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I mentioned at our last general meeting that the big three were coming. Now we are down to only one. Thanks to Pat Applegate and David Blois for organizing the first Peter Gedrys Finishing Seminar. All attendees benefited in many ways especially yours truly since I now have a restored mantel clock, thanks to Peter. The second event, our annual Christmas Dinner was a lovely event thanks to Al Veiel and Jack Hirrlinger. Through the efforts of our AWG members the toy display was awesome! By now all seven charities have found needy homes for our toys. Please look for an article in the *Evening Capital* about the toy program. The third is our upcoming participation in the Timonium Wood Show scheduled for January 4-6. Paul Dodson and his team are planning a revised booth to display our member's exhibits. Much effort has gone into the show and if you have given Paul a commitment please honor it.

For the New Year, I promised to step up our training. First, I have asked Pat Applegate and David Blois to hold a workshop as an extension of the finishing seminar in late January. At our January meeting, I will ask for a show of hands for those interested in a Saturday session where we just experiment with a few dyes. The attempt will be to get some hands on to apply the lessons learned. First priority will be given to those who took the course and if enough interest is shown a follow up session or sessions will be held. Our next scheduled training will be in February. That session will be on scroll saws taught by Paul Dodson. Paul will give a brief outline at our January meeting. One of the biggest problems in setting up any training is the baseline of instruction. If all are skilled to a certain level, then training should advance from that point. Obviously if the skill level of the group is mixed, then a compromise must be established. Paul will do his best to select the correct starting point for all.

Finally, I also promised earlier that I would bring more training into our monthly general meetings. In the future I plan to include a spraying demo, vacuum press demo and many more.

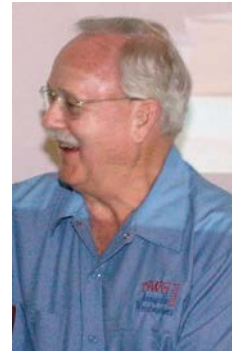
Hope you have had a great holiday season and have saved plenty of dollars for purchases at the Timonium Wood Show. Happy Shopping!

"Ability is what you're capable of doing

Motivation determines what you do

Attitude determines how well you do it"

Jim



**20th ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER
CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS AND
HANUKKAH December 13, 2012** (By D. Scrivens)

Social Hour: There was an hour open period before the meeting started when beverages and light snacks were available with music provided again this year by



Karl and the Termites. Members were free to mingle. They also reviewed the lavish collection of toys produced by fellow Guildsters. *In past years we have donated 70 to 100 toys to Sarah's House.* This year the number of toys was so great that we also gave substantial numbers of toys to six other shelters located in Anne Arundel and Prince Georges Cos. and Baltimore City for the most part; but also some as far away as the victims of Hurricane Sandy in NY and NJ. God bless them all and may our toys bring them some joy. *A special thanks goes to the wife and daughter of one member and to a "quilting bee" of ten for the beautiful quilts that warmed the doll cribs made by AWG members.*

Again this year Al Veiel took up the mantle of Master of Ceremonies and began by introducing our guest musicians,



Karl and the Termites. Once again, they were willing to work for food. The loyal and able music makers were outstanding in the enjoyment their tunes provided. Al introduced **Jim Luck** who provided the invocation. Al then turned us over to the Elks capable staff who directed the tables to the buffet line where our members enjoyed the provided meal. After the meal Al also thanked **Jack Hirrlinger** for making all of the arrangements for our dinner which all agreed 'hit the spot' admirably well.

When dinner was concluded *Die Meistersingers*, **Jack, Tom, Pat, Paul, Andy, Jim and Al** burst forth with a

version of "The Twelve Days Of Christmas" to the enjoyment of all.

Al then introduced **Harlan Ray** who presented his traditional wooden tie to the serving Guild President **Jim Francis.**

Jim Francis unveiled the podium that he, Nick Carlucci, and George Swisher spent many hours building for the use at the Guild's General Membership Meetings.



