

# Colonial Woodcutter

*Annapolis Woodworkers Guild*

September 2019

Meeting 7:00 PM Sept 12th Davidsonville United Methodist Church

## AWG President's Message

by Bob Ashby



Fellow Woodworkers,

This month lets talk about MDF.

A lot of Guild members only work with solid lumber, which is great. There are, however, some alternate materials like MDF (Medium Density Fiberboard) that can also be used with great success in many projects. MDF can, for example, make a great substrate if you are veneering. It is considered a "go-to" material for production cabinetry, readily finished with laminate or with paint. You just need to know a few tricks that will help make working with MDF easier.

I have heard people say you can't use staples on MDF; that it splits on the edge. Well, you can use staples, you just need to stay about one and a half inches away from any edge to prevent board edges from crumbling. Use the same technique with wood screws. When using screws you need to stay about one inch or more away from an edge. It also helps to predrill a 1/8" hole and counter sink each screw hole. How deep should you drill? If you are using 1 1/2" long screws you need to counter sink at least 1 1/4".

When joining two or more pieces of MDF as in a cabinet or shelf, a dado or a rabbit will help by removing the harder outer MDF surface so applied glue will penetrate farther into the fiberboard and will more securely lock the pieces together.

If you are painting MDF take some yellow glue and mix it half and half with water. Brush the diluted glue on the edges to seal them. You may need a couple of coats. Then sand the edges and be sure to break corner edges. Paint will not stick to a sharp corner!

I hope this helps you and encourages you to use an alternative building material like MDF. If you have any questions about building with MDF, please feel free to ask.

# MDF!



Need a good example of something finely made from MDF? This picture was reported to be about 90% MDF. Can you spot the other 10%? - (1% is wine)

## September Featured Speaker

John Graham

Waldorf, Maryland

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John transitioned from his woodworking hobby to becoming a commercial woodworker in 2000, starting with built-in cabinetry and custom furniture.

With the addition of a CNC machine in 2004 his business model morphed into custom furniture, custom CNC work, and prototyping. Along the way he has built museum displays, taught beginning woodworking for the College of Southern Maryland and worked on yachts. Currently, he is the Creative Director for an event company where he designs and builds custom props, structures and displays for weddings and corporate events.

John enjoys being challenged and he enjoys learning new techniques. At this time he is working on transitioning from building other peoples designs to selling his own work, with one line of whiskey products and another line of wooden purses. His pet personal projects are restoring a 1962 wooden sailboat and building a guitar.

Upcoming: In October Peter Paglia - Atlantic Woodworks

## 2019 Box and Turning Contest!

**At the November meeting the AWG will hold a contest with prizes for the best entries in box-making and wood-turning. Here are the rules:**

**—Ready, Read the Rules!, Set, START BUILDING!!—**

**General.** Entrants must be current AWG members. Members may submit no more than one item in each contest category. Submitted items must be the Member's own work, but may have been created at any time during their life. Submitted work must stand on its own merits, i.e. not be a part of another work. Submitted works must be made principally from wood and may have any type of finish. Winners must agree that their work will be displayed at the Wood Show in Timonium on January 4 and 5, 2020.

**Turning Contest.** Turning must fit within a volume of 16" by 16" by 16". Any wood species and finish may be used. Some example works include: bowls, wine stoppers, pepper grinders, pens, pencils, tap handles, but others are certainly encouraged.

**Box Making Contest.** Boxes must fit within a volume of 16" by 16" by 12". Any wood species and finish may be used.

**Judging.** Judging will be accomplished by AWG Members who come to the November meeting. Each entry will be displayed at the meeting in a manner that does not reveal it's maker. Members will vote their top choice in each category. Prizes will be awarded to the two entrants in each category that secure the most Member votes.

**Prizes.** A \$50 Gift card will be awarded to the entrant in each category (Box Making and Turning) who receives the highest number of votes. A \$25 Gift card will be awarded to the entrant in each category who receives the second highest vote count.

*The AWG Board thanks Candee Van Iderstine for her ideas and leg-work in developing this new contest!*

# 2019 August Meeting Tool Swap

Lots of bargain hunters at the August AWG Tool Swap!

Lots of happy tools too—now living in new homes, sparking joy once again!



