

# **Colonial Woodcutter**

**May, 2018**

**By Rick Hodgdon  
President**

## **Fellow Woodworkers,**

**Happy Summer! If you're like me, at this time of year it's a bit harder to enjoy woodworking, due to yard work, vacation travel and the "honey do" lists. My evenings are the best time for me to escape the humidity and heat in my shop.**

**As the incoming president I'm interested in hearing what future programs or topics guild members want and we will look into those subjects. Please share your thoughts by emailing me. Personally, I really enjoy visiting woodworking shops and talking with professionals who are interested in sharing their love of the craft. The recent trip to the Eastern Shore to visit McMartin and Beggins was very enjoyable. All suggestions for future visits are welcome.**

**Jim Francis has been our historian for a number of years and has notified the board that he will be stepping down this Summer. So, here is an opportunity for you contribute to the club. Not too much work is involved, so consider sending Jim out to pasture.**

**New members should visit our website to insure your information is listed correctly, and familiarize yourself with suppliers that offer discounts to our members. Look also at some of the great work our members are creating. Who knew?**

**The June speaker is Michael Colella a turner, the July program is about the Foundry in Baltimore, and the August meeting is the now famous Tool Swap, good fun and great deals!**

AWG Guild meeting is June 14, 7:00 PM  
Davidsonville United Methodist Church  
819 Rt. 214

*More info on page 19.*

# Guild Interests

## *New Member*

### Lon Slepicka

**Lon attended the May meeting after joining in April. He lives in Annapolis with his wife Nancy. He has two grown daughters. He was born and raised in Nebraska and lived on a farm. After college he went into journalism from which he is now retired. He has several friends in the guild whom he met through Habitat for Humanity, they include Bernie Lammers and Sue and Charles Springett. He joined to guild in the hopes of improving and expanding his woodworking skills. His current experience includes carpentry and furniture repair. He has a shop at home with a variety of hand and power tools.**



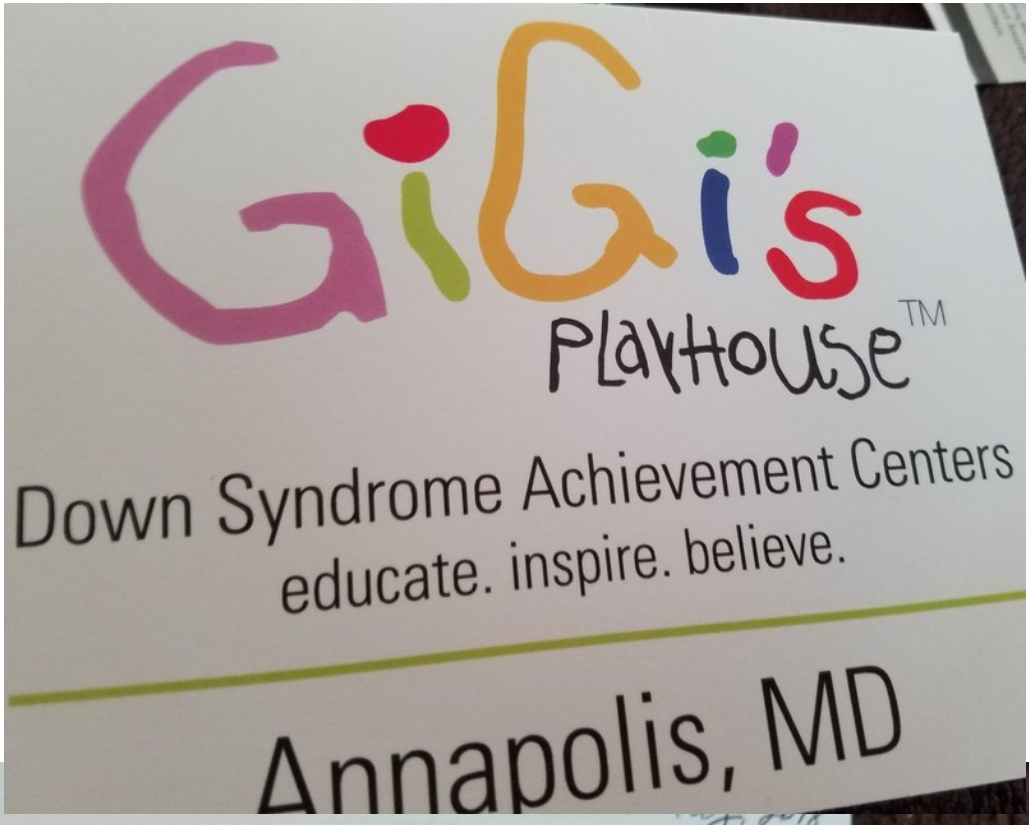
**Please welcome Lon to the guild when you meet him.**



