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My last column I discussed that Troy Beall was considering renting his shop to our interested Guild members. A survey at our September general meeting and website revealed that there was no interest in pursuing the task any further. Hence the effort is terminated.

I must apologize for the October date given out for our first Youth Day. The Youth Committee tried to meet before Labor Day but because of vacations we were unable to do so. We did however meet on 11 September, after the newsletter release, and discussed a preliminary plan. Part of that discussion, included moving the date until after the first of next year. Our primary reason was the consideration that young children are very busy now with outside activities during the great fall weather in Maryland. More details will follow in a later edition.

Pat Applegate and David Blois have done a great job in setting up our professional speaker for November. Peter Gedrys is a known finishing expert within the wood working community. I have often heard it said that we as woodworkers spend thousands of dollars to set up a shop then use a cheap brush to apply finish to the project. With the variety and complexity of finishes on the market, this seminar should be a must for **ALL** members. Obviously at the modest price (\$20 per day) the Guild is subsidizing the event. Hopefully by now, all of you know the gracious monetary gift Bill Schramm gave our Guild. His stipulation was that the gift be used **ONLY** for training /educational purposes. Your Board has approved this activity and think to date this is the best use for the money and membership.

Remember he gave the money to **ALL AWG** members! The Board has also approved immediate family members (18 and older) and friends (non-members) may attend at \$20/\$30 respectively. Please in your planning consider taking advantage of having such speakers come to you rather than you travel to them. My personal goal is to have 50% (75-80) members participate in each day of the finishing seminar.

My thanks to the area captains and their team members for the great display of toy progress at our last meeting. It is very obvious that we will have the largest ever number of toys available to brighten the holiday of many needy children. **Brovo Zulz!**

“Ability is what you’re capable of doing

Motivation determines what you do

Attitude determines how well you do it”



October Meeting – Members show and tell about favorite shop jig or fixture. Let **Hugh Houghton** know what you will bring. It can be an off the shelf item or something you designed for a specific task.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
(GMM), September 13, 2012 (By D. Scrivens)

GENERAL BUSINESS: **President Jim Francis** opened the meeting. Unfortunately, our guest speaker on shop safety and first aid for shop accidents failed to show up for the meeting.

Jim asked for a show of hands reflecting member interest in the rent-a-shop proposal. He summarized the possible arrangement of renting Troy Beall's workshop. There was no sign of support or interest in the initiative. Thus, this issue will not be pursued further.

Member interest in the **AWG** sponsoring a Youth Day as a way of introducing young people to the rewards of woodworking was set aside until next year.

Jim reminded the members not to forget to reserve their place at the Guild's Christmas Dinner to be held on Dec 13th (in place of the regular December meeting).

Adam Schmitt announced that the chisel/plane blade sharpening system is available for members use. If you wish to use the tool, please contact **Adam**.

Doug Richardson reminded members that **AWG** hats and shirts are available. Contact **Doug** to order.

LIBRARY: **Bob Bridgers** reported on his initiative to transfer woodworking tapes to DVD's. It has been modestly successful to date. He circulated a list of 15 subjects that are available on DVD. Check out what is available on the **AWG** website. **Tom Frank** passed around several copies of small handbooks on the use of a single tool, i.e., router, handsaw, table saw, etc. They seemed to be informative. If there is enough interest to warrant trying to order copies perhaps the library staff can order copies.

TRAINING: **George Swisher** reported that the latest pen workshop went very well. He will schedule another workshop as soon as 4 members indicate interest. **George** also reported that router workshops I and II (intro to router and router table, respectively) will be combined into a single workshop. No date for this has been set. The child's chair making workshop will cost around \$50 and may take more than one session. A description is on the web site (Members Section). More details to follow. Contact **George** or the "Members Area" of the **AWG** website to sign-up. You must pre-pay to attend an **AWG** class/workshop. **Paul Dodson** will offer a scroll saw class in January. **Pat Applegate** and **Dave Blois** announced a two day class by **Peter Gedrys** on finishing, etc. to be given on

Nov 16 and 17. **Mr. Gedrys** is widely recognized as an authority on the subject. The first day will cover staining and filling and the second on finishing. The cost each day is \$20 for Guild members and \$30 for non-members. Attendees are asked to bring to class a piece of wood or small wooden object to be finished.

NEW PRODUCTS: **George Swisher** showed a DVD on a new product for inlaying plastic "bowties" on the backs of pieces such as face frames, etc. The system is to be used in lieu of biscuits or dowels. The system is an **ENDLOCK JIG** from **CMT** tools and is sold at **Woodcraft** stores. It seems to do a very slick job for drawing tight joints when making cabinets, boxes, or face frames, etc.

