

Colonial Woodcutter

Annapolis Woodworkers Guild

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AWG President's Message

by Rick Hodgdon



Fellow Woodworkers,

At the February 28 board meeting we discussed the Guild's current financial standing. At this time the Guild has approximately \$8,000 in the general fund and \$32,300 in the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund originated with a donation from William Schram. With these initial funds came a benefactor's request that the money was to be used only for educational purposes: "It is Billy's wish for this money to be used for educational purposes, to pay for speakers at meetings, purchase whatever is needed for the library, pay for educational trips, scholarships, and for any other educational use the club feels is appropriate."

The AWG Endowment Fund Committee (AEFC) was created to administer this fund and the Guild's bylaws were amended to include: "The Executive Board will submit a written request to the AEFC for determination if a proposed expenditure meets the intent of the wishes of the benefactor. The AEFC will provide a written response as to whether the request does or does not meet the intent of the wishes of the benefactor and is within bounds of applicable state and federal laws"

Recently, the AWG board has agreed that the following clarification statement needs to be added to the bylaws to more explicitly state our benefactor's wishes and to make best use of the endowment in future expenditures:

1. The first priority of the endowment shall be to fund AWG general meeting speakers.
2. The second priority of the endowment shall be to fund Training/ Workshops where the cost is minimal.

Subsidies from the Endowment Fund greatly enhance the quality of Guild programs. For example, currently the average cost expended for our monthly speakers is \$150.00 and the current cost associated with a workshop like a box-making class is about \$20.00 per student.

Major events like Garrett Hack presentations in April cost the Guild significantly more (Garrett's event will total almost \$4,000). His program will benefit 40 to 50 woodworkers, or about half of our current membership, for a cost of about \$100.00 per individual.

Some major fiscal goals of the AWG Board are to make best use of our finite Endowment Fund and to hold the yearly dues to a modest amount. In the future, when the Schram Endowment Fund is exhausted, our membership fee would be the only source available to cover all our annual expenses. We simply could not continue to provide all our current activities with a \$36 annual dues fee. With this in mind, the board has elected to discontinue our biannual \$500.00 single member educational award so the benefits of our endowment may be shared over more of our membership and over a longer period of time.

AWG Volunteers

Seven Guild Members Thanked for their Volunteer Work at Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse



Left to right: Guild members Paul Hansen, Bernie Lammers, Virgil Ramey, Bruce Morse, Jim Church and Jim Francis, Thomas Point Lighthouse Project representatives Howard and Cathy Lewis. Not pictured is Guild member Lon Slepicka.

Seven Guild members were recognized for their volunteer work during the February meeting. This group has devoted considerable time and effort assisting in the on-going restoration and preservation of the Thomas Point Shoals Lighthouse. This 140 year-old structure is one of only ten lighthouses in the U.S. that are listed as a National Historic Landmark. Guild members and other volunteers help to maintain this unusual and beautiful structure in as close to original condition as possible.

Work on a project such as this requires careful planning. Getting to the location requires a boat trip on the order of half an hour, so running to a store for a part or fetching a forgotten tool is simply out of the question. Howard and Cathy Lewis, members of the restoration and preservation team provide this trip to our Guild members and others. Howard and Cathy presented each member with a shirt symbolizing their contributions to the lighthouse restoration.

If you are interested in volunteering for this most interesting and worthy cause, please contact AWG member Bernie Lammers for information.

Featured Speaker



Shannon Rogers

Shannon Rogers has been making things from wood since Ghostbusters (the original, good one) was in the theaters. In fact, his very first project was a Proton Pack for his Halloween costume that year. Somewhere along the way he got this crazy idea to stop using power tools and now more than a decade later he hasn't flipped a power switch on anything in his shop other than the lights and a Bluetooth speaker. By day he is the Director of Marketing for a centuries old lumber company and by night he is a hand tool vigilante as the Chief Blade Sharpener at The Hand Tool School. This online school has taught thousands of woodworkers on 6 continents over the last 10+ years how to become better woodworkers, not by ditching power tools, but by embracing the fundamental things that hand tools teach us about working wood vs machining it. You can find his teachings, videos and ramblings at any of his websites: www.renaissancewoodworker.com, www.handtoolschool.net, or www.mcilvain.com.

