

The Colonial Woodcutter

The Newsletter of the Annapolis Woodworkers Guild

Meeting 7:00 PM October 9th, Davidsonville United Methodist Church



OCTOBER MEETING SPEAKERS

TYLER QUEVEDO - AWWG WEBSITE

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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.

October 2025 President's Message

Dear fellow members,

I am happy to report that we had six new members join our guild last month! I wasn't able to speak personally to all of them, but did send out a welcome email. I heard back from a few that they definitely enjoyed the meeting and felt welcomed by other members. So, thank you for that! It is important to welcome new members and bring them into the fold of our woodworking family.

We have a lot going on right now. Rodger Young held several sharpening classes and I've heard nothing but positive feedback. If you didn't get a chance to attend, reach out to him. We are scheduling other classes too (sharpening turning tools, veneering) in the next few months. And stay tuned for other classes in 2026. Sign-up sheets will be passed around at the general meetings, and you will receive a separate gaggle email announcing new offerings. Also check out our website www.annapoliswoodworkers.org. I will try to keep that updated with class information.



And, if you are participating in the Quiet Waters Artisan Market, bring your item to the October or November meeting, packed securely. Harry has graciously agreed to print the necessary labels for everyone's items, and we will deliver the items to Quiet Waters on November 17th. I will have a W-9 for you to complete, as well as an inventory list where we need to add your name and items.

A few dates for you to put on your calendar:

- October 9, November 13 General Meetings: bring your items for the Quiet Waters Artisan Market
- October 23: board meeting
- November 1: we will submit the inventory list to Quiet Waters
- November 13 General Meeting: judging of the 2x4 contest; NO Show and Tell
- November 17: we will deliver all items to Quiet Waters for the Market sale
- November 26: Deliver toy donations to Andy Borland (see page 5)
- December 11: our annual Christmas dinner!

I hope to see you at our meeting October 9th.

Ann

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October Monthly Meeting

**Thursday, October 9th, 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. Your presenting time should be less than three minutes.

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. The three minute limit applies. 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.

October Speakers Chris Desautels and Tyler Quevedo

Chris Desautels will talk about moisture content of wood. A common perspective is that your wood must meet a specific degree of moisture content before you can begin work but the matter is more nuanced than that. Chris will talk about some other factors to consider when assessing a piece of wood.

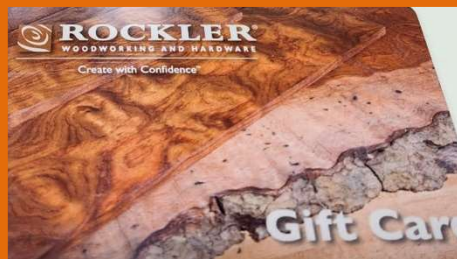
Tyler Quevedo will talk about our AWG website. Specifically, he'll explain about a new feature, "Groups". We can utilize this to post messages - to sell items, request items you want, share information, post videos, post pictures of things we've made, etc.

October Raffle

The October meeting's raffle will feature these fine items.



14 Piece Wrench Set



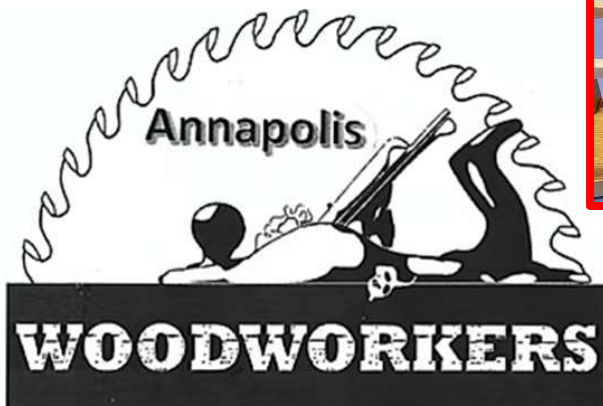
\$50 Rockler Gift Card



Double Feather Board

Christmas Toy Donations

Christmas is just around the corner and the elves in Andy's shop have been working hard. If you are an off-site elf and have toys to donate bring them to the October or November meeting, or, you can get them to Andy's house before Thanksgiving. Santa will begin his flights on December 1st.



