

Colonial Woodcutter

Annapolis Woodworkers Guild

June 2021

“Zoom Virtual ” Meeting June 10th at 7:00 pm

AWG President's Message

Greetings Guild Members:

The month of June begins with a change in the leadership for the Guild with me assuming the role of President and Ken Davis serving as Vice-President. I would like to thank Ken for stepping-up to fill the VP position. We will formally vote on this change of leadership during the beginning of the June meeting. Anyone wanting to vote but cannot attend the June meeting, please email Bruce Mitchell with your vote. Also, we are looking for an interested person to assume the position of Newsletter Editor. If you have interest, please contact me or any of the officers.



I look forward to continuing the work of the many great past presidents and hope to expand the Guild by:

- Continuing the charitable work that the Guild provides to community organizations
- Recruiting and retaining younger members into the Guild
- Retaining existing members and encouraging greater participation in the Guild
- Increasing the visibility of the Guild within the community

While the past fifteen months have proven challenging for the organization, we are beginning to see a return to normalcy in our day to day lives. Hopefully, soon we will safely return to meeting in person and experience the knowledge, fellowship, and camaraderie the Guild offers. In the interim, however, we will continue to meet by Zoom for at least the June and July meetings. I want to especially call your attention to the June monthly meeting. Phil Christenson worked for several months to secure a hand sawing class by Shannon Rogers. The first class begins on our meeting night, Thursday June 10, followed by additional sessions on Tuesday - June 15, Thursday- June 17, and Tuesday- June 22. I encourage everyone to log-in and join the class. For more information about Shannon Rogers and the class, see later pages of this newsletter.

Finally, I want to thank Bruce Mitchell for serving the Guild as President during these challenging times. I look forward to the continued support of the officers and members during my term as President. Always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me.

Bill Schneck

Announcements

June Virtual Meeting

Thursday, June 10th

7:00 pm

Please join us for our June “virtual” meeting of the Guild. Please also consider contributing to the “show-n-tell” portion by contacting Chris Desautels at: Christopher.desautels@gmail.com or 301-332-8490.

June Program



This June, the Guild will offer a four-session class on hand sawing taught by **Shannon Rogers**. Shannon Rogers is a well-known woodworker with a strong focus on the use of hand tools. Several years ago he established The Hand Tool School, which provides on-line classes on the use of hand tools. Members may recall that he was a guest speaker at one of the Guild meetings a few years ago. When we contacted Shannon about doing a class on hand tools, he suggested sawing. His thinking is summarized in this quote: “Sawing is by far the most important skill to master as woodworking is really nothing more than working to a line. Saw well and joinery becomes more accurate and faster. Planing becomes easier as you have already sawn to the line and heavy sculpting isn’t necessary.” Classes will cover the fundamentals of saws, sawing technique and saw sharpening. To help learn sawing techniques for joinery, these classes will be aimed toward

building a bench using nothing but saws. The class will be an on-line rather than in-person class. All sessions will be recorded and access provide to all members. The class will be free to all members. A detailed description of the course along with a lumber, tool list, and class dates is provided in this newsletter.

A Zoom link will be sent on the day of the meeting to each Guild member we have on file. Simply click on that link a few minutes prior to the meeting time to activate your Zoom session.

June Event

June Hand Sawing Class

Starting with the regular June meeting, the Guild will offer a four-session class on hand sawing taught by Shannon Rogers. The class will be an on-line rather than in-person class. All sessions will be recorded and access provided to all members. The class will be free to all members.

Four one-hour sessions are scheduled for the following dates:

Thursday, **June 10**, Tuesday, **June 15**, Thursday, **June 17**, and Tuesday, **June 22**

All classes will start at **7pm**.

Session 1: Fundamentals of Saws (1 hour)

This will be mostly a lecture format with time for Q&A and will cover all the saw types and what defines each saw type (sash, dovetail, rip, half back, crosscut, carcass, etc). I will talk about when each saw is used as well as what is a good starting point for saws. I'll talk a bit about vintage vs new saws and cover some of the major sources and brands to consider when buying saws. I will cover the basics of saw tooth geometry and how each element of the tooth geometry can be altered to produce a certain type of cut.

Session 2: Saw Sharpening (1 hour)

With a basic understanding of saw terminology and types of saws I will walk through the sharpening of a saw including both the restoration and the more typical maintenance of a saw to keep it sharp. Like the first session this will attempt to be an interactive Q&A session where I'll be taking questions from a chat room throughout.

Session 3: Let's Build a Bench Part 1 (1 hour)

I will introduce the project and talk about how we will attempt to build it using nothing but saws. Along the way we will touch on all the different types of saw cuts and the techniques to execute them cleanly and accurately. We will start by making the bench legs and sizing the aprons. This will tackle basics sawing techniques with an emphasis on practice cuts and how to diagnose issues and fix them. Again questions are welcome throughout the session.