Shannon will discuss "What 10 Years of Only Hand Tools Has Taught Me About Wood"

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

April:
May

Garrett Hack
Mark Supik

garrethack.com
Mark Supik & Co., Baltimore, Md

Show and Tell

Each month we all benefit from the experiences of our members as they display and explain their latest woodworking creations. Here are February's show and tell participants:



Lloyd Gleason

What do you do when its snowing outside?
You make a fine looking sled for precise and repeatable cuts.

Arlene Gleason

What do you construct that needs precise and repeatable cuts? A great looking keepsake box!



Jack Hirrlinger

What's the next step after making a keepsake box?

An ultra-secure coin-operated dog house donation box ... of course!



Raffle

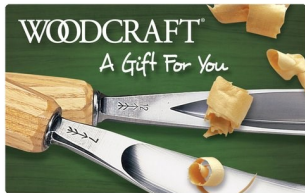
A **Main Raffle** is held each month except April and August. Tickets are \$1 each. Raffles typically include a \$50 gift certificate and 1 or 2 other selected items.

A **Big Raffle** is held each April and August. Tickets for the Big Raffle are \$5.00 each.

Raffle tickets may be purchased at the meeting hall entrance table

Raffle for March 2019

\$1 Ticket Raffle: This month a **Woodcraft \$50 gift card** and **2 calipers from iGaging**; a 6" Fractional dial caliper and a 6" Digital caliper.



Raffle for April 2019

\$5 Ticket Raffle: A Complete Kreg pocket hole system. You gotta have this!!



Get a Ticket
and
Good Luck!!

Vendor Review

Wurth Wood Group

Recently some hinges on our 20+ year old kitchen cabinets began acting up. The existing hinges are of the “Euro” type, with dimensions in millimeters and not easy to find. In fact, the ones I wanted to replace were no longer manufactured, but I had a replacement part number, so I begin looking.

After a lot of less than satisfying searching around the internet I did what I should have done at the start



I took a look at the list of vendors that sponsor AWG—the list is at the end of this newsletter. There I found The Wurth Wood Group. At their web site they had exactly the hinges and hinge parts I was looking for!

Their web site indicated I had to set up an online account to see item prices, which I did. Later, I found out that AWG already has an “account” established with them and I just needed to refer to that one. Wurth is a big organization and it appears its normal clients are largely commercial. In my initial contacts I was a bit intimidated by this, but I quickly found Wurth employees to be very easy to work with and they made me feel my small-potatoes purchase was equally important.

To save you some steps in your dealings with Wurth I offer what I learned from my adventure:

First look online for the things that you may want to purchase, then either email or call their sales department with your list. In your emails or phone calls let them know that you are with AWG. They will put your order under the AWG account for pricing and send you a quote. All small sales, like mine, are “COD”, meaning that you will need to pay up front (credit card over the phone) and you will need to go to the Wurth location to pick up your stuff.

The nearest Wurth is located in Elkridge, Maryland. Their site is very easy to get to—it’s only about a mile or so from the junction of Rt 100 and Rt 1, which is not far from the Arundel Mills Mall. At the Wurth site you will find a rather large warehouse with a small office section off to one end (see picture above). In the office section there are two side-by-side doors. Will-call is located to the right and is clearly labeled.

The personnel inside were very helpful and efficient in getting all the bits picked for my order (it took maybe 10 minutes). Soon I was on my way home with a box of hard to get parts found the easy way and for what I believe was a very good price. A bonus (I did not use) is that you pass near a casino on the way home. An opportunity to double your savings? Instead I used mine to buy a new tool.... C.W.

Mentors and Problem Solution

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.

AWG Member Mentors

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

Woodworking Classes

Troy Beall's **Annapolis Woodworks** school in Davidsonville will offer the following classes to AWG members this spring/summer. The Guild will provide a subsidy of \$25.00 to each attendee. Sign-up lists and registration directions will be made available at future AWG meetings. Each class will need a minimum of 5 students to be held and can accommodate a maximum of 10 students.

