

# The Colonial Woodcutter

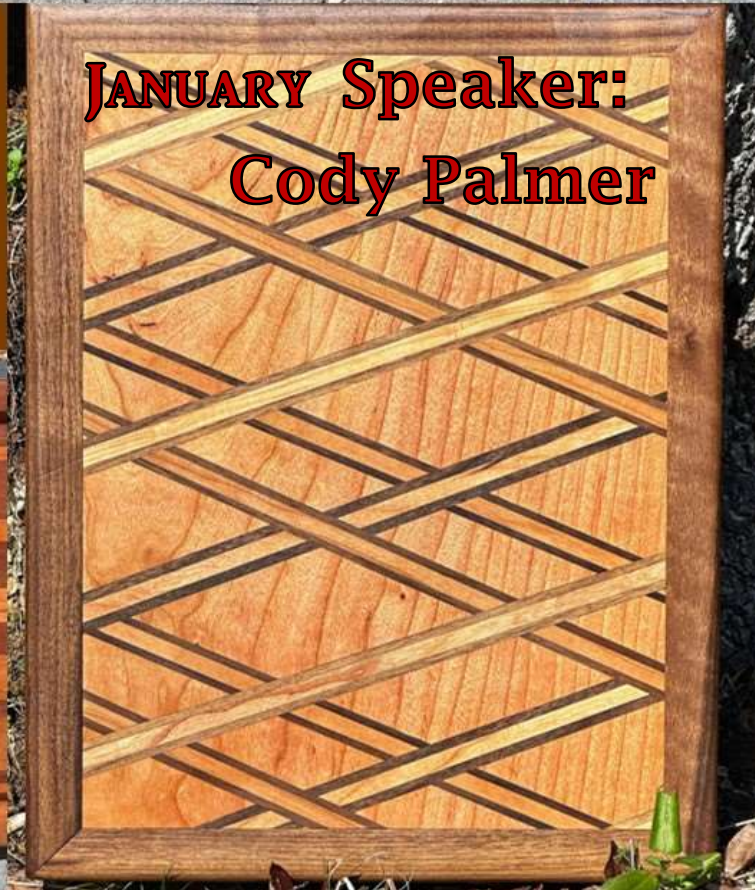
## The Newsletter of the Annapolis Woodworkers Guild

Meeting 7:00 PM January 9th, Davidsonville United Methodist Church



**JANUARY Speaker:**  
**Cody Palmer**

**January 2025**





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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.

# January 2025 President's Message

Happy New Year!

Here we find ourselves in a fresh new year. A chance to set goals, make resolutions to ourselves that have a low probability of being seen to the end (☺)

I pray you've all had a safe and joyous Holiday season. Travels and frustrations are all behind us hopefully and we can get back to our regularly scheduling programming, which for many or most of us will mean good times spent in the shop. Please stay warm in those shops based in less than fully conditioned rooms, and don't lose your focus on safe practices.

I felt like the Guild had a great Christmas party. I'd like to send special shout outs to the folks that made it happen:

Chef and Jasmine Haralambatos  
Jim Menefee  
Harry Chavez  
Vince Antonioli  
and especially our Emcee and Assistant,  
Paul and Patty Dodson



Looking forward to seeing everybody Thursday,  
Jim

## Dues are Due

Members are reminded that it is time to pay your 2025 Guild dues of \$50.

Please pay via PayPal or mail checks to:

AWG  
C/o Vince Antonioli  
23408 Neck Road  
Aquasco, MD 20608.

You can also give a check directly to Vince at the monthly meeting.

# January Monthly Meeting

**Thursday, January 9th, 2024, 7:00PM**  
**Davidsonville United Methodist Church**  
**819 W Central Ave, Davidsonville, MD 21035**

Please join us for our monthly meeting of the Guild. Please consider contributing to the “show-n-tell.” If you have an item you wish to show bring it to any meeting, leave it on the front table. There you will find a sign up clip board. Please write your name and description of the item. When your turn comes describe your project including wood species, finish, special techniques you used and any unusual problem you had to solve.

If you want to show off a project that is too large to bring to the meeting you have the option of showing your work via video or pictures. If you want to present a video or pictures at the meeting contact Chris Desautels before the meeting date at: [Christopher.desautels@gmail.com](mailto:Christopher.desautels@gmail.com) or 301-332-8490.

