

The Colonial Woodcutter

The Newsletter of the
Annapolis Woodworkers Guild

Christmas Dinner Pictures

Portable Worktable Review



English Bulldog Intarsia
Harry Chavez

January 2022

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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 dnbadams@aol.com. Items submitted by the first Thursday of the month will be published.

Many thanks to those who contributed to this months' issue.

January 2022 President's Message

Happy New Year Guild Members:

Once again 2021 was a challenging year for the Annapolis Woodworkers Guild. I hope 2022 offers a more promising year. I thought we could return to in-person meetings in January, but the rising cases of the virus has placed a hold on returning. The Board of Directors met recently and decided to continue meeting via Zoom for the first quarter of 2022. We will continue to monitor and if the situation improves, will return to in-person meetings. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month, and a Zoom link will be emailed by the Guild to all members. Hope to see you on Zoom.



We held our annual Christmas Dinner on December 9, 2021 at the Annapolis Elks. Forty-nine members and guests attended for an evening of food, drink, fellowship, and gifts. Every year, Paul Dodson, coordinates the event and does an excellent job of finding new ways to entertain everyone. Thanks to Paul, Vince Antonioli, Jim Menefee, and Harry Chavez for assisting in a successful event. Will Hottle won the main gift of the Ridgid Oscillating Edge/Belt Sander. Congratulations Will!

Our annual dues of \$50.00 are now due with the deadline to pay by January 31, 2022. You can pay the \$50.00 several ways: mail your check directly to our treasurer, Vince Antonioli, 23408 Neck Road, Aquasco, MD 20608 or use the PayPal link. Go to the AWG Web site AnnapolisWoodworkers.org and select the "join" tab for a PayPal link.

Since the 2022 Baltimore Woodworking Show was cancelled for January, the Guild needs to find a way to recruit members to join the Guild. We are still looking for a Show Coordinator for future events and if you have an interest, please contact me.

Finally, the pandemic and meeting via Zoom has challenged a special part of the monthly meetings: Show and Tell. I think it's important for members to see and learn from projects and foster new ideas, techniques, etc. While we are more comfortable with in-person presentations, Zoom offers a terrific opportunity for members that have created projects that are too large to bring for an in-person meeting. Zoom also allows for close-up of details members would not normally see. There are a couple of ways to participate. First bring your project to the camera or computer and briefly explain the item. Second, videotape or photograph the item and submit to Chris DeSaultels with an explanation of the project. Gather those pandemic projects and let's see them at the next meeting.

Stay safe during these challenging times.

Bill Schneck

January Virtual Meeting

Thursday, January 13th, 2022

7:00PM on Zoom

Please join us for our January “virtual” meeting of the Guild. Please also consider contributing to the “show-n-tell” portion of our monthly meeting by contacting Chris Desautels before the meeting date at: Christopher.desautels@gmail.com or 301-332-8490.

2021 Christmas Dinner

On December 9, 2021, members and guest gathered for a night of food, drink, and gifts for the Annapolis Woodworkers Guild Annual Christmas dinner, held at the Annapolis Elks Lodge. Will Hottle won the big door prize, the Ridgid Oscillating Edge/Belt Sander. Thanks to Paul Dodson for coordinating this great event.



Paul Dodson begins the after dinner program.

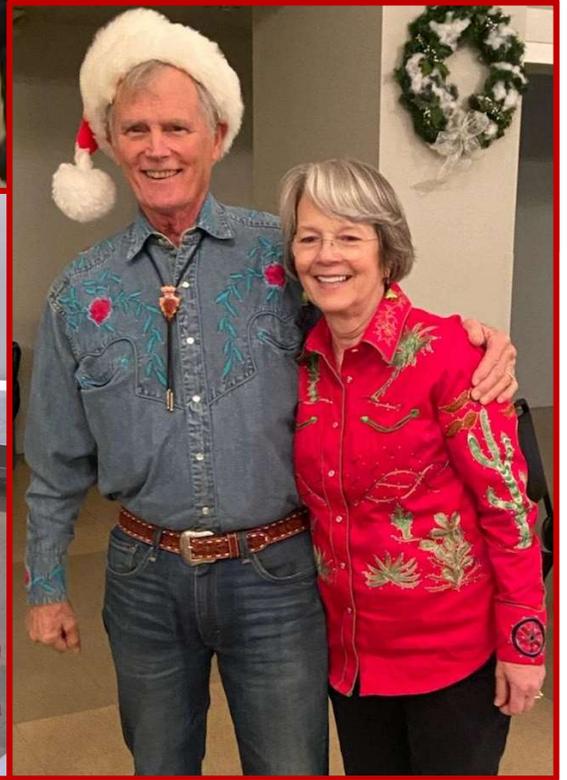


Harry Chavez leads the crowd in a chorus of *"The Twelve Woodworking Days of Christmas."*

Rick Hodgson selects an ornament from the ornament board. Each year members create an ornament and participate in the exchange.



