

# Colonial Woodcutter

*Annapolis Woodworkers Guild*

July 2019

Meeting 7:00 PM July 11th Davidson United Methodist Church

## AWG President's Message

by Bob Ashby



Fellow Woodworkers,

Over the many years that I've been in the Woodworker's Guild I have frequently heard some members and speakers say "I only use white glue, or I only use this particular finish!" I feel this is a wrong way to think and a wrong way to take on a project. Please understand, I have my favorites and I have my "go-to" stuff that have helped me through many a problem. But, I am always looking at and for new products and new ways of doing things.

When I am teaching young guys at work, I tell them the same thing that one of the craftsmen that I apprenticed under told me: "Do it the way I show you. Then after you learn my way, if you want to do something differently, try it—you will always have the old way to fall back on."

When woodworking, there are many way to accomplish a task. Don't limit yourself to just one way. I have found over my years of woodworking that you always need to keep learning and you always need to keep an open mind to new products and methods. You never know when something you happen to hear or see can help you out of a jam.

## July Program

# July is OLIO<sup>\*\*</sup> Month!

The July Meeting will feature an assortment of AWG members sharing their practical knowledge

Presentation format will be like an expanded Show-n-Tell

If you have a special technique or jig, tool or practical knowledge to share with the Guild, please bring it to the meeting and tell us all about it!

## <sup>\*\*</sup>OLIO

OLIO (noun)

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**Definition:** a miscellaneous mixture : HODGEPODGE... an incredible bourgeois *olio* of fancy stonework, stained glass, and light-opera staircases ...— R. H. Rovere

(Merriam Webster)

## Of Interest

### Charitable Distributions and your Federal Income Tax

With the recent increase in the dollar amounts of personal exemptions on Federal tax returns, many folks will not have enough normal deductions to make it worth their while to itemize their returns. Therefore, any donations that these individuals may make to charitable organizations cannot also be used to reduce their federally taxable income and their federal tax burden.

However, If you are over 70 and 1/2 years of age, you may be able to make a **charitable distribution** directly from your traditional IRA account. A charitable distribution that comes directly from an IRA account **will not only qualify as part of your annual required minimum distribution**, but it will also in most circumstances **not be counted as part of your taxable income**. So, the distribution becomes a de-facto deduction. Such a **charitable distribution** must be made **directly from your IRA account** to a **qualified charity**. The Annapolis Woodworkers Guild is qualified to receive such a distribution under applicable tax law. The Annapolis Woodworkers Guild will also acknowledge each charitable donation in writing as required by tax law.

In short, a charitable distribution may provide a tax advantage for those over 70 and 1/2 years of age who would not otherwise itemized deductions on their federal tax return and a distribution to the Guild will go a long way to ensure the Guild can continue its good works into the future. You should, of course, consult your tax advisor before making a federally tax-free charitable distribution from your IRA.

Please see one of your current AWG leadership if interested!

## Featured Project

by Chris Desautels

My wife had been bugging me for a new dining room hutch for a long time now (*as all good woodworking Muses do -ed.*), but I was waiting for inspiration to strike. It finally came when I found a wonderful old piece of rare lumber. What I built is the chest and hutch shown in the figure below. It's constructed from Black Walnut and Honduran Mahogany. The hardware is from Horton Brasses and the finish is Hydrocote Resisthane, a water-based acrylic, which can be found at [Highlandwoodworking.com](http://Highlandwoodworking.com).

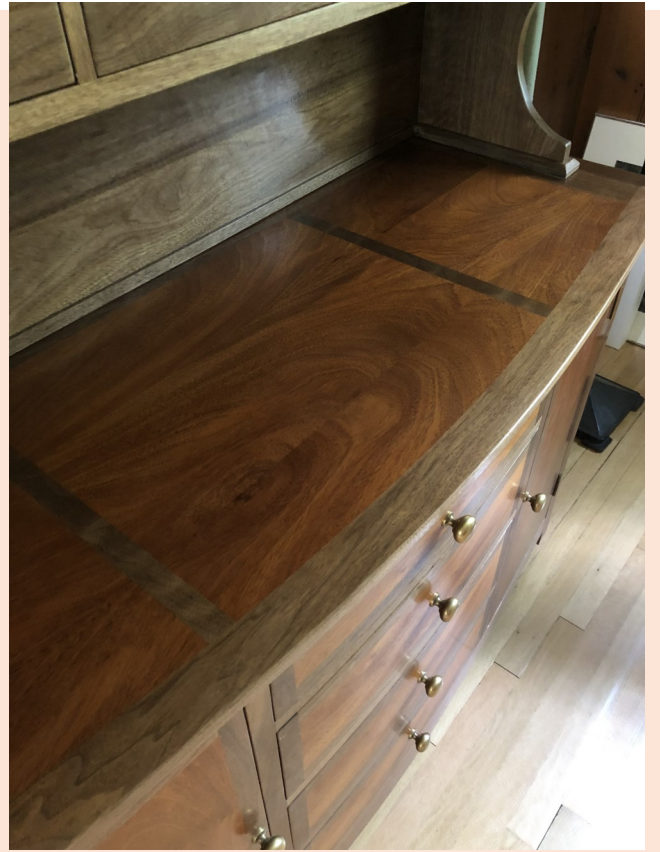
When my wife (*muse*) saw the design she asked me why the facade had to be curved - and my answer was "a flat facade is too easy". I wanted to challenge myself, so I designed what turned out to be a complicated build. The curved facade was achieved by laminating the drawer faces, the panels, and the lintels all on the same massive curved form in a vacuum press. The mahogany on the facade is not veneer in the normal sense. It's too thick for veneer, instead it is the top layer of a lamination and was more than  $5/32$  of an inch thick at the start. I made it extra thick, because I knew I would lose a lot when sanding the entire face perfectly flush. The mahogany used on the top is true veneer.



