

The Colonial Woodcutter

The Newsletter of the Annapolis Woodworkers Guild

Meeting 7:00 PM November 14th, Davidsonville United Methodist Church

November Speaker
John Harris:
Chesapeake Light Craft



November 2024

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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.

November 2024 President's Message

Well, Welcome to November everyone,

I have always had mixed emotions about November. The weather will definitely turn cooler to cold, the leaves will fall needing frequent clean up, daylight savings ends so it gets dark too early. On the positive side, football is going strong, wrestling practice will start soon (really enjoy the sport, our son JD was a wrestler) and of course, Thanksgiving. Family, football and good food always makes for a good day.

One year waaaay back Genna and I hosted an "Orphan Thanksgiving" though our families were of course included. I bring this up for two reasons, first, a bunch of us were tossing a football around in the backyard and a guy came out onto the deck. I tossed the ball to him and with two arms he swatted it away saying, "don't throw that thing at me, it has a point, on TWO ends!" Over 30 years later it still makes me chuckle. I didn't ask for his man-card... Secondly on that day, there was some real stress between a couple and so I shared that this was Thanksgiving, a time for good friends, good family and good food. Just a little wake-up call and everything was good to go.



One other little Thanksgiving story and I'll shut up. One year Thanksgiving was at my parents' house. One member was home from the Air Force and brought a couple of friends with him. At some point in the early afternoon, we decided to work on those always present leaves, and one of the AF guests offered that "you sure earn your dinner around here" I replied that yes, and we take some pride in that, and that might be a good way to look at it. Or, you might look at it as helping out a fellow vet (my father) who is getting up in years. I think that changed her outlook and we all enjoyed a very pleasant day. I guess how we look at things means a heck of a lot.

Jim

November Monthly Meeting

Thursday, November 14th, 2024, 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.

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. 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.

November Speaker: John Harris



Owner and Managing Director of Chesapeake Light Craft (CLC) John Harris manufactured some of CLC’s very first kits in 1994. Long before that, he had a fascination with small boats and boatbuilding. He designed and built his first boat, a rowing shell, at age 14. As a boat builder and designer, Harris’s work has been featured in almost every English-language paddling, sailing, and small boat publication.

Dues are Due

Members are reminded that it is time to pay your 2025 Guild dues of \$50.

Please pay via PayPal or mail checks to:

AWG

C/o Vince Antonioli

23408 Neck Road

Aquasco, MD 20608.

November Raffle

Members attending the meeting will have a chance to win one of three great items. A Kreg pocket hole jig is the primary raffle. Other items will be donations from over the past year. There will be no gift card.



AWG Annual Christmas Dinner

December 12, 2024

Ss. Constantine & Helen Greek Church

2747 Riva Rd.

Annapolis, MD

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Byzantium Dynasty Room

Cost: \$50 per person

Time to Party:

Time to start signing up for the AWG Christmas Dinner. Vince Antonioli will have a sign-up sheet at November meeting. Please provide your name and the number of guests you are bringing.

Menu

- Appetizers:
- Baked Maryland Crab Dip
- Sweet and Sour Meatballs
- Dinner Buffet:
- Carved top Round of Beef
- Chicken Masala
- Roasted potatoes
- Seasonal vegetables
- Garden salad
- Fresh baked rolls
- Assorted Desserts

Sign Up:

Deadline for signing up is December 7th, 11:59PM. There are 3 ways to sign up for the dinner.

- 1) At the November general meeting
- 2) Website using Pay-Pal
- 3) Mail a check to the AWG Treasurer
AWG
C/o Vince Antonioli
23408 Neck Road
Aquasco, MD 20608.

Check-In & Envelopes:

You must check-in at the door to receive your envelope and turn in your Christmas tree ornaments. Everyone is encouraged to bring a **handmade ornament** and get involved with the ornament exchange.

Gifts:

We are looking for a lot of gifts to be donated for the drawings. Bring as many homemade items as you would like. It would be great for everyone to go home with a gift. Gifts can be wrapped or unwrapped. Please help fill the table.