Will Hottle won the grand door prize, a Ridgid oscillating edge/belt sander. Congratulations Will.



Guest listen as the numbers are drawn for gifts from the gift table. Many gift items on the table are donated from Andy Borland's and Bill Carbin's shops. Thank you.

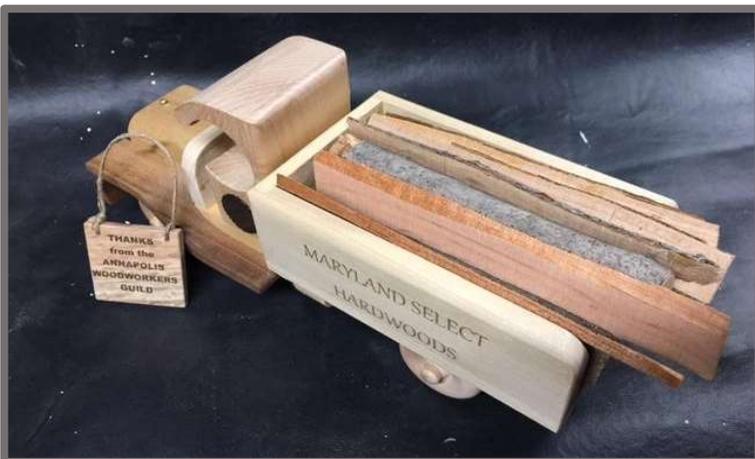
Token of Appreciation for Maryland Select Hardwoods

By Paul Hansen

As most of the AWG members know, a dedicated group of Santa Claus contract workers gather at Andy Borland's North Pole South Workshop on Monday mornings. Throughout the year they manufacture a marvelous fleet of charming and durable wooden toy trucks, cars, planes and whatnots to be given to deserving and desirous children at select local elementary schools. This year's efforts produced more than 2,500 toys. The shop overseer must have really flogged his cadre of gray haired elves. They scrounge and salvage the necessary material and consumables needed for this level of near industrial levels of effort. A reliable supply of suitable wood is always a point of concern. Fortunately, one of our local wood merchants has begun to assist by donating rough cut lumber to be used in this endeavor. Dennis Woodruff, the owner of Maryland Select Hardwoods, has stepped up for us. He tossed poplar, cherry, oak and maple boards for the toy program in my truck after I picked up my project supplies. He had done this previously and said that he will continue to help us out. This last trip gained us about 75 board feet of useful hardwood, and would have been more had I more room in my S10. In addition to being a good guy, he has a good selection of wood at great prices. His lumber mill also features a well stocked fishing pond. I have found it worth the trip down the road to deal with him.



We thought it might be nice to give him more than a verbal and e-mail thank you for his generosity. A hand made toy truck from the AWG might look good in his office.



Phil Carroll made a fine looking dump truck for him on behalf of the AWG. Jim Cowan used his techno magic and new laser engraver to put the name of Dennis's company on the sides of the cargo bed and a wooden gift tag. I added a simple finish, a tiny load of lumber and very small circular saw blades to the doors. The truck looks great. I delivered it on my next trip down to his mill.

