

# **The Colonial Woodcutter**

## **The Newsletter of the Annapolis Woodworkers Guild**

**Meeting 7:00 PM October 13, Davidsonville United Methodist Church**

### **October Meeting Speaker**

Rodger Young Presents a Lesson on Sharpening

### **AWG's Work at Thomas Point Lighthouse**

**October 2022**

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## ***Reminder – Shop of the Month***

We need you to send The Colonial Woodcutter pictures for our Shop of the Month feature. Whether you realize it or not, everybody wants to see your shop.

## ***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](mailto:duncanladams@gmail.com). Items submitted by the first Thursday of the month will be published.

Many thanks to those who contributed to this months' issue.

# August 2022 President's Message

Greetings fellow guild members,

It has been a very busy month, both personally and for the guild.

The toy shop is still going strong. Presently the count is over 2000 and we are continuing to build the inventory probably thru the end of the month by which time we should get to final quantity of 2500 +/-.

Bill Schneck recently sent to all guild members regarding exhibiting some of our work at Maryland Hall. This is a more long term effort intended to get the word out to the public of who we are and what we do (free advertising). Hopefully the result would be the opportunity to expand our membership to and beyond pre-pandemic levels. If you have not responded to Bill's email please review it again and provide whatever feedback you feel is appropriate.

I just today received word from (party) Paul Dodson that the date for the Christmas party/dinner has been set for December 8th at the same venue as last year -- the Elks Club in Edgewater. A meeting has been set for next week to provide the deposit at which time we will be discussing the menu and potential costs for tickets etc., with final determinations made at the next board meeting or before. Last year was my first to attend and I can assure all that it is a very pleasant and enjoyable evening. The only down side is that some of us may have to delay our normal bedtime just a bit but that can easily be accommodated with an extended afternoon nap. If even remotely interested please save the date; the more the merrier.

We are renewing efforts to develop more training opportunities for all guild members. With that in mind please take a moment to consider areas of training, hands on or otherwise in which you may have interest. We will be circulating a survey at the next general meeting to develop a course to take going forward to provide training in those areas of most interest.

Scheduling conflicts have left us without an outside speaker for this month but Rodger Young has stepped up to provide some of his sharpening tips methods and techniques. If you have any special tips, jigs, or methods you would care to share please bring them to present as time permits.

We will of course also be conducting our show and tell. Please feel free to provide details and challenges and solutions of your submissions.

Ken Davis



# October Monthly Meeting

Thursday, October 13th, 2022, 7:00PM

Davidsonville United Methodist Church

819 W Central Ave, Davidsonville, MD 21035

Please join us for our October meeting of the Guild. Please consider contributing to the “show-n-tell.”

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. If you want to present a video at the meeting contact Chris Desautels before the meeting date at: Christopher.desautels@gmail.com or 301-332-8490.

## October Speaker:

Guild member Rodger Young will present sharpening tips, methods and techniques.

## October Raffle Items



Buck Hand Plane

\$50 Rockler Gift Card

Lynx Shaped Scraper Set

# September Meeting

## Bill Schneck's Chess Table

Bill Schneck brought this beautiful veneered chess table and a pictorial presentation to explain the techniques he used.



