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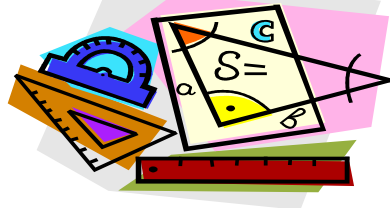
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READY OR NOT HERE IT COMES
HAPPY NEW YEAR



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The President's Angle

The President's Angle is not available this month.

The next AWG Guild meeting will be January 8, 2015 at 7PM at:

Davidsonville United
Methodist Church
819 Rt. 214
Davidsonville Md

The next AWG Board meeting will be January 22 at 7PM at:

Champion Realty
541A Baltimore
Annapolis Blvd
Severna Park, MD

Editor's Note

This is your newsletter. If you have an article, Idea, quote or anything you think your fellow Members would be interested in please submit it. We have a "professional" proofreader on staff so one does not have to worry about spelling, punctuation, etc.

The events listed on page 7 are ones I know of. If you know of other events please notify me.

More info at page 16

SPECIAL AWARD

By Jim Francis

Part of the AWG mission is to continue the art of woodworking through training. Our Guild's future depends heavily upon continuous training to pass on the craft so that the Guild will survive. A trainer must accept the amateur as well as the professional person to instruct. The training process to be most effective must be well structured and implemented. For the past 25 years, our Guild has taken great pride in its training efforts. No one person is responsible for that success; however, our Guild has had the pleasure of an outstanding training chairperson who has been a major contributor to that success for many years. That person was George Swisher.

An organization has numerous ways to reward exceptional efforts or contributions. When a situation presents itself where the existing awards do not cover his/her contributions, one has to find a means that will honor those efforts. Partly through Pat Applegate's initiative and with the AWG Board support, a new award was established. Borrowing a longstanding University Tradition, we decided that naming a chaired position remains one of the highest honors one can receive. This recognition is a lasting and powerful affirmation of the honoree's exceptional Contributions, which are widely recognized by Guild members.

Our honoree throughout his tenure with AWG has provided endless hours of superb training and instruction to many past and present members. He always set the bar high with standards of excellence as the only goal or outcome. His methods of instruction showed planning and a passion for training fellow woodworkers. As several members have said, "one could not spend time in his shop without learning something".

On December 6th, a group of past presidents made a visit to George Swisher's shop and proudly presented him with the special award designating the position of Education Chair as the **George Swisher Education Chair** in perpetuity. This is the first AWG award of its kind and represents the highest recognition any AWG member can receive. Pictures are shown below of the plaque and certificate signed by all the contributors.

The plaque and certificate were a shared effort. Each of the individuals listed below had a hand in making and presenting the award: Pat Applegate, Don Ames, Harlen Ray Jr, Jim Luck, Andy Borland, Mike Arndt, Jim Francis and Bill Carbin.



Jim Francis and George with his plaque.

**By Unanimous Decree of the
Board of Directors of the
Annapolis Woodworkers Guild
the appointed position of
Education Chair
Shall hereinafter be known as**

**The George Swisher
Education Chair
2014**

Experienced Sawdust: Tom

By Andy Borland



Photo by Vicki Kunde

Q. TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF: HOMETOWN, BACKGROUND, EDUCATION, PROFESSION, AND OTHER INTERESTS?

Grew up in Severn, MD.

Lived on a chicken farm (6,000 egg layers)

Went to AACC for 2 years (Night courses held in Severn Park HS)

Joined US Navy and served 4 years as an electronics Tech.

Worked for C & P Telephone Company as a repair technician.

Retired from AT&T 1998 after 29 years.

A good friend had an antique sawmill that and I liked to help out on.

Q. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN INTERESTED IN WOODWORKING?

When I was just a lad, my Dad bought me a pin type scroll saw which I used to enjoy making stuff.

Q. YOU SPEND TIME RUNNING THE SAWMILL AT KINDER PARK FARM. WOULD YOU TELL US ABOUT THAT?

I liked sawmills so much, that when Kinder Farm Park bought that sawmill from a friend of mine, I just had to get involved. I helped set it up and build the building it is located in. We operate it on most Wednesday mornings throughout the year. Come by sometime and check it out!

Q. WHAT GOT YOU INTERESTED IN WOODWORKING?

My dad.

Q. WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE WOODWORKING PROJECTS?

2 things:

Turning logs into to lumber (56" saw blade)

Scroll sawing (5" blade)

Q, BESIDES RUNNING THAT 56 INCH SAWMILL WHAT ELSE DO YOU DO FOR FUN?

I am interested in antique tractors and farm equipment.