Jim most sincerely Thanked **Karl and the Termites** for their music. He also thanked **Al** and **Jack** for the excellent arrangements for this year's dinner. **Jim** then presented two "PRESIDENTS AWARDS"; The first was presented to **Hugh Houghton** for the outstanding job done throughout the year as Program Chairman. Each month **Hugh** has been able to schedule outstanding speakers who were both interesting and informative.



The second was presented to **Andy Borland** for his work on the Schramm tool sale and for his efforts on the Christmas Toy Project. The Schramm family donated the contents of Bills shop (Bill was a former member who generously provided the bequest that established the Guild's Endowment Fund). **Andy** organized and led the effort to sell those items over several weekends. Thank you to Emma and Lou and, most of all, Bill for their generosity.

Then commenced the drawing of numbers for all manner of well made and attractive wooden items. The items were made and donated by AWG members and added to the general enjoyment of the evening.



The most significant piece to be given away was a small box made by **Pat Applegate** and finished by special guest craftsman, **Pete Gedrys**. Mr. Gedrys gave several days workshops earlier in the month. Needless to say, the box was both well made and beautifully finished. **Mr. Gedrys** finish made poplar look like cherry. **Barbra Jordan** was the very lucky winner.



A special thanks also goes to **Joe & Christine** of www.joewoodworker.com / www.veneersupplies.com located at 217 E. Jarrettsville Rd. Suite 5 Forest Hill, MD 21050. They provided the two veneering starter kits that were won by wives of two of our members.

Finally, as our 20th annual Christmas Dinner came to an end, **Marsha** and **Barry Frankel** passed out roses to each lady. Many thanks to the Frankels for their annual generosity.



SHOW AND TELL: Items were displayed on a table at the front of the room:

(President's note: "Show and tell is one of the best parts of our meetings. Bring in your projects; large, small, simple, complex, spectacular, or even something that didn't turn out like you wanted. All can be displayed and instructional")





Unfortunately most of the show and tell items were not identified as to whose they were.

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AWG MENTOR LIST: We are still looking for members who are willing to be mentors in the following areas: Band Saw; Turning; Dust Collection; Finishing Methods; Sharpening; Reading and Understanding Plans; Equipment Maintenance. Or if you have a skill that is not listed please let us know. The AWG Mentor list follows in this format:
Subject; Name/Phone/Email
Antique furniture restoration; Quinan, Johnstone/ 410-956-5428/ ;
Brushed Shellac ~ Hand planes; Applegate, Patrick /410-426-8287/ pappleg@jhmi.edu
Carving ~ Inlaying; Scrivens, Jay D. /410-544-3247/ jdscrivens@verizon.net;
Clock Making ~ Gilding; Stone, Ed / 301-464-8079 / edwhstone@comcast.net;
Finish repair ~ Furniture repair; Arndt, Michael/ 410-551-8588/ MarylandWoodPro@gmail.com; wasdfames@verizon.net
Routing ~ Laminating; Houghton, Hugh/ 410 -263-8615 / hjhoughton@comcast.net;
Scrollsaw; Allred, Win /301- 587-3821 / winallred@yahoo.com ;
Scrollsaw; Dodson, Paul/ 410 -760-5382/ pdwoodcrafts@verizon.net
Skills improvement; Shaker Boxes; Marquetry;
Inlay; Jim Luck / 410-647-6622 / jfl639@verizon.net
Stains ~ Hand rubbed oil finish; Sparks, Roy A/ 302 -337-1016 / ;
Tooling ~ Cabinet making; Ashby, Robert /410 -969-2910/ toolsrus58@comcast.net

Toys ~ Electrical Problems; Hirrlinger, Jack/ 410-798-1339/ tjhirr@verizon.net

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REMINDER – if the AACO schools are closed due to bad weather there is no Guild Meeting that evening.
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Please remember to wear your nametags at our General Membership Meetings (GMM). If any of your information has changed (email, phone number, address, etc.) or you need a new name tag; contact Emmie Marshall. (Membership Chair) or send your changes to the Guild email address (info@awwg.org) for updating of the membership database. To ensure database integrity only the individual member can request changes to **their** information.

