

# The Colonial Woodcutter

## The Newsletter of the Annapolis Woodworkers Guild

Meeting 7:00 PM May 11, Davidsonville United Methodist Church

Meeting Speaker  
Joel Lafferiére



May 2023

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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](mailto:duncanladams@gmail.com). Items submitted by the first Thursday of the month will be published.

Many thanks to those who contributed to this months' issue.

# May 2023 President's Message

Greetings fellow Guild members,

I have been told that since this is my last "President's Message" I needed to make it a good one. I can't promise "good" but can promise my best effort to make it so. Since my last message there have been a few new developments and non-developments. Non-developments first. In the past I have written my best inspirational views on volunteerism and how important it is for the continuation of the guild. We can all come up with reasons/excuses to not volunteer for the various positions needed for the continued success of the guild. If we all adhere to this mentality the guild will surely cease to exist. To date no one has stepped up to assist with the program committee (presently a committee of one). This is an important function of the guild without which the general meetings might be far less interesting. As of this date no one has stepped forward to volunteer to become a member of this committee. Please all do a little soul searching and consider contacting Chris Desautels to put your name in the hat for this not so difficult position. Chris can walk you thru all that may be necessary. To paraphrase JFK (ask not what the Guild can do for you but rather ask what you can do for the Guild).



At either our last general meeting or the one before there was discussion about pursuing an alternative venue for our general meetings that would be more conducive to our goals as set forth in the mission statement of the bylaws. An alternative space that would allow speakers to be demonstrators as well would greatly enhance our educational goals. Thanks to Candy and Vince we are exploring the old post office building directly across the street from our present meeting space. It is presently owned by the archdiocese of Baltimore and is empty at this time. On Wednesday 5/3 several members went to the site to further explore the building and consider it's suitability for our present and future needs. In my opinion, as well as most others that have seen it, it could be a perfect venue for our present and future needs. This building pretty much checks all the boxes for a meeting location, future creation of a work space, enhanced ability to attract new members, and possible sharing with the Chesapeake Woodturners, and greatly increased educational options and opportunities. It is not move in ready and would require several VOLUNTEER weekends to generally clean and mostly perform cosmetic repairs. The really big elephant in the room at this point would be COST. With our current revenue stream, and a WAG at what the diocese might want for a long term lease or rental, even sharing occupancy and expense with Chesapeake Woodturners it would likely be beyond our financial reach. We have no response back from the diocese at this time. There may still however be opportunities to negotiate terms that could be

agreeable to the guild as well as the church and at the same time more fully further our commitment to our stated mission statement of the organization. At this time every possibility is on the table.

As most of you know our only sources of revenue are annual dues, investment appreciation of the endowment account, monthly raffle and charitable contributions. Considering our charitable work in the toy shop, our participation with the ongoing maintenance at Thomas Point Light House, the long history of the guild, COVID related decline in our membership, and our well established mission statement I would think we would be a prime candidate to receive grants from Anne Arundel County, State department of education or other philanthropic organizations. I know little to nothing about the process of applying for grants or the potential organizations from where the funds would come. PLEASE if anyone in the guild has experience in this area contact myself via email or text that we might exploit your knowledge. See above regarding volunteerism.

By the way, in your own consideration of the pursuit of this particular alternative meeting venue please keep in mind that at the Timonium woodworking show for those who stopped and seemed interested the most frequently asked question was “do we have a work space”. I am sure that having the potential to eventually develop a work space would greatly enhance our recruitment of new members back to pre COVID numbers. Obviously this would not and could not be achieved over night but I am not a member for the short term. Are you?

Lastly I would like to thank all the Board and Committee members as well as the general membership for all the help I have received over this past year that I believe to have been mostly a success. Please welcome Carl Wick as your new president and cast your affirmative vote for Jim Cowan as the new First Vice President. Given all the above possibilities it promises to be an exciting year ahead. While no longer the president I hope to be intimately involved with our continued pursuit of this potential alternative venue.

Thank you all,

Ken Davis

## **Program Committee: Volunteer Opportunity**

Speakers are a key component of our monthly meetings or said another way- without speakers our meetings would be considerably less attractive to our members. The task of finding and scheduling speakers for our monthly meeting is the main job of the Program Committee. As discussed last month, the current members of the Program Committee, Phil Christenson and Chris Desautels, have been serving for six and 3 years, respectively. Recall that our bylaws state that members serve on the committee for only two consecutive one year terms. Clearly, the Guild sees the advantage of having turnover in these key positions. Ideally, the Program Committee would have one experienced member and one new member each year, that is, one new member having served two years would leave the committee and one new member would join each year. Of course, having two (or more) members on the Program Committee splits the work and brings different perspectives to the job.