**Do you have a wood working problem? We probably have the answer. If you have any question at all about woodworking, write it down and put it into the problem box. We are fortunate to have enough talent in our guild to answer just about any question you may come up with. And chances are, there is probably other woodworkers who would like to hear the answer too. So, Submit you questions, for the benefit of us all. Anonymously, of course.**

**You will find the problem box on a table next to the front entrance door.**

GIGI'S HOUSE HAS 65 DOWN SYNDROME CHILDREN. ANDY BORLAND AND DON AMES DELIVERED TOYS ON BEHALF OF AWG.



Dear Andy, Don, and all the talented members of the Annapolis Woodworkers Guild, our hearts overwhelm with joy when we see our children with Down Syndrome playing with your beautiful toys. Thank you for using your skills to bring happiness to our community through play. How kind you are to provide such beautiful, purposeful handcrafted items. We think you and smile! From all of us at Gigi's Playhouse! Thank you! Judy Co

## *Guest Speaker for June*

### *Mike J. Colella*



Michael J. Colella always wanted to learn photography but it wasn't until his 2nd year at Frostburg State College that he took a photo class and that was the catalyst that unlocked the artist within. After college his first job was in high school in Wheaton, MD that had a wood shop with every tool known to man. The shop teacher told him to feel free to come down anytime and that he did. Growing up, his dad was always making things with wood, so the interest was there. The lathe was of interest so that is what he learned first and was hooked. Unfortunately wood turning would have to take a back seat to a growing photography interest and a new house and children.

Leaving that first job to become a full time photographer was a big step, but he never looked back. Creating photos around DC and around the world was what he did, and still does in between turning sessions. Being a photographer was not just about making pictures, but creating beautiful images, whether they were bridal portraits or ads for Italian wines, they were small works of art.

With the kids all grown and moved out and digital photography taking a different direction, there was time to do something else. Upon seeing some exotic turnings at a local craft show that interest in woodturning was rekindled and like photography, has never looked back.

First he joined Capital Area Woodturners which helped jump start the learning and then became a charter member of Montgomery County Woodturners in Rockville MD. Woodworking for Michael is kind of like B & W photography, you find the subject, take the picture, developed the film, then print the final image. Now his subjects are found wood, everywhere, even in people's firewood pile. It gets developed on the lathe and finally finished with some surface treatment. The image is born. That's where the business name came from; he was looking at a fallen log in the park and thought, they're all "sleeping beauties", just waiting to be awakened and turned into objects of beauty.

In 2013 Michael was accepted as a guest artist at the Maryland Renaissance Festival where his wood items would become a big hit. Three years later both Michael and his wife Sue became permanent artists at the festival in their booth called Sleeping Beauties. The festival runs weekends from August 25th thru October 21st this year. Aside from bowls and other turned wood items, his specialty at the festival has become custom magic wands for all ages. Michael will talk about how he takes found wood and turns them into objects of beauty.



Mike's home and some of his work.



## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

**July:** Jason Hardebeck, The Foundry, Baltimore, MD

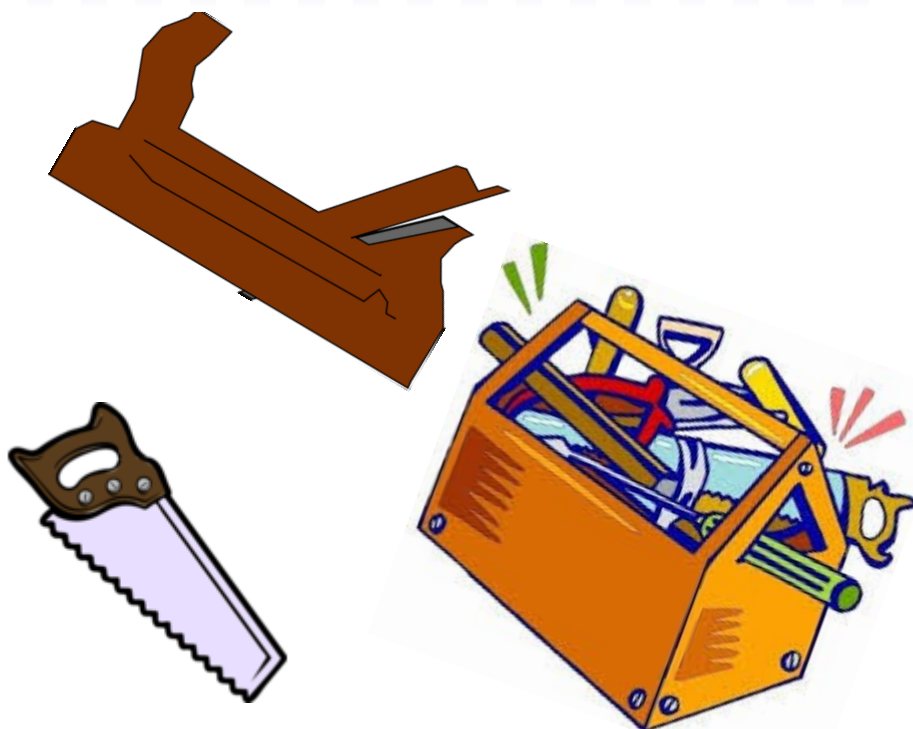
**August:** Tool Swap

### Call for Speakers from the AWG Membership

Do you have a special project or technique that merits more time than the typical Show & Tell presentation? Or perhaps there is a body of work which you would like to fully describe to the AWG membership. Usually speakers at our monthly meetings are not Guild members and certainly that is a good thing. However, many members of the Guild are highly skilled and accomplished woodworkers and/or have special skills and techniques that would be of interest to the membership. We ask all members to please consider being a speaker at one of our monthly meetings.

If you are interested, contact Phil Christenson at:  
[machristenson@aol.com](mailto:machristenson@aol.com)

### GET READY FOR AUGUST TOOL SWAP & SALE





**MAY'S SPEAKER, VICCO VON VOSS, IS METHOD OF BENDING WOOD.**







## ***NEW GUILD OFFICERS***



### **From the left**

**Tom Dettweiler**  
**Jim Menefee**  
**Vince Antonioli**  
**Phil Christenson**  
**Bob Ashby**  
**Rick Hodgdon**  
**Dave Tate**

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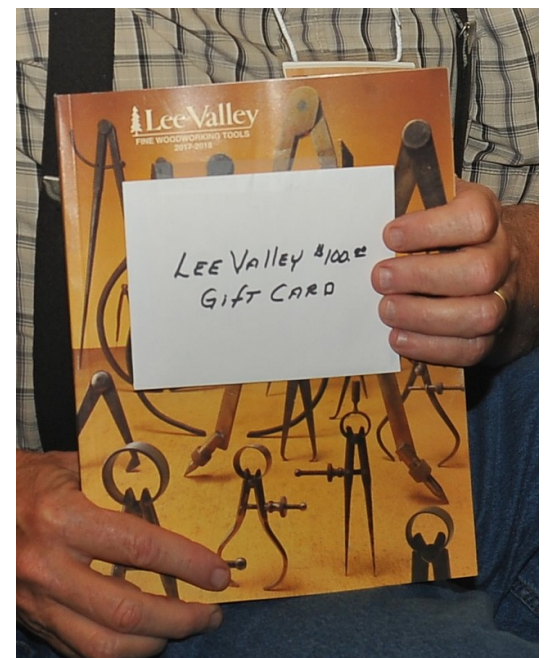
# RAFFLE



Mike Mantich won the Lowe's \$50.00 gift card



Kevin Newton went home winning the Carlucci award, a \$100.00 gift card at Lee Valley.