You can renew your membership (pay your annual dues) at a GMM, via US Postal System snail mail, **OR ON-LINE** via the Guild’s web site calendar page, using your credit card through the service of PayPal (www.awwg.org/awg_calendar.htm).

You are encouraged to receive your copy of the newsletter via email (exact same content as paper copy except the pictures are in color and you receive it sooner). This will save the Guild printing and mailing costs.

We ask our Members to patronize the following businesses when they are looking for tools, supplies or wood. They provide discounts to our Guild members:

Hartville tools ph: 800-345-2396–
www.hartvilletool.com 15%

Klingspore ph: 800-228-0000–
www.woodworkingshop.com 10%

Woodline ph: 800-472-6950–
www.woodline.com 10%

Exotic Lumber (Annapolis, MD) ph: 410-349-1705 – www.exoticlumberinc.com 10%

World of Hardwoods (Linthicum, MD) ph: 877-654-WOOD --
www.worldofhardwoods.com 10%

Wurth Wood Group (Elkridge, MD) ph: 800-935-6229 – www.wurthwoodgroup.com bulk

WoodWorkers Supply ph: 800-321-9841 –
<http://pro.woodworker.com> 5-25% make sure you indicate you are an AWG member when you register for an account.

WiseWood Veneer – ph: 586.825.2387
www.wisewoodveneer.com 5%

Southern Saw Service ph: 410.327.0050
www.southernsaw.com offers the 10% discount on all sharpening and 20% off all new saw blades and router bits to our Guild members. All Guild members need to do show their members card when they drop off sharpening
FreeState Timbers, LLC (Timioum, MD) ph: 410-561-9444
www.freestatetimbers.com 10% on in stock items.

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The Membership Chair maintains two e-mailing lists in the AWG Membership Database. One is the Newsletter e-mail list for Members who have indicated that they want to receive their copy of the Newsletter via e-mail. The second is for any other kind of information that comes to the Guild. Some examples of these types of items are: tools for sale by non-members; special deals from suppliers, resellers or dealers; trees or wood for sale or give away; notices of classes or seminars from woodworking schools; job opportunities; assistance needed etc.

To comply with members desires it is the Guild's Corporate Policy that members must OPT IN to be placed on either of these lists. This policy is in place to protect our Members privacy; reduce the possibility of Identify Theft; and to not inflict unwanted e-mail into their e-mail systems.

Our Newsletter is the only method in which any other information is provided to or requested from our Members.

If you want to be added to either e-mail list, send your request to the Guild's email address and you will be added to the appropriate list, likewise, if you want to be remove d from one of the lists.

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FINISHING (by Pat Applegate)

The Tea Box presented at the Christmas Dinner to Jim and Barbara Jordan was a minor adaptation to a box detailed in a recent issue of Fine Woodworking featuring alternatives to traditionally hinged box lids. This one uses a sloped groove that is deeper in the rear of the box body allowing the lid to raise slightly in the front when pressed down in the rear and drop into a rear slot when fully opened. The body and lid frame are poplar, specifically chosen as mismatched in color to challenge Peter Gedrys' skill in dealing with coloration in his demonstration class held in Mid-November. He applied a wash coat of shellac to control the absorption of dye stain and set it aside to dry for later finishing at his shop in Connecticut. He explains that he padded several coats of shellac and used glazing to highlight and enhance the color to approximate the look of antique cherry. The lid panel is curly ash dye stained and also finished with shellac.

Both Pat and Peter signed their collaborative handiwork.