Routers 101 class: weekday June 7, weekend May 25

Course Description: Students will learn how to choose the right router and proper bit for the job. Some of the projects to be covered in class will be Dado cuts, mortise and tenons, profiling an edge, pattern cutting, jointing and flattening boards, basic inlays, and much more. All day classes start at 8:30 and run until 5:00pm with a half hour lunch break around noon.

Tuition: \$ 125.00 + \$25.00 materials fee

Sharpening: weekday July 19, weekend June 29

Course Description: This class is designed to help woodworkers understand the principles of sharpening. With newfound skills, students will be able to sharpen anything. This class requires tools...dull ones that are ready to be sharpened. Sharpening may include turning chisels, bench, mortise, paring chisels, any shape or size carving chisels, plane irons, chain saw blades and hand saws (cross cut or rip). Classes run from 8:30am to 5:00 pm with a half hour lunch break.

Tuition: \$135.00 Materials fee included

Odd Bits

Duck Carvings Wanted

The **Patuxent Research Refuge** in Laurel, MD is hosting the **2019 Federal Duck Stamp Art Contest** on Sept. 27 & 28, 2019. As part of this event, the Refuge will have on display hand carved ducks and waterfowl from various artists. This is a great opportunity to display your work to waterfowl enthusiasts from around the country.

Refuge staff will be selecting works from decoy artists for display at the September Duck Stamp Contest in the upcoming months. If you are interested in being considered for this event, please send photos of your original works to:

Diana Ogilvie, Visitor Services Park Ranger, Volunteer Coordinator
diana_ogilvie@fws.gov 301-497-5565

For more information about the Patuxent Research Refuge, go to

<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/>

For more information about the Federal Duck Stamp Art Contest, go to

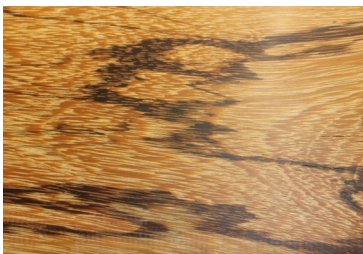
<https://www.fws.gov/birds/get-involved/duck-stamp/duck-stamp-contest-and-event-information.php>



The **Potomac Antique Tools and Industries Association (PATINA)** is having their yearly show on March 16th at the Damascus, Maryland Volunteer Fire House. Tailgating will occur in the parking lot and an auction is scheduled for later in day. More info can be found at patinatools.org



Test your Wood Knowledge



Last month's Colonial Woodcutter cover "plank" was an example of Marblewood. Marblewood is a very dense and beautifully figure species. It serves well as show panels in boxes and furniture.

What is this month's plank? To be revealed in next months newsletter

Administrative Page

AWG OFFICERS (May 2018—May 2019 Term)

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1st Vice President – Bob Ashby

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Special Projects Coordinator – Harlan Ray

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Librarian – Lloyd Gleason

Charity Coordinator – Andy Borland

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MEMBERSHIP and MEETINGS

Membership is open to all interested Woodworkers. Annual dues are \$36.00

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 7 PM

Champion Realty

711 Bestgate Road, Annapolis, MD

CONTACT INFORMATION

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The following vendors support AWG



Würth Wood Group, 6660 Santa Barbara Road, Elkridge, MD 21075

410-796-7600 WWW.Wurthwoodgroup.com



Hartville Tools, Hartville, OH

800-345-2396 WWW.Hartvilletool.com



Exotic Lumber Company, 1610 Whitehall Road, Annapolis, MD 21409

410-349-1705 WWW.Exoticlumber.com



SOMERSET
DOOR & COLUMN
COMPANY

Somerset Door and Column Company, 174 Sagamore Street, Somerset, PA 15501

800-242-7916 WWW.Doorandcolumn.com

The following vendors support AWG



Bruso Hardware LLC, 67-69 Greylock Avenue, Belleville, NJ 07109

212-337-8510 WWW.Brusso.com



Klingspor 2555 Tate Boulevard Southeast, Hickory, NC 28603

800-645-5555 WWW.Klingspor.com



American Woodcrafters Supply 212 East Main, Box G, Riceville, IA 50466

800-995-4032 WWW.Americanwoodcrafterssupply.com