

Colonial Woodcutter

March, 2018

PRESIDENT'S ANGLE

DAVE TATE



Anyone up for a field trip? The Guild is planning a field trip to the McMartin & Beggins Benchcrafted Artisan Furniture facility near St. Michaels, MD on Saturday, April 7, 2018. They design, make and restore custom-made classical and modern furniture. We haven't had a field trip in a long time, so you won't want to miss this one! Pat Applegate has made all the arrangements, so be sure to read his article elsewhere in this newsletter.

Elections for a new Board of Directors is coming up in May, so start thinking about how you can help the Guild by filling one of the vacancies. The positions that are up for election are 1st Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairperson, and Program Chairperson. Phil Christenson will continue as the Program Chairperson, but the other officers have decided not to run for their positions again. So it's time for you to step up and fill one of these important Board of Directors positions. Contact Rick Hodgdon if you're interested.

Is this your last newsletter? If you haven't renewed your membership by paying your 2018 dues, you will no longer be a member as of the March meeting. The February meeting was the official deadline, but we might allow you to renew if you can convince our Membership Chairman, Barry Frankel, to let you back in. Don't forget to bring a check!

AWG Guild meeting is March 8, 7:00 PM

Davidsonville United Methodist Church

819 Rt. 214

Davidsonville, Md

More info on page 22.

Experienced Sawdust

By Andy Borland

Don Ames, one of the founders of AWG, turns 90 this month. We are rerunning his Sawdust article from October, 2013 to commemorate his birthday.

AWG: Don, tell us about yourself, your hometown, background, profession, and other interests.

DON: My hometown is currently and has been for many years, Annapolis. I also have a strong attachment to my young life hometown of Luce, Minnesota. That is where I grew to my late teen years and from where I enlisted in the Navy in 1945. I have a high school education and two and a half years of technical training in Court reporting which I did for a living until 1993, when I retired. My other interests are primarily woodworking and family.



AWG: How long have you been interested in woodworking?

DON: Since about the 5th grade. We worked using coping saws and wooden boxes to make small objects(hot pad holders and the like), as well as small shelves and do-dads. That interest continued for many years except for while I was in military service.

AWG: What got you interested in woodworking?

DON: I watched two different elderly “German-trained” cabinet makers in a small town in Minnesota.

AWG: Tell us a little bit about the formation of our Guild.

DON: The formation of the Annapolis Woodworking Guild started in 1989 with Charlie Weant and me. He and I were traveling to Towson to attend the Baltimore Woodworking Guild at Towson State University. We decided to form our own Guild so we could stop traveling so far. We started advertising in the Evening Capital newspaper and called a meeting at the Annapolis Library. It has grown from that. With the help and expertise of quite a few others it has become the Guild we have today.

AWG: What are your favorite woodworking projects?

DON: That's pretty hard to say. I've made Colonial spice cabinets, which really held my interest. I've made five Windsor style chairs for my daughter and family which really tested and interested me. I've made a number of bed frames for grandchildren. All of these things I enjoyed and were thoroughly interested in making. I have also made many large cabinets.

AWG: Have you received any awards or recognition for any of your woodworking projects?

DON: I have won numerous awards from the Guild.

AWG: What or who has influenced your woodworking interest?

DON: James Krenov, Christian Becksvoort and Phil Lowe. These gentlemen are some of the really great craftsmen whom I admire greatly. I was also influenced, as stated earlier, by the two elderly "German-trained" cabinet makers.

AWG: What woodworking publications do you read and which ones do you refer to most often?

DON: Fine Woodworking, Popular Woodworking, Hand Plane Essentials, and The Hand Plane Book are what I refer to most often. There are others that are too numerous to mention. I sometimes refer to Joseph Moxon's book Mechanick Exercises, 1703 edition. (This book is available online thru Google.)

AWG: Describe your workshop: location, size, power tools, important hand tools, jigs commonly used, and anything unusual about your shop.

DON: My shop is a 20 foot by 16 foot free-standing building in my backyard. It contains a Delta contractor's table saw, an 8- inch jointer, a 16- inch band saw, a 13- inch planer, drill press, small lathe and a router table with a Triton router. I have a number of hand planes, both manufactured and handmade, which I enjoy using. Tools in my shop include accurate squares, back saws and decent chisels. These are all important to me, and I consider my shop just a usual standard shop.