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September Meeting

President Ann Sentinella opened the meeting by calling for a moment of silence in honor of the 24th anniversary of 9/11 attack. She added a moment of appreciation of Guild members who are veterans.

Ann announced that the Guild need a replacement for Steve Lund as liaison with Davidsonville United Methodist Church due to Steve's health issues. If you are or know some one who is a member or connected to the church, and can fill this role, please contact Ann.

Ann has recently acquired more, detailed information about the Quiet Waters Park Exhibition. If you are interested in participating, email Ann.

Rodger Young is offering a sharpening class, specifically relating to plane irons and chisels. A sign-up sheet was passes around. If you are interested but missed the meeting contact Rodger.

Finally, Ann announced the annual Christmas dinner, scheduled for the second Thursday of December which is the 11th. The location is the St. Constantine & Helen Greek Church on Riva Road in Annapolis MD. Tickets are \$55/person.



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September Speaker



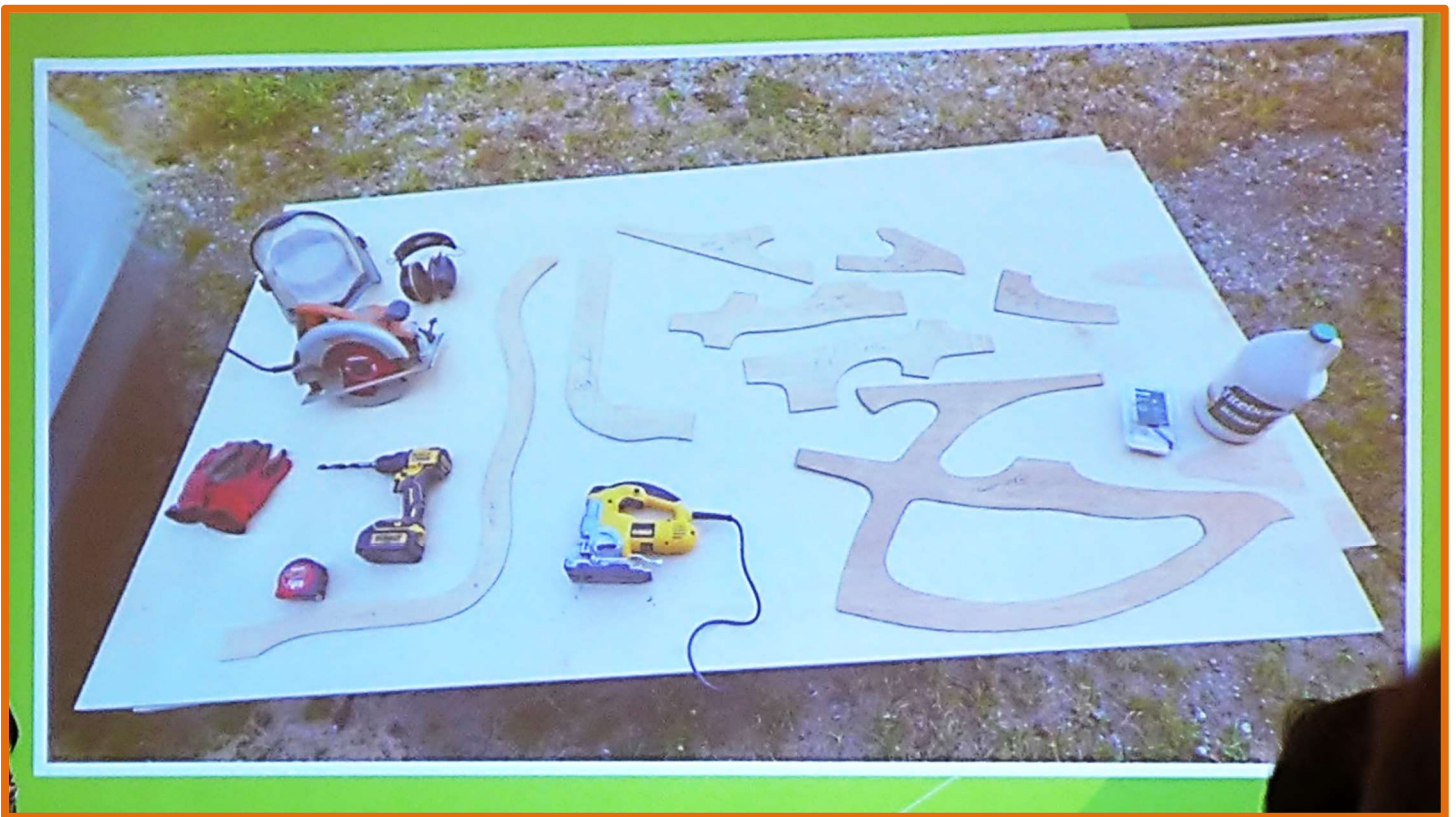
Patrick Lieb, creator of unique furnishings and woodart, was the September meeting speaker. He brought a large sample of his imaginative pieces and presented his process for making rocking chairs of laminated plywood.