There are no visible catches to hold the doors closed. They're held shut with hidden rare earth magnets. I embedded the magnets in the wood so they can't be seen and I stacked several magnets together for extra holding power, because I found that even a very thin layer of wood will dramatically reduce magnetic gripping power.

## Featured Project

The back panels are plywood of my own making. I bought some commercial walnut plywood, but it was not even close to the very rich tones of the walnut I got my hands on. So I made my own. I did use commercial plywood for drawer bottoms.



## Of Interest



Local students send an energetic “Thank you” to all our AWG toy makers! Good Show!!



# WANTED—PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON

## Needed — Annapolis Woodworker's Guild Program Chairperson

### **Duties:**

The *AWG Program Chair* is responsible for recruiting and scheduling speakers for our monthly meetings. This typically involves scheduling 8 to 10 speakers per year. In addition, the Program Chair helps make other arrangements regarding the monthly speaker, which typically includes providing material for a newsletter announcement and in setting up a camera, projector and providing computer hookups at monthly meetings. In practice, the program chair gets considerable advice and assistance from other board members in finding speakers. Attending craft shows, internet searches and occasionally asking previous speakers to speak again helps in locating and recruiting monthly speakers. AWG members frequently suggest possible speakers. The program chair is a voting member of the board and is expected to attend regular monthly board meetings (typically the 4th Thursday of the month).

### **Compensation:**

A thousand thank-you's each and every month of the year!! Comradery with and special recognition from regular and board members. Knowing your position is important to Guild success. The satisfaction that comes from a job well-done!

### **Apply:**

To any board member (verbal, email, or casual comment). No resume or job experience required! Teams may also apply! Equal opportunity employer!

## Show and Tell

Each month we all benefit from the experiences of our members as they display and explain their woodworking creations. Here are June Show-N-Tells!



### Bill O'Berry

Here Bill displays a fine—looking serving tray he constructed.



### Carl Wick

A Rocket Bank—to save for a grandson's trip to Mars? To pay off a 'missile mortgage'? Time will tell...



### Ken Davis

Ken shows a woodworker's version of a 'Sampler' - a stool made with many different joinery methods



## Show and Tell



**Carl Hoke**

Carl brought a keepsake Viking craft built to remember one of life's special journeys.



**Hugh Houghton**

Hugh brought his favorite pepper mill. A fine one indeed!



**Bruce Saylor**

Bruce holds a beautiful inlaid mirror frame he built. Or, is it one of those pictures where the eyes follow you around the room??



**Harry Chavez**

Here Harry holds a 'Never Forget' figure he scrolled. Great work and a noble cause!

# Raffle

A **Main Raffle** is held each month except April and August. Tickets are \$1 each. Raffles typically include a \$50 gift certificate and 1 or 2 other selected items.

A **Big Raffle** is held each April and August. Tickets for the Big Raffle are \$5.00 each.

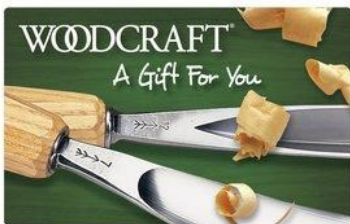
Raffle tickets may be purchased at the meeting hall entrance table

## June Raffle Winners



## \$1 Raffle for July 2019

This month's drawing: a Woodcraft \$50 gift card and a Porter Cable 892 Router.



***U Gotta Play to Win!!***

**Get a Ticket and**

**Good Luck!!**



**August Big Raffle—A No. 5 Bench Plane! Save your pennies!**

## Woodworking Classes

Troy Beall's **Annapolis Woodworks** school in Davidsonville will offer the following classes to AWG members this spring/summer. The Guild will provide a subsidy of \$25.00 to each attendee. Each class will need a minimum of 5 students to be held and can accommodate a maximum of 10 students.