## January Speaker



The January speaker will be Cody Palmer, owner of Knotty Viking Custom Woodwork. Knotty Viking's offerings include cutting boards, charcuterie boards, spatulas, Montessori kids' kitchen sets, and other food-grade products. Cody's attention to detail ensures that every product is free from stains, dyes, and harmful chemicals, embodying his dedication to quality and sustainability.

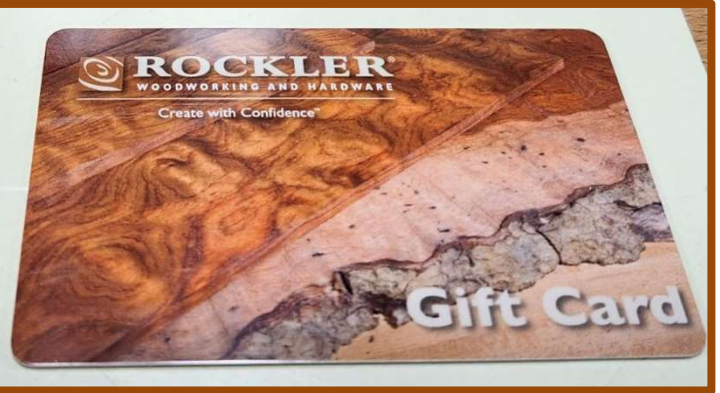
Through Knotty Viking, Cody has found a way to blend his passions and values into a business that provides beautiful, functional kitchenware.

## January Raffle

The January meeting will feature these two fine items.



Two 3/4 x 4 x 18 Purple Heart Boards



\$50 Rockler Gift Card

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Do you enjoy learning?  
Want to meet other people like you?

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**Want to learn more?**  
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[www.MakeAnnapolis.org](http://www.MakeAnnapolis.org)

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# December Meeting

## Annual Christmas Dinner

Last month's meeting was the traditional Christmas Dinner. Over sixty members and guests enjoyed an evening of good food, camaraderie and entertainment.







Master of Ceremonies Paul Dodson opened the event and called on Andy Borland to read the invocation.