Patrick is working on a series of laminated rockers (six so far), each with a unique artistic twist. He brought the “Octorocker” pictured below, which features a tentacle motif. He starts by cutting fifty pieces in 8 different shapes. After gluing up the layers he achieves the final shape using grinding wheels. Patrick can complete a chair in 60 to 80 hours



Patrick's shop, Heart of the Ocean Wood Designs, is located in West Ocean City, Maryland. There he creates his art using woods from the Maryland eastern shore, much of it salvaged.

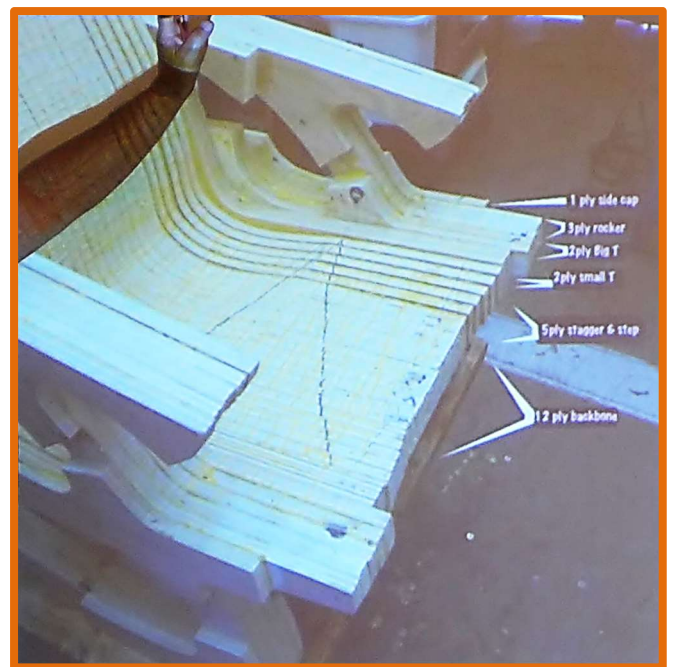




Some of the templates and tools that Patrick uses to make rockers



The rocker glue up



Laminated rocker ready for shaping



Miniature version of a surf board coffee table





Smith Island cake in multiple wood species



Whale made from 8x8 "firewood"



Funky Fish

Show and Tell

Harry Chavez brought an intarsia whale. He recently used the design to mentor a Guild member in intarsia. Harry offered personal intarsia lessons to any member who is interested.



Bill Schneck showed off a box that he made with a plywood substrate and veneer, featuring marquetry dogwood blossoms on the lid's interior.



Bill Heath brought a selection of toy that he made for the Guild's toy donation program. They were a car, dump truck and a trolley; several of each.



Ann Sentinella and Ken Davis made these end grain cutting boards that they made this week in Paul Hansen's class at Annapolis Makerspace.



Paul Hansen brought four honey dippers that he turned. Three were made from a family peach tree and one from an aspen tree in which he landed on a recent ski trip. He says that similar to holly except not quite as hard. It is not clear whether that refers to woodworking or the collision.