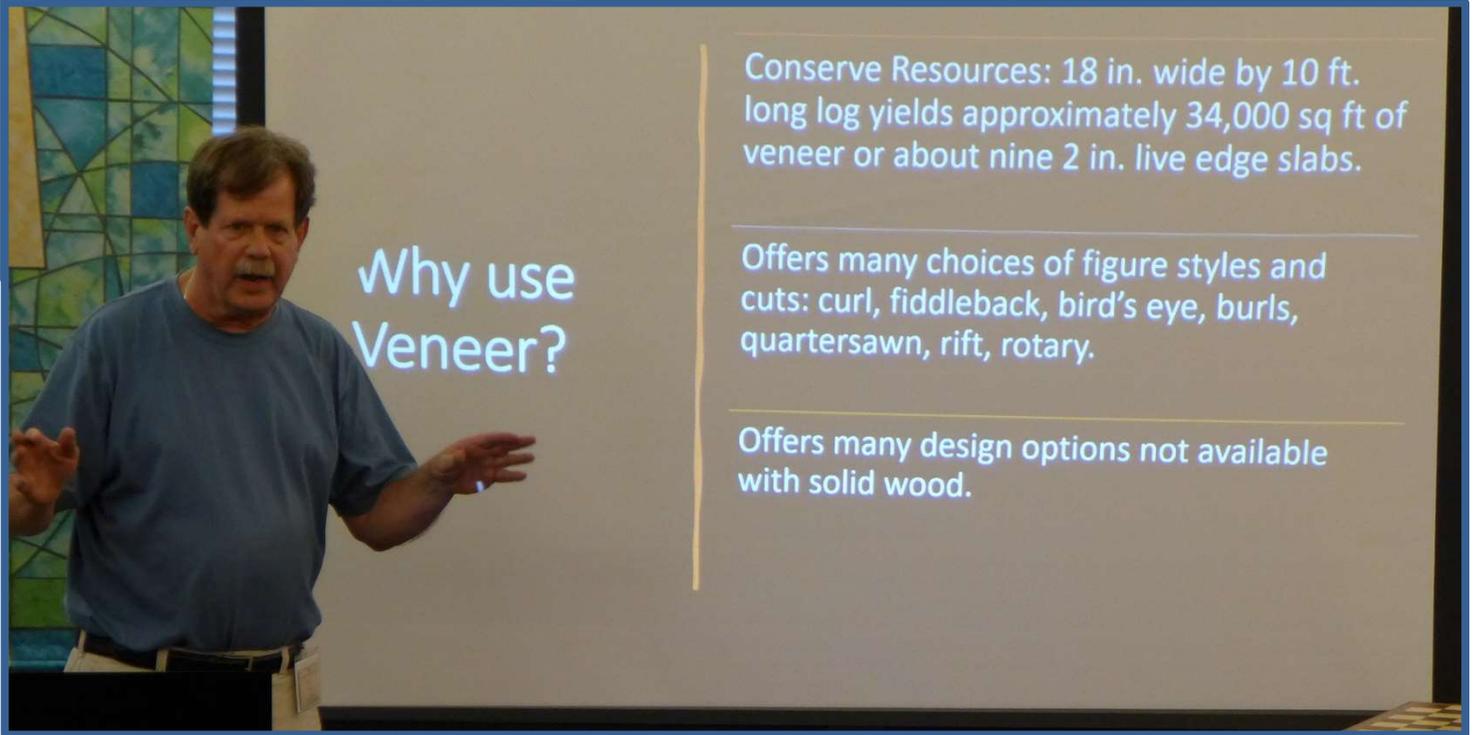
Bill's table – all surfaces are veneered