Assorted Desserts

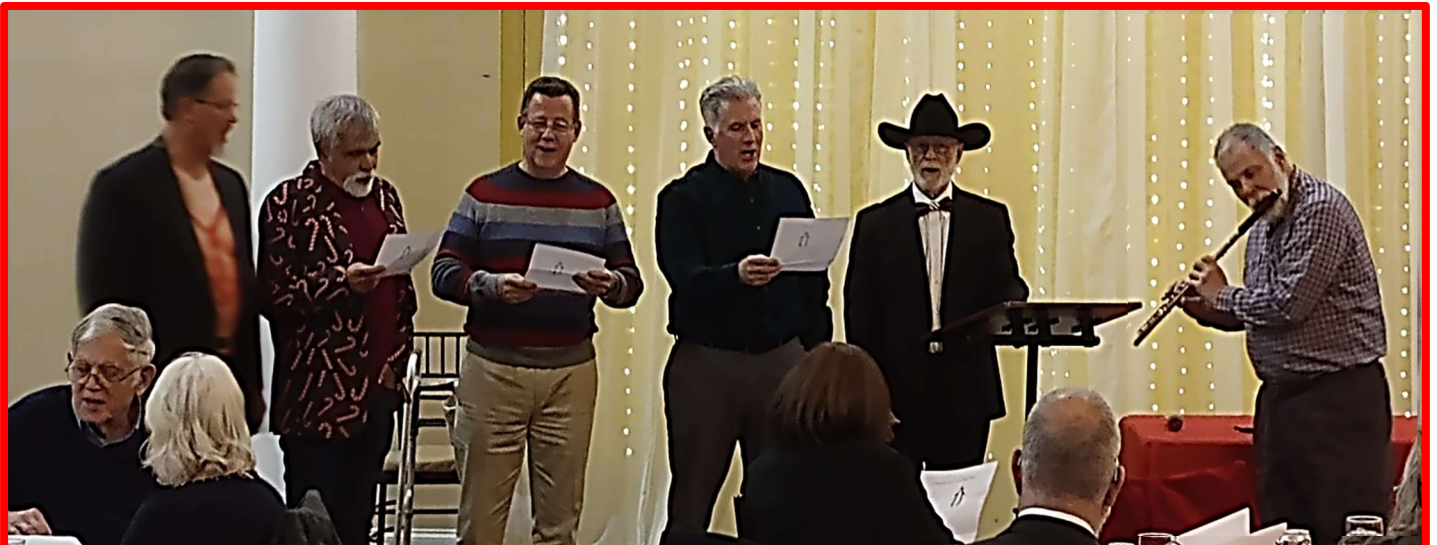


Appetizers - meatballs and crab dip



After everyone was full, Paul introduced the entertainment portion of the program. First, Jack Hirrlinger magically produced a bottle of champagne from two empty tubes, then pulled a rabbit out of a hat. Afterward, he allowed a moment for the woodworkers to explain the joke to their spouses.

And of course there was the annual Twelve Days of Woodworking Christmas led by the Guild chorus (recruited on the spot) and accompanied by Rodger Young on the flute.







The series of raffles came next with Paul drawing for the guest prize. The Guild's First Lady Geena Cowan (right) won a \$50 gift card.

Harry Chavez (below) drew numbers for the Christmas tree ornament swap. Members exchanged about two dozen creative, beautiful ornaments.





For the member raffle Paul introduced a new format – four members' tickets were drawn and each randomly selected one of four identical boxes. When the boxes were opened Phil Christensen and Jack Hirrlinger won Woodcraft gift cards, Bill Kovalick won a Customizer mini rotary tool by Culiau and Carole Groux won a Dremel set. Carole seemed somewhat pleased.







Members donated thirty handmade items as gifts. These were distributed by ticket draw.





To close out the evening, President Jim Cowan presented well deserved awards to members in appreciation for years of service to the Guild. Above – left to Right: Vince Antonioli, for years of service as treasurer; Bill Carbin for service conducting box making classes and as Show and Tell coordinator; and Andy Borland for hosting the toy shop, box making classes and countless other services. Not pictured – Tom Dettweiler for long service as membership director.

Below right, Don Ames received an award for over thirty years of service in multiple roles including the founding of the Guild.