David Furlong brought two beautiful shaker boxes.

September Raffle

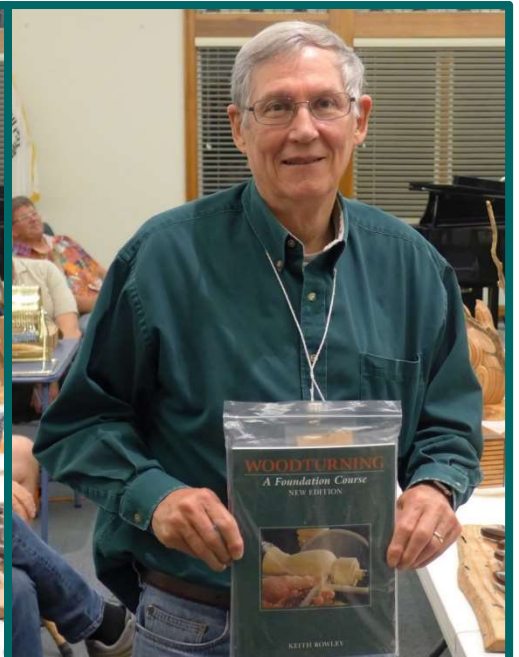
Paul Dodson ran the monthly raffle in which these members won the prizes.



Mike Arndt
Router bits



Rodger Young
\$50 Woodcraft gift card



Phil Christenson
Turning handbook

AWG Annual Christmas Dinner

Dec 11, 2024
Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Church
2747 Riva Rd.
Annapolis, MD

Time: 6:00 PM

Cost: \$55 per person

Time to Party:

Time to start signing up for the AWG Christmas Dinner. Contact our Treasurer by November 30. He will have the sign-up sheet at next meeting. Please provide your name and the number of guests you are bringing.

Sign Up:

Deadline for signing up is November 30, 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 AWG (Treasurer).

Be sure to provide the number of how many guest you are bringing.

Check-In & Envelopes:

You must check-in at the door to receive your envelope and turn in your 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.



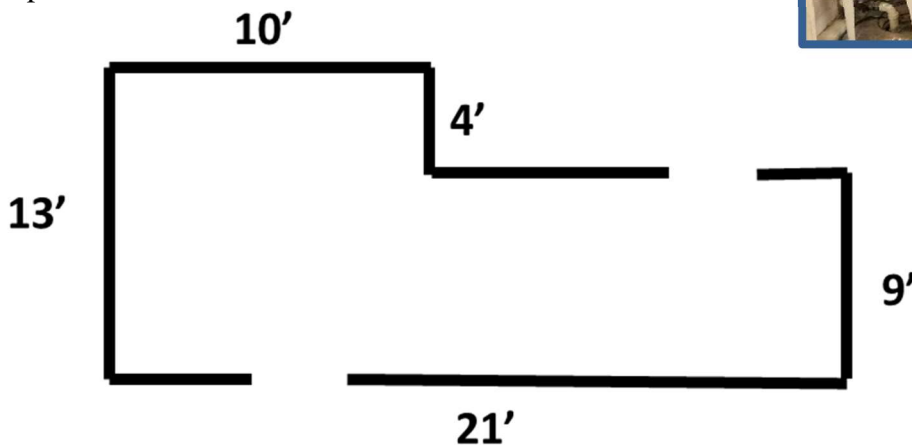
NOTE: If you have any questions please contact Paul Dodson, Events Coordinator.

Woodworking in a Small Workshop

By Rich Batiuk

Many of us are faced with a familiar challenge—setting up an operation woodworking shop in a relatively small space. Here's how I made effective use of my "L" shaped workshop and still shared the room with our washer and dryer, laundry sink, well pump, water treatment system and furnace as well as a series of bookcases and filing cabinet!

Let's start with the dimensions. This proved to be an interesting space in which to set up a woodworking shop.