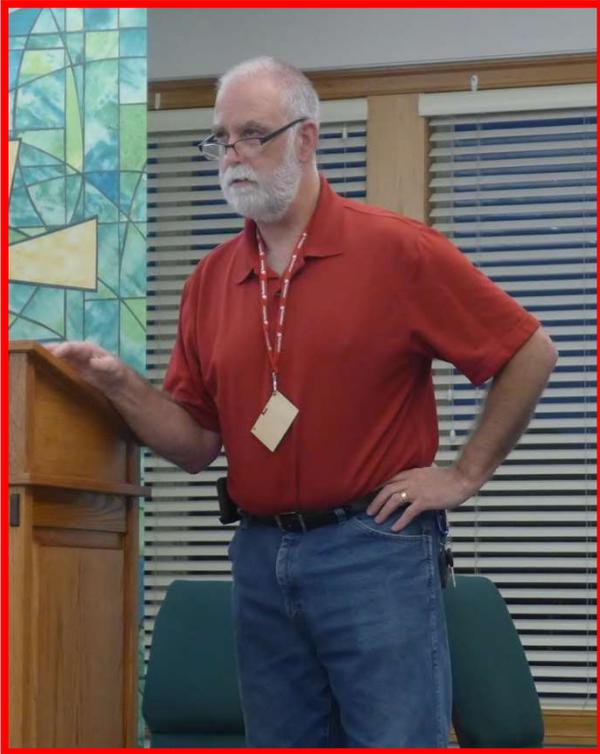
Charity Tables:

We are looking for homemade toys and gifts for boys and girls of all ages. A few tables will be set up to display the donations. Please display one sample of each item.

NOTE: If you have any questions please contact Paul Dodson, Events Coordinator.

pdwoodcrafts@verizon.net

October Meeting



President Jim Cowan opened the meeting and asked visitors and new members to introduce themselves. Two attendees responded, including one who discovered the Guild at the late September Home Show at Saints. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church on Riva Road.

Treasurer Vince Antonioli addressed the Guild about a new option for the 2025 Christmas dinner.



Constantine and Helen church has an event hall and offers catering service. Recent member Demetrios Haralambatos is their chef. They have made a proposal to host the Christmas dinner, quoting a price that works out to about \$60 per person. It is believed that this will improve the quality of the food. The majority of the agreed with Vince's request to pursue the matter further and report back.

Candee Van Iderstine reported on the success of the September outreach at Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church (described in the October newsletter) and asked for one more volunteer for the October 19th event in Hyattsville.



Jim reported the results of the Guild's preliminary meeting with Annapolis Makerspace in mid-September. We are exploring the possibility of a la carte pricing at the Makerspace that would facilitate our use of their shop.

October Speaker: Kevin Brennan

Kevin Brennan of the Sherwin Williams store on West Street was this month's speaker. He talked about the Minwax line of tintable (color mixed at the point of sale) water based stain. This is a non-penetrating finish which makes it best suited for craft projects and not for hard wearing surfaces like floors or tables. It is available in opaque and transparent versions and can be applied with a brush or rag and wiped off in two minutes. Full drying time is fifteen to twenty minutes.

Minwax has a pre-stain that helps seal the grain, control grain raising, and promote uniform color. Sanding sealer can also be used to control grain raising. The 180 colors available come in quart cans for about \$20.



Safety Talk



First vice president and safety officer, Ann Sentinella, gave the meeting's safety brief. She reminded the members of the hazards of loose fitting clothing in the shop. This is important to remember at the coming cold weather has us wearing more layers while we work.