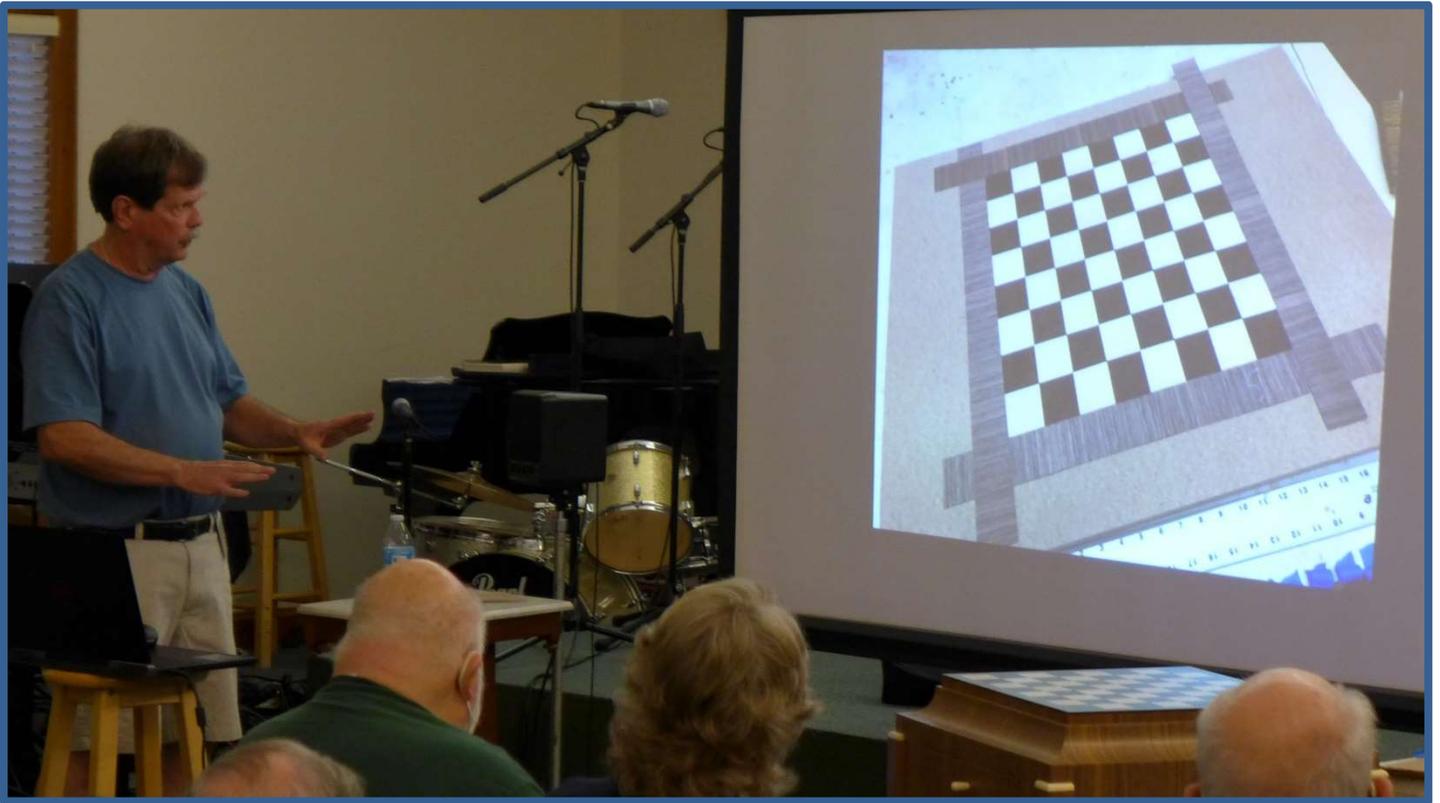
Bill Schneck with his chess table



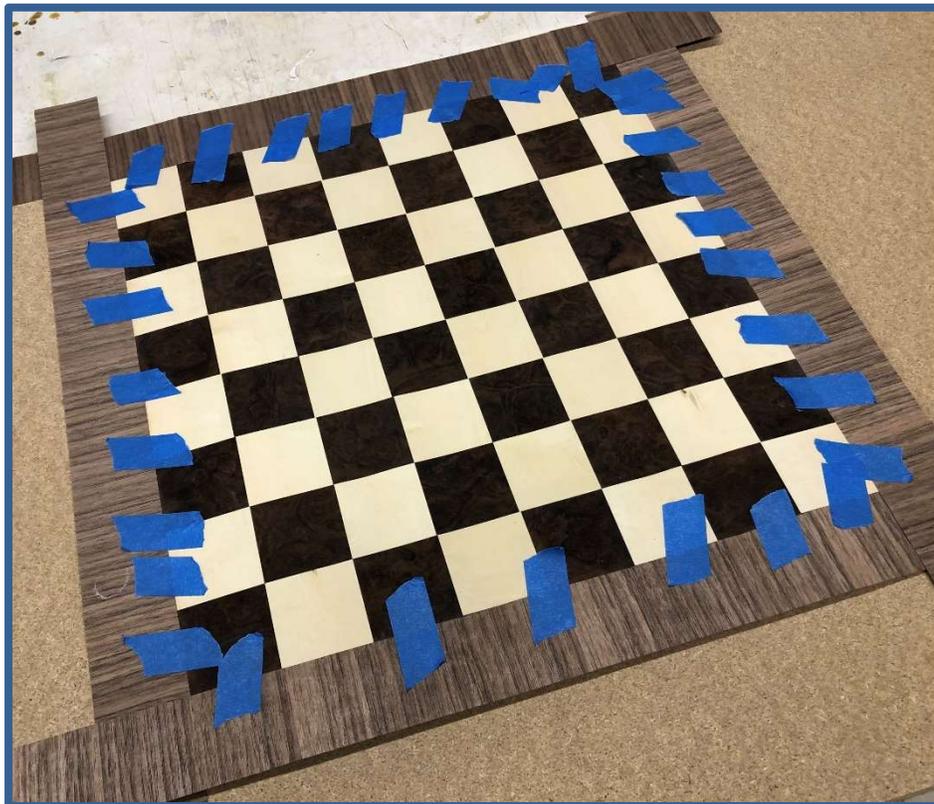
Bill photographically documented the construction of the table and brought it to the meeting as a well organized presentation.



