

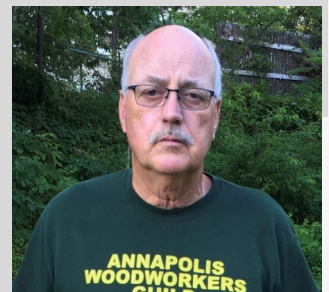
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Annapolis Woodworkers Guild

August 2020

Virtual “Zoom” Meeting August 13th 7:00 pm

AWG President’s Message



Hello Guild members;

I hope everyone is doing well and trying to stay cool in this heat wave that we are currently experiencing (especially us older folks). If you have to work outside please do it either early in the morning or in the evening when the sun goes down and don't forget to drink plenty of fluids.

I would like to thank everyone who attended our first general meeting via Zoom last month. The board and I thought the meeting went well. We had about 50 members visiting the zoom meeting during the session. I would also like to give special thanks to Rick Hodgdon, Chris Desautels and Candee VanInderstine for getting us up and running with our Zoom meeting— if I didn't mention anyone else who was involved I apologize for the omission. Please keep your videos and show-n-tells coming so we can share them with Guild. Contact Chris Desautels if you have something to share with your fellow Guild members during future meetings. If any member feels uncomfortable trying to join a Zoom meeting please drop Candee an email and she will help you through it. You can join a Zoom meeting with any computer and with most smart phones, so don't hesitate to join your other Guild members in August.

One final note: We are still trying to fill the position for first First Vice President (The job is really not that difficult). We would like to hear from someone who will serve the Guild in this capacity and welcome them to the board. please consider it.

— Bruce Mitchell

August Announcements

August Virtual Meeting!

Thursday, August 13th

7:00 pm

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

A Zoom link will be sent on the day of the meeting to each Guild member we have on file. Simply click on that link a few minutes prior to the meeting time to activate your Zoom session

Our featured speaker for the August meeting will be Jim Frank. Jim has worked at the Maryland Renaissance Festival since 1980. Of the many props he has constructed for the festival, one really took hold. Fifteen years ago Robin hood and his Merry Men needed bows. How hard is it to make a bow? Given a piece of good hardwood and a few simple tools, Jim can turn one out in about eight hours. He now teaches medieval and Japanese archery and builds bows, arrows and all the accessories for a well kitted archer. Tune in this Thursday to see how it's done.



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=gisp3qPeQoE&authuser=o) (or put <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gisp3qPeQoE&authuser=o> in your browser)

Attention! No 2021 Dues for paid 2020 AWG Members!

The AWG board has approved the following: **A paid-up member of AWG or the year 2020 will not have to pay dues in 2021.** If you paid dues this last year (you have a 2020 membership card), take your 2021 dues and apply it towards that new tool you crave!

Member in the Spotlight

Paul Dodson

The Annapolis Woodworkers Guild is fortunate to have Paul Dodson as one of its members. Since joining the Guild in 2008, Paul has made numerous contributions through service on the AWG Board and chairmanship of select events during his tenure. Each year the Guild participates in the yearly Timonium Wood Show where our members get a chance to demonstrate their talent by displaying items they have made. Paul was our Wood Show Coordinator from 2010 to 2018. Not only did he coordinate the event, he also lent a hand in the set up and tear down each year. Paul was first elected to the Board and served as the Guild VP during 2012-2013, then AWG Presidency from 2013-2014 and later as second VP 2014-2015 ...serving a total of three years on the Board. His service on the Board did not end however after these elected positions. He is still a regular attendee at Board meetings. Paul is an excellent scroll saw artist and has shown at our monthly Guild meetings many pieces of his work. In addition to showing his work he also shared his talent by teaching 18 scroll saw classes to our members. On the Guild's 25 anniversary, Paul coordinated the Guild picnic celebration. For those of you that have attended our annual Christmas dinner any of the last 7 years, you will remember Paul's excellent job as master of ceremonies. Presently, and for the last 5 years, he has coordinated the Guild raffle program. This function not only involves selling tickets at our monthly meetings, but buying all raffle items as well. Last, but certainly not least, Paul for the past 6 years has been a regular contributor to the toy workshop group that meets each Monday. Any organization or group only gets stronger through members like Paul. Thanks, and well-done Paul!

Some of Paul's recent shop additions: Clamp rack, new scroll saw with wall mounted dust collector.



Paul's clearly been busy—What have you been doing with your 'extra' time? Your editor and your fellow members want to know!