Annapolis Makerspace

Need shop space?
Do you enjoy learning?
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Tools Available: Mitre Saw, Drill Press, Table Saw, Spindle Sander, Drum Sander, Band Saw, 20" Planer, Joiner, Various Hand Tools, 4x8ft CNC ShopSaber CNC Router, 100W CO Laser Cutter, 3D Printers, Cricut, SailRite Sewing Machine

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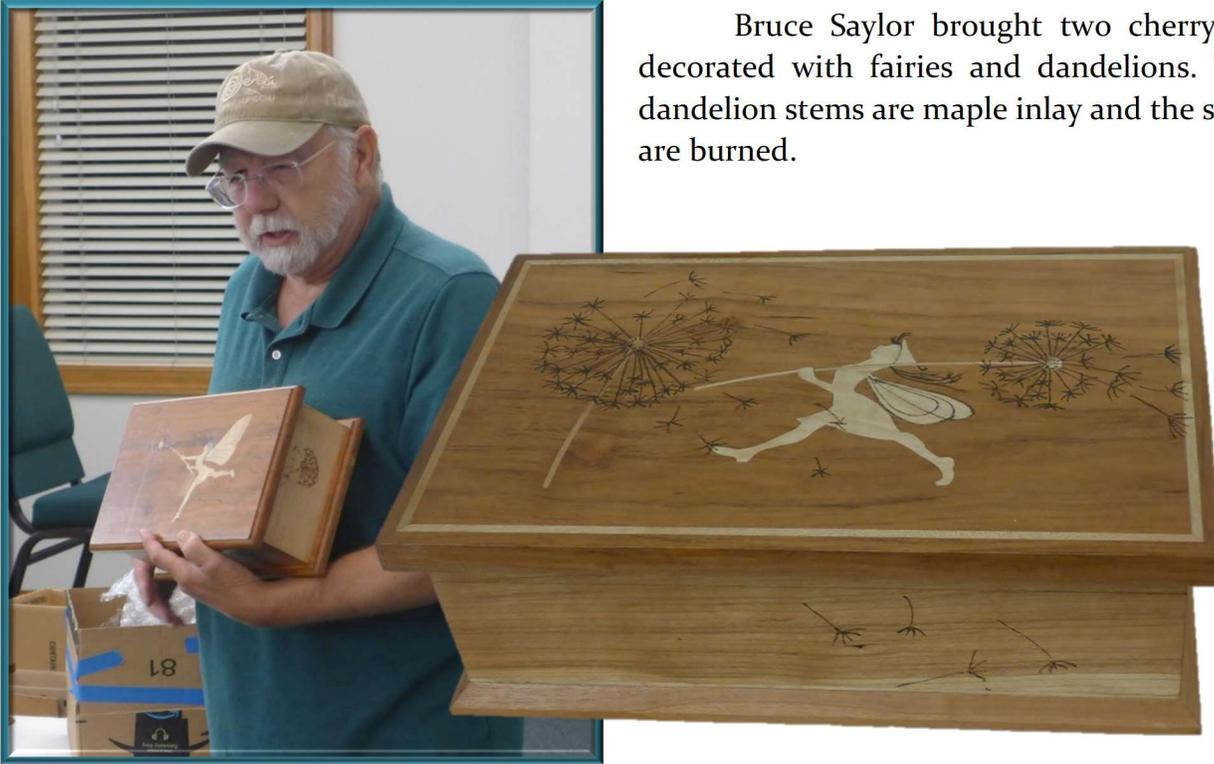
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Show and Tell

Bruce Saylor brought two cherry boxes that he decorated with fairies and dandelions. The fairies and dandelion stems are maple inlay and the seeds and details are burned.



Harry Chavez took Bruce's inlay class at Rick Hodgdon's barn. After completing his project he brought it in to show the Guild. Students in the class learned to reproduce one of Bruce's reeds and dragon fly designs. You can read more about this class on page 17.



Art Mensch found himself in possession of a stray 12" tile and, never throwing anything away, made it into a walnut plant stand. He re-used a design from a larger table that he'd previously made, this time turning the legs outward instead on inward.



Rodger Young, who previously told that he was making a large number of bowls built up in rings for his girls' classes, has made a low pressure screw clamp to facilitate the glue ups. The screw is shop made following the inspiration in a magazine article.



Sue and Charles Springett have been remodeling their kitchen and bath using their own shop made cabinets. The highlight is the padauk countertop finished with Minwax products.

