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2nd Thursday of each month 7 PM

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Visitors are welcome

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4th Thursday of each month 7PM

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Members welcome

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Greetings Woodworkers,

While teaching at Severna Park High School on the off season I started going to the wood shop after school. My first project was a hand held mirror for my wife and from there I took wood-working in night school. In that class I made a trestle table with brass bands like a hatch cover. It was then that I knew I had a problem. I said to my wife, "I have a real issue." She looked at me with a concerned face and I said, "I am addicted to wood." My table won first prize in the Adult Education division. That was twenty five years ago. Today I have a shop of my own and I try to work in there as often as possible. You can create projects and enjoy making something and it does and will give you great satisfaction. How does one get better at woodworking? One way is to experiment in your own shop. How many of you really do that? Another way is to use one of our mentors. Finally, a great way to learn is by volunteering to work on one of our community projects.

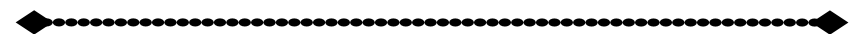


The other day Jim Luck, Harlan Ray Jr and I went to the Benson-Hammond House on Aviation Blvd. It is a Historic home and they are looking to have display cases made for items to be shown in the museum. They need at least seven display cases and you can start learning the skills of making furniture by helping to make these cases. There will be a limited number of people in each group so sign up soon so you will have the chance to help and to learn.

As you know I am trying to make a box or item each month to start the meeting off right. I was a teacher for 35 years and a coach (teacher) for 46 years. You will have to be patient with me as I try to get everybody involved. Making a box is a miniature of many larger projects and will come under much greater scrutiny. It is a great skill builder. I would like for each of you to make a project for show and tell this year. **Please** tell everyone what woods you used and what finishes you used and why. I think the mistakes should be brought out as well. We all learn from each other. Many of us think that our projects are not good enough. That is not a true statement come and show us what you can do.

Yours in woodworking,

ANDY



JULY SPEAKER –.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

(GMM), June 9, 2011 (By Editor)

I. GENERAL BUSINESS:

ANDY BORLAND Started his first meeting by welcoming guests (John Beech) and new member **MICHAEL MANTICH** who received his membership package from **HARLAN RAY JR.**



ANDY also informed the membership that there is a new community project being perused to build seven display cabinets for the historic *Benson Hammond House* near BWI. Once the plans have been finalized volunteers will be solicited to help build the cabinets and shops in which to do the work.

PAT APPLGATE reminded anyone interested in attending the lecture by well known woodworker, Mario Rodriguez, on Saturday, Aug 6th that they needed to complete the registration form and turn it, along with their \$10.00 fee, into the Guild treasurer (**DOUG RICHARDSON**). There is room at the church for approx 150 people and Guild members have priority, however there should be room for a few perspective members to attend. The fee for Saturday includes lunch. On Sunday, Aug 7th, Mr. Rodriguez will offer a hands-on workshop for 15 Guild members. The fee for Sunday is \$25.00 and will include lunch. The Sunday workshop will be held at Troy Beall's woodworking school. Annapolis Woodworks located at 3312 Rodeo Drive Davidsonville, MD. 21035. If you wish to be entered into the drawing for one of the Sunday seats check the box on the registration form. The seats will be drawn at the July 28th Executive Board meeting and you will need to pay your fee when notified that you have a seat in the hands-on class. **ANDY** showed his first "box of the month". The three square lidded boxes of differing sizes all had splines in the mitered corners. The smallest one is made out of



teak and finished with Tung oil. The mid size box has maple sides, oak top and teak splines. The sides were

finished with blonde shellac and the top with orange shellac. The largest box is made with ___ sides, an oak top, and maple splines. It was finished with blonde shellac and then waxed. **ANDY** stated he had the directions available if anyone wanted to make some of these for themselves. They make a nice gift.

II. SAFETY :

JIM FRANCIS, 1ST Vice President and Safety Officer presented a discussion on table saw safety. He emphasized the following items:

- *Zero clearance insert – use one whenever possible.*
- *Outfeed table to catch the piece after it leaves the blade.*
- *Paddle switch on the power switch for quickly turning the saw off.*
- *3" rule – use push sticks and hold downs to keep your hand and fingers more than 3" from the blade.*
- *Blade height – keep it to approximately 1/4" above the material being cut.*
- *Splitter – use it to avoid kerf pinching which causes kickback.*
- *Stance – Should be to the side of the line of cut to avoid getting hit by a kickback.*
- *Blade – Wait until it stops before reaching near or across it to pick up material.*
- *Blade – Lower it when not using it to cut to avoid injury or damage to a project.*

III. QUESTION BOX/WHAT'S NEW:

Q – Need a supplier of Phenolic coated plywood.