In my workshop, I have a radial arm saw, a drill press, a table saw, a band saw, a jointer, a tabletop 12" planer and a tabletop belt sander. With the exception of the two tabletops, the rest of these pieces of woodworking equipment are sitting on a wheel base which



enables me to move each of them around my workshop. And when woodworking in a small workshop building furniture, these have proved invaluable! When not in use, I park my equipment outside of my main area of my workshop so I can move around easily. In the photo to the left you can see my recently cleaned up wall-mounted shelves where I keep my scrap wood. (Prior to taking this photo, I 'recycled' about 5 years' worth of scrap wood which resultant from several large furniture building projects.) And



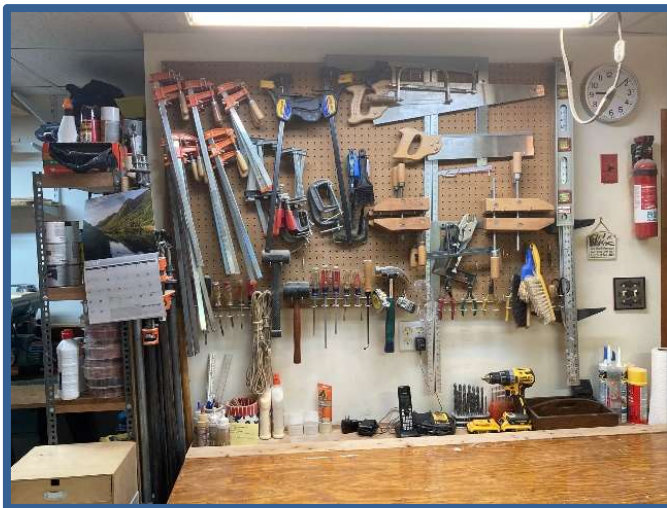
in the photo to the right, you can see how I park my equipment when not in use around what else I share my workshop space with, the furnace in this case.

My workbench is positioned at the inside corner of my “L” shaped room, with many of my hand tools mounted on pegboard. I built my workbench to include a large shelf underneath for storing wooden clamps along with smaller woodworking equipment like my router and tabletop router table. And right under my work bench top, I have a single large drawer where I



keep a host of odds and ends stored for future access and use.

A set of shelves in the upper end of the “L” is where I store an assortment of power tools, the usual assortment of jars of nails, screws and other fasteners, cans of stain



and varnish, extension cords and more. And a wonderful Craftsman tool chest on wheels allows me to organize the rest of my hand tools so I know exactly where each tool should be located...emphasis on should be.



I made room for a small standing filing cabinet, where I stored my woodworking related plans and other related papers. And the lower right hand side of my “L” shaped space houses several floor to close to ceiling bookcases as in our house, you can never have too many books and, therefore, too many bookcases!

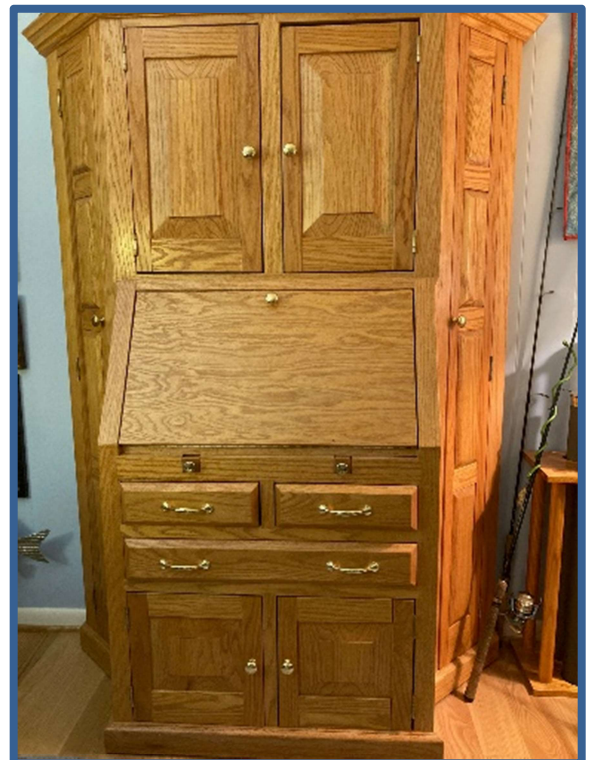


And finally, some examples of the furniture I have built in my small workshop—an entire home



office complete with computer desk, floor to ceiling cherry bookcases and matching cabinets as well as an oak fly fishing desk.