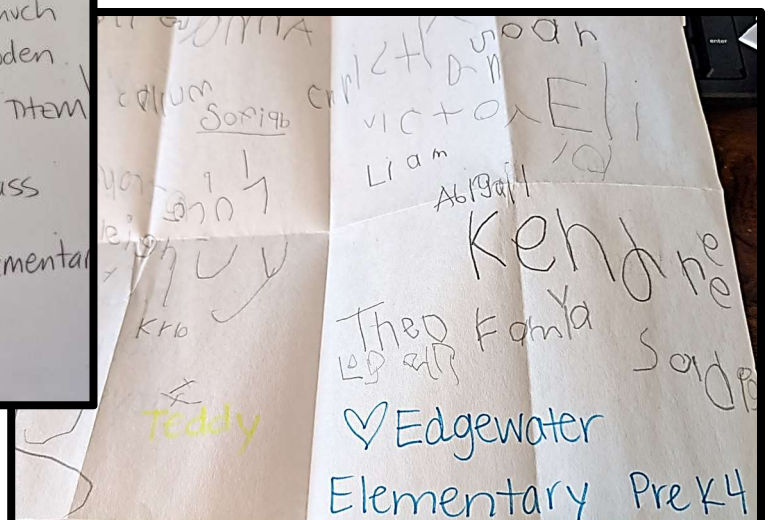
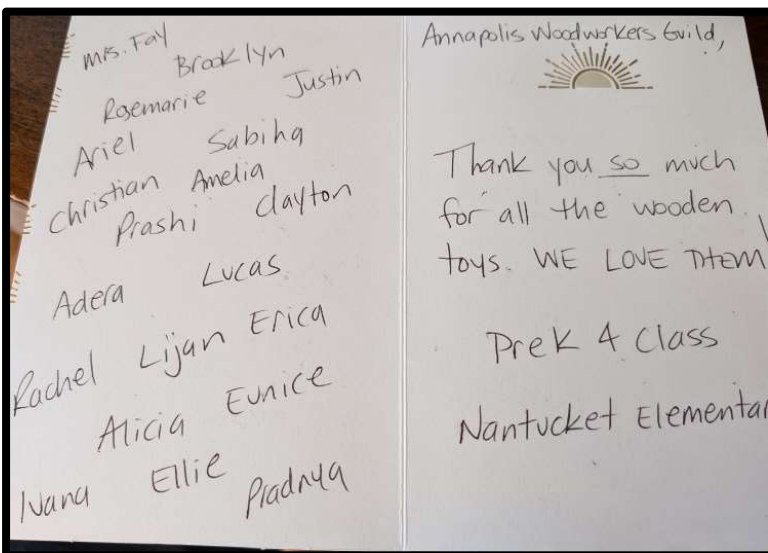
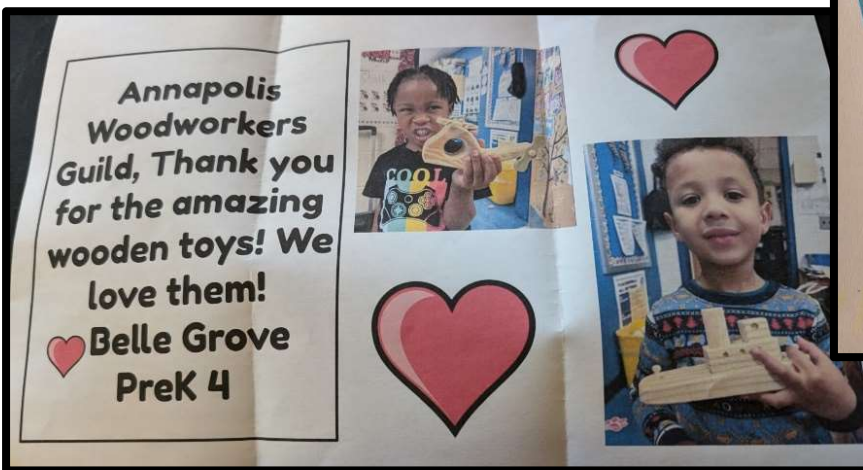
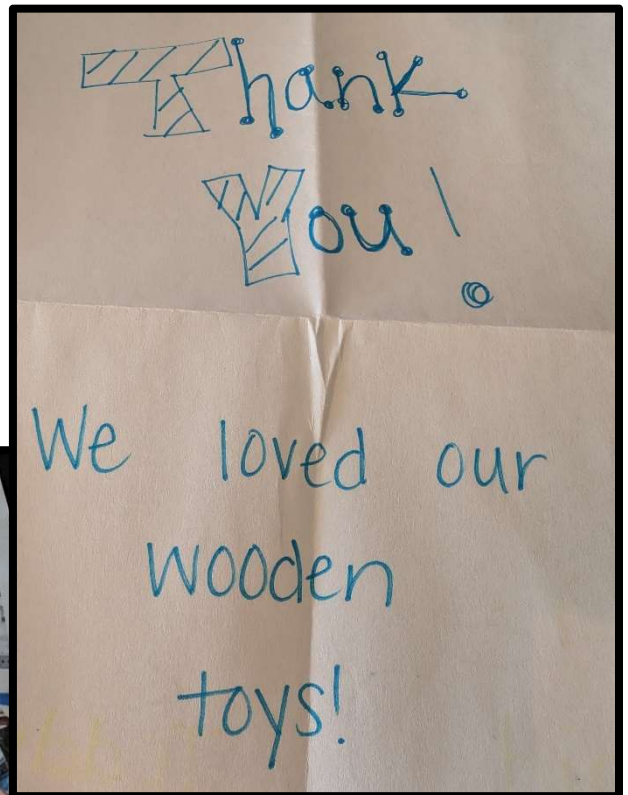


# Santa's Workshop

This year Andy Borland challenged the toy group to deliver toys to all pre-kindergarten children in Anne Arundel County schools. In meeting this challenge, the group produced about 3,000 toys and delivered them to sixty one schools and a number of charities. You can see who they are in the tables below.