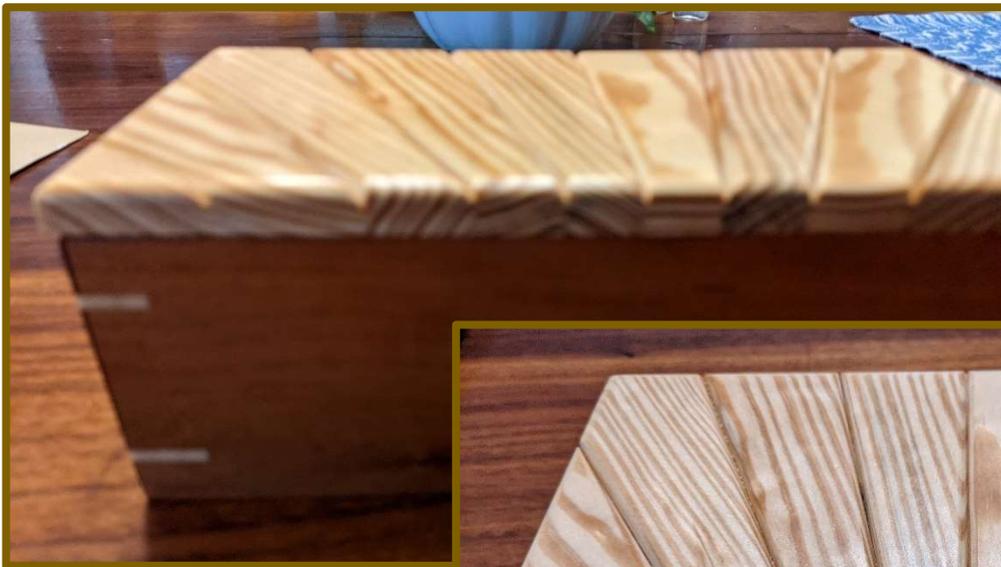
Upcoming Classes

Sunburst Box Class

Andy Borland

The BAD Boys are going to teach a class on box making when can start having meetings in person again.

The box we will teach is shown in the pictures below. If you are interested in taking this sign up by the February meeting. Class will cost \$25 and will be held in my shop at 82 Point Somerset Lane, Severna Park. Hope we can start soon.



Sawdust and Shavings

English Bulldog Intarsia

Harry Chavez



This intarsia portrait of an English bulldog was made using the following wood species:

- Cherry
- Walnut
- Mahogany
- Maple
- Spalted Maple
- Holly
- Wenge
- Purple Heart



I also used metal cone spikes used on dog collars. The piece was finished in gloss clear coat – 2 coats. The backer board was Masonite painted a salmon color and the frame was painted black.

I completed this project in a 3 week period for an urgent Christmas order.

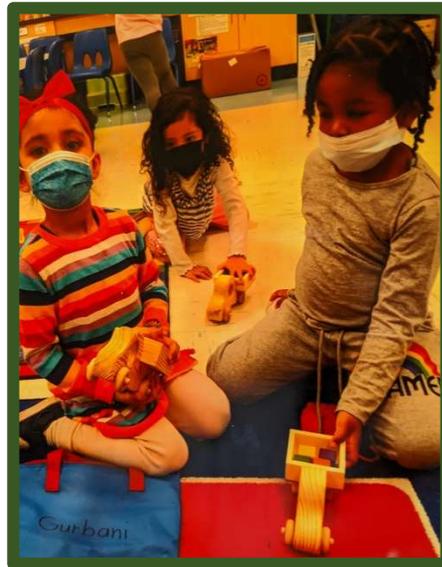


Where the Guild Donated Toys

Andy Borland's workshop group completed donating over 2500 hundred toys to local schools, churches, and community groups. Andy's crew will return to the shop in January and start the process over for 2022. I would like to thank the members of the workshop group: Andy Borland, Don Ames, Bill Carbin, Jim Jordan, Paul Dodson, Phil Carroll, Duncan Adams, Will Hottle, Jack Hirrlinger, and Jim Cowan for the many hours committed to this worthwhile cause.

- Bill Schneck

Where AWG Toys Went in 2021			
Donated to	Qty	Donated to	Qty
Bellegrove Elementary	100	Fort Smallwood Elementary	160
Riviera Beach Elementary	90	Sunset Elementary	90
Maryland City Elementary	130	Cromwell Elementary	130
Carrie Weedon Elementary	100	North Glen Elementary	100
Tyler Heights Elementary	152	Meade Heights Elementary	150
Pasadena Elementary	90	Lothian Elementary	130
Tracey Elementary	90	Odenton Elementary	100
Arnold Elementary	100	Van Bokkelen Elementary	140
Oakwood Backpack Buddies	25	Quarterfield Backpack Buddies	15
For Ellie Foundation	125	David Orso Toy Drive	13
Sells cancer donations	50	Ken Davis cancer donations	120
Annapolis Light House	100	Wellness House	50
AAMC Nurses	50		
		Total	2400



Dear Annapolis Woodworkers,

Thank you for the toys. Jayce Thank you for the car. Brayner Thank you for the present. Ava Thank you for the car. Gurbani The planes fly. Nicholas The helicopter can spin the propeller. Jayce The trucks can drive. Maggie We ate lunch and there was a surprise for us. Nyla Toys were the surprise. Abigail

From,
Mrs. Saunders' Pre-K Class
Belle Grove Elementary School
Baltimore, MD



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Lothian Elementary School

5175 Solomons Island Road | Lothian, MD 20711 | 410-222-1697 | 410-222-1699 (FAX)

December 16, 2021

Dear Mr. Borland,

Thank you so much for the generous donation of wooden toys to our little ones at Lothian Elementary School. The students will be excited to receive them and grateful for the gift.