Kelly McGowan Brought two items that she's made. She showed us a small model of a sword featured in a fantasy series. It is Oak and walnut with leather. And she brought a wagon that she made to accompany a husky that she knitted. Kelly sources her wood in trash bins.



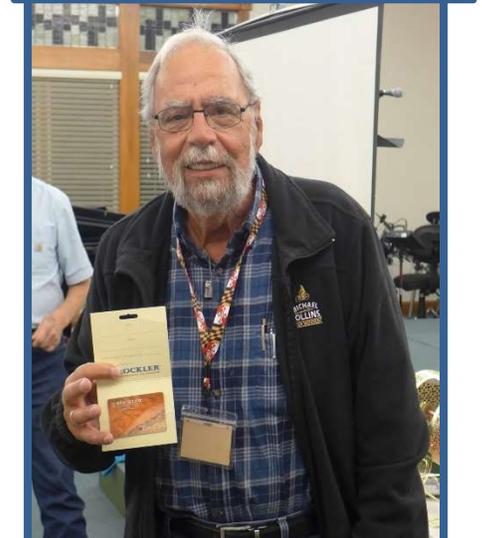
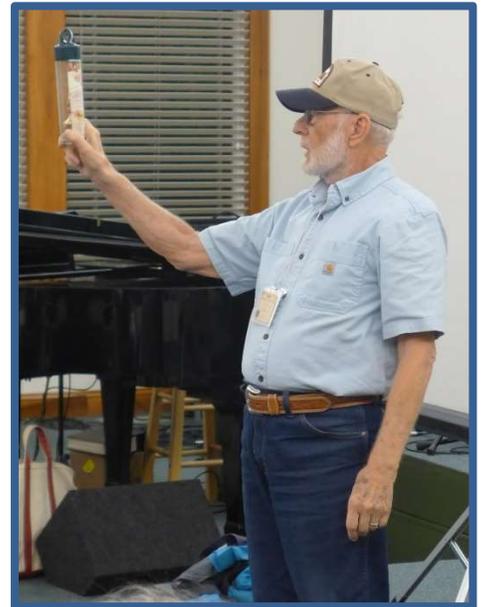
Jim Cowan volunteers at Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital where he's part of a group that makes custom furniture for special needs children. The infant's chair pictured is used by staff to rock a baby to sleep with full body and head support then recline the back to the sleeping position without waking the baby.

Jim also brought a cutting board that he made from an artifact that his father recovered from work.



October Raffle Winners

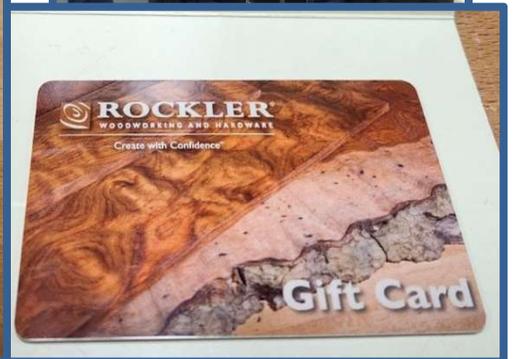
Paul Dodson conducted the monthly raffle. The three members who won are pictured below.



Incra wheel kit
Adam Schmitt



Wood River Marking Gauge
Eric Wilson



Rockler \$50 gift card
Demetrios Haralambatos

October Outreach: Green Summit

Candee Van Iderstine organized volunteers for the an outreach on Oct 19th at the Green Summit, sponsored by the Department of Energy and Prince George's County Parks at the David C. Driskell Community Park. Three people signed up with interest and they will be emailed and phoned before the November meeting.

She sends a big shout out to the volunteers who set up, staffed the table, broke it down and packed everything up? Kudos to Steve Lund, Eric Wilson, Chris Desautels, Rich Valentich.



Inlay Class



In three October sessions Rick Hodgdon hosted classes in the art of inlay taught by Bruce Saylor. The fourteen Guild members who participated declared it a huge hit. Above Bruce instructs Ken Davis and Ann Sentinella (left) and Harry Chavez (right) in some of the techniques involved in inlay work.