Elementary School	Toys	Elementary School	Toys
Annapolis	33	Nantucket	20
Belle Grove	40	North Glen	38
Belvedere	20	Oakwood	60
Benfield	16	Odenton	57
Bodkin	20	Overlook	31
Brooklyn Park	60	Park	28
Cape St. Claire	17	Pasadena	20
Carrie Weedon Early Education Center	80	Piney Orchard	38
Crofton	18	Pt. Pleasant	40
Eastport	20	Quarterfield	40
Edgewater	31	Ridgeway	20
Ferndale Early Education Center	100	Rippling Woods	40
Fort Smallwood	38	Riviera Beach	20
Four Seasons	40	Rolling Knolls	20
Freetown	40	Seven Oaks	40
Georgetown East	34	Severn	20
Germantown	36	Severna Park	20
Glen Burnie Park	40	Shady Side	20
Glendale	40	ShIPLEY'S CHOICE	20
Hebron-Harman	40	Solley	40
High Point	39	Southgate	40
Hillsmere	20	Sunset	38
Jacobsville	20	Tracey's	20
Jessup	40	Two Rivers	40
Lake Shore	14	Tyler Heights	37
Linthicum	40	Van Bokkelen	50
Lothian	38	Waugh Chapel	20
Marley	39	West Meade Early Education Center	80
Maryland City	40	Windsor Farm	20
Mayo	20	Woodside	20
Mills-Parole	60	<b>Total</b>	<b>2130</b>

Charity	Toys
Saint Agnes Hospital	75
Asbury Church Assistance Net	35
Old Wye Church	20
Backpack Buddies	20
Cancer Ward	25
Family	10
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>220</b>





The smiling faces of happy children make all the effort worthwhile and we appreciate the feedback from the teachers.



To: "ahborland@aol.com" <ahborland@aol.com>  
Sent: Tue, Dec 24, 2024 at 10:33 AM  
Subject: PreK Donation  
Good morning,

I wanted to reach out and say thank you for the donation of toys to my Prekindergarten classroom. I teach 4 year old PreK at Oakwood Elementary School. The box of beautifully crafted toys was such a great surprise. Each of my students had the opportunity to take home a toy. There were some very happy train/plane/boat loving kiddos in my class.

Again, from the bottom of my heart, thank you so much of thinking of us and taking time to create all of those beautiful toys.

Happy Holiday,  
  
Kelly Harden

From: "Gerczynski, Suzanne M" <SGERCZYNSKI@AACPS.org>  
To: "ahborland@aol.com" <ahborland@aol.com>  
Sent: Fri, Dec 20, 2024 at 4:44 PM  
Subject: Toys

Sent: Fri, Dec 13, 2024 at 11:30 AM  
Subject: Thank you!!!  
Dear Mr. Borland,

Thank you so much for the very special gifts for our PreK students! It was so heartwarming watching each student carefully choose which amazing toy would be theirs! The children and I are so very grateful for your time to make the adorable and durable toys! I know the toys will be a treasured gift for each child! Thank you for your wonderful skills being used in such a thoughtful way!  
Suzanne Gerczynski

Thank you so much for the lovely wooden toys! They are beautiful and my students are going to LOVE them. It was so kind of you to think of them. Their thank you notes are in the works, but I wanted to reach out and let you know that the toys were received.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! 😊  
Crystal Ward

Crystal D. Ward  
Pre-Kindergarten Teacher  
Windsor Farm Elementary

To: "ahborland@aol.com" <ahborland@aol.com>  
Sent: Thu, Dec 19, 2024 at 3:10 PM  
Subject: Wooden toys  
Hello Andy Borland,

To: "ahborland@aol.com" <ahborland@aol.com>  
Sent: Mon, Dec 16, 2024 at 2:23 PM  
Subject: ❤️ THANK YOU ❤️

Just wanted to send a heartfelt **THANK YOU** from Mrs. Hare's Pre-K Hare Bears for the amazing toys. Each student got to pick one to take home today and they are all so excited. We are very appreciative, and the timing is perfect to go along with our unit on "How Structures Are Built."

Have a WONDERFUL holiday!

**Tabitha Hare**   
📍 4 Year Old Prekindergarten 📍

I just wanted to thank you and the Annapolis Woodworkers Guild for making the wooden toys for the pre-kindergarten classes at Mills-Parole Elementary. It is very thoughtful of you to think about our kids during this time of year.