Team Toy Making Project: The five neighborhood teams thus far designated report widely varying degrees of progress in making Christmas toys. **Andy Borland's** group claims nearly 300 small cars, pull toys, boxes, doll beds, etc., to date. **Jim Church** has five guys lined up but needs wood to carry on. (**NOTE:** Anyone who has suitable wood to donate should contact team leaders with specifics.) **Jack Hirrlinger** reports a number of completed toys and that his group mostly prefers to work in their own shops. Check out photos of some of Jack's toys in the Show and tell section below. **Bob Ashby's** and **Lee Marshall's** groups are just getting organized.

DOOR PRIZES: **Wayne Tarun** lugged away the \$50 **LOWES** gift card; **Harry Chavez** scored the plastic feather board; and **Dennis Harvey** was awarded a box of respirator style dust masks.



PROBLEM BOX: **Q:** What is an acceptable finish for toys for small children?

A: Mineral oil from a pharmacy or a finish that will cure, e.g., polyurethane or water based acrylic.

TIP OF THE MONTH: **Paul Dodson** discussed several points to be observed to minimize rip-out when cutting plywood. Among these were to keep the good

side up when cutting on a table saw and down when cutting with a circular saw. Also, keep the blade raised at least two inches to provide a much straight down chop as possible. A zero clearance insert will help in many cases. Scoring the wood even with a bench knife will also help. And of course a good sharp saw blade is a must to reduce the chances of tearing when cutting plywood.

SHOW AND TELL: (Jack Hirrlinger coordinator)
(President's note: "Show and 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 turn out like you wanted. All can be displayed and instructional")

Jim Francis suggested that we put together a special Show and tell to feature all the items made from wood we got from the Shramms.

Jim Francis showed the walnut bracket clock he had made from plans in the 2007 issue of "Wood" magazine. The movement and face were from Klockit. The finish consisted of several coats of Waterlox followed by a coat of lacquer.



Ed Stone showed an inviting old rocker upon which he had years ago replaced the seat and back. **Ed** had used Shaker tape. Old chairs and rockers of a more severe country design usually call for seats and backs of fabric, rush or tape. He wove a diamond pattern of a light tan and brick red years ago after locating a supplier of tape in upper New York. He still has quite a bit of tape if anyone is interested in weaving an authentic covering on an old chair. Other sources can be found on Google.



Jack Hirrlinger showed some of the toys his work group is making for **Sarah's House** including a bulldozer, a loader and a truck. Some kids will be thrilled to get one of these toys.



Jack also showed a writing desk which holds paper and pencils which might be suitable for a young girl at **Sarah's House**.



AWG MENTOR LIST: We are still looking for members who are willing to be mentors in the following areas: Band Saw; Turning; 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; wasdfames@verizon.net

Routing ~ Laminating; Houghton, Hugh/ 410 -263-8615 / hjhoughton@comcast.net;

Routing ~ Raised panels ~ Toys; Bodnar, Joseph A./ 301- 390-0484/ joebflies@comcast.net;

Scrollsaw; Allred, Win /301- 587-3821 / winallred@yahoo.com ;

Scrollsaw; Dodson, Paul/ 410 -760-5382/
pdwoodcrafts@verizon.net
Skills improvement; Shaker Boxes; Marquerty;
Inlay: Jim Luck / 410-647-6622 / jfl639@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/ tjhirr@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:

HOLIDAY DINNER It is time to start planning on attending the December Holiday Dinner. It is held in place of the normal December General Membership Meeting, December 13, 2012. It will be held at the Elks Lodge located at 2517 Solomons Island Road, Annapolis, MD. The price this year is again \$35/person. You can make your reservation by paying the Guild Treasurer (Lee Marshall), or on-line via the “Member Area”. This is an extremely enjoyable evening out with good food, good people and good fun. Come on out, maybe you will receive one of the many wonderful gifts given out as part of the fun. Some of the gifts are items made by Guild members.
You can also make a gift to be given out at the party whether you decide to attend or not, however we hope you will attend, you will thoroughly enjoy the evening which will again this year include live music. DEADLINE FOR SIGNUP IS 30 NOVEMBER 2012!!

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 Emmie Marshall. (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 own information.

You can renew your membership (pay your annual dues) at a GMM, via US Postal System snail mail, **OR 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).

You are encouraged to receive your copy of the newsletter via email (exact same content as paper copy except the pictures are in color and you receive it sooner). This will save the Guild printing and mailing costs.

