

The Colonial Woodcutter

The Newsletter of the
Annapolis Woodworkers Guild

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

January Meeting Speaker
Andrew Barco



January 2026

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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. Items submitted by the first Thursday of the month will be published.

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

January 2026 President's Message

Dear fellow members,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. I enjoyed having my two out-of-town daughters home for ten days. We were very busy, and shared a lot of good conversation, laughter, and fun. Our family and friends' neighborhood caroling party was a success. The next day we enjoyed a nice, early family Christmas together. Thankfully, it was the one weekend in several weeks that my local daughter and three grandchildren were healthy enough to participate. They were hit hard by the flu and colds circulating around.

I received a lot of feedback regarding the AWG Christmas dinner. The service was good but the meal was disappointing this year, especially compared to last year. Rest assured that we will work hard to ensure a better experience at our 2026 dinner.



Rodger Young held classes for eleven members in November, teaching them how to sharpen traditional turning tools. He is also offering work sessions in January for those of us who have unfinished, half-turned lathe projects. For more information, see page 12. I will have a sign-up sheet available at the January 8 General Meeting.

Also, if you have not mailed in your dues yet, now is the time.
Mail a check for \$50, payable to AWG, to Vince Antonioli at:
23408 Neck Road
Aquasco, MD, 20608

You can also pay via PayPal on our website www.annapoliswoodworkers.org clicking on the **Join** tab. The third option is to pay in person with cash or check at the January meeting. See Rodger or Vince at the back table.

A few dates for you to put on your calendar:

- January 8, 2026: our next general meeting
- January 7, 14, 21, 28: Rodger's class: Half Turned

I know that many of us dealt with a variety of health issues in 2025; either personally or someone related to us. I hope for you, for all of us, that 2026 brings us peace, good health, and patience to deal with any ongoing health concerns.

Happy New Year! I wish you all the best in 2026.

Ann

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January Monthly Meeting

**Thursday, January 8th, 2026, 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. Your presenting time should be less than three minutes.

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. The three minute limit applies. If you want to present a video or pictures at the meeting contact Chris Desautels before the meeting date at: Christopher.desautels@gmail.com or 301-332-8490.

January Raffle

The January meeting’s raffle will feature these fine items.



Skil Jigsaw



\$50 Lowe's Gift

January Speaker Andrew Barco: A natural Style:

Combining collected materials, power carving techniques, and play to express a love of nature



Andrew Barco pokes around drift wood piles, neighborhood log piles and collects native clays and shell. These materials come together and are carved into unique spoons, bowls, and serving platters. This talk will talk about my passion for this collecting process. It will also explore the specific power carving tools that allow an intuitive and responsive style of woodworking. The big question is how can woodworking reveal the beauty already in the world, in the materials around us.



Please Remember to Pay Your 2026 Guild Dues

Help Santa's Workshop

Santa is enjoying a well-deserved rest, but the AWG toy shop team is getting started for 2026. The cost of materials is partly covered by Guild funds. To complete the job, we need the help of donations by members. If you can, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to support this project which provides toys to over sixty schools and numerous charities.

To donate, send a check to treasurer Vince Antonioli and indicate that it is for support of the toy workshop

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December Meeting

Annual Christmas Dinner



The gift table

The December meeting was the setting for the Guild's annual Christmas dinner. Hosted by Saints Constantine and Helen Church on Riva Road, the event was attended by sixty-four members and their guests. A merry time was had by all.



Samples from the Toy Workshop



Appetizers - crab dip and meatballs



The ornament exchange



The buffet



Guild president Ann Sentinella presented service awards to member who have served as Guild officers.



Phil Christiansen & Chris Desautels –
former Program Co-chairs



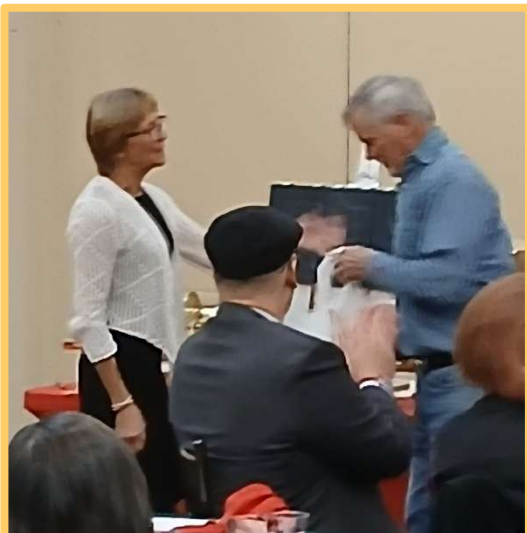
Patti Dodson – Raffle Co-chair



Paul Dodson – Raffle Chair &
master of ceremonies



Duncan Adams – Newsletter editor



Special award to Rick Hodgden who makes the
Guild's plaques and supports all Guild activities



Jim Menefee – Guild secretary

Ann also presented belated birthday wishes to Bill Carbin, who turned 89 a few days before.