A – World of Hardwoods will order it.

Q – Best way to fill a hole where a screw has pulled out?

A – Fill with epoxy or drill hole bigger and glue in a plug. After it dries re-drill pilot hole and install screw.

Q – Suggestions for getting up floor boards without falling through.

A – Cut slot between floor joists for prying up the floor boards and putting down a piece of plywood where needed to stand or kneel on while working.

IV. DOOR PRIZE:

DENIS HARVEY won the gift certificate,

RICK SCHMITT won a Hal Taylor making Rocking Chairs CD.

TOM LAHDELMA scooped up the notepad with pencil holder



V. SHOW AND TELL:

The sole contributor this month, **VICKI KUNDE** who showed the “hockey puck” motorcycle kickstand rests that were made for the Armed Forces Day Car Show. A total of 77 stands were made and given out at the show.



VICKI also thanked Guild members **TOM LAHDELMA** (who donated the wood);

MIKE ARNDT and **JACK HIRRLINGER** (who assisted in the construction); and **DWAYNE VOGEL** and **DAVE PETERSON** from **BULLOCK’S FURNITURE RESTORATION** in Odenton who stained and sprayed them. **VICKI** stated that the recipients were very appreciative of the stands. (*Thanks Vicki for your efforts and the resulting good “PR” for the Guild – Editor*)

(*Presidents note: “Show & Tell is one of the best parts of our meetings. Bring in your projects: large, small, simple, complex, spectacular, or even something that didn’t turned out like you wanted it to. All can be displayed and learned from”*)

VI. SPEAKER:

This month’s speaker Troy Beall fell through and Program Chair **HUGE HOUGHTON** put together some talented Guild members as replacements.

JIM LUCK – MAKING SHAKER BOXES – JIM used a computer driven slide show to present the basic steps to making shaker oval

wooden boxes. He emphasized that they are easy to do and make great gifts. The basic steps are:

- Resaw straight grain ¼ sawn wood into up to 1/16” thick slices for the sides.
- Plane to remove saw marks.
- Cut, shape, and drill fingers on one end.
- Soak the sides in boiling water.



- Bend and clamp the wet sides around the body form.
- Let dry for a day.
- Using copper tacks, nail and clinch the fingers to the overlap.
- Cut, fit, and peg the top and bottom into the box.
- Finish as desired.

JIM has taught classes on making these boxes and can again if there is an interest. He also stated the detailed instruction can be found by searching the web.

(*Editor’s note: one site www.shakerovalboxes.com has articles, instructions (paper and DVD), a catalog for ordering kits, forms, heating trays, and supplies including the copper tacks (they have the machine that makes the tacks.))* **When’s your next class Jim?**

JACK HIRRLINGER – DOWELS – JACK gave a presentation on basic information about dowels

regarding checking them for size with a caliper and looking down the length for twists or bows. He stated the best local source seems to be Lowes, however he thoroughly checks each one with his caliper and by eye before



purchasing any and only buys the ones that are the correct diameter with no twists or bows. Bottom line, if you see Jack coming out of Lowes with a hand full of dowels, you probably don’t want to purchase any yourself that day as the good ones are probably all gone.

PAT APPLGATE – SHOOTING BOARD – PAT demonstrated how to get perfect miters or 90 degree

ends on boards using a shooting board and a plane. He also showed how to use a “mule” and plane to get perfect bevels across the end of a board.



PAT is also working on making an adjustable shooting board to be able to fine tune the end cut for situations that are not exactly 90 degrees.



ED STONE – GEL VARNISH (BARTLEY’S) – ED explained that using GEL varnish was basically fool proof and that less is best. Put on a very thin coat, rub



it on vigorously, let it stand for a couple of minutes and then wipe it off and buff with a clean soft cloth. If after this it is wet or sticky, you didn't do it correctly. He mentioned that he uses the box of tee shirt material that you can get from Lowes or Home Depot and that it lasts a long time. He also reminded everyone that the used rags need to be disposed of properly.