Q. WHAT OR WHO HAS INFLUNCED YOUR WOODWORKING INTEREST?

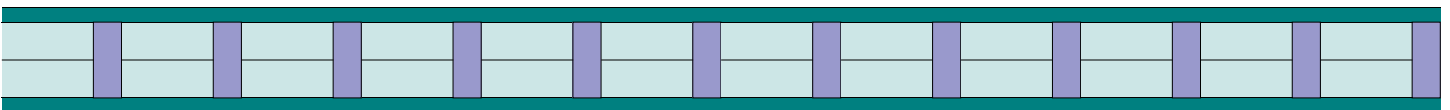
AWG for their vast scope of various woodworking techniques.

Q. WHAT WOODWORKING PUBLICATIONS DO YOU READ AND WHICH ONE DO YOU REFER TO MOST OFTEN?

Scroll saw Workshop

Q. ARE YOU DOING ANYTHING SPECIAL NOW THAT GIVES YOU GREAT JOY?

Volunteering at Kinder Farm Park.

**“Memorable Quotes”**

“As with all woodworking the only guide is positive experience, often bitter but nevertheless inevitable.” James Joyce

“The length of a piece of wood can only be too short on one end.” Unknown

He who works with his hands is a laborer,

He who works with hands and his head is an artisan,

But he who works with his hands, his head, and his heart is an artist. Unknown

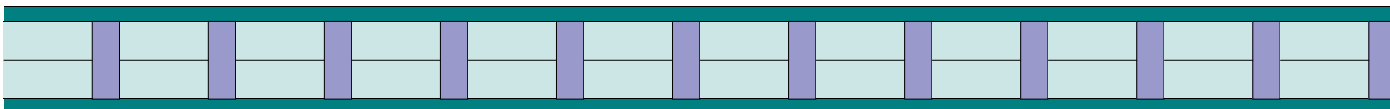
Guild Interests:

Dear Annapolis Woodworkers Guild,

I had the joy of making sure there was a beautiful handmade wooden toy or game in each backpack of our Backpack Buddies at Tyler Heights Elementary school.

It was such fun to deliver the large wooden toy trains, fire trucks, planes and trucks to the Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten classes. The children had wide excited eyes when they saw what I had for their classrooms. They promised to take good care of the toys and share. The teachers were so pleased - it is so wonderful to have new toys for activity time. Thank you all.

Gratefully,
Brenda Schoener
Coordinator of Tyler Heights
Backpack Buddy Program



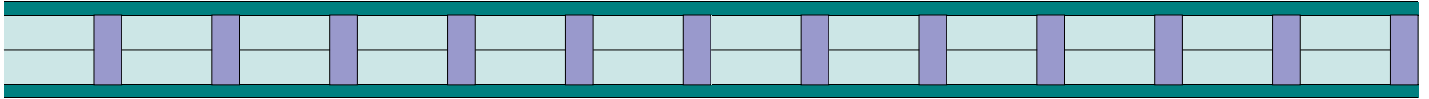
Arnold Senior Center Newsletter

“And last, but not least, we now have a beautiful handmade 8 foot wooden bench in the back hallway, courtesy of the Annapolis Woodworkers Guild. A special thanks to Bill Carbin and Andy Borland of the Guild for taking such precise measurements and producing a work of art.”

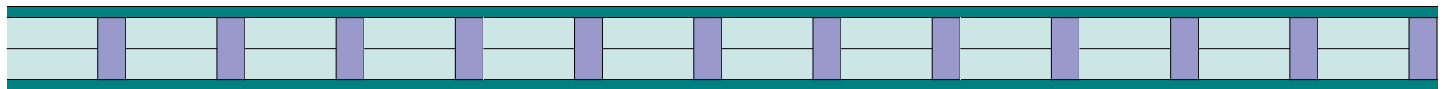


Guild Interests

We wish and hope for a speedy recovery for Paul Dodson. Paul ended his stint as President in June and since then organized the 25th Anniversary picnic, co-chaired the Christmas party and helped with the Woodworking Show in Baltimore. And that was just this year.

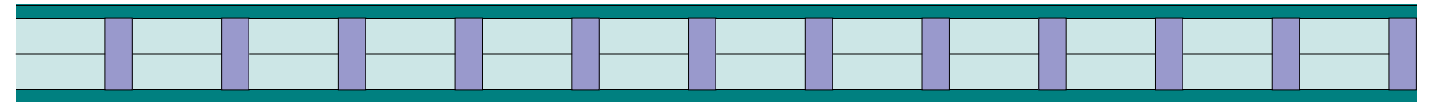


Fred Goldstein found a forgotten gift at the Guild party. It is a small, gray wooden heart with an eyelet. If anyone knows anything about this item please contact Fred. 410-721-6614 or munch301@verizon.net



Upcoming Events

- March 15** P.A.T.I.N.A. Spring Tool Sale & Auction (patinatools.org)
- May 1-2** Lie-Nielsen Tool Event (lie-Nielsen.com)
Exotic Lumber, Frederick, Md 21701
- May 8-9** Fox Chapel Open House & Woodworking Show (Wood-Show.com)



GUEST SPEAKERS

This month: Jeff Lefkowitz “Ladderback Chairs”



Years ago, Jeff realized that as a graphic designer he produced work that lacked permanence, creating mostly marketing materials with a short shelf life. Having been a craftsman in an earlier life, he longed for that tactile element that working with your hands provides. Jeff turned his creative energies to the craft of chairmaking.

