

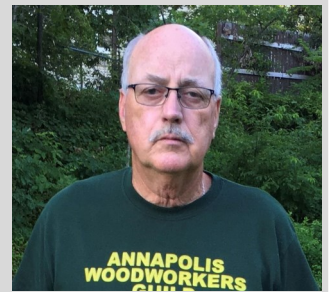
# Colonial Woodcutter

## *Annapolis Woodworkers Guild*

February 2021

Virtual “Zoom” Meeting February 11th at 7:00 pm

### AWG President’s Message



Hello again fellow Woodworkers,

I hope everyone is doing well and you are able to get into the shop during these difficult times of Covid and cold weather. As for me, I tested positive for Covid on January 29th and am currently quarantined until February 8th. So far, I have had no symptoms whatsoever. The only reason I was tested was because my wife was in the area of someone who tested positive. Her tests came back negative and I came back positive. So, who knows where I got it from. My point is even though you feel well and are not showing any symptoms, it only takes a few minutes to get tested. I was in and out in under ten minutes with an appointment. Do yourself and your family a favor and get tested.

This month’s speaker is a gentleman named Colin Knecht of YouTube fame. Tune in and see what wisdom he has to share.

Finally, we are looking for a few folks to make up a team to give Tyler Quevedo, or Webmaster, a hand in managing our website. It seems unfair that one person has to do this all alone, especially while working a full-time job. If any of you enjoy working with computers and websites and are willing to help out please contact me or contact any AWG Board member.

Thanking you in advance! Until next month take care and be safe. (*get a shot when available—Ed*)

Bruce

## Announcements

# February Virtual Meeting

*Thursday, February 11th*

*7:00 pm*

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

## **February Speaker— Colin Knecht**

Colin Knecht began woodworking around the age of 5 or 6. He has 8mm home movies taken around that age that show him making an “airplane”, according to his parents. Colin took every opportunity to learn. When his family moved to the city, his high school offered woodworking. There he took 3 consecutive years of cabinet making, one year of boat building (yes they actually built 14 foot runabout and a 16 foot sailboat). While still at school, he also took one year of house building (yes they actually built a 900 square foot house on the school grounds that was later sold and moved onto a foundation).

In the year 2000 the website [Woodworkweb.com](http://Woodworkweb.com) was created as a resource for woodworkers with articles and pictures on all aspects of woodworking, tools, plans and links to other sources. As the website grew and became more popular, [Woodworkweb.com](http://Woodworkweb.com) was one of the very early adopters of YouTube, with the first video being released April 10, 2008. Since then, over 540 videos have been uploaded, there are over half a million subscribers, and videos are viewed by 75 million people world wide.

Colin believes that the community of woodworkers is made stronger through woodworking clubs and guilds and supports their efforts to create a place where people can come together to learn more about woodworking and share their ideas, knowledge and achievements.

***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.***



# Winter Cleaning?

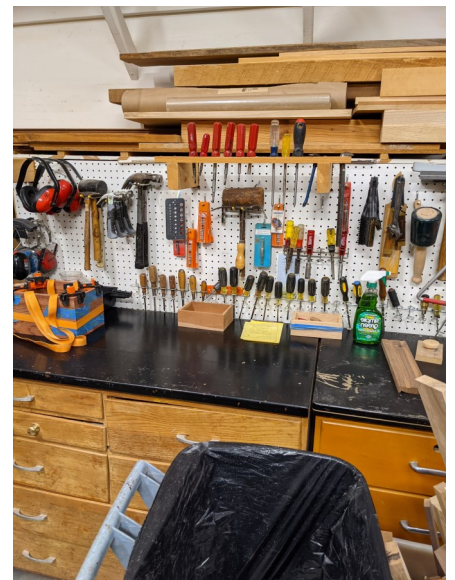
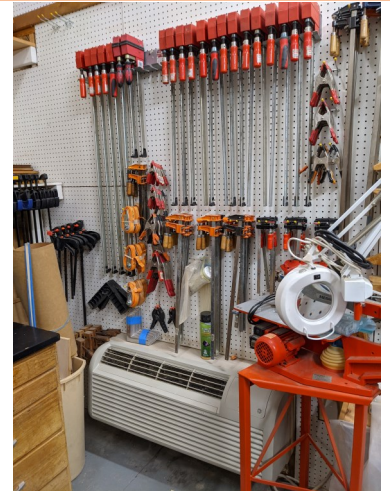
*By Andy Borland*

*Think you can make your shop look and operate better?*

*What does your shop look like? Is it a mess or is it well organized?*

*My shop has been a mess for the last two years. Then recently, a friend, Bill Phebus, and I worked for seven days to clean and organize my shop. I thought you might like to see what my shop looks like now.*

*We fight dust all the time, and as you know, it becomes a fire and health hazard. Look around and see how you can keep your shop cleaner and more organized. P.S. post some pictures of your shop.*