Although serving on the Program Committee does require effort, the job is not that difficult. There are a lot of potential speakers. In addition, other Guild members frequently provide tips on potential speakers. So, finding speakers is easier than you might think. As a member of the Program Committee, you will also get to interact with other woodworkers - potential speakers- who are not Guild members. In addition, members of Program Committee have a seat on the AWG Board. Overall, being a member of the Program Committee is a great opportunity to serve the Guild. In that spirit, The Guild asks all members to consider volunteering to serve on the Program Committee.

## **Help Wanted: Newsletter Photographer**

The newsletter committee is looking for a member who will volunteer to help take pictures during the meetings. The pictures will be used to illustrate the reports in the newsletter. Camera and experience are not required. This is an unpaid position, but you won't have to bother with any annoying perks. Contact the editor for details.

# May Monthly Meeting

Thursday, May 11th, 2023, 7:00PM

Davidsonville United Methodist Church

819 W Central Ave, Davidsonville, MD 21035

Please join us for our May 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. If you want to present a video at the meeting contact Chris Desautels before the meeting date at: Christopher.desautels@gmail.com or 301-332-8490.

## May Speaker: Joel Lafferiere

My father got me started in woodworking. I would pester him and help him; mostly holding things. I took my first shop class in 8th grade, so, I have been doing woodworking since I was 14.

I build furniture and accessories. I have made most of the furniture in my house. I have progressed through the styles, early American, Queen Anne, and now mostly arts and craft, including Greene and Greene and Shaker. I built a modern writing desk for my daughter. I have done some marquetry and veneering. I have a house full of furniture that I made.

I am a combination woodworker. I size boards with power tools and finish with hand tools. Hand tools make my projects more accurate. My current projects are a Tenebrae Hearse, Tea boxes for my daughters and a modern style three legged table with a marquetry top.



## May Raffle Items

These fine items will be raffled at the May meeting.



**Rockler Bench Cookies**



**Buck Brothers Hand Plane**



**\$50 Woodcraft gift card**

# April Meeting

President Ken Davis opened the meeting and welcomed guests and new members. Business included the members voting in favor of accepting the 2023 revision of the by-laws. Ken also introduced Jim Cowan who has been nominated to be next year's first vice president.