Respectfully,

Renee Beron  
Pre-Kindergarten teacher  
Mills-Parole Elementary

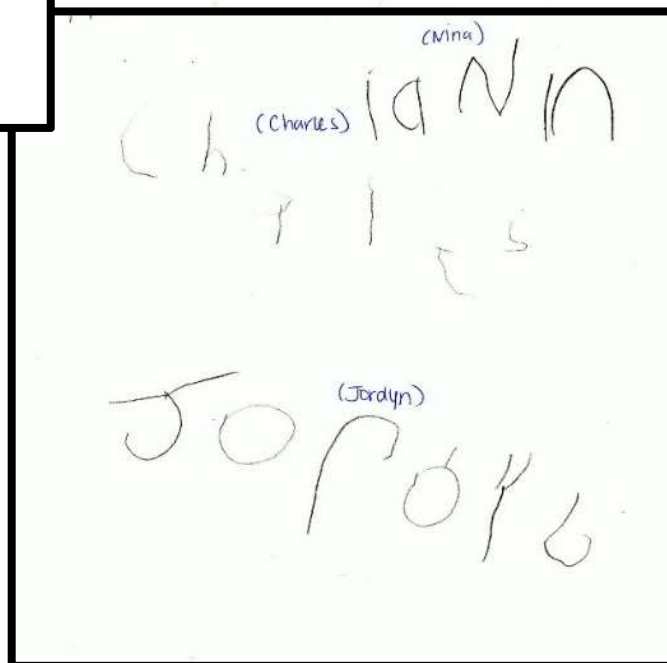
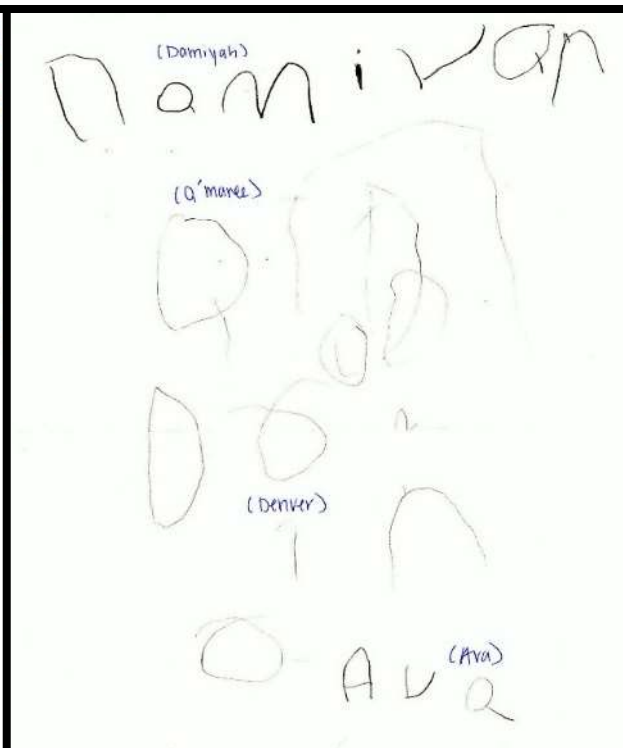
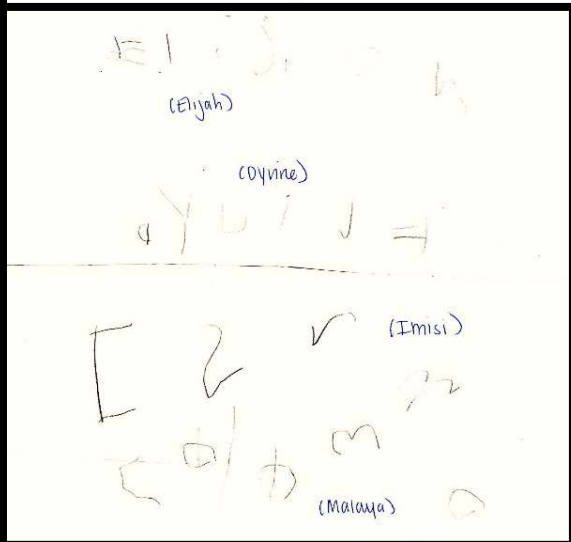
To: "AHBORLAND@AOL.COM" <AHBORLAND@AOL.COM>  
Sent: Fri, Dec 20, 2024 at 3:51 PM  
Subject: Thank you!