MIKE ARNDT – TAKING CARE OF FURNITURE FINISH – MIKE Started off his talk with advice about how to repair a screw hole in MDF. The MDF piece must be laid flat with the hole up, fill the hole with many layers of “CA” glue without the accelerator being applied. Once the hole is completely filled and level with “CA” glue then hit it with the accelerator to ensure it is hardened. Then drill a pilot hole and reinstall the screw. Mike provided the following tips for caring for your furniture’s finish:



- Dust it using a real cloth diaper lightly misted with water and wipe it dry.
- **DO NOT** use Pledge, Endust, or equivalent because they contain silicon which will deteriorate the finish. If you insist on polish use Guardsman because it doesn't have silicon in it.
- Don't spray directly on the furniture, spray on the cloth diaper, wipe it on and then try to wipe it completely off.
- Polish once a month, best would be with a wax buffed out with a cloth diaper.
- Don't put furniture in direct sunlight; the UV rays will change the color of the wood.
- Don't let rubber feet or plastic buttons/pads sit on the finish the chemicals in them will deteriorate the finish, use felt instead.

- Use felt pads under glass so the finish can breathe and not trap vapor between the glass and the finish.
- Put something under paper when you write on a table or desk. The pen point is harder than the wood and will cause indents in the wood.
- Pick items up to move them don't slide them across the finish which causes tiny scratches in the finish.
- Finish damage, fix it as soon as noticed especially if the damage goes through to the wood, it needs to be sealed so moisture doesn't get under the surface of the surrounding finish.
- Antique Furniture if it's a show piece that you have because of its value don't refinish it if gets damaged. If it's a piece you use and live with and you are not worried about its monetary value then have the piece refinished if it gets damaged.
- Clean the finish with a cloth diaper lightly misted with warm soapy water. Use dawn dish detergent as the soap to help get greasy dirt off of kitchen cabinets.

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AWG MENTOR LIST:

We are still looking for members who are willing to be mentors in the following areas: Band Saw; Dust Collection; Finishing Methods; Sharpening; Reading and Understanding Plans; Equipment Maintenance. Or if you have a skill that is not listed please let us know. The AWG Mentor list follows in this format:

- Subject; Name/Phone/Email**
- Antique furniture restoration;** Quinan, Johnstone/ 410-956-5428/ ;
 - Brushed Shellac ~ Hand planes;** Applegate, Patrick /410-426-8287/ pappleg@jhmi.edu
 - Carving ~ Inlaying;** Scrivens, Jay D. /410-544-3247/ jdscrivens@verizon.net;
 - Clock Making ~ Gilding;** Stone, Ed / 301-464-8079 / edwhstone@comcast.net;
 - Finish repair ~ Furniture repair;** Arndt, Michael/ 410-551-8588/ MarylandWoodPro@gmail.com;
 - Hand planes;** Ames, Donald /410-268-0509/ dfames@verizon.net
 - Routing ~ Laminating;** Houghton, Hugh/ 410 -263-8615 / hjhoughton@comcast.net;
 - Routing ~ Raised panels ~ Toys;** Bodnar, Joseph A./ 301- 390-0484/ joebflyes@comcast.net;
 - Scrollsaw;** Allred, Win /301- 587-3821 / winallred@yahoo.com ;
 - Scrollsaw;** Dodson, Paul/ 410 -760-5382/ pdwoodcrafts@verizon.net

Stains ~ Hand rubbed oil finish; Sparks, Roy A/ 302
-337-1016 /;

Tooling ~ Cabinet making; Ashby, Robert /410
-969-2910/ toolsrus58@comcast.net

Toys ~ Electrical Problems; Hirlinger, Jack/
410-798-1339/ tjhrr@verizon.net

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REMINDER – if the AACO schools are closed due to bad weather there is no Guild Meeting that evening.

REMEMBER WE ARE LOOKING FOR AT LEAST ONE MEMBER TO VOLUNTEER TO BE A NEWSLETTER CO-EDITOR!!

Currently, we are looking for someone to assist with the job of Newsletter Editor. Skills needed are using the Microsoft Word or Microsoft Publisher programs or equivalents and cropping and pasting photos into the document. Contact **Lee Marshall** for details. ***Be brave and take a chance, you might like it***

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Please remember to wear your nametags at our General Membership Meetings (GMM). If any of your information has changed (email, phone number, address, etc.) or you need a new name tag; contact Harlan Ray Jr. (Membership Chair) or send your changes to the Guild email address (info@awwg.org) for updating of the membership database. To ensure database integrity only the individual member can request changes to their information.

You can renew your membership (pay your annual dues) at a GMM, via US Postal System snail mail, **OR NOW, ON-LINE** via the Guild's web site calendar page, using your credit card through the service of PayPal (www.awwg.org/awg_calendar.htm). If you want to receive your copy of the newsletter via email (exact same content as paper copy except the pictures are color) or you want to be added to the informational emailing list, send your request to the Guild's email address and you will be added to the appropriate list, likewise, if you want to be removed from one of the lists