## Speaker: Adam Godet

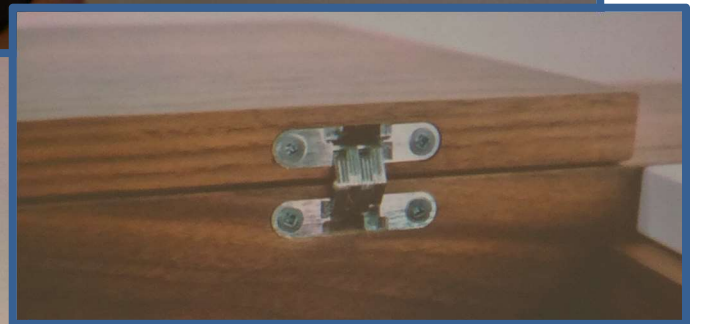
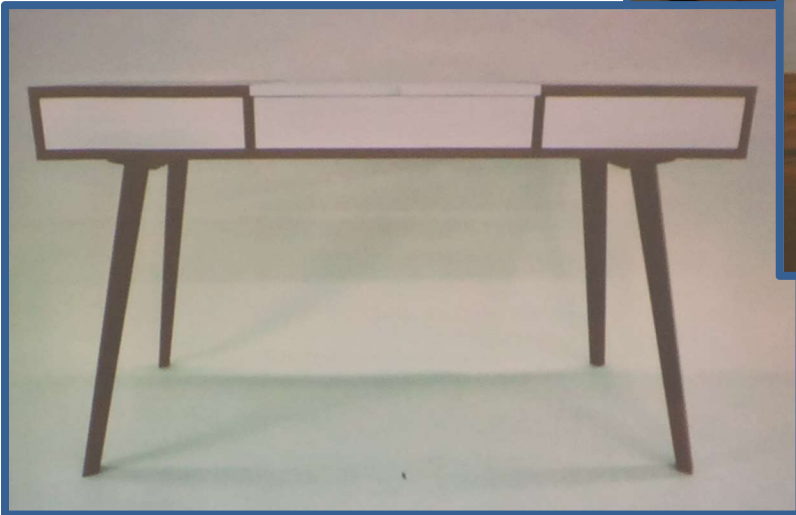
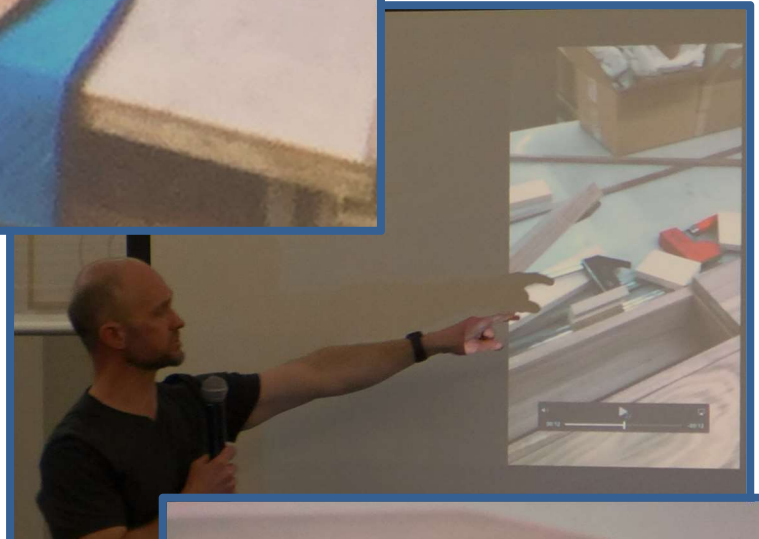
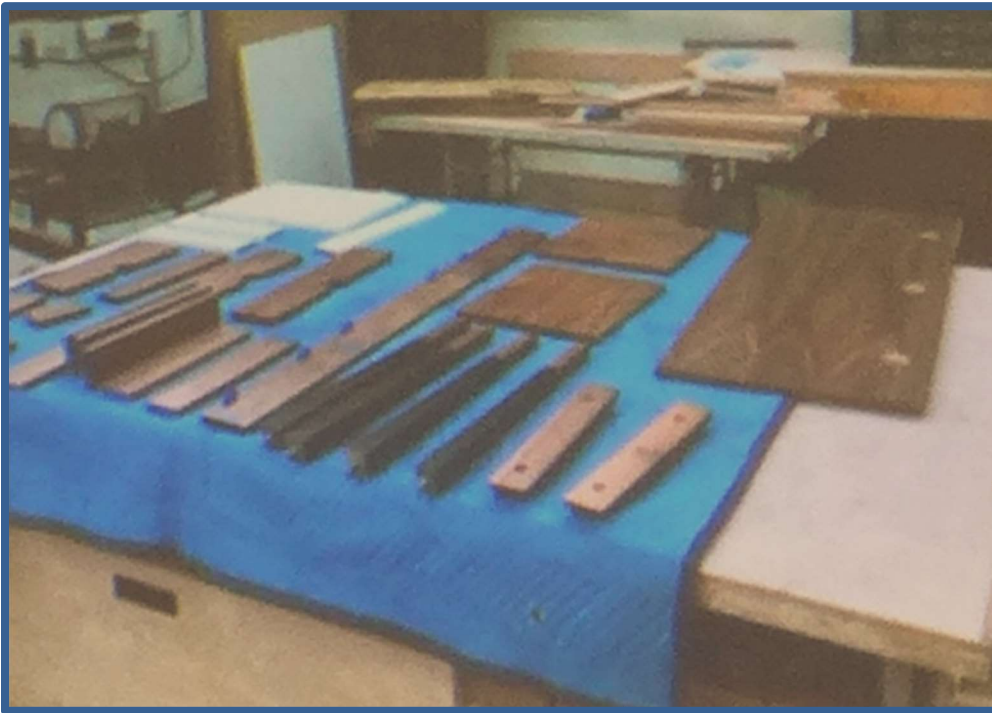
Professional woodworker Adam Godet (Godet Woodworking of Washington, D.C.) was the April speaker. Adam talked about his early days in woodworking and his transition from government work to full time woodworking. He showed videos of his home shop and a shared space (shared with nine others, amateur and professional) where he does much of his work. Adam talked at length about two of his recent projects – a pair of nightstands with curved sides constructed using bendable plywood also known as Curve-Ply, Flexply, Wacky Wood and Wiggle wood (he brought a sample) and a walnut desk featuring multiple compartments with hinged lids.







Some in-process pictures of the nightstand project from concept sketch to finished product.



Adam's walnut desk working pictures, including a hinge detail and completed parts ready for assembly.