If you want to be added to the informational emailing list, where you will be informed about specials; deals; wood; job opportunities; assistance needed; etc. 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

We ask our Members to patronize the following businesses when they are looking for tools, supplies or wood. They provide discounts to our Guild members:

**Hartvilletools ph: 800-345-2396–
www.hartvilletool.com 15%**

**Klingspore ph: 800-228-0000–
www.woodworkingshop.com 10%**

**Woodline ph: 800-472-6950–
www.woodline.com 10%**

Exotic Lumber (Annapolis, MD) ph: 410-349-1705 – www.exoticlumberinc.com 10%

**World of Hardwoods (Linthicum, MD) ph: 877-654-WOOD --
www.worldofhardwoods.com 10%**

Wurth Wood Group (Elkridge, MD) ph: 800-935-6229 – www.wurthwoodgroup.com bulk

**WoodWorkers Supply ph: 800-321-9841 –
<http://pro.woodworker.com> 5-25% make sure you indicate you are an AWG member when you register for an account.**

**WiseWood Veneer – ph: 586.825.2387
www.wisewoodveneer.com 5%**

**Southern Saw Service ph: 410.327.0050
www.southernsaw.com offers the 10% discount on all sharpening and 20% off all new saw blades and router bits to our Guild members.**

All Guild members need to do show their members card when they drop off sharpening

**FreeState Timbers, LLC (Timonium, MD) ph: 410-561-9444
www.freestatetimbers.com 10% on in stock items.**

The Members ONLY section of the AWG WEB site is up and available. To gain access to this portion of our web site click on the “Member” button at the top of the page. This will bring up a login screen where you will

provide your user name and password. This area has the discounts listed and how to make use of them; Membership renewal reminders plus link to PayPal to renew on-line; a page for ordering the AWG Ballcap and AWG shirt; on-line forms to complete and submit about courses/workshops you are interested in the Guild providing along with signup forms for specific classes; and a page that allows you to utilize PayPal to pay for a class or pay for your Holiday Dinner reservation. Each member was sent a letter detailing how to login (basically your username is your email address and your password is your Membership number). For privacy protection, these are the only two items stored on the web site. None of your other personnel information is stored on-line. When you renew your membership your membership number will be printed on your new card.



EDUCATION AND CLASSES: The board has agreed with the idea to hold a **Youth Day** (children/grandchildren). The date was originally planned for October, however, due to multiple conflicts; this event has been postponed until after the first of the year. **Dave Tate** is the program chair with **Lloyd Gleason** and **Harry Chavez** as assistant chairmen.

Peter Gedrys Finishing Workshop: The workshop by professional finisher Peter Gedrys will be held Friday, November 16 and Saturday, November 17, 8:30am to 4:30pm each day. The cost is \$20/day for AWG members and \$30/day for non-members. Sign-up can be done on-line through the AWG website, at the October GMM or by mailing a check to the Guild Treasurer. See the insert to this newsletter for more details.



SARAH'S HOUSE: It is time to start working on toys for the kids at Sarah's House and other locations. The Guild library has numerous books on toy making, plus many members have plans available. There are various parts (e.g., wheels and axles) and free wood available to make toys. Contact **Vicki Kunde** or **Jim Francis** for information and let them know if you would like to host or join a toy-making group.

(Editor's note – The New Member DVD that is included in the new member packet contains many toy plans as well).



IMPORTANT NOTE:

We are looking for a member to assist Denny in taking notes at the GMM. Person must be able to take accurate notes, transcribe them into a word processor, and email them to the editor within 7 to 10 days of the GMM for use in the news letter. If you are interested in helping, talk to the lead editor, Lee Marshall, for more details.



TOY WORKSHOP (By Andy Borland)

The toy workshop experience has been wonderful, and it is not over. Our group meets on Monday mornings on an average of about once every other week. It is composed of some regular members (Don Ames, Paul Dodson, Jim Jordan, Andy Borland, Tom Longest, and Hugh Houghton) and some that make it when they can (Al Veiel, Doug Pringle and Terry Cecil). We normally work from 8:30 to 11:30 and then go to lunch and talk for at least an hour. When we are in the shop, we are all business, and our production has been magnificent.

We have made small cars, small trucks, larger semis, airplanes of various sizes, pickup trucks, boxes, whale-shaped crayon holders and puzzles. Don Ames with help of Rich Valentich and Hugh Houghton have constructed some doll beds. They have sought the help of The Annapolis Quilting Guild to make the bedding and the quilts for each bed. We have somewhere around the 300 toy level at this present moment.

Many of us have increased our skill levels by using equipment that we had not used before. An example would be the use of a scroll saw. At least three of us had never used a scroll saw before, and one of our mentors, Paul Dodson, has helped each of us become proficient on a scroll saw. Thanks Paul!

One of the benefits of our Guild is meeting and enjoying people whom we would not have ever met before. These toy workshops increase the camaraderie we now have with our fellow woodworkers. If you are not a member of a toy workshop, you might consider starting or joining one. Each one of us learns something new each time we meet. You will be surprised at what you will receive from being involved.



Professional Educational Seminars

(By Pat Applegate)

Featuring Peter Gedrys, Professional Finisher/Restoration Specialist

***Friday and Saturday, November 16th and 17th
2012 at the Davidsonville United Methodist***

