

# The Colonial Woodcutter

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*The President's Angle*

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## **General Membership Meetings**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month 7 PM

Davidsonville United Methodist Church

819 W. Central Ave.,

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Visitors are welcome

## **Executive Board Meetings**

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month 7PM

541A Baltimore Annapolis Blvd Serena Park

Members welcome

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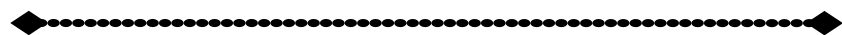
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For those of you who missed the general meeting in June, I will briefly recap my **vision** for the upcoming year. My plan is to establish area captains within zip codes where large concentrations of Guild members reside. I naturally would like volunteers to be captains before I make any calls to fill the slots. Each captain will intern form a small work team by soliciting additional members from within or outside his own zip code. Team members can be rotated in and out of the groups as their schedules permit. As I said in the general meeting, this is not a life sentence! The meeting frequency of each team, hours worked, etc. will be set by the group. My first tasking for the work groups will be to build toys for charity. Our Guild toy production last year was horrible in my opinion! I do not plan to establish a quota per group but rather just ask that they make toys. A side benefit to these teams is that individual training can be accomplished as team members rotate through the process of building toys. Presently I have commitments for the following areas: Severna Park, Annapolis, Davidsonville, and Severn. The Severna Park team captain, **Andy Borland**, already has his team at full production. I personally visited Andy's team and was very impressed with what I saw. It was **ALL** business and not a social gathering. My vision also is to increase training during my tenure. I have asked each of the mentors to conduct one class during the upcoming year. If required the classes can be given multiple times. Within this newsletter you will find that we are planning on initially offering a router workshop, scroll saw, inlay and pen turning classes. Response from members will determine which classes are most preferred. The training dates for the classes will be established later. Any additional classes Guild members desire are welcomed. You can sign up by filling out a form at the meeting or through an application on the Guild website. Additionally a new youth program will be started this year and hopefully become part of our yearly plan for the future. Very simply, precut pieces (kit) will be made and given to a child or grandchild for assembly. If you have seen any of the Home Depot youth days, ours will be very similar. Dates will be announced at a later time. Finally I will include in our general meetings additional training each month. Tip of the month and what's new will become a permanent part of our meeting's agenda.

I would like to thank last month's show and tell contributors for making my initial meeting very successful. The contributors **Lloyd Gleason Dave Tate, David Blois and Tom Longest** all showed their beautiful work. Their combined years with the Guild equal only **5 YEARS!!!** Good to see our newest members stepping up to the plate. Remember from my very first letter, I stated we will have a successful year if each Guild member would volunteer for a project and make an item for show and tell. Great start! Keep it up!

**"Ability is what you're capable of doing  
Motivation determines what you do  
Attitude determines how well you do it"**



**SPEAKER – George Davis of Davis Family Creations.**



**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (GMM),  
June 14, 2012** (By Denny Scrivens)

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** President **Jim Francis** opened the General Meeting with recognition of two guests, **Terry Cecil** and **Walter Rogers**. Terry also became a new member this meeting.

**Jim** elaborated on his vision to have smaller work groups to get more members involved and working in each other's shops. The groups will be sized according to the capacity of shops. He has begun to divide the Guild membership into groups by zip code for the purpose of organizing work groups which can work together in someone's shop. The work groups can then be assigned to toy making or other projects as appropriate. This should serve as a stimulant to draw out newer members. His next step is to identify team captains and shops. He is tentatively looking for groups in the following areas: Severn, Bowie, Crofton, Davidsonville and possibly another in Severna Park. Jim is especially keen on increasing our production of toys this Christmas. More on this to follow.

**Jim** also foresees asking each mentor to give one class a year since there has been great turnout for the WorkSharp and shellac classes.

**Andy Borland** showed an example of the toys his group is making and urged everyone to seriously consider helping with this worthy project.

**Jack Hirrlinger** received from the manufacturer a brand new "WORKSHARP". (see

**Education\Training** later) **THE NEW 'WORKSHARP' TOOL WILL BE THE DOORPRIZE AT THE JULY 13 MEETING! TICKETS WILL COST \$5.00 EACH.**

**SAFETY:** **Tom Longest** described his recent experience of how "shop rash" can breakout. **Tom** was using his table saw to make blanks to be turned for pens. He was wearing breathing protection and safety glasses. He was using a proper push stick and standing to side of the line of cut of the saw. He was using the miter gauge to crosscut stock, with the rip fence as his length stop. ZAP! The kickback whacked his bicep in the twinkle of an eye. The cause was he did not use a relief block on the saw fence when cutting short pieces. The cut off piece got wedged between the blade and the fence. The physics lesson left a fine black and blue lesson on **Tom**. Thanks for sharing this with us.

**What's New:** **George Swisher** introduced a brief recorded talk/demonstration on the benefits and economies of a replaceable carbide router cutter system. Even though the initial costs may be greater long run costs of replaceable cutters over current costs for fixed cutters should be substantially less. However

minuscule, there are changes in the cutting dimensions of fixed cutters whenever they are sharpened. Replaceable cutters instead are discarded when they are dull and replaced with new ones at a fraction of what it would cost to replace a fixed cutter bit.

**Problem Box**

**Q.** How do you make a raised panel?

**A.** **Nick Carlucci** quite correctly pointed out that the process starts with a flat board. Next match the figures on the boards to achieve the best effect. Then cut the bevel with a router or table saw or hand plane as your whim dictates. Be sure to dry fit and mark the boards to be glued up. Finally, sparingly glue both sides of the parts being joined squeezing tiny beads of glue along the whole length of the joint. If possible, use the same clamps for the whole piece. Clamps should be snugged from the center out. Tape can be used to catch glue being squeezed out or glue beads can be scrapped from the surface after they have dried.

**Q.** What is the best finish to protect a wood surface from the sun?

**A.** The universal answer was to keep the piece out of the sun.

**Education/Training:** The shellac class given by **Pat Applegate** at **Don Ames'** workshop again went very well. The six hour class was last given on Sat, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and no more classes are planned. If anyone is interested in another class, mention your interest to **Pat** or **Don**.

The class on the safe and efficient use of the new 'WORKSHARP' given by **George Swisher, Tom Frank** and **Jack Hirrlinger** in **George's** shop has also been successfully completed. **George** is willing however to have another class if there is sufficient interest. Contact him if you are interested. Anyone who has completed the workshop can borrow one of the AWG WorkSharp tools for a cost of \$5.00.

**DOOR PRIZE:**

**Lloyd Gleeson** and **Bill Carbin** both won the sets of finish brushes.

**Rich Valentich** won the bag of tack cloths

**Harry Chavez** won the set of sockets



Next Month's main door prize will be a new WorkSharp Unit.

**SHOW AND TELL: (Jack Hirrlinger coordinator)**

*(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")*

**Lloyd Gleeson** displayed photos and described a large model power shovel he made for his grandson's sandbox excavations. The oak and pine toy was large enough to sit upon the roof of the cab while working the levers of the shovel. He used yo-yo halves for wheels and had a tung oil finish. Great toy!



**Dave Tate** showed a very nice mirrored jewelry box of poplar and walnut with a polyurethane finish. He also had a pot pourri box he made of tulip wood with a Baltic