AWG: Are you doing anything special now that gives you great joy?

DON: I am not doing anything special at this moment. I've been rather lax over the summer.

FINAL THOUGHT: I have very fond memories of starting woodworking in a one-room school house with just a coping saw and the side of an apple box on Friday afternoons.

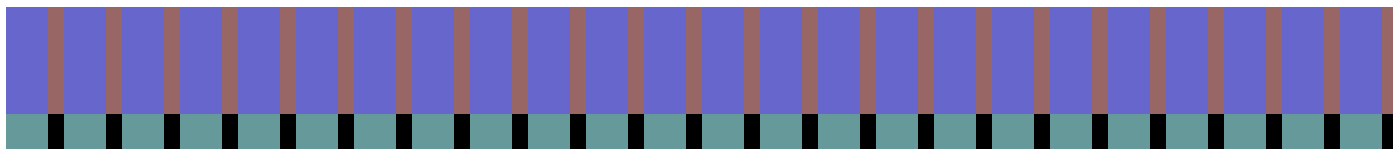
Guild Interests

An Educational Opportunity Field Trip

Join us on Saturday April 7, 2018 for a unique opportunity to see/experience the Fine Woodworking enterprise of McMartin and Beggins on the eastern shore of Maryland. Both of these Jims began their woodworking careers in boatbuilding, although in different locales. In the 1990s both joined forces to create masterful furniture of heirloom quality, and among their accomplishments was the making of the Governor of Maryland's Desk from wood salvaged from the Wye Oak--a Maryland Grand Champion white oak that succumbed in a hurricane. Their workplace is near St. Michaels in Talbot County, and we have arranged a visit and tour of their facility and grounds where they dry majestic logs and make amazing furnishings out of them. Sign up at our March meeting or call/email me to join our carpool caravan which will meet at the Route 424 carpool lot adjacent to the Route 50 intersection at 8:00am Saturday, April 7, for an approximate 1 hour 20 minute commute to their location. I am not certain just how long the tour will take, but assume a few hours. I will compile a list of restaurants in the area for possible lunch connections on the return trip. Hope you plan to join us for an entertaining and educational experience.

Check out their website at www.mcmartinbeggins.com

Thanks, Pat Applegate, George Swisher Education Chair



P.A.T.I.N.A. Show March 10, 2018

See patinatools.org for details.

New Member

JOE SUPERCZYSKI

I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTERVIEW JOE AT HE FEBURARY MEETING. HE LIVES IN ARNOLD ON BAY DALE ROAD. THAT IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE HE RAISES VEGETABLES ON HIS FAMILY FARM AND SELLS FRESH PICKED THAT DAY PRODUCE. SOUNDS GOOD DOESN'T IT? JOE IS SINGLE AND FOUND OUT ABOUT US AT THE WOOD SHOW. HE IS AN AGRICULTURAL ENGINEER. WHAT HE WANTS FROM THE GUILD IS TO LEARN AS MUCH AS HE CAN. HE HAS ALREADY TAKEN A BOX ONE CLASS WHERE HE MADE A BOX AND NOW HAS A SLED ON WHICH TO MAKE MULTIPLE BOXES. JOE IS VERY PERSONALBLE. WELCOME TO THE ANNAPOLIS WOODWORKERS GUILD.





Classes, Classes , Classes

These gentlemen reaped the benefits of the two box classes offered in Don Ames's shop.





Peter Gedrys, brought back by popular demand, spent the weekend explaining the why and whereof of finishing.

