difficult provided you have a WiFi connection.

So please consider what you might like to show to the membership and email your name and what you want to present to **Chris Desautels (christopher.desautels@gmail.com)**. This isn't to decide on whether you get to present or not, but rather to compile a list of presenters beforehand, to make the process go more smoothly during the actual Zoom session.

We're feeling our way with this, and Show and Tell will be the bulk of this meeting. If all goes well, we can explore additional Zoom compatible content. Perhaps even a guest presenter. Suggestions are encouraged. **A Zoom link will be sent to the email address we have on file for you on the day of the meeting.**

New to Zoom?

If you're new to Zoom, please review this tutorial for joining a zoom meeting at this link: [ZOOM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQoE&authuser=0) (or put <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQoE&authuser=0> in your browser)

You should allow 10 minutes prior to the meeting to download the app if this is your first meeting. This tutorial will tell you exactly what you need to do and how to do it.

Some additional Hints from users of Computer meeting software like Zoom:

Pay particular attention to your video display settings, audio settings and muting.

You want to use "speaker view" so you can see what the current speaker is showing.

It's also important that you mute your audio unless you're the one who is presenting or asking a question.

If you have any questions about Zoom, feel free to contact **Candee Van Iderstine** with your questions. CandeeVani@gmail.com or 240-485-7165

Other Questions/Suggestions?

If you have any other questions or suggestions about Guild business. Just email them to Chris Desautels at the email above and they'll be forwarded to board members.

Toy Makers Report

Our toy makers have been quite active even in these days of social distancing. **Andy Borland** sends the following:



Well, here it is in the middle of may, with June right around the corner. The Toy Workshop has not met for at least seven, maybe eight weeks. We re-opened on the 18th of May with all wearing masks and trying to maintain social distancing. We have also been working at home (some only at home). I would like to thank the following people who contributed from home and/or the workshop: Don Ames, Bill Carbin, Paul Dodson, Phil Carroll, Jim Jordan, Duncan Adams, Jim Cowan, Will Hottle, Jack Hirrlinger, Bill Schneck, Ken Davis and Harry Chavez. If I missed a name please forgive me!



If anyone else would like to make some toys please feel free and have them ready to be picked up by December 1st. We will start delivering on the 2nd of December.



Here are some photos of some of the toys made to date by Guild Members:

Racecar (Hottle), Jeep(s) and Train (Carroll), Box and Doll Bed (Carbin), Game (McDonald), Wands (Geena Cown), Pull Toy (Hirrlinger), Airplane (Chavez)



Cabin Fever Show-N-Tell

What's been going on in Member shops?

Art Mensch has been busy! He sends the following:



An embellishment (walnut banding) of the “basic box class” box.

A raised bed planter (one of two made) from pressure treated lumber.



And a coat rack/shoe box made from left over lumber found around his shop, including siding from a shed and even some pallet lumber run through a planer were used to give it a rounq rustic look. Pocket hole joinery and biscuits hold everything together.



Cabin Fever Show-N-Tell

Video: Building a Maloof Style Rocker— Chris Desaultes

Chris created a U-Tube video of how he made the rocking chair that was brought to our last Davidsonville general meeting. It's not a how-to video, but rather it is a 49 minute video explaining processes and techniques at key milestones in the build. See the video at this link: [Rocker](https://youtu.be/m9JYBn-sjMo) (or put <https://youtu.be/m9JYBn-sjMo> in your browser).



Wayne Johnson sends this picture of a beautiful dining table and the following narrative:

I built this table when we bought the chairs and found the designer had not designed a table. I wanted to keep the curves and the general look and this is what I came up with. The table is maple with cherry accents. The top is maple veneer plywood. The curved legs are laminated. I had to steam the laminations to make the bend without breaking. After they dried, they were glued up using slow cure West epoxy which gave me ample time to work and was slick to allow the laminations to slide over each other. It was done in stages. With the steaming and drying it took over a year. It is finished in sprayed on Campbell's water born lacquer.