This piece is an excellent example of the advantages of using veneer in projects. Bill presented the benefits of veneer and detailed explanations of the various techniques he used to apply veneer in complex patters and on complex shapes.



Here Bill explains the process of repeated strip cutting to make the chess board top and border.



These pictures show the clamping set ups used for assembling the cove portion of the table and attaching it to the box.



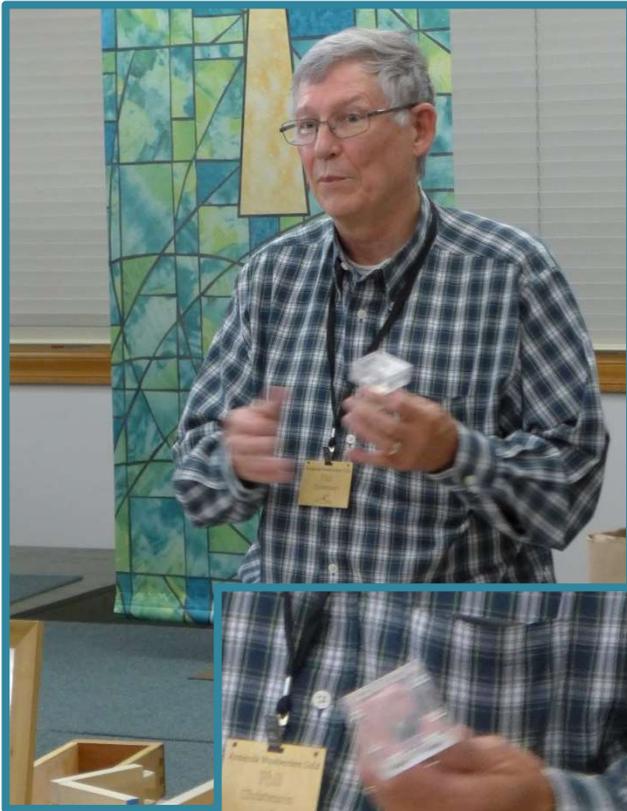
## Show and Tell

Harry Chavez brought some of his scroll saw puzzles made from multiple species of wood.



Jim Francis told us about "Margaret," his grandmother clock and talked about some of the challenges in accurately reproducing the design's shapes.





Phil Christenson has been trying out his new toy - a clear urethane magnetic dovetail jig from Katz-Moses. He brought the jig and some samples to show us.



Jim Menefee showed us this old wooden drafting square that he's had for many years.

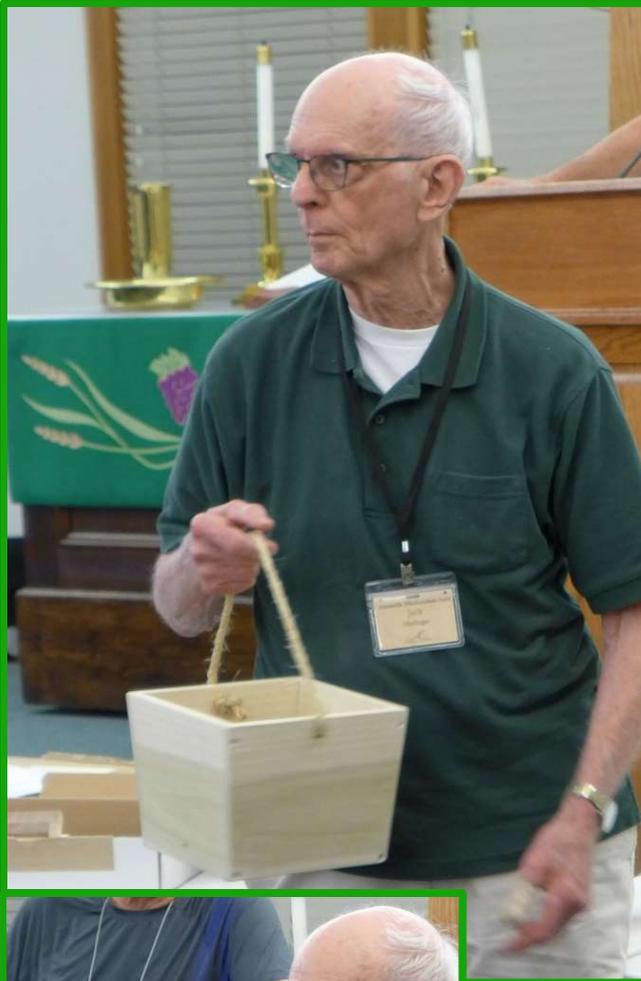


Rodger Young presented the fruits of his new mini-lathe - miniature bee hives (left) and the bees (right).