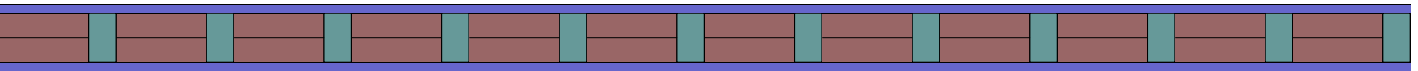
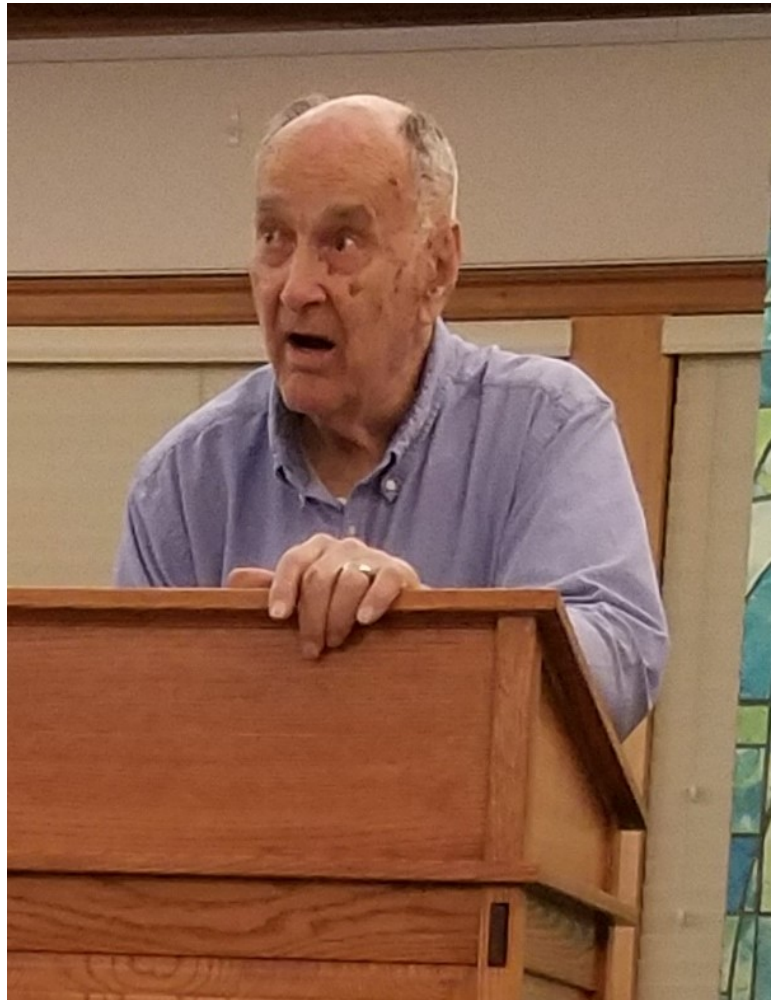


The Gedrys classes were held at Troy Beall's Scholl at Annapolis Woodworks.



Thank you, Adam

Adam Schmitt, when he isn't winning raffles, sets up the tables and the snack bar each month for us. Let Adam know you appreciate his efforts by helping fold up and store the tables at the end of our meetings.