Thank you so very much for the generous donation of toys for our Pre-K students and our classroom!!! They were so beautifully made, and they will be very loved and played with for many years to come! They children were so excited to receive their gifts. The quilting was also beautiful. Also thank you for the box you gifted us. We truly appreciate it!  
Have a happy holiday and happy New Year,  
Marcie Balderson, Susan Wallace and Kath Concepcion  
Pre-K Teachers at Piney Orchard ES



Thank you to the volunteers  
at the Annapolis Woodworkers  
Guild! Our pre-k class is so  
excited about the doll bed + vehicles!  
You are so talented!

♥ MS. Singer's Prek class  
(Van Bokkelen Elem)



The Guild acknowledges the efforts of the group, Chair and host Andy Borland, Bill Carbin, Will Hottle, Phil Carroll, Ann Sentinella, Jim Cowan, Geena Cowan, Ken Davis, and other supporting members Bill Heath, Jack Hirrlinger and Rick Hodgdon.

This effort is only possible because of funds from the Guild and generous donations from Guild members, for which we are very grateful.

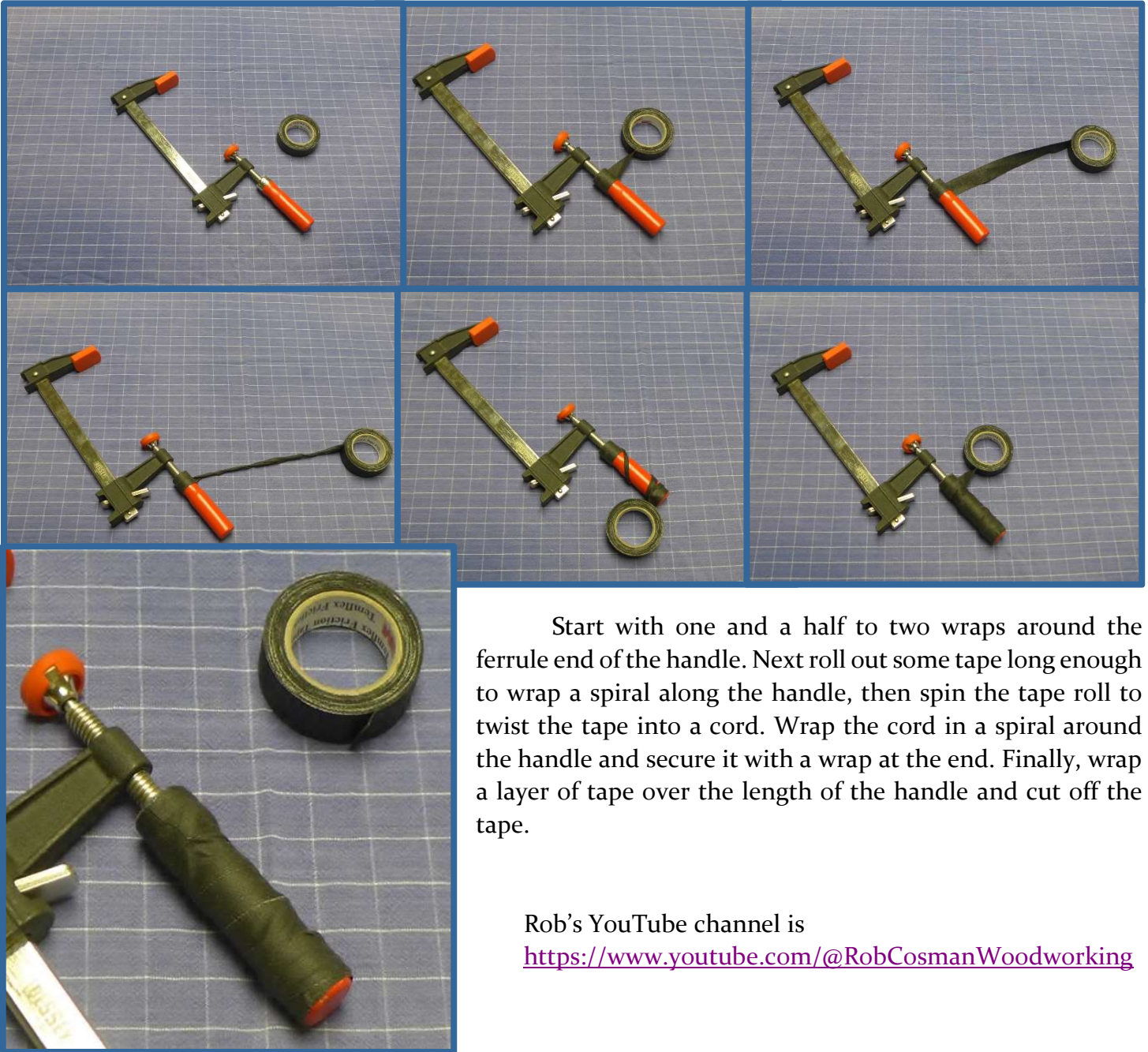
If you are able, please consider making a donation by contacting Treasurer Vince Antonioli.



