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Members welcome

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Sarah's House: we make and give toys and boxes for the children of all ages. Please contribute and if you have not been to deliver the toys try to do so. There may be those who do not understand what Sarah's House is, and what is its purpose. It takes in adults with children who come from abusive relationships and shelter them from continued abuse. Giving gifts to those children is a good thing and you will have a feeling of satisfaction having done it.

The Christmas Dinner (December 8) – It is in place of our regular meeting. It will be held at the Elks Lodge, 2517 Solomons Island Rd, Edgewater, MD 21037. Hope you have made your reservations to attend this wonderful affair.

Today we have many places to find help in acquiring skills in woodworking. Some of those sources are magazines, books, DVD'S, television shows, speakers at our Guild meetings, and friends. Whose advice and methods do you trust? Great question, don't you think? We have a list of mentors that are willing and able to help you. That way everyone can have a George Swisher, Jim Luck, Ed Stone, Don Ames, etc... Woodworkers have to make decisions all the time. How do we get to hone our skills to the next level? We experiment, practice and fail before we finally reach a higher skill level. Then we CREATE work to "our own satisfaction." The higher skill level you attain, the more you will enjoy woodworking.

Have a wonderful Christmas Holiday and please stay safe.

Andy

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Reminder – Bring your projects made from 3 board feet of lumber to the Christmas Dinner meeting. Sign up for Marc Adams courses (see more details under Membership).

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
(GMM), November 11, 2011 (By D. Scrivens)

I. GENERAL BUSINESS:

Andy Borland asked for all veterans to stand in recognition of Veterans Day. The members thanked them with a hearty round of applause.

Andy next reported on a field trip that he, **Don Ames, Paul Dodson, Jim Francis, Harlan Ray, and George Swisher** took to Greenville, SC, to visit the Greenville Woodworkers Guild, especially to see the shop that is run by and for club members. Roughly 12,000 sq ft, the building boasts a 300 seat auditorium, a dust free finishing room, separate board room, kitchenette, teaching rooms with a number of workbenches, a library and ample room for all the tools you can name. The initial outlay was provided by several generous contributors. The ongoing support of the clubhouse comes from the 600 plus members and the \$125 annual membership dues plus the occasional fundraiser. Check out their website (greenvillewoodworkers.com). It is full of very useful information including a lot of plans, club activities and links to other useful websites...

Andy noted that we will try to incorporate some of the ideas gained from this visit into AWG.

ANDY suggested, for our old woodworking magazines we are looking to get rid of, that we print labels on our computers with something like "Compliments of Annapolis Woodworkers Guild" in large, bold letters and glue the on over our names and addresses and leave the newly labeled magazines in doctor's offices which we visit. This gets rid of the magazines without throwing them out and promotes the Guild all in one fell swoop.

Carl Love has medium sized crotch section from a 200 year old red oak he had taken down. Anyone interested in Carl's crotch wood should call him at home.

Hugh Haughton wants to sell a radial arm saw. He is asking \$250. Give him a call if interested.

HOLIDAY DINNER/PARTY: Jack Herrlinger reminded us that the next meeting is our Holiday dinner/party! Reservation deadline is November 30.

George Swisher has generously contributed a collection of beautiful turned pens, one of which will be presented to each woman attending the party. **Prez Andy** has promised a five piece band for the evening! Projects made with 3 board feet of lumber or less should be brought to the dinner for contest judging.

TIMONIUM WOODCRAFTERS SHOW: Paul Dodson has need for volunteers to staff the AWG booth at the January wood show in Timonium. The show this year is being held on Fri., Sat., Sun, January, 6, 7 & 8th. If you can take a two hour watch at our booth to shake hands with prospective new members and answer routine questions please give **Paul** a call or be sure to see him at the Christmas party.

LIBRARY: Vicki Kunde is willing to open her home a couple of nights during the month if anyone is interested in using the AWG library. Those interested please let Vicki know. If there is sufficient interest Vicki will publish a schedule.

EDUCATION: Lee Marshall reminded interested members to sign up for the **MARK ADAMS** classes on "**Fundamentals of Woodworking**" Friday January 27, 2012 1-7 P.M. and "**Joinery**" Saturday January 28, 2012 8A.M. – 3 P.M. The cost is \$20 for each day and this will include lunch. More details under "**Membership**".

II. SAFETY :

JIM FRANCIS, 1ST Vice President and Safety Officer got the equipment to cooperate this time. We saw the brief presentation that had been denied to us at the October meeting. The DVD dealt with the safe use of the jointer and stressed the following:

- Keep hands at least three inches from the cutter head
- The left hand should hold the work piece tight against the fence and the outfeed table while the right should push the piece through, never downward, with a finger riding on the fence in case of a slip.
- Avoid cuts greater than 1/16"
- Never attempt to joint a piece of wood shorter than 8"
- When flattening a board, push tools are a must.
- Proper stance is important. The work piece should always be "walked through".