March's Speaker

Jeff Beck
DEWALT
Director Product Marketing
Saws & Woodworking



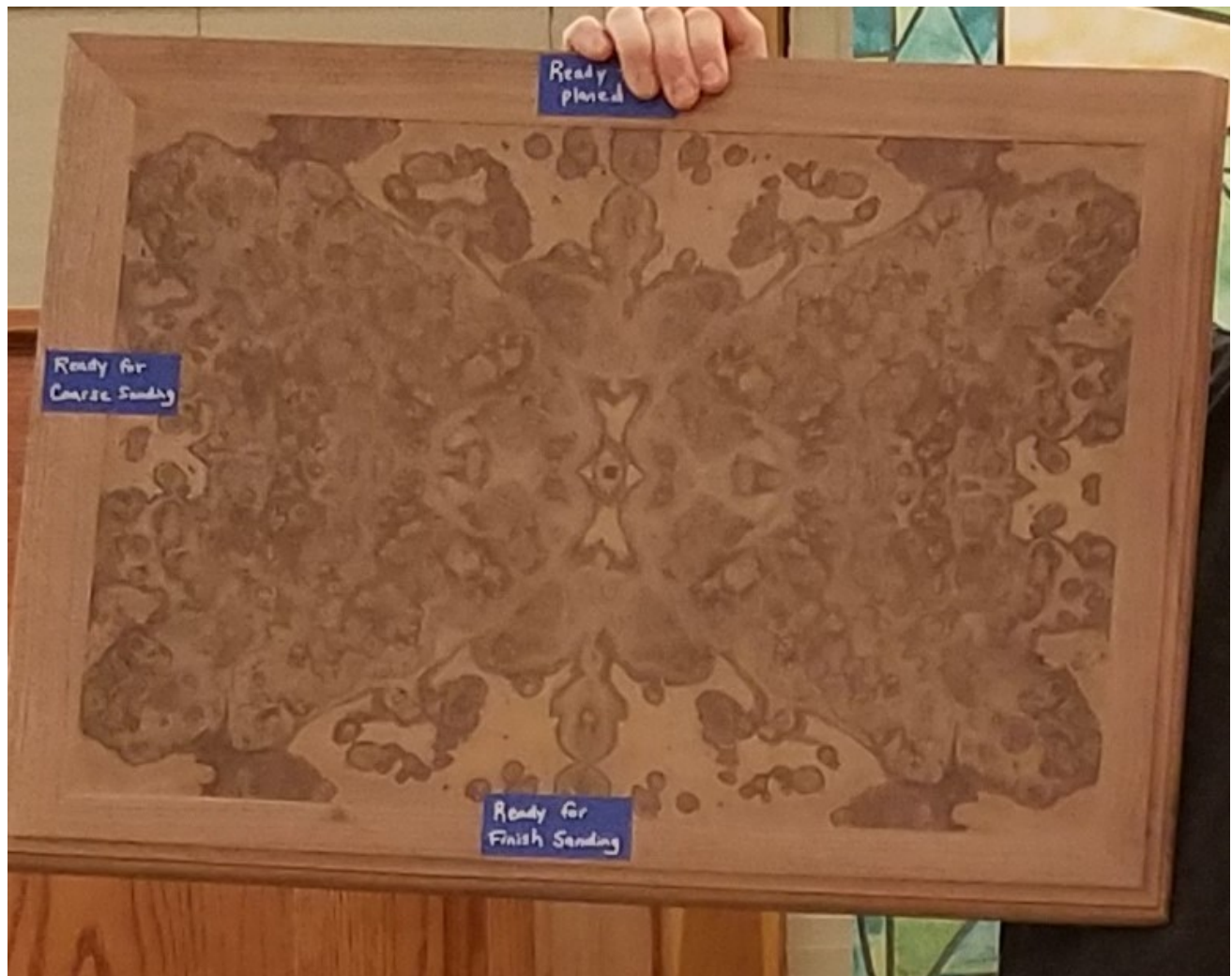
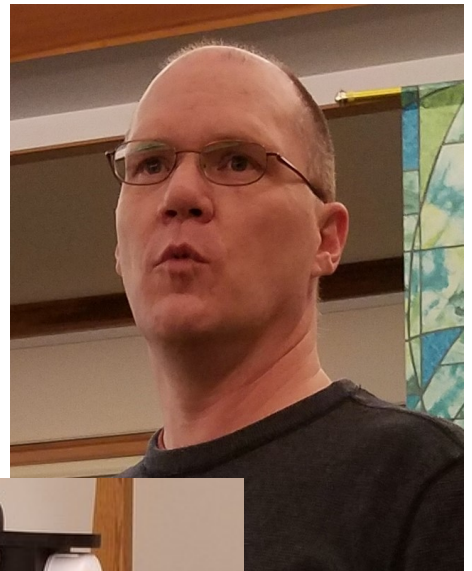
I started with DEWALT in February 1993 in St. Petersburg managing a Factory-owned service center and then moved to Bladensburg, MD in March 1994 to manage that service center until April 1997. I then moved to Indianapolis and spent the next 2 years on our Industrial Sales Team selling DEWALT products to Independent Distributors. In June 1999, I moved to Detroit, MI and was in charge of our field marketing team. This was a group of young people whose job was to call on contractors and see what they thought would improve our tools. In March 2000, I moved to Towson MD and joined our Product & Sales Training team and spent the next 4 years teaching Industrial and Woodworking Power Tools. In 2004, I moved over to a National Account Manager Position on our Industrial Sales team calling on Distributors such as Graybar, United Rentals and Fastenal. In 2007, I moved onto our Channel Marketing team and worked with the sales and product teams to develop sales programs to drive business. In Sept 2009, I moved into the Product Development Team. I spent 2009 to November 2012 managing our concrete products, and then in 2012 took over responsibility for Product Management on all of our Saws and Woodworking Tools.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

April : Mike Ryback, Ryback Woodworking , Baltimore, Md
May: Vico von Voss, Bent Laminations, Chestertown, Md
June: Michael J. Colella, Wood Turning, Laytonsville, Md
July: Jason Hardebeck, The Foundry, Baltimore, Md

February's Speaker

Joe Gorleski with his tools of the trade and a spectacular piece of veneer. Read and see more of Joe's work at JoeWoodworker.com.