Adam brought his Shaper Origin handheld CNC router which he demonstrated for the guild.

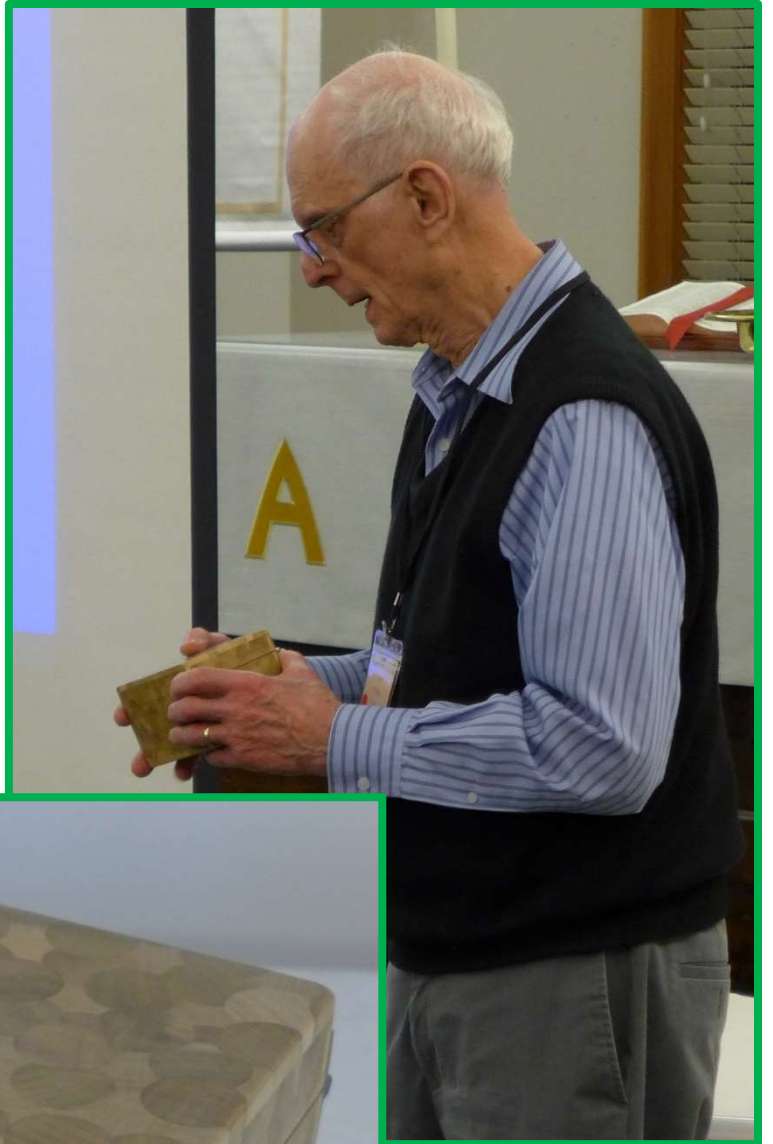


## Show and Tell



Roger Young brought this unusual box. The design, from Doug Stowe's "Basic Box Making," is a lap cornered box. What makes it special is that it was made by a 10 year old girl, one of seven girls in a box making class that Roger taught in February and March.

Jack Hirrlinger brought a small box made of  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch poplar dowels.



Vince Antonioli showed pictures of his live edge maple table that he made for his daughter.



## April Raffle Winner

Back up raffeteer Harry Chavez performed the drawing for the annual April "Big Raffle." The prize that could be won for a \$5 ticket was a Ridgid Palm router. The winner was Bruce Mitchell.



## Necklace Case: by Bill Carbin

Bill Carbin's daughter designed this case and, of course, Bill built it to the specifications. The case is made of quarter sawn oak and walnut. It is finished with three coats of General Finishes Arm-r-Seal. Nice job Bill.





# Tip of the Month

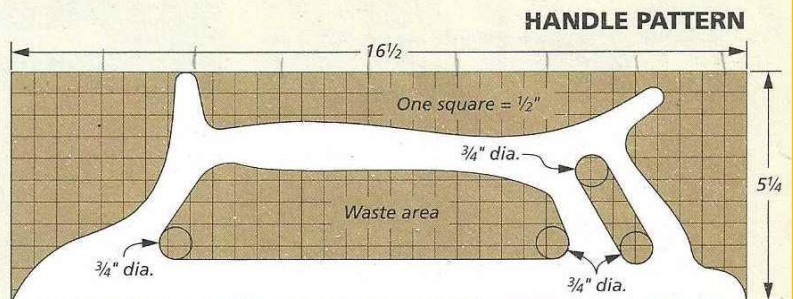
## Jointer/Router Push Block



I've found that a push block that both pushes and holds down the workpiece on the jointer is not easy to find. That's why I decided to make my own.