Jeff has studied chairmaking with Mike Dunbar, Pete Galbert, Curtis Buchanan and Brian Boggs. He was drawn to Boggs’s chairs from the first time he saw them, mainly for their beautiful design. Jeff has assisted teaching the Boggs Chairmaking classes in Asheville, VA. Using his professional graphic design skills, he has written, illustrated and designed five different manuals used in the Boggs classes.

Jeff now teaches the craft of chairmaking in his shop near Strasburg, Virginia. He covers every aspect of making a ladderback chair, beginning with lumber selection all the way through final assembly using hide glue.

Next month: Vicco Von Voss “Listening to Wood”

Ring in the New Year



Mentor List

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	pappleg@jhmi.edu	Finishing with Shellac (brushed and padded)
Arndt	Michael	410-551-8588	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	Boxmaking
Chavez	Harry	410-863-5940	harry.chavez@gmail.com	Intarsia
Dodson	Paul	410-760-5382	pdwoodcrafts@verizon.net	Scroll saws and scrolling
Hirrlinger	Jack	410-798-1339	tjihirr@verizon.net	Toys, tricks and puzzles
Luck	Jim	410-647-6622	jfl39@verizon.net	Inlay and shaker boxes

The Toy Corner

By Andy Borland



The Toy Workshops

The Annapolis Woodworkers Guild has encouraged us to become involved in some sort of small group work. Some of us have chosen to make toys for fun and for charity. We have made toys for Sarah's House for 20 plus years. Now we make toys for many more charities as well. Some of those charities include the Cisco House, SPAN (Severna Park Area Neighborhoods), and Backpack Buddy Programs. We will include other charities this year as well. Jim Francis, our president in 2011, really wanted us to get involved by working in small groups. Paul Dodson has continued to encourage us to stay involved. Some of us work well individually, and some of us work toward that goal in small groups where we share our talents with each other.

One of those groups meets at Andy Borland's house on a weekly basis and has made numerous toys for the above charities. The members of that group are Don Ames, Paul Dodson, Bill Carbin, Will Hottle, Andy Borland, Jim Jordan and Barry Frankel. They have made airplanes, cars, pickup trucks, pencil boxes, tractor trailers, puzzles, regular boxes, and doll beds. They have been assisted by some fabulous women throughout our area who have made quilts and mattresses for the doll beds. Dolls have been secured from yard sales and donations. The people involved have developed a loyalty and dedication to the projects and to each other.

Other people contributing to the joy of Christmas are Jack Hirrlinger, Rich Valentich, Karl Hoke, Fred Goldstein, Mike Lancaster, Vicki Kunde, Bernie Lammers, Chris McDonald, Tom Ladelhma, Lloyd Gleason and a wonderful Santa Claus.

Toy Corner

Bob Ashby took a bunch of toys for the Lutheran Church that supplies four elementary schools' Backpack Buddy Program (Oakwood, Richard Henry Lee, Pasadena and Quarterfield). Most of those schools got doll beds, semis and trains for every kindergarten classroom plus about 80 toys for individuals. When Bob pulled away from the shop he really looked like Santa Claus.

Andy Borland, Bill Carbin and Jim Jordan, either as a group or as individuals, dispersed toys to many elementary schools and Backpack Buddy programs. (See page 6) Tyler Heights received about 90 toys because their back pack program is so large. The other elementary schools received the same doll beds, quilts, dolls, trains, and semi trucks. Schools that we had not been to before were Rolling Knolls elementary, Severna Park elementary and Jones Station elementary. We also delivered 35 toys to Cisco House.

All in all, about 750 toys have been made and most of them have been delivered to charities and schools across Anne Arundel County.



Toy Corner

Vicki Kunde took a doll bed, a big semi truck and a large train to Chrysalis House, plus 13 toys for individuals. She took 55 toys to Sarah's House and finally she took 100 toys to SPAN.



At left: Melvina Smith of Chrysalis House.

Maria Denario of SPAN.



Christmas Party



Upper left photos by Lorraine Veiel.

All others by Harry Smith







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- Charity Coordinator – Vicki Kunde

THE ANNAPOLIS WOODWORKERS GUILD IS OPEN TO ALL WOODWORKERS FROM NOVICE TO EXPERT!

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 7PM

Champion Realty

541A Baltimore Annapolis Blvd

Severna Park, MD

Annual Membership Dues \$35

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