So even in a small space, "L" shaped no less, one can house a workshop where you can build furniture and even multi-purpose other parts of the same space!



Tip of the Month



Re-Hole Sawing

I recently had a situation where I needed to enlarge a previously drilled hole. Since I couldn't use my hole saw's pilot bit to center the hole, and I don't have a drill press, I had to come up with a solution.

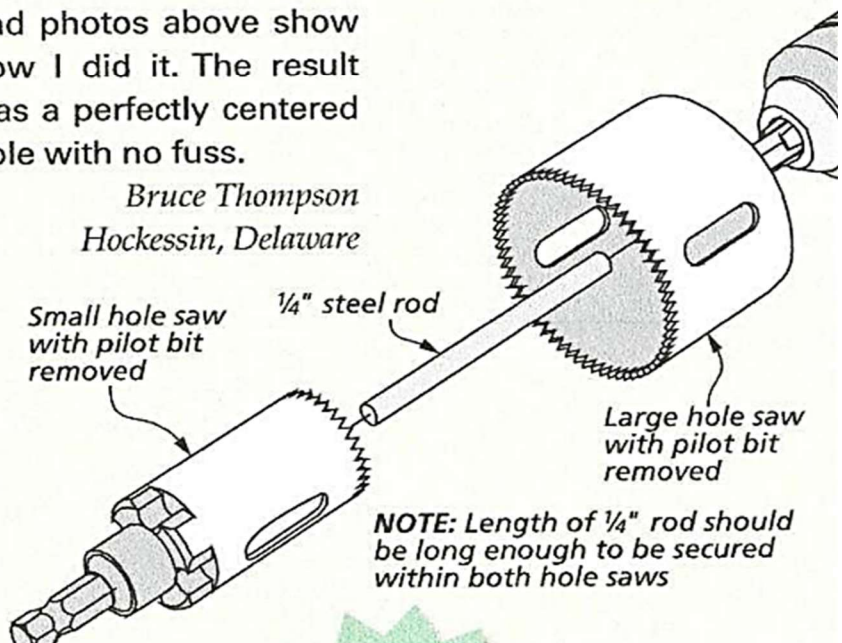
What worked for me was to connect two hole saws together. One was the size of the existing hole. This saw guided the other hole saw that was the size of the hole I needed to drill.

The $\frac{1}{4}$ " pilot bit for my hole saws is held in place with a set screw. So I

removed the bits from both saws and secured a short length of $\frac{1}{4}$ " steel rod between them.

The drawing below and photos above show how I did it. The result was a perfectly centered hole with no fuss.

*Bruce Thompson
Hockessin, Delaware*



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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
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
Harry Chavez	Scroll Saw and Intarsia	harry.chavez@gmail.com
Dennis Harvey	Pen making	denharv@aol.com
Bill Schneck	Woodworking machine operations & safety, Basic joinery, dovetails, mortise and tennon	mrwoodbutcher@comcast.net
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)
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
Kovalick	Bill	443-822-4850	bkovalick@gmail.com	General woodworking/ Adirondack furniture
McDonald	Chris	410-326-1685	cmcdonald@thewavaz.com	Cabinets

AWG Officers

(June 2025 —May 2026 Term)

President – Ann Sentinella
1st Vice President – Chris Bucknall
2nd Vice President – James Cowan
Secretary – Tim Wilson
Co-Treasurers – Vince Antonioli and
Rodger Young
Tour Coordinator – Rick Hodgdon and
Rodger Young
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Membership Chairperson – Harry Chavez
Charity Coordinator – Andy Borland
Webmaster – Tyler Quevedo
Education Chair – Paul Hansen
Church Liaison – Steve Lund

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

Website:

Annapoliswoodworkers.org

AWG's Supporting Vendors



Exotic Lumber Company

1610 Whitehall Road, Annapolis, MD 21409

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