As you can see in the main photo, the handle lets you apply downward pressure over the jointer tables. At the back, a cleat catches the end of the workpiece and pushes it across the jointer.

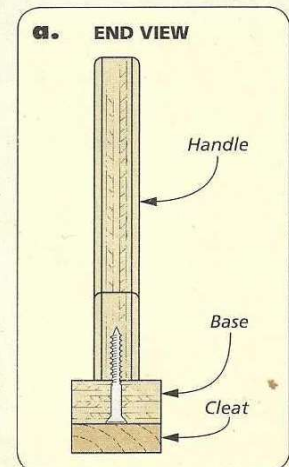
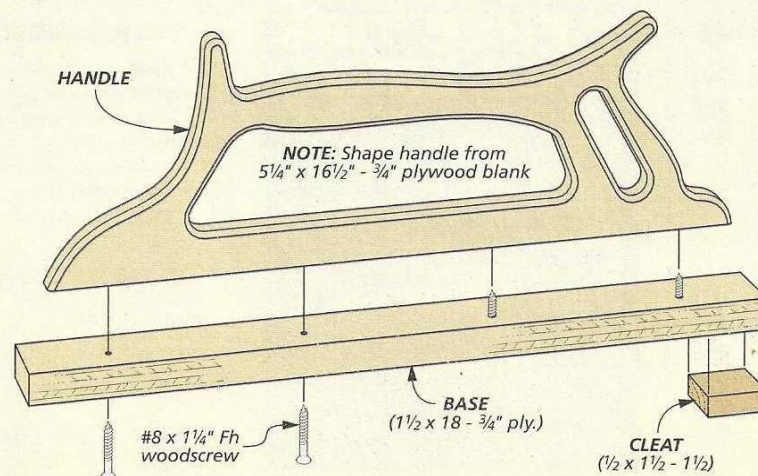
The drawing below shows how the push block is built from just three parts: a handle, a base, and a cleat. The base is attached to the handle with screws countersunk in the base. The cleat is glued on.



You can cut the handle using the pattern shown above. It's printed here at 25% of actual size, so you'll need to enlarge it 400% on a copy machine. I shaped the outside first and then cut out the hand grip and the center. You can drill holes in

the corners of the waste areas with a Forstner bit. Then finish up with a jig saw and sand the edges smooth. Finally, you can glue the cleat to the base.

*Victor Kurowski  
Oro Valley, Arizona*



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# AWG Member Mentors

**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 (when we are back in session at the church). Until then send your problems to the editor, President, or other AWG officer.

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>E-mail</b>	<b>Mentor Subject</b>
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 & finish restoration/repair
Ashby	Bob	410-969-2910	toolsrus58@comcast.net	Shapers, router tables and tooling for same
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# **AWG Officers**

## **(June 2022 —May 2023 Term)**

President – Ken Davis  
1st Vice President – Carl Wick  
2nd Vice President – Bill Schneck  
Secretary – Jim Menefee  
Co-Treasurers – Vince Antonioli and  
Rodger Young  
Tour Coordinator – Open  
Program Chairperson – Chris Desautels and  
Phil Christenson  
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Endowment Coordinator – Bill Carbin  
Entertainment Coordinator – Paul Dodson  
Show Coordinator– Open  
Show & Tell Coordinator – Bill Carbin  
Special Projects Coordinator – Open  
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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! For cur-rent members 2020 dues roll over into 2021!

#### **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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## AWG's Supporting Vendors



### Exotic Lumber Company

1610 Whitehall Road, Annapolis, MD 21409  
410-349-1705 [WWW.Exoticlumber.com](http://WWW.Exoticlumber.com)



### Rockler Woodworking & Hardware

12975 Fair Lakes Shopping Center Ste 2975  
Fairfax, VA 22033  
571-435-8030  
<https://www.rockler.com/retail/stores/va/fairfax-store>



### Somerset Door and Column Company

174 Sagamore Street, Somerset, PA 15501  
800-242-7916 [WWW.Doorandcolumn.com](http://WWW.Doorandcolumn.com)



### Klingspor

2555 Tate Boulevard Southeast, Hickory, NC 28603  
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800-995-4032 [WWW.Americanwoodcrafterssupply.com](http://WWW.Americanwoodcrafterssupply.com)



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