Santa's Workshop

As the holidays approach so does delivery time for the Guild's toy group. This year the Guild has produced almost 2900 wooden toys. Delivery runs will start on December 2nd, so if you have a toy donation please get it to Andy Borland's house by then.

Jack Hirrlinger has produced the array of beautiful dump trucks pictured at right. He says, "I make dump trucks for Andy Borland's AWG Christmas charity toy program. This year I have a bumper crop [45]. We owe a debt of gratitude to Andy for his dedication to the AWG Christmas charity toy program."



Safety First

How loud is too loud? At some point in life, as we age, most people experience hearing loss. Working around equipment in a workshop without ear protection will speed up the process. Noise-induced hearing loss (NIHL) is preventable; but, it is also irreversible. Wear ear protection – ear muffs or ear plugs!

Sound is measured in units called decibels. Normal conversation is 60 – 70 dBA (A-weighted decibels). Much of the equipment in a shop (lathes, router, hand drills, planers, table saws, and even shop vacs) operate at levels between 80 and 105 dBA.

According to the National Institute of Health, "sounds at or below 70 dBA, even after long exposure, are unlikely to cause hearing loss. However, long or repeated exposure to sounds at or above 85 dBA can cause hearing loss. The louder the sound, the shorter the amount of time it takes for NIHL to happen."

You can listen to sounds at 70 dBA or lower for as long as you want. Sounds at 85 dBA can lead to hearing loss if you listen to them for more than 8 hours at a time. According to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, the safe listening time is cut in half for every 3-dB rise in noise levels over 85 dBA. So, if the sound level goes up to 88 dBA, it's only safe to listen to that sound for 4 hours. And if the sound goes up to 91 dBA, the safe listening time is reduced to 2 hours.

This safety tip applies to equipment in your workshop, as well as equipment used around your house - such as a leaf blower, weed wacker/trimmer, lawn mower, hedge trimmer, chain saw, etc.

Hearing loss may be inevitable for most of us; but, you can reduce the risk of noise-induced hearing loss, by wearing proper ear protection.

