

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

(GMM, July 12, 2012) (By N. Carlucci)

GENERAL BUSINESS: President **Jim Francis** opened the meeting at 7pm. He noted that we would follow the order of having the guest speaker(s) first on the program followed by the general business meeting. **George Swisher** showed a video clip of a two man buck saw operated by one man. This ingenious(?) process involved a bungee from one end of the saw to a tree trunk and the other end chained to a lug nut on the elevated wheel of a panel truck. Start the truck and take it slow!

Jim read a letter from Minwax responding to the AWG entry into their contest for woodworking clubs.

Although we did not win, they appreciated our entry and sent a ball cap and finish brush. These were entered into the door prize drawing at the meeting.

AWG shirts and hats are available for sale. The shirts will be ordered shortly. Contact **Doug Richardson** soon.

Hartsville Tool In addition to providing a 15% discount to AWG members, they are also giving free shipping.

Karl Hoke announced that the workshop designed by J.J. Smith at Bay Wood would hold an open house on Thursday, July 19.

Bob Ashby followed up on the video shown last month on router bits with insert cutters. He showed two Amana flush cut router bits. They are available from ETS.

George Swisher showed a video from Woodworking News of a rotary machine capable of making a square hole out of a round hole. It appears that the cutter is off set so that it can create the square corners. The tool is from DIJET Industrial.

TRAINING and EDUCATION: **George** showed a child size Adirondack chair made in one of the Guild router classes, which focused on making and using router templates. The Guild will be offering three new classes on the use of routers:

- ❖ 1st class: introduction to the router
- ❖ 2nd class: use of the router in a table
- ❖ 3rd class: use of templates and make a chair



Members must bring their own router to all classes. The book "*Woodworking with the Router*" (\$20) will be used; router bits will be provided. Survey forms were handed out to gauge the level of interest and specific areas members would like to have covered. The survey is also online on the AWG website. The workshops for the first two classes will be held in George's shop; that for the 3rd class will be held at the Providence Center. Details will follow.

DOOR PRIZES: The **Work Sharp** sharpening system was the special door prize this month. The



grand prize winner was **Andy Borland**.

Harry Chavez won the Minwax finishing brush

Bob Ashby won the Minwax ball cap (not nearly as nice as the AWG ball cap).

PROBLEM BOX:

Q: If a framing square is out of square, how do you fix it?

A: **Nick Carlucci** provided the response: first check to see if it is precisely at 90 degrees by using it to draw a line across a board, flipping the square and then drawing a second line from the same edge. The two lines should be exactly parallel. If the angle of the framing square is less than 90 degrees, use a center punch to tap an indent on the inside corner of the square. Repeat until 90 degrees is reached. If the angle is great than 90 degrees, use the center punch on the outside corner of the square. This process works by slightly expanding the metal of the framing square.

SHOW AND TELL:

Rich Valentich showed a pair of spoons carved from poplar using green wood and carving knives. The spoons were decorated with wood burned patterns. Rich made these at a Common Ground program outside of Westminster, MD. He recommended the program to AWG members.



Dave Tate showed several small clocks which were made from wood scraps with an embedded quartz clock mechanism. He gets his clock works on the



internet for much less than \$10 each. This is a great use of cut-offs and scraps. He also showed a clock that had a scroll sawed piece of contrasting wood layered on it.

Dave also showed some scroll saw work using Chem Cast GP acrylic which is a closed cell acrylic material. Dave pointed



out that the advantage of this material is that it does not melt or shatter when sawn with a scroll saw. It cuts with crisp lines. It is available from Total Plastic, Pulaski Highway.

Tom Longest (no picture available) showed a wooden car toy that he made at **Andy Borland's** toy workshop. He shared the joy he had as a child in receiving such a wooden toy and also the thrill of a boy who received one of the toys they were making at the shop. These are some of the toys being made for Sarah's House.

Tom Lahdelma showed an Irish wedding plate he had made for friends. The piece had been scroll sawn and then the two pieces glued together. The finish is shellac which he learned to apply at one of **Pat's** shellac classes.