August Feature Article

SHOP MAINTENANCE by Jim Francis

Most of us woodworkers now have some time on our hands which can be put to good use. When was the last time you performed maintenance on your tools? Obviously, they will last longer and run much safer if one follows the manufacturer's advice. Speaking of safety, have you checked your fire extinguisher/extinguishers and first aid kit lately?

Before doing any maintenance, you should locate and place all your tool manuals in an organized binder. Your suggested supplier should also be written down for any spares or replacements you may need. I have a suggested supplier for all those needs based upon past performance and delivery. Delivery is important when something breaks down in the middle of a project.

Next each tool should be examined and maintenance done per its manual. This may require the purchase of several lubricants and wax, but these products most likely can be used on several machines. I use a brass brush and air to remove dust from any moving parts and mineral spirits with steel wool for table surfaces. The internet is also a great source for additional ideas. Do not forget to clean/replace your saw and bandsaw blades.

AWG suggested long ago that washing soda does a great job on cleaning blades. Blades on a jointer or planer can most likely be touched up in place. I recently rotated my planer blades which made a world of difference. One change I made to my table saw in using a thin kerf blade was to add a blade stabilizer for good results. I have also made numerous MDF table saw inserts for various blades. Rather than use threaded inserts for leveling I used hot glue on the positioning prongs. Finally check the accuracy of your machinery so it will cut, sand or plane correctly. Typically, one thing I do to protect my machines is to cover them with an old cleaner bag or bed sheet when not being used.

Last but not least, hand tools, chisels and router bits should be sharpened. Most sharpening devices are individual but I like the Work Sharp System for most. For router bits I use a diamond stone remembering to take equal passes on all sides.

If you still have time left over, CLEAN THE SHOP.

Segmented Cuts

Saw Safety: Have you ever stood in front of a circular saw blade while ripping a piece of wood? This may change your mind if you have been so inclined!

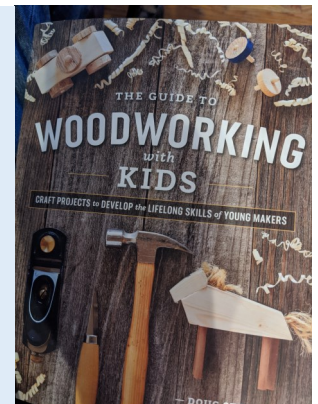
Many years ago I had a fairly large piece of lumber “chucked” at me while ripping with a radial arm saw, this quickly broke me of any habit of standing in front of a circular saw blade., ripping or not! Recently the wisdom of this was reinforced many fold. While ripping an edge off a piece of very hard wood the cut-off part broke in pieces, probably due to a crack. A small bit was then accelerated by the saw blade to near bullet speed. The fragment put a hole (about 38 caliber) all the way through a shop wall. I might have patched the chest-high hole, but instead I have left it as a reminder to stand well clear of that blade and cut-offs—especially while ripping. (Ed).



Picnic update. As many of you know, the Guild board was in the process of planning a picnic for all Guild members. This event, however, had to be scrubbed for this year. The board has recently been able to gain a reservation at Kinder Park for September 11th of next year for this event. Please put this date on one or more of the many calendars you will receive between now and the end of 2020!

New Book:

The Guide to Woodworking with Kids by Doug Stowe. The Guide to Woodworking with Kids is a culmination of craftsman Doug’s four-decade career in woodworking and nearly twenty years of working with students K-12 in his Wisdom of the Hands woodworking class at the Clear Spring School in his hometown of Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Available through Blue Hills Press.



This month’s plank: Yellow Heart. A good pick if you need a little something to accent a piece. This piece, a turning square, was purchased from Exotic Lumber. Be sure to consider our supporters when purchasing woodworking tools and supplies. Many, including Exotic Lumber give discounts, so take your badge with you, then make something special!

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

AWG OFFICERS (June 2019 —May 2020 Term)

President – Bruce Mitchell

1st Vice President – Open

2nd Vice President – Bob Ashby

Secretary – Jim Menefee

Treasurer – Vince Antonioli

Tour Coordinator – Harlan Ray

Program Chairperson – Chris Desautels and

Phil Christenson

Newsletter Editor – Carl Wick

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Entertainment Coordinator – Paul Dodson

Show Coordinator– Candee Van Iderstine

Show & Tell Coordinator – Bill Carbin

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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!

General Membership Meetings:

2nd Thursday of each month 7 PM

Virtual Video Meetings UFN

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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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



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

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Brusso 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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