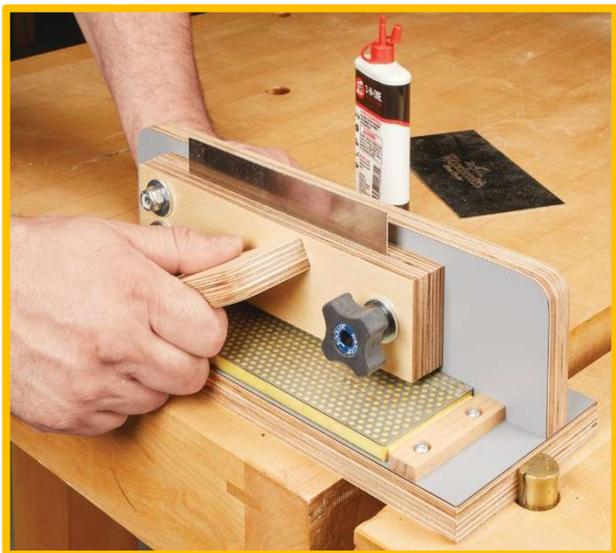
Ann Sentinella

Tip of the Month

Card Scraper Honing Jig

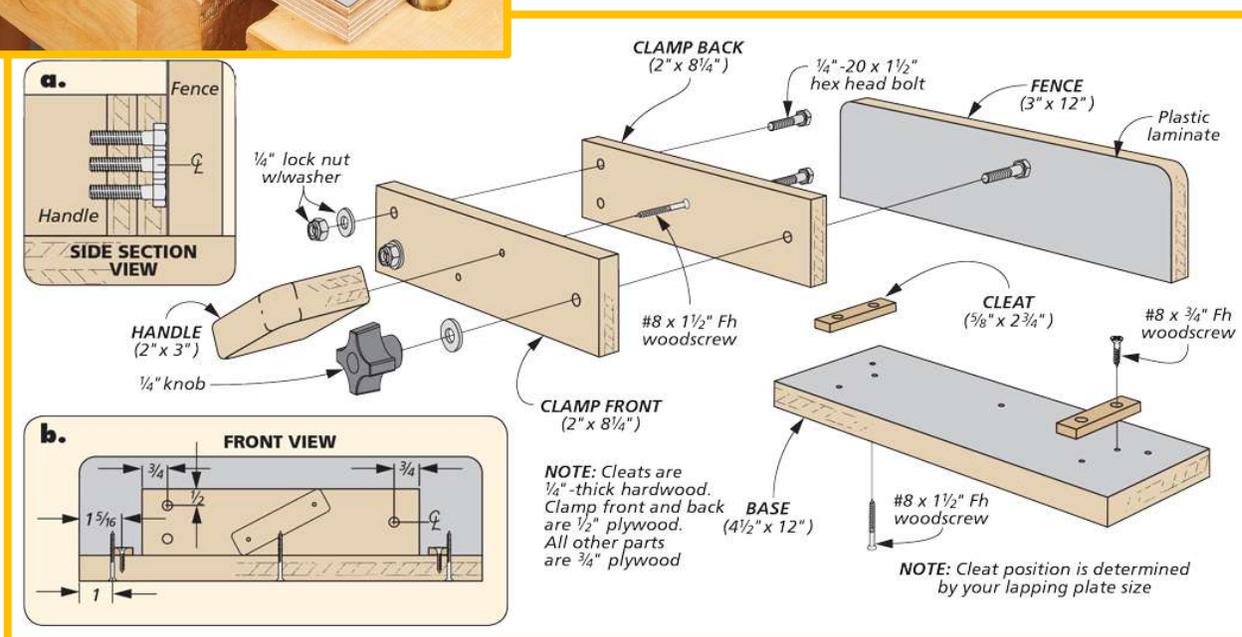
By: Logan Wittmer

This Jig Helps you get your Card Scraper perfectly Square.



Getting a 90° edge on a card scraper has always given me a problem. So, I decided to build a jig to help me create a square edge.

Diamond Plate Holder. The jig incorporates a plywood base that cradles a diamond lapping plate. A pair of cleats keep the plate from sliding. To hold the scraper square, I attached a fence that's covered with laminate. To hold the card scraper, I built a clamp using plywood and a couple of bolts and knobs. A handle provides a secure grip.



In Use. Using the jig is straightforward. I place a card scraper into the clamp and tighten down the knob to secure it. Then, I can hold the clamp against the fence as I hone the edge using back and forth movements. The laminate reduces friction and wear. After a few swipes, the scraper is ready for burnishing.

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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 |
| Bill Carbin | Box Making | carbinwilliamj@yahoo.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 |
| Adam Schmitt | General woodworking | scott@salanwoodbine.com |
| Dennis Harvey | Pen making | denharv@aol.com |
| Bill Kovalick | General woodworking / Adirondack furniture | bkovalick@gmail.com |
| Bill Schneck | Woodworking machine operations & safety, Basic joinery, dovetails mortise and tenon | mrwoodbutcher@comcast.net |
| Joe Epperson | Medium level woodworking | joedirt3478@outlook.com |
| 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) |
| Arndt | Michael | 410-960-3239 | MarylandWoodPro@gmail.com | General wood finishing & finish restoration/repair |
| 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 |
| Luck | Jim | 410-647-6622 | jfl639@verizon.net | Inlay and shaker boxes |
| McDonald | Chris | 410-326-1685 | cmcdonald@thewavaz.com | Cabinets |

AWG Officers

(June 2024 — May 2025 Term)

President – James Cowan

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Rodger Young

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Membership Chairperson – Tom Dettweiler

Charity Coordinator—Andy Borland

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Education Chair—Rick Hodgdon

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

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Annapolis, MD 21401

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Annapoliswoodworkers.org

AWG's Supporting Vendors



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410-349-1705 WWW.Exoticlumber.com



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Somerset Door and Column Company

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