It was so kind of you to select our school. I know that there are many different options for outreach and I thank you for continuing to choose students at Lothian Elementary to be the recipients. I can't imagine the endless hours of hard work and effort it took to make this happen. Again, thank you so much for thinking of our students and providing this wonderful opportunity to them. I hope you have a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Kimberly J. Pletcher
School Counselor at Lothian Elementary

Mr. Borland and Annapolis Woodworking Guild
Thank you so much for the beautiful cars, train and baby cradle with blanket. Everything is so beautiful and my Pre-K class was so excited. I hope you have an amazing Christmas.

♥ Ms. Jhansen
and
Mrs. Evans

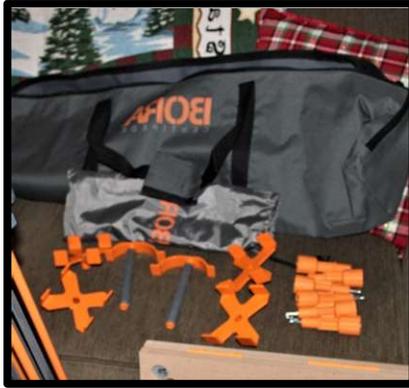
Product Reviews

Bora Centipede Portable Worktable

By Carl Wick

For a while I have been wanting a portable worktable that I could set up quickly in my shop and store away when not in use to save my very limited shop space. Recently, I spotted a product from Bora in a Rockler catalog that I thought would fit my need. I quickly “arranged” for a Bora Centipede table base and surface as a Christmas present. I should point out that two separate products are needed for a table: an expanding set of table legs and a foldable table surface. I ordered a 2x4 foot 30” high table base and a matching surface with holes for clamping (several different surface configurations are available).

What I received was two cartons. One carton held an expandable set of legs along with a leg storage bag. A separate smaller bag contained sturdy plastic holders sized for 2x4 lumber and a pair of plastic hold-down clamps. The second carton held a 2x4 table surface of 3/4” hardboard hinged in the center and a set of six clamping pins to firmly affix the table to the legs.



The base is light in weight, but very strong in compression. It is quickly expanded (less than a second required) to its final size and shape of just a little larger than the 2 x 4 foot nominal size. At this point X-shaped plastic fittings could be inserted in the base to form a series of sawhorses using 2x4 lumber as the horse crossbars, but I am more interested in a strong table surface. This is formed by unfolding the table surface and placing it on the legs, then clamping it to the leg base with some ‘cam-lock’ pins that are inserted and twisted from the underside of the table surface. The table surface is heavy, but manageable by one person.



Once set up the table is amazingly stable and strong - rated to support 2500 pounds. It takes very little time to set up and take down, fitting all my requirements. This product is certainly worth a look if you have a similar need. Leg sets are available in 2x4, 4x4, 4x6 and 4x8 sizes with all tops formed by multiples of the 2x4 tops. The 2x4 leg set is also available in a 36” high versions. You can find all the information on the Bora website- <https://boratool.com/work-stands>.

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.

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 & 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

AWG OFFICERS

(June 2021 —May 2022 Term)

President – Bill Schneck

1st Vice President – Ken Davis

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Secretary – Jim Menefee

Treasurer – Vince Antonioli

Tour Coordinator – Open

Program Chairperson – Chris Desautels and
Phil Christenson

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Entertainment Coordinator – Paul Dodson

Show Coordinator– Open

Show & Tell Coordinator – Bill Carbin

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Membership Chairperson – Tom Dettweiler

Librarian—Lloyd Gleason

Charity Coordinator—Andy Borland

Webmaster— Tyler Quevedo

Education Chair—Rick Hodgdon

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! For current members 2020 dues roll over into 2021!

General Membership Meetings:

2nd Thursday of each month 7 PM

Virtual Video Meetings until further notice

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:

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Annapolis, MD 21401

Website:

Annapoliswoodworkers.org

AWG's Supporting Vendors



Würth 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



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

410-349-1705 WWW.Exoticlumber.com



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

800-242-7916 WWW.Doorandcolumn.com



Bruso Hardware LLC, 67-69 Greylock Avenue, Belleville, NJ 07109

212-337-8510 WWW.Brusso.com



Klingspor 2555 Tate Boulevard Southeast, Hickory, NC 28603

800-645-5555 WWW.Klingspor.com



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

800-995-4032 WWW.Americanwoodcrafterssupply.com



Lake Erie Toolworks 1234 Irwin Drive, Erie, PA 16505

815-528-4337 WWW.LakeErieToolworks.com/Pages/Club

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