# Thomas Point Light Project



## Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse Update:

In the fall of 2016, at the request of the Chesapeake Chapter of the U. S Lighthouse Society, the Annapolis Woodworkers Guild agreed to provide volunteers to assist with repairing the Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse. Guild members Bernie Lammers (leader), Virgil Ramey, Paul Hansen, Jim Church, Lon Slepicka, and Jim Francis stepped forward and participated in the restoration effort. Primarily, Guild work involved repairing or replacing wood on the exterior of the lighthouse. Some of the replacement wood had to be especially machined to match the historical aspect of the repair. Special milling of this replacement woodwork was provided by Greg Wheet, a friend of Bernie. The wood needed for the repairs was donated by Ruben Arizmendi through his association with the Guild and Bernie.

After an initial assessment of required repair work, a logistic plan was prepared for the tools and expendables needed. It was decided that certain power tools should be obtained and that they would be left at the lighthouse instead of transporting them back and forth each work day. Bernie the team leader for AWG took it upon himself to seek a \$2500 grant from The Davidsonville Ruritan Foundation to buy the necessary power tools. The tools acquired included the stationary power tools and a set of battery powered tools.

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# Thomas Point Lighthouse Project



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In August 2019, lighthouse supervisor John Potvin stated that AWG tasks had been completed and thanked AWG for their efforts and excellent workmanship.

The next phase of restoration (non-AWG involvement) will involve awarding a contract for the structural work needed for the lighthouse. The Lighthouse Society has received a \$100,000 grant from the Maryland Historical Trust toward the cost of the structural repairs. This will fund approximately 50% of the funds needed to complete the repairs. Once again Bernie approached the Davidsonville Ruritan Foundation and obtained a \$20 thousand-dollar donation for the future work.

Although it is always difficult to single out one member of a team for praise, Bernie deserves special thanks for his dedication and involvement in the task. Just imagine if more AWG members involved themselves in such a similar manner what our Guild could accomplish.

James Francis

# 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

## August “Big” Raffle Winner



## September Raffle

**This month's drawing: \$50 Woodcraft gift card, files and rasps!**



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

**Get a Ticket and**

**Good Luck!!**

## Woodworking Classes

### **Scroll Sawing**

Introduction to Scroll Sawing. Four classes in September: Saturday 14 Sep; Tuesday 17 Sep; Thursday 19 Sep and Saturday 21 Sep. 3 people per class. Cost is \$10. See Paul Dodson (the raffle guy) to sign up. — and pay.

### **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.

## Segmented Cuts

### Volunteer at Historic London Town and Gardens

Interested in demonstrating 18<sup>th</sup> Century Carpentry?

Join us in our Carpentry Shop, interpreting hand tool wood working.

Period clothing is provided and an interest in Colonial American furniture is preferred.

If interested visit <https://www.historiclondontown.org/volunteer>

For questions, contact [visit@historiclondontown.org](mailto:visit@historiclondontown.org) or call (410) 222-1919.

### 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

## WANTED

**Looking for space to set up my woodworking shop.** I've been using my basement, but changes we have made in the property make getting in and out of my basement with materials, finished projects, etc., impossible. I also have some physical limitations that make stairs a bit of a problem.

I have a table saw, drill press, jointer, tabletop planer, 12" disk sander, chop saw, Festool Trak Saw, table and vacuum. Along with various hand tools and other materials common to woodworking.

Contact: **Paul Otto 410 353.7153**

## What is this?

An apron with arms?

A Cloak of Invisibility?

Neither, just a camera-shy modeler of our "official" **Annapolis Woodworker's Guild Apron.**

Get one from Tyler Quevedo at the next meeting!! Ask him about AWG shirts too.



**This month's plank: Ziricote. Dazzlingly beautiful, but dense, tough to work with and expensive— kind of like the girls (and guys) that your mom told you to stay away from.... Did you listen? No you didn't!**

## 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

1st Vice President – Bruce Mitchell

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Secretary – Jim Menefee

Treasurer – Vince Antonioli

Tour Coordinator – Harlan Ray

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Show & Tell Coordinator – Bill Carbin

Special Projects Coordinator – Harlan Ray

Membership Chairperson – Tom Dettweiler

Librarian – Lloyd Gleason

Charity Coordinator – Andy Borland

Webmaster - Tyler Quevedo

## 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**

**Davidsonville United Methodist Church**

**819 Route 214, Davidsonville, MD**

### Executive Board Meetings:

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

**Sept Meeting at Edgewater Police Station**

**35 Stepneys Lane, Edgewater, MD.**

**All are welcome at board meetings**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**[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**