SPEAKERS: The guest speakers were **Brenda and George Davis**. Their company is **Davis Family Creations** (www.davisfamilycreation.com). They are a two person company formed four years ago to "make anything from wood". Brenda does the marketing while George does the building. They share the work if a piece needs to be painted. George is a self-taught woodworker, but picked up an intuition about wood from his father. The products they make range from crab knockers to custom bedroom furniture to outdoor



picnic tables. Many of their pieces are custom designed to a buyer's specifications.

Brenda related an experience they had last year. One of the products they have made is a set of two boards for the "corn hole"



outdoor game. They had sold sets over the past four years; the maximum in any year has been 39 sets. This past year, they tried listing it on Groupon. Groupon posted it on "Black Friday", the Friday after Thanksgiving. They had 75 orders by 7am and a total of 300 – with no inventory! They were able to complete the orders even though most had custom paint jobs.

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/ joeblies@comcast.net;

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

Scrollsaw; Dodson, Paul/ 410 -760-5382/ pdwoodcrafts@verizon.net

Skills improvement; Shaker Boxes; Marquetry;

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

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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS: New members: **George Davis** (speaker) and **Tony Stillings**.
Renewing members: **Wayne Johnson**

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 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). 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:

**Hartville tools ph: 800-345-2396–
www.hartvilletool.com 15% plus free shipping**

**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.**

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EDUCATION AND CLASSES: See the note above about the planned router courses and flyer on page 6.

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SARAH'S HOUSE: It is time to start working on toys for the kids at Sarah's House. 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 for information and let her know if you would like to host or join a toy-making group.

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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 13 December 2012. It will again be held at the Elks Lodge 2517 Solomons Island Road Annapolis, MD. Watch the newsletter for more details.

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IMPORTANT NOTES:

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.

Denny reports there is lathe for sale within his family it is a GRIZZLY SWIVEL HEAD WOOD LATHE, MODEL G 0584. ANYONE INTERESTED SHOULD CALL: LISA, 410-271-9072.

At the July 23rd Executive Board meeting the Board approved the addition of a Members ONLY section of the AWG WEB site. To gain access to this portion of the web site you will be required to log in via a login screen where you will provide your user name and password. This area will have such things as the discounts listed and how to make use of them; Membership renewal reminders; page for ordering the AWG Ballcap and AWG shirt; Forms to complete and submit about courses/workshops you are interested in the Guild providing along with signup forms for specific classes. Each member will receive snail mail notification detailing how to login (basically your username is your email address and your password is your Membership number).

Photos below are of **Andy's** toy making group (**Andy Borland, Paul Dodson, Tom Longest, Jim Jordan, and Don Ames**). To date they have made and assembled approximately 175 toys.





Childs' Adirondack Chair

A week-end project requiring only a working knowledge of the table saw, band saw, a table mounted router, and drill press.



There is no need to be a rocket scientist or expert woodworker to make an attractive looking and functional project. Beautiful homes are assembled one brick at a time. With proper instruction and practice most of us can cut, assemble and finish this easy-to-make design in a relative short period of time (approx. 21 hours).

This project, Childs Adirondack Chair, was designed to be as easy to build as possible. We have tried to use the basic Adirondack chair structure but capture the elegant simplicity and eliminate all the fuss.

This project is a perfect starter piece. It has been designed as a means of getting used to a table saw, band saw, table mounted router aided by patterns, templets and working drawings. All parts can be obtained from 3/4 inch thick boards, so no thickness planing is required. Although we will use red oak — pine, cedar, redwood, mahogany, white oak, cherry or teak will work just fine.

WHILE THE chair will look fine with most any finish that has been properly applied, we will be using a hand rubbed oil finish to give a soft but elegant look to this simple and attractive Adirondack chair that will be the pride of any child for years to come.

No glue is used
— to assemble the chair we will use 32 — 1 1/4 inch steel screws.