Session 4: Bench Build Part 2 (1.5 hour)

In this session we will join the legs and aprons together, then layout and cut the top to

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June Event

Hand Sawing Class continued)

size and the joinery to attach it to the base assembly. This will cover more advanced saw joinery techniques and I'll spend some time discussing the wider applications of these techniques with some example joinery. I'll close out discussing how nails can be used to fasten all the parts together or simply glue. Finally I'll discuss how better sawing will streamline all the processes downstream in this build and what I might do to "finish" up the project. The additional half hour at the end will be set aside to take any and all questions that have come up during the sessions or things I did not cover throughout the course.

Tools needed: 1 handsaw rip or crosscut filed, 1 back saw preferably bigger than a dovetail saw but any backsaw will suffice.

Materials needed: big box pine or preferably Radiata pine from Home Depot. 2-3 boards of 1x12x8'. This is more than needed but the extra board will allow for some room to practice. The object here is to only use a saw so lower quality boards can be used, but some planing and flattening will most likely be required and this will not be covered in the course.

Current Projects

What have you been building in your shop recently? Here is what some of our members have provided to the Guild newsletter:

Phil Foster sent in a photo of a bread board and knife that he constructed. The bread board is made of walnut and box elder. The knife handle is curly maple. The project shown is unfinished.



Jack Hirrlinger, who can always be counted on for something unusual, passed along the following scroll saw puzzle that was inspired from - well, I'll let him tell the tale:

“Are you familiar with the artist M.S. Escher? He is famous for his unusual drawings. You have probably seen his drawing of stairs that forever go up. I ran across an amazing drawing of his in a magazine of nine mounted ancient warriors. I was so impressed that I cutout copies of the warriors from plywood. They are all identical, except that some are traveling north and some are traveling south” - (*east and west?* - Ed).



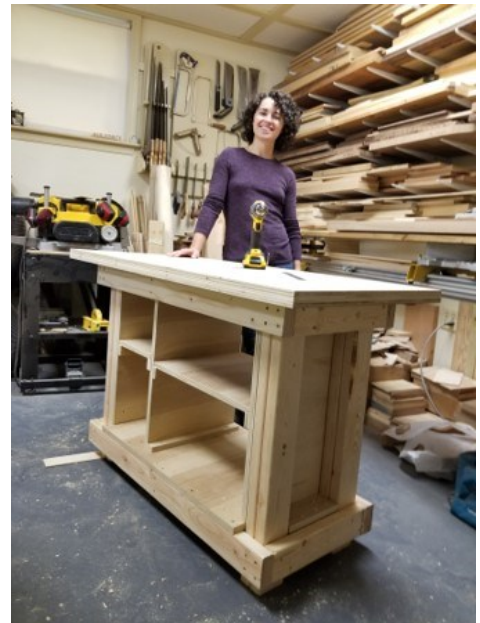
“But, as always the case with an Escher drawing, there is a twist”. *See next page.....*

Current Projects

“All the warriors fit together like a jigsaw puzzle! (Maybe your next project, Paul Dodson?)”



Maybe you remember from the May issue that new member **Emma Parker** was constructing a workbench with mentor **Paul Dodson**. Well, here is the finished product and one that will surely provide great service for many years to come.



In case you are wondering (I know you are) ,... This month’s “plank” is American Holly in full bloom.

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 (when we are back in session at the church). Until then send your problems to the editor, President, or other AWG officer.

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
Harvey	Dennis	240-463-4641	denharv@aol.com	Pen making
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

Administration

AWG OFFICERS (June 2021 —May 2022 Term)

President – Bill Schneck

1st Vice President – Ken Davis

2nd Vice President – Bruce Mitchell

Secretary – Jim Menefee

Treasurer – Vince Antonioli

Tour Coordinator – Open

Program Chairperson – Chris Desautels and

Phil Christenson

Newsletter Editor – Carl Wick

Historian - Jim Francis

Endowment Coordinator – Bill Carbin

Entertainment Coordinator – Paul Dodson

Show Coordinator– Candee Van Iderstine

Show & Tell Coordinator – Bill Carbin

Special Projects Coordinator – Open

Membership Chairperson – Tom Dettweiler

Librarian—Lloyd Gleason

Charity Coordinator—Andy Borland

Webmaster— Tyler Quevedo

Education Chair—Rick Hodgdon

MEMBERSHIP and MEETINGS

Membership is open to all interested Woodworkers.

Annual Dues: New Members Joining between Jan and June: \$50; joining between July and Sept \$25; Free between Oct and Jan, but be sure to “re-up” the following year! For current members 2020 dues roll over into 2021!

General Membership Meetings:

2nd Thursday of each month 7 PM

Virtual Video Meetings UFN

Executive Board Meetings:

4th Thursday of the Month at 7 PM

By phone/video UFN

contact a board member for invitation

All are welcome at board meetings

CONTACT INFORMATION

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The following vendors support AWG



Wurth 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 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



Lake Erie Toolworks 1234 Irwin Drive, Erie, PA 16505

815-528-4337 WWW.LakeErieToolworks.com/Pages/Club

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