Master of Ceremonies, Paul Dodson orchestrated the evening's program.

Candee van Iderstine presented an entertaining magic show.





M.C. Paul Dodson drew winners for member and guest prizes. Karl Hoke won the big prize – a 12 inch disk sander – and member Charles Kilgore won a gift card.



Martha Carbin and Sandy Dapkunas won the gift cards for guests.



Harry Chavez drew numbers for members to take their turns making selections from the Guild Christmas tree ornament exchange. Some very beautiful items were presented.



Half Turned; Finish Your Lathe Project

While conducting the lathe tool sharpening class in November Rodger Young learned that a lot of members have half-turned projects sitting idle in their possession that need to be finished up. Therefore, he is proposing to have a sign-up, during the January 8th meeting, for Wednesday mornings in January to complete their half-turned projects. Rodger plans to have at least three lathes ready to use for those who want to sign up.

Rodger is calling the class “Half Turned” with an emphasis on finishing up that bowl project or spindle project that was begun in some class that never got completed. The goal is to have a completed project within three hours of time.



Times are available on January 7, 14, 21 and 28 starting at 9 am running through 12 pm. Students should bring their own tools or Rodger can provide tools as needed. This should be a fun winter activity to help members catch up on their wood-turning skills.

Contact Rodger at:

315 Wilmer Place
Edgewater MD.

410-956-4239
rodger@tonedesign.com

All member are welcome to sign up.

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 |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Rick Hodgdon | Veneering -- Table saw | mattaponiguy@gmail.com |
| Chris Desautels | Chairmaking: Maloof and Windsor | christopher.desautels@gmail.com |
| Carl Wick | Basic Lathe Skills | cewick70@gmail.com |
| Bob Ashby | Routers, Shapers & Moulding | toolsrus1958@gmail.com |
| Paul Dodson | Scroll Saw, Basic woodworking, Shop Safety on any machine | pdwoodcrafts@verizon.net |
| Harry Chavez | Scroll Saw and Intarsia | harry.chavez@gmail.com |
| Dennis Harvey | Pen making | denharv@aol.com |
| Bill Schneck | Woodworking machine operations & safety, Basic joinery, dovetails, mortise and tennon | mrwoodbutcher@comcast.net |
| Phil Christenson | 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 |
| Kovalick | Bill | 443-822-4850 | bkovalick@gmail.com | General woodworking/ Adirondack furniture |
| McDonald | Chris | 410-326-1685 | cmcdonald@thewavaz.com | Cabinets |

AWG Officers

(June 2025 —May 2026 Term)

President – Ann Sentinella
1st Vice President – Chris Bucknall
2nd Vice President – James Cowan
Secretary – Tim Wilson
Co-Treasurers – Vince Antonioli and
Rodger Young
Tour Coordinator – Rick Hodgdon and
Rodger Young
Program Committee – Chris Bucknall, Sue
Springett, Bob Ashby, and Carl Wick
Newsletter Editor – Duncan Adams

Historian – Mike Arndt
Endowment Coordinator – Bill Carbin
Entertainment Coordinator – Paul Dodson
Out Reach – Candy Van Iderstine
Show & Tell Coordinator – Bill Carbin
Special Projects Coordinator – Open
Membership Chairperson – Harry Chavez
Charity Coordinator – Andy Borland
Webmaster – Tyler Quevedo
Education Chair – Paul Hansen
Church Liaison – Steve Lund

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



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



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



Bruso Hardware LLC
67-69 Greylock Avenue
Belleville, NJ 07109
212-337-8510 WWW.Brusso.com



Lake Erie Toolworks
1234 Irwin Drive, Erie, PA 16505
815-528-4337
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



Hartville Tools
Hartville, OH
800-345-2396
WWW.Hartvilletool.com

MARYLAND SELECT HARDWOODS
7470 Mason Springs Road, La Plata, Maryland
301-743-2225 Dennis.Woodruffi@gmail.com

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