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.
will be drawn at April meeting.

Drawings for March

MAIN RAFFLE: This month:

Lowes \$50 gift card

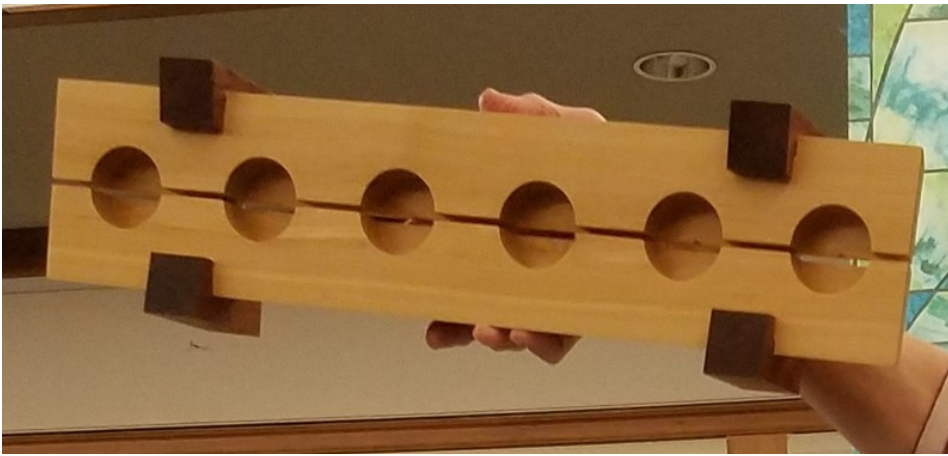


Coping sled from MLCS



Zyliss Portable All purpose Vise

SHOW & TELL



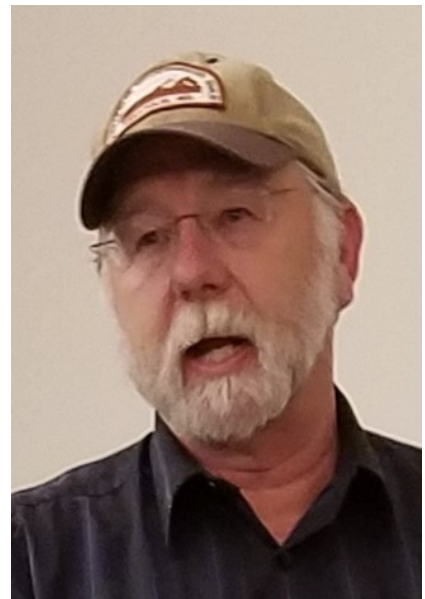
Marty Kurcias brought in a candelabra made from Atlantic white cedar and mahogany.

Bill Kovalich used cypress to scroll-saw his goose in flight.



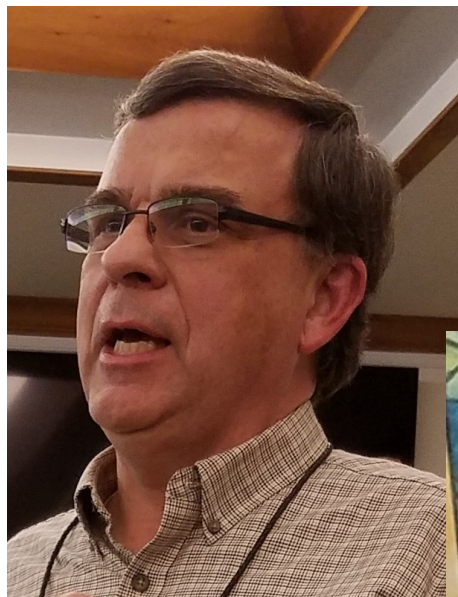


Bruce Saylor drove his classic car to the meeting.