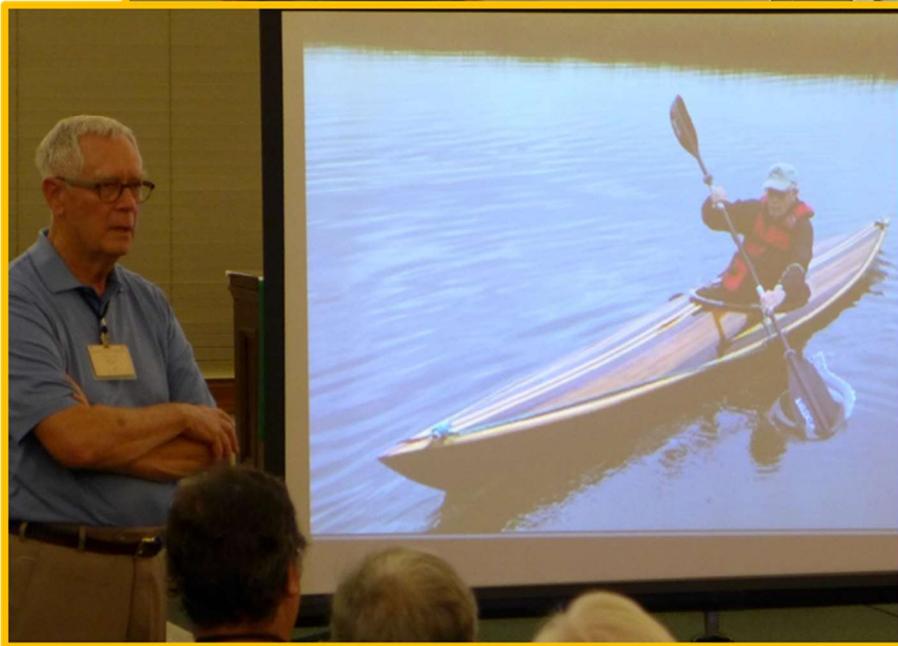
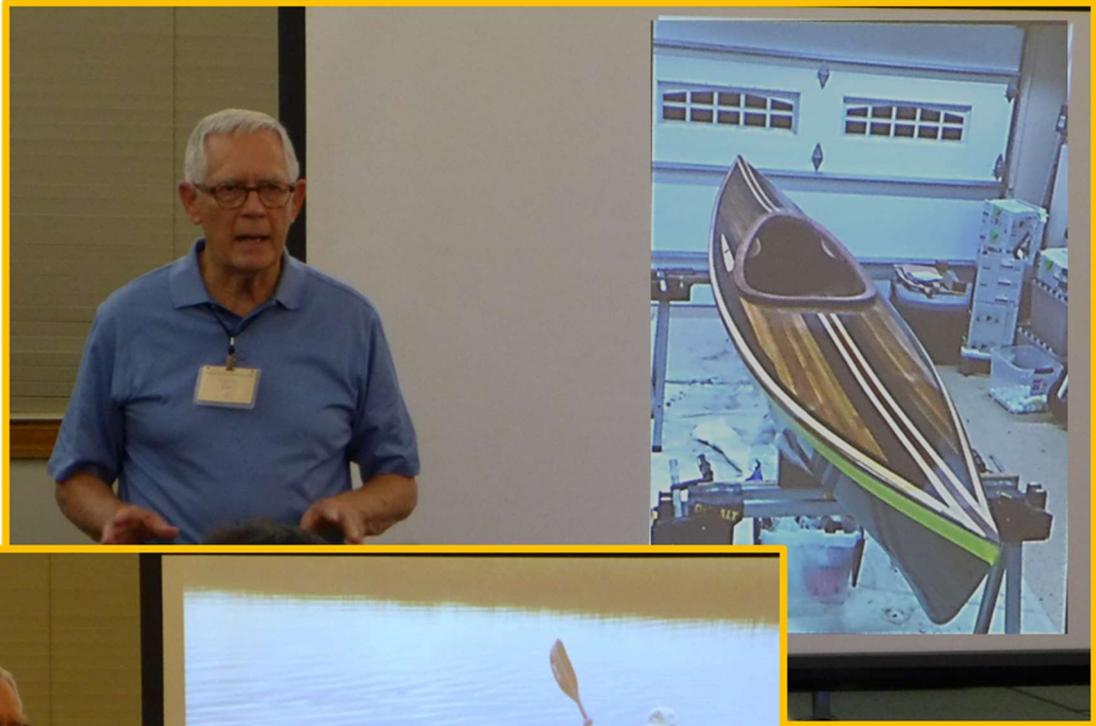
Candee Van Iderstine found these amazing boxes in an estate sale and brought them to show to the guild.