Not Pictured: Bill Schneck, router bits, and Hugh Houghton, Wood Book.

## Drawings

By Paul Dodson

We currently have 3 types of drawings. All drawings are for members only. Each one is explained below:

**Main Drawing:** Held each month. Tickets are \$1.00. This raffle includes at most 3 items: \$50 Lowes card and at least 2 other items. These 2 items are normally donated by members. Items donated will be held by the raffle chairperson for the next raffle period. All items are valued at \$99 or less.

**Nick Carlucci Donation:** Held each month until depleted. Tickets are FREE to active members. \$100 gift card from Lee Valley.

**Big Drawing:** Held twice a year. Tickets are \$5.00.

### Drawings for June

Nick Carlucci Donation: \$100 gift card from Lee Valley

**Main Raffle:** Tickets are \$1.00. For this month we have the usual \$50 Lowes card , The Original True Angle Maker and Cut-n-Crown Molding Kit. Photos on next page.

Education drawing will also be this month. Tickets are free to active members. A \$500.00 value to be used toward a woodworking class.



The Original True Angle Maker



Cut-N-Crown Molding Maker

## *SHOW & TELL*



Duncan Adams crafted a prop sword.



Jim Francis made a scroll & ribbon tray at the School of Annapolis Woodworks.



Art Mensch, a \$500.00 educational scholarship winner used the money at Troy Beall's Scholl at Annapolis Woodworks. Art came away with a spoke shave, a mallet, and a couple of bowls.





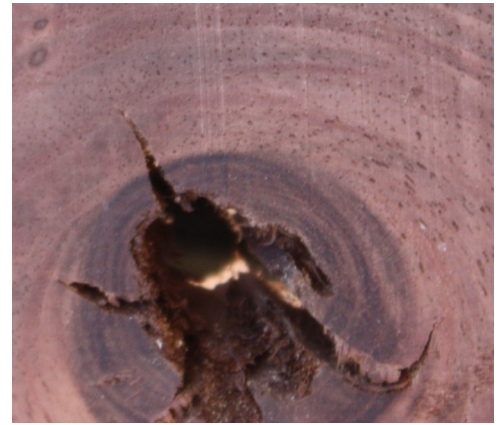
Mike Mantich made personalized pencil boxes for a kindergarden class.



Walking Robot not pictured.

# Whatnots

**Staircase Model (France), late 18th century; joined, planed, bent, and carved pear, wrought brass wire, turned bone; H x W x D: 29 1/2 x 26 1/2 x 26 3/8 in.); Gift of Eugene V. and Clare E. Thaw; [2007-45-11](#) Courtesy [Cooper Hewitt Museum](#)**





# 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	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
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

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<b>Belleville, NJ 07109</b>	<b>Hickory, NC 28603</b>
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800-242-7916

**American Woodcrafters Supply**  
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Riceville, IA 50466  
Americanwoodcrafterssupply.com  
1-800-995-4032

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- Tour Coordinator - Harlan Ray
- Charity Coordinator - Andy Borland
- Historian - Jim Francis
- Webmaster - Dave Tate

General Membership Meetings:

2nd Thursday of each month 7 PM

Davidsonville United Methodist Church,

819 Route 214, Davidsonville, MD

Address correspondence to:

Annapolis Woodworkers Guild

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Annapolis, MD 21401

**Website:**

**[Annapoliswoodworkers.org](http://Annapoliswoodworkers.org)**

Executive Board Meetings:

4th Thursday of each month 7PM

Champion Realty

711 Bestgate Road

Annapolis, MD

Parking at rear of building.

Use elevator to access lower level.

Doors are open from 6:30 to 7:00. If

arriving after 7:00 you will need to

call Dave on 410-562-3605 or another meeting attendee.

**Annual Membership Dues: \$36.00**