# **Safety Safety Safety!**

## **General Shop Safety Rules**

*by Bill Schneck*

*Take care of yourself; protect your eyes, ears, and lungs.*

*Do not wear gloves when operating equipment.*

*Keep your shop clean.*

*Always use your guards, shields, splitters, and push sticks.*

*Do not over-reach when operating machinery.*

*Know the limitations of each machine. Read and understand the operating manuals that come with the equipment.*

*Be aware of pinch points on every machine.*

*Know and understand what causes “kickback.”*

*Leave small cut-offs until the blade completely stops.*

*Use safety devices such as featherboards, guards, splitters, riving knives and push sticks.*

*Understand the 3 inch and 12 inch rules: Keep hands 3 inches away from guards, blades, bits, and pinch-points. Consider other options when machining boards less than 12 inches in length.*

*Print and post in your shop*



# About Wood—Kauri

## Kauri, the Most Ancient Wood, Comes from New Zealand—by Richard Batiuk

Back in May 2019, I was invited to be the keynote speaker at conference in Auckland, New Zealand, all travel expenses paid, so I took the opportunity to travel around the North Island. On my list of destinations was to see New Zealand oldest living giants—the Kauri trees—as well as examples of the furniture made from these ancient trees.



The best place to see these 1,000 year old trees is the Waipoua Forest on the western coast of the North Island. The local Maori have christened the country's largest living Kauri Tane Mahuta, "the god of the forest." This tree is 51 meters (168 feet) high, has girth of 14 meters (46 feet) and a volume of 244.5 cubic meters (8,635 cubic feet). This tree is estimated to be about 1,500 years old. You only have to hike about 5 minutes into the forest reserve in order to experience this forest god.

As you see from this photo, from the diameter of the trunk of the tree, you would expect the tree to be towering over you way up in the forest's canopy. But instead, at some terminal height determined by nature, the main trunk stops the given way to an abundance of thick branches which both creates it own canopy as well as becomes a habitat for other plants, animals and birds. The surrounding forest also contains around 300 species of other trees, ferns and palms and is well worth hiking through.

As described in a post on the Woodcraft website, ancient Kauri from New Zealand is the oldest workable wood in the world. Tsunamis leveled the mighty Kauri thousands of years ago and they have been preserved underground in the top half of the North Island of New Zealand for more than 45,000 years. The further north they are found, research has shown the older the Kauri is.

Buried just below the surface of the ground and preserved in the water of peat swamps, the Ancient Kauri wood has neither petrified nor turned to coal. This underground resting place, sealed from the air, became a perfectly balanced cocoon that preserved the





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giant trees.

Ancient Kauri, one of the largest trees in the world, predates the migration of Neanderthal man into North America, the hunt for mammoths, and cave paintings in Europe. The Kauri forest was already buried some 25,000 years before the on-set of the last Ice Age.

All living trees are protected, however the buried trees, some which took more than

1,200 years to grow, have been extracted from the ground and are certified by the New Zealand companies that source the concealed trees. The excavated land is returned to its natural state, thus the process is ecologically friendly to the environment.



To find out more about these ancient trees, their harvesting prior to being protected and the furniture built from this ancient wood, I visited the Kauri Museum in Matakohe. Running down the middle of the museum's largest room is the complete center cut of a kauri tree. And this former ancient of the forest was considered a 'small' Kauri tree. The rest of the museum contained furniture, bowls and other wood derived products as well as the history of lumber industry built around these trees prior to their protection.



The finished grain of this tree reminded me of fiery molten lava.

[https://www.woodcraft.com/blog\\_entries/ancient-kauri-world-s-oldest-wood-now-at-woodcraft#:~:text=Ancient%20Kauri%20from%20New%20Zealand,workable%20wood%20in%20the%20world.&text=Buried%20just%20below%20the%20surface,petrified%20nor%20turned%20to%20coal](https://www.woodcraft.com/blog_entries/ancient-kauri-world-s-oldest-wood-now-at-woodcraft#:~:text=Ancient%20Kauri%20from%20New%20Zealand,workable%20wood%20in%20the%20world.&text=Buried%20just%20below%20the%20surface,petrified%20nor%20turned%20to%20coal)



# Current Projects

What have you been building in your shop recently? Harry Chavez has been busy building a significant collection of all sorts of model vehicles found at [Toymakingplans.com](http://Toymakingplans.com). Here are just a few of his efforts. What have you been doing? Send in your pictures to your friendly newsletter editor: [cewick70@gmail.com](mailto:cewick70@gmail.com)



## 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
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

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Tour Coordinator – Open

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Phil Christenson

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## 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**

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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](http://WWW.Wurthwoodgroup.com)



**Hartville Tools**, Hartville, OH

800-345-2396 [WWW.Hartvilletool.com](http://WWW.Hartvilletool.com)



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

410-349-1705 [WWW.Exoticlumber.com](http://WWW.Exoticlumber.com)



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

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**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

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