Jack Hirrlinger showed off this “fun bucket” filled with wooden toys.

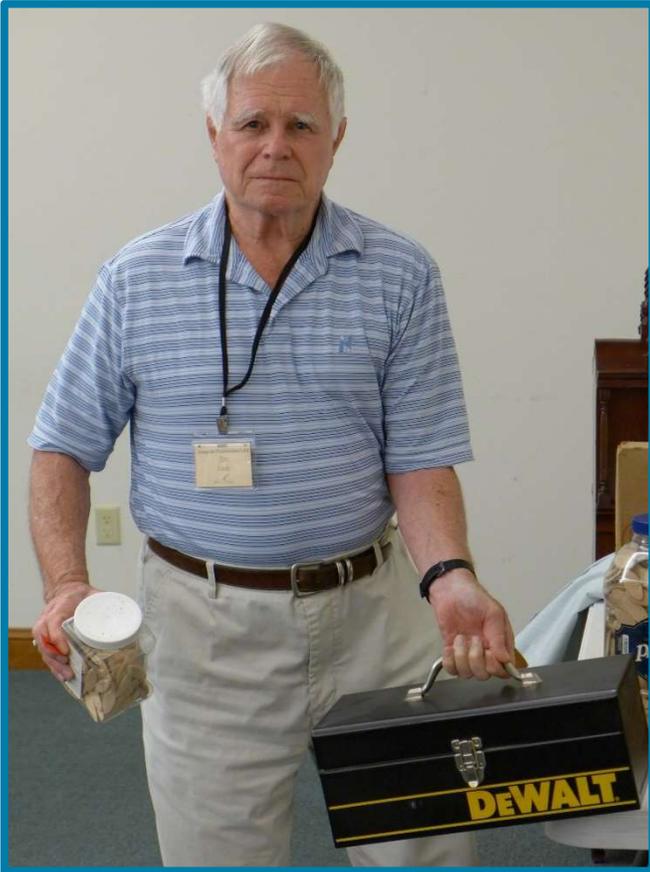
He also demonstrated the toys for us.



Walton Rogers built this kayak from a kit. As it is too big to bring in he brought some pictures.

# September Raffle Winners

Jim Luck – DeWalt Biscuit Joiner and Biscuits



Dennis Harvey – Duplex Rabbet/Fillister Plane



Bill Heath  
\$50 Woodcraft Gift Card



# Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse Restoration



The Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse (TPSL) was installed at its location in 1875. It is a screw pile lighthouse and is the last one still located in its original location. Photographs of the lighthouse are found on Maryland State road maps, travel brochures and many other types of Maryland historical items. The ownership of the lighthouse is shared by the Annapolis Historical Society, Anne Arundel County, the Annapolis Maritime Museum, and the Chesapeake Chapter of the U.S. Lighthouse Society. The maintenance and upkeep is the responsibility of USLS.

In 2016, the lighthouse was vandalized. The Annapolis Woodworkers Guild president at the time, Will Hottle, contacted Henry Gonzales of the U.S. Lighthouse Society and offered the Guild's assistance to repair the damages. The response was that the damage had been repaired, but there were other repairs needed. Arrangements were made for AWG to visit the lighthouse to check out needed work. Bernie Lammers was asked to take the names of those interested and arrange the trip.