Anyone interested in reviewing the recorded safety demonstration should contact Jim.

III. QUESTION BOX/WHAT'S NEW:

Q –What is the best way to clean a circular saw blade?

A – Soak or wash with tri-sodium phosphate or Simple Green. Oven cleaner will also work but is messy. Use a foil pizza plate and a brass brush to scrub.

Q – What works best for joining case pieces – glue or screws?

A – Both work well but it really depends on the piece, the nature of the joint and the ultimate use of the case.

Q –Where can one find someone to spray a finish on a butcher block table?

A – Our guest speaker, Dave Diaman at Diaman Wood Crafters volunteered to spray it if it could be brought to his shop.

Q – Which tool is better, a router or a shaper?

A – As a general rule, shapers are best in a production or commercial shop whereas a router may be best in a home workshop. Again, it depends on the kind of work the tool is expected to do. The same applies for a plunge versus fixed base router. If you are thinking of buying a router, ask other Guild members who already have the kinds of tools in which you are interested if you may have a demonstration in their shop.

IV. DOOR PRIZE:

Tim Koles won the \$50 Lowes gift certificate

Jim Menefee took away the Veritas angle gauge

Russ Battaglio won the carton of Klingspor sandpaper



V. SHOW AND TELL:

(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 instructional”)

Chris McDonald brought in a salad set he had shown a year ago.

Since then he had finished them off by soaking them in walnut oil. A very nice set.



Pat Applegate demonstrated a really slick low angle



Veritas plane and ramped shooting board. As usual with Pat’s tools, a high quality tool that appears to give top quality results.

Ed Stone presented a clever marble tic-tac-toe game. It is the sort of game that would go over very well as a family gift for Christmas.



Jim Church showed a splendid doll cradle for Sarah’s House patterned after an earlier model he had made for his granddaughter. Jim had modified the design to fit his needs. Very nice gift.

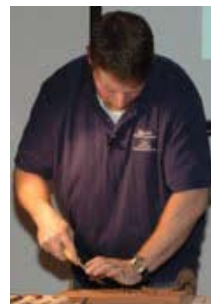
Lee Bryton extolled the virtues of the vacuum system he designed and made to make three axis router cuts.



His Shopvac has barely enough pucker to do the job. This is a work in progress and he will report more later.

VI. SPEAKER:

Once again **Hugh Haughton** brought in a very interesting and informative speaker. This month **Hugh** introduced **David Diaman of Diaman Woodcrafters** makers of fine period furniture. Again we heard a talented young man who has followed his star and was producing some very fine case pieces. Mr. Diaman demonstrated how to layout and carve the decorative fan that adorns many 18th & 19th century desks, high-boys, and secretaries. He gave us the background on the tools and techniques to be able



to attempt to do such a here-to-

for daunting task. His presentation was succinct and clear and was made more understandable by the projection on the large screen done by **Pat Applegate**.

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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/ joeblies@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; Hirrlinger, 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.
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Welcome to two new members who joined the Guild at the November meeting, **Bill Carbin and Richard Murray**

Thanks to renewing members: **Charles Cadle, Martha Collinson, William Hallow, David Illig and George Savani.**

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.

The Marc Adams classes being sponsored by AWG are on Friday and Saturday, January 27 and 28. The **Fundamental Woodworking** class will be on Friday from 1pm to 7pm and the **Joinery** class will be Saturday from 8am to 3pm.

The AWG Member cost for the classes will be \$20 per class. Sign up for one or both by getting your money to **Doug Richardson**. Deadline for registration is January 12. The class fee pays for the facility rental and a snack/lunch each day – the fee is not refundable. The speaker cost is provided by the Guild Endowment Fund.

FUNDAMENTAL WOODWORKING – This class will help you advance your woodworking skills by leaps and bounds and would be perfect for beginners as well as intermediates. Marc will cover several elements of woodworking including design, wood movement, joinery techniques, working with veneer and finishing. There will be demonstrations on truing boards, sharpening common edge tools, cutting several types of joints, including dovetails, inlaying techniques, cutting simple veneer patterns, gluing techniques and understanding which finishes work best for the results you desire. By the end of the class, you will be on your way to a better understanding of fine woodworking craftsmanship.

JOINERY – Marc has had over 1500 people travel from around the world to attend his weeklong joinery class at his school. He has decided to come and spend a day showing some of his favorite joints. The day will start with a quick review of sharpening scrapers and chisels to razor edges. He will then discuss how to select a joint based on strength, grain direction, movement, and quality of fit. Demonstrations will include how to hand cut dovetails both through and half-blind, mortise and tenons and the strongest joint in woodworking, the hip joint.