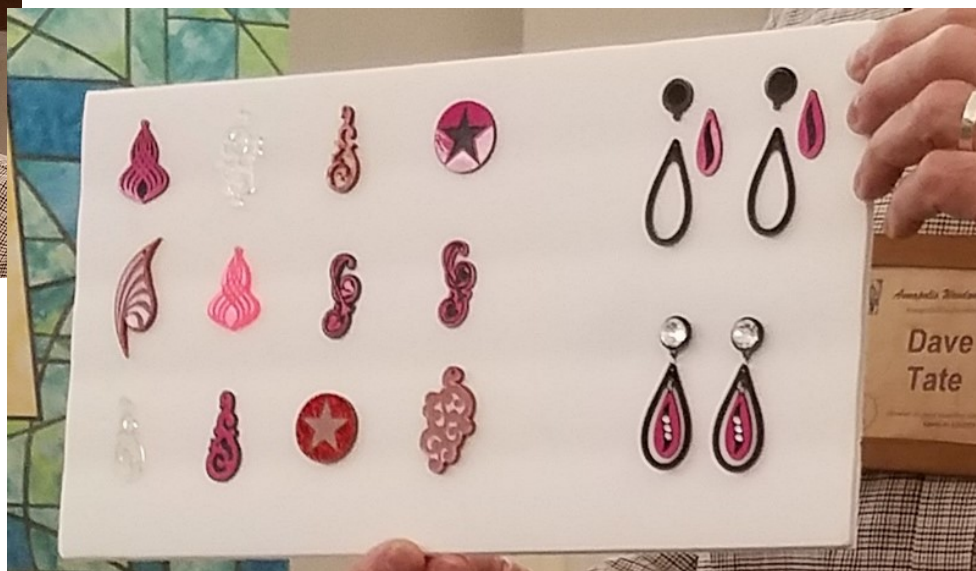


Bob Ashby shows his homemade inlay.





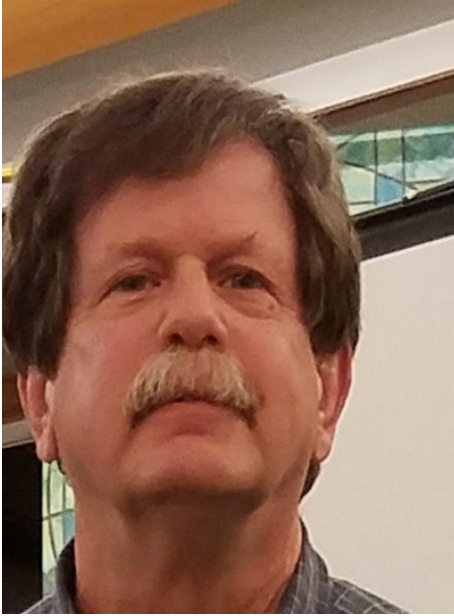
Dave Tate with several of his 120 laser cut earrings.



Tim Roman holds his laser engraved coaster.



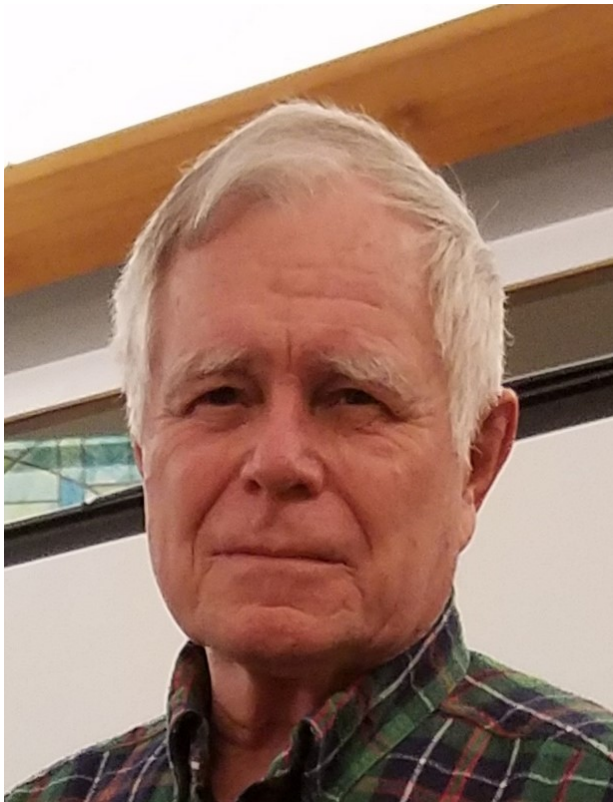
RAFFLE



Bill Schneck won the 36- inch Irwin clamps.