In the fall of 2016, the Guild members who had volunteered visited the lighthouse. While the lighthouse looked okay from the water, close up there was extensive rotted siding and trim work. Entry door jambs were so rotted you could see through the jambs and threshold to the bay water below.

In the spring of 2017, the work on the lighthouse began with the repairs to the door jambs. Virgil led this effort and contributed in setting an example of how the work would be done. The other work was cutting out the rotted siding and trim wood. It also needs to be mentioned that our efforts were greatly assisted by Ruben Arizmendi who provided Spanish cedar and Mahogany wood and Greg Wheet who provided the millwork.



Transportation to and from the lighthouse is provided by Captain Howard Lewis, using his boat, "Audacious", which is kept at Bembe Beach pier in Annapolis.

Some of the members who volunteered in performing repairs are pictured above aboard "Audacious" preparing to go out to the lighthouse: (left to right) Bernie Lammers, Bruce Morse, Virgil Ramey, Lon Slepick and Jim Church. Others not pictures are Paul Hansen, Rick Hodgdon, Vince Antonioli, Tom Dettweiler and Jim Francis.



**Completed exterior threshold**

**View of the extent of the rotted threshold**

In June of 2021, Randy Bollinger, Director of Tours for TPSL and a Preservationist for TPSL, as well as being an AWG member, developed the Excel spreadsheet mapping moisture measurement of each side of the exterior of the lighthouse. This information may prove to be an asset in identifying where all the problems with moisture may be, in order to allow AWG to concentrate their repair efforts effectively on those areas.

Between 2017 to now, we have made 48 trips to the lighthouse. The Guild volunteers have contributed



**Rotted siding – original condition and repairs in progress**

about 660 hours of service to the restoration effort. The condition of the lighthouse has been greatly improved. The role of the Guild volunteers has been changed from restoration to addressing maintenance issues as they become apparent.



Soffit with water damage and missing cove molding

More examples of the kinds of repairs required on the lighthouse.



# AWG Member Mentors

**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.

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>E-mail</b>	<b>Mentor Subject</b>
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 & 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	410-984-8488	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
Luck	Jim	410-647-6622	jfl639@verizon.net	Inlay and shaker boxes
McDonald	Chris	410-326-1685	cmcdonald@thewavaz.com	Cabinets

# AWG OFFICERS

(June 2022 — May 2023 Term)

President – Ken Davis

1st Vice President – Carl Wick

2nd Vice President – Bill Schneck

Secretary – Jim Menefee

Co-Treasurers – Vince Antonioli and

Rodger Young

Tour Coordinator – Open

Program Chairperson – Chris Desautels and

Phil Christenson

Newsletter Editor – Duncan Adams

Historian - Jim Francis

Endowment Coordinator – Bill Carbin

Entertainment Coordinator – Paul Dodson

Show Coordinator– Open

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 cur-rent members 2020 dues roll over into 2021!

### 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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## AWG's Supporting Vendors



### Exotic Lumber Company

1610 Whitehall Road, Annapolis, MD 21409  
410-349-1705 [WWW.Exoticlumber.com](http://WWW.Exoticlumber.com)



### Rockler Woodworking & Hardware

12975 Fair Lakes Shopping Center Ste 2975  
Fairfax, VA 22033

571-435-8030

<https://www.rockler.com/retail/stores/va/fairfax-store>



### Somerset Door and Column Company

174 Sagamore Street, Somerset, PA 15501

800-242-7916 [WWW.Doorandcolumn.com](http://WWW.Doorandcolumn.com)



### Klingspor

2555 Tate Boulevard Southeast, Hickory, NC 28603

800-645-5555 [WWW.Klingspor.com](http://WWW.Klingspor.com)



### American Woodcrafters Supply

212 East Main, Box G, Riceville, IA 50466

800-995-4032 [WWW.Americanwoodcrafterssupply.com](http://WWW.Americanwoodcrafterssupply.com)



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10% Online Discount Code: AWG1



**Würth Wood Group**  
6660 Santa Barbara Road  
Elkridge, MD 21075  
410-796-7600  
[WWW.Wurthwoodgroup.com](http://WWW.Wurthwoodgroup.com)



**Hartville Tools**  
Hartville, OH  
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**MARYLAND SELECT HARDWOODS**  
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301-743-2225  
Dennis.Woodruffi@gmail.com

**Timberline Farms Sawmill**  
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