Finishing Follow-up Seminar: Having spent three full days with Peter Gedrys a number of Guild Members came away with much enhanced knowledge of staining and coloring wood to either attempt a match to existing pieces or simply expand ones repertoire of finishing techniques. On a date to be announced we will gather a group to experiment, as Peter did, with some of the W.D. Lockwood dyes he recommended and demonstrate the method of applying shellac (padding with a rubber) that he uses and recommends. It is an amazing way to apply shellac that does not require a “rubbing out” unless one wants to alter the sheen characteristics of the surface. Stay tuned for details concerning this opportunity-especially for those who may not have been able to attend Peters’ fine class.

SHOP TIP:

Scrolling Tips for Beginners (by Paul Dodson)

1. Cut at a slower speed when learning, it will be more forgiving and less stressful.
2. Learn how your blade tends to cut. Most blades will drift to the right. This is caused do to the burr formed on the right side of blade when stamped out.
3. When cutting a curve, keep eye on a point about a 1/16” in front of blade.
4. Most importantly relax, take your time and enjoy.

SPECIAL THANKS: The Webmaster would like to especially thank the Guild Members and their spouses for the compliments and kind words of appreciation she received at the Dinner for the Guild web site. She was especially appreciative of the **“THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE WEB SITE FRIENDLY SO IT IS EASY TO USE AND FIND THINGS WITHOUT HAVING TO BE A TEENAGE COMPUTER WIZARD!!!”** comments.

Member made toys were distributed as follows:

SARAH'S HOUSE – AWG has supported Sarah's house for over 20 years. It is a shelter for homeless and battered families. It is in partnership with and supported by Anne Arundel County, Fort Meade, and the Catholic Charities. This was the only charity we gave toys to until this year. **Received approx. 40 toys**

CISCO CENTER – Located in Severna Park is a nonprofit organization serving children with special needs and their families. **Received approx. 40 toys**

SPAN – (Serving People across Neighborhoods). It is a faith-based organization supported by 12 area churches providing assistance to people/families facing hard times. Their primary area of support is Severna Park, Arnold, Millersville and the Broadneck Peninsula. They also cover a secondary area from Crofton up to Severn and Linthicum. **Received approx. 150 toys**

TYLER HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY – Located in Annapolis is part of the Back Pack Buddies Program. The Program issues a bag of food and gifts to needy families each weekend during the school year. One of our toys will now be added. **Received approx. 40 toys**

MILLERSVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH – (BOB ASHBY) Part of the Back Pack Buddies Program. **Received Approx. 40 toys**

BOWIE POLICE – Program supplies toys to needy children. **Received approx. 40 toys**

HOPE – Is an organization helping orphan children. Some of our toys will go to the Baltimore area but the majority will go to kids in NY and NJ that were affected by Hurricane Sandy. **Received approx. 125 toys**







The toy groups were led by: **Bob Ashby, Andy Borland, Jim Church, and Jack Hirrlinger**. There were several individual members that also contributed toys they made on their own. They did not provide their names.

Jack Hirrlinger's Group consisted of **Mike Lancaster, Lloyd Gleason, Bernie Lammers, Harlan Ray, and Jack**. **Mike and Jack** worked as a group. Some of the group chose to work independently in their shops. **Mike and Jack** made 10 trucks, 10 bulldozers, 10 front end loaders, and 7 lap desks. **Jack** also made 3 wobble wagons on his own. **Lloyd Gleason** made an estimated 12 helicopters. **Bernie Lammers** made an estimated 7 jewelry boxes. **Harlan Ray** made an estimated 12 cribs.

Jim Church's Group consisted of **Karl Hoke, Rich Valentich, Bill Hallow, Doug Richardson, Mike Creighton, Joe Bodnar and Jim**. They made 18 toys.

Andy Borland's Group consisted of **Don Ames, Paul Dodson, Jim Jordan, Tom Longest, Barry Frankel, Al Veil, Hugh Houghton, and Andy**. They made 350 toys.

Bob Ashby's Group consisted of **Vicki Kunde, Harry Chavez, and Bob**. They made 7 toys.