### **Sharpening: Weekday July 19**

Course Description: This class is designed to help woodworkers understand the principles of sharpening. With newfound skills, students will be able to sharpen anything. This class requires tools...dull ones that are ready to be sharpened. Sharpening may include turning chisels, bench, mortise, paring chisels, any shape or size carving chisels, plane irons, chain saw blades and hand saws (cross cut or rip). Classes run from 8:30am to 5:00 pm with a half hour lunch break.

Tuition: \$135.00 Materials fee included **Cost to you: \$110.00**

**This class has not been filled and needs two more participants to reach minimum numbers. Payment must be made to the Treasurer at or before the July 11 meeting. Please contact Jim Francis if interested.**

# Segmented Cuts

## Duck Carvings Wanted

The **Patuxent Research Refuge** in Laurel, MD is hosting the **2019 Federal Duck Stamp Art Contest** on Sept. 27 & 28, 2019. As part of this event, the Refuge will have on display hand carved ducks and waterfowl from various artists. This is a great opportunity to display your work to waterfowl enthusiasts from around the country.

Refuge staff will be selecting works from decoy artists for display at the September Duck Stamp Contest in the upcoming months. If you are interested in being considered for this event, please send photos of your original works to:

Diana Ogilvie, Visitor Services Park Ranger, Volunteer Coordinator  
[diana\\_ogilvie@fws.gov](mailto:diana_ogilvie@fws.gov) 301-497-5565

For more information about the Patuxent Research Refuge, go to

<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/>

For more information about the Federal Duck Stamp Art Contest, go to

<https://www.fws.gov/birds/get-involved/duck-stamp/duck-stamp-contest-and-event-information.php>



A **Fine Art and Craft Show** will be held November 9th and 10th at the Calvert High School, Prince Frederick, MD. The show is sponsored by Unique Boutique, an organization of crafts people. Please see [www.uniqueboutiquesomd.com](http://www.uniqueboutiquesomd.com) or contact Anja Zander, AWG Member (whose work appears on this web site.)

## Segmented Cuts

### Pen Making

Want to learn the “Ins and Outs” of making fine writing instruments? Dennis Harvey has volunteered to tutor anyone interested in learning how to make keepsakes that will be treasured by yourself and others. Dennis Harvey—find him at the next meeting or call 240-463-4641.

### WANTED

Your latest project, your review of a new tool you bought, a class you took, a jig you constructed or found to be helpful. Share your woodworking experiences with other Guild members! It's simple: Sketch out what you want to say and send it to your friendly newsletter editor who will work with you to get your pictures and words into print. Send articles or inquiries to : [cw70@gmail.com](mailto:cw70@gmail.com)



**This months' plank: African Mahogany! Great for carving and for turning.**

## 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 – Bob Ashby	Endowment Coordinator – Bill Carbin
1st Vice President – Bruce Mitchell	Entertainment Coordinator – Paul Dodson
2nd Vice President – Rick Hodgdon	Show Coordinator– Candee Van Iderstine
Secretary – Jim Menefee	Show & Tell Coordinator – Bill Carbin
Treasurer – Vince Antonioli	Special Projects Coordinator – Harlan Ray
Tour Coordinator – Harlan Ray	Membership Chairperson – Tom Dettweiler
Program Chairperson – Open	Librarian – Lloyd Gleason
Newsletter Editor – Carl Wick	Charity Coordinator – Andy Borland
Historian - Jim Francis	Webmaster - Tyler Quevedo
Education Chairperson – Pat Applegate & Mike Arndt	

## MEMBERSHIP and MEETINGS

**Membership is open to all interested Woodworkers. Annual dues are \$36.00**

### **General Membership Meetings:**

**2nd Thursday of each month 7 PM**

**Davidsonville United Methodist Church**

**819 Route 214, Davidsonville, MD**

### **Executive Board Meetings:**

**4th Thursday of each month 7 PM**

**July only Meeting at Edgewater Panera**

**3046 Solomons Island Road, Edgewater**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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Website:

**[Annapoliswoodworkers.org](http://Annapoliswoodworkers.org)**

## The following vendors support AWG



**Wurth 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)



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

410-349-1705 [WWW.Exoticlumber.com](http://WWW.Exoticlumber.com)



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

800-242-7916 [WWW.Doorandcolumn.com](http://WWW.Doorandcolumn.com)



## The following vendors support AWG



**Brusso Hardware LLC**, 67-69 Greylock Avenue, Belleville, NJ 07109

212-337-8510 [WWW.Brusso.com](http://WWW.Brusso.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)



**Lake Erie Toolworks** 1234 Irwin Drive, Erie, PA 16505

815-528-4337 [WWW.LakeErieToolworks.com/Pages/Club](http://WWW.LakeErieToolworks.com/Pages/Club)

10% Online Discount Code: **AWG10**