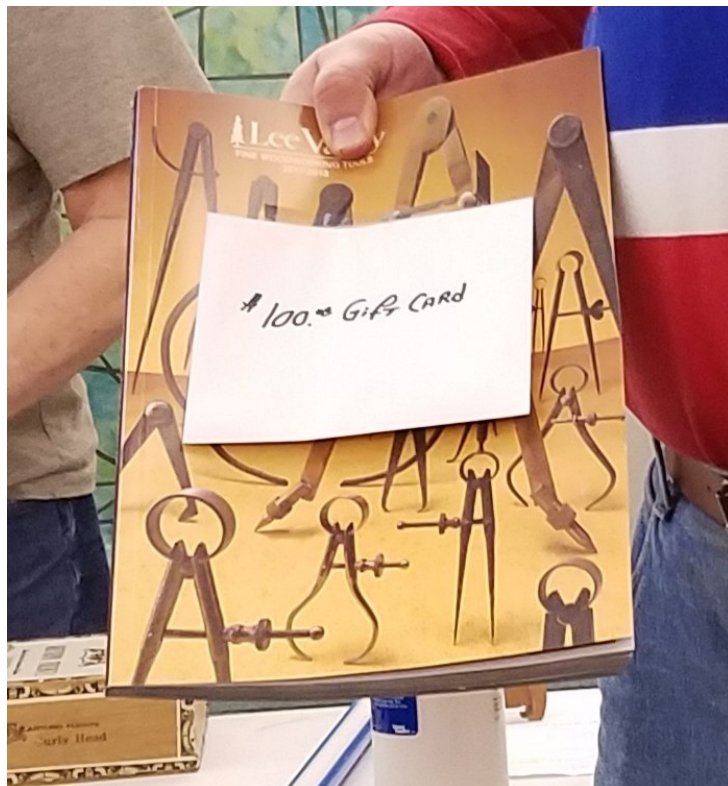
Steve Townsend won a pair of Irwin 24- inch clamps.

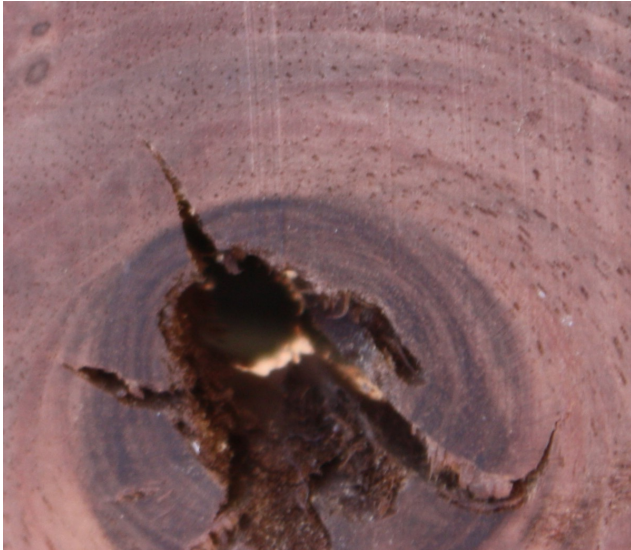




Jim Luck went home with the \$50.00 Lowe's gift card.

Chris Desautels won the \$100.00 Lee Valley gift card.





Whatnots

Woodworking minus patience equals firewood. Author unknown

Law of the Workshop: Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner. Author Unknown

Know safety, no injury. No safety, know injury. Author unknown

To learn about eye protection, ask someone who has one. Author unknown

**GOOD WORKMEN NEVER QUARREL WITH THEIR TOOLS.
LORD BYRON, *DON JUAN***

Remember, a chip on the shoulder is a sure sign of wood higher up. Brigham Young

People love chopping wood. In this activity one immediately sees results. Albert Einstein

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 | 410-960-3239 | MarylandWood-Pro@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 | pdwood-crafts@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 |
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President - Dave Tate

1st Vice President - Richard Hodgdon

2nd Vice President - Will Hottle

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Treasurer - Karl Hoke

Membership Chairperson - Barry Frankel

Program Chairperson - Phil Christenson

The other officers are:

- Newsletter Editor - Ritch Valentich
- Education Chairperson - Pat Applegate & Mike Arndt
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- Webmaster - Dave Tate

General Membership Meetings:

2nd Thursday of each month 7 PM

Davidsonville United Methodist Church,

819 Route 214, Davidsonville, MD

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Executive Board Meetings:

4th Thursday of each month 7PM

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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