# Tip of the Month

## How to Wrap Your Tool Handles - Get a Better Grip

I often find that clamps and other tools with small smooth handles are difficult to tighten, especially when my hands are dry from handling wood for a while. Recently I discovered a solution in a YouTube video by Rob Cosman who wraps his handles in hockey tape. Rob lives in Canada where, presumably, you can get hockey tape in the super market checkout line, but I could not find any so I used electrical friction tape (once known as “tar tape”). I describe Rob’s process below.



Start with one and a half to two wraps around the ferrule end of the handle. Next roll out some tape long enough to wrap a spiral along the handle, then spin the tape roll to twist the tape into a cord. Wrap the cord in a spiral around the handle and secure it with a wrap at the end. Finally, wrap a layer of tape over the length of the handle and cut off the tape.

Rob’s YouTube channel is

<https://www.youtube.com/@RobCosmanWoodworking>

# One on One Skills Classes and Instructors

Rick Hodgdon is setting up a program that will enable members to learn woodworking skills from experienced woodworkers in one-on-one settings. If you are interested in learning or improving your skills in the areas listed below, feel free to contact the instructor and schedule a session.

Member/Instructor	Skills	Email address
<b>Rick Hodgdon</b>	Veneering -- Table saw	mattaponiguy@gmail.com
<b>Bill Carbin</b>	Box Making	carbinwilliamj@yahoo.com
<b>Chris Desautels</b>	Chairmaking: Maloof and Windsor	christopher.desautels@gmail.com
<b>Carl Wick</b>	Basic Lathe Skills	cewick70@gmail.com
<b>Bob Ashby</b>	Routers, Shapers and Moulding	toolsrus1958@gmail.com
<b>Paul Dodson</b>	Scroll Saw, Basic woodworking, Shop Safety on any machine	pdwoodcrafts@verizon.net
<b>Harry Chavez</b>	Scroll Saw and Intarsia	harry.chavez@gmail.com
<b>Adam Schmitt</b>	General woodworking	scott@salanwoodbine.com
<b>Dennis Harvey</b>	Pen making	denharv@aol.com
<b>Bill Kovalick</b>	General woodworking / Adirondack furniture	bkovalick@gmail.com
<b>Bill Schneck</b>	Woodworking machine operations & safety, Basic joinery, dovetails mortise and tennon	mrwoodbutcher@comcast.net
<b>Joe Epperson</b>	Medium level woodworking	joedirt3478@outlook.com
<b>Phil Christenson</b>	Handcut dovetails, Tablesaw techniques	machristenson@aol.com



# AWG Member Mentors

**Want to learn a new skill?** AWG has many member-mentors to help you. See the list below to con-tact 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)
Ashby	Bob	410-969-2910	toolsrus58@comcast.net	Shapers, router tables and tooling for same
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)  
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**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**  
7470 Mason Springs Road, La Plata, Maryland  
301-743-2225 [Dennis.Woodruffi@gmail.com](mailto:Dennis.Woodruffi@gmail.com)

**Timberline Farms Sawmill**  
Arnold Sewell, owner/operator  
13000 Old Frederick Rd, Sykesville, MD  
Phone (410) 707-0158