Segmented Cuts

Scraper Plane: Essential or Excessive? - by Chris Desaultes

I recently acquired a new tool that some might say is an extravagance. But is there really such a thing as an unnecessary tool? It's a Lie-Neilson scraper plane. I've noticed that there are a lot of strong opinions about this tool. Many dismiss them as an overpriced indulgence that just does what a hand scraper does.

Overpriced? Maybe. Does the same thing as a hand scraper? Yes, won't argue with that. Indulgence? Most definitely! What's your point?

Life is too short and I've never enjoyed hand scrapers. I've always thought them to be fussy and temperamental. So I dropped some coin on this plane and I'm not looking back. I could have found a used Stanley 112 on Ebay, but I went with Lie-Neilson because in my experience everything that LN re-engineers is always better than the original.

A lot of folks complain that a scraper plane is hard to use, and takes too much practice, but that hasn't been my experience. That's because I broke that most basic of man rules. I actually read the directions! LN has detailed instructions and recommendations in both written form and videos and if you go over them all is clear.

First of all it's not like other planes. It scrapes rather than slices. Lot of folks obsess about getting shavings out of it. That generally means putting a burr on the blade which you can do if you want. LN provides instructions on how to do it and it looks to be easier to do with this blade than it is with a hand scraper, but LN also says it's not really necessary. A burr was probably necessary with the original Stanley 112, but the LN come with a much



thicker blade, so is very resistant to chatter. Without a burr the plane often produces more wood powder than shavings, depending on the wood you're working on. With a hand scraper that's a bad sign but in a monument to pragmatism LN says that when all is said and done, what kind of surface are you getting. If it's a smooth surface what does it matter if you have powder or shavings. A burr will make the plane a bit more aggressive and I suspect the quality of the surface may be better, but I haven't tried it yet.

The regulated nature of the blade is a strength and a weakness. With a hand scraper you can dial in the right angle by feel as you scrape. But with this plane you have to find the right angle by trial and error and dial it into the plane. It doesn't take very long and it's very easy to adjust on the plane, but it is often different with different woods.

The other thing that LN takes pains to be clear about is you use a very light touch with this plane. No down pressure, just let the weight of the tool do its thing.

So how does it perform? All in all I've been pretty pleased with it. I used it on a whole pile of breadboards I made to use up a lot of left over scrap wood.

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Segmented Cuts

(from Desaultes)

The boards are made of a melange of wood strips, Ash, Maple, Birdseye Maple, Walnut, Sapele and Persimmon. Different wood with different grains, going in different directions. Something like this would be a real challenge for conventional planes, even a good smoothing plane. But the scraper just went over them without a single problem, producing a beautiful smooth surface.

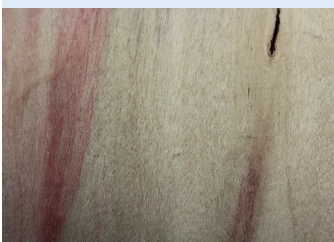
Also, it has one additional bonus, it's a Lie-Nielson. So it's a thing of beauty to look at.

Please Have Safety Always on Your Mind

Safety in your shop

Safety for your own health

Safety for your family, friends and fellow citizens



This month's plank: Box elder—with a bit of flame!!

For Sale

For Sale: Shopsmith Mark V, Model 510 plus a lot of accessories, including the bandsaw. Asking \$1750 or best offer.



Contact Paul Dodson
(410) 984-8488
If interested or if you have questions



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

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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:

3rd Thursday of the Month at 7 PM

By phone/video UFN

contact a board member for invitation

All are welcome at board meetings

CONTACT INFORMATION

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The following vendors support AWG



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

410-796-7600 WWW.Wurthwoodgroup.com



Hartville Tools, Hartville, OH

800-345-2396 WWW.Hartvilletool.com



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410-349-1705 WWW.Exoticlumber.com



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

800-242-7916 WWW.Doorandcolumn.com

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800-645-5555 WWW.Klingspor.com



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

800-995-4032 WWW.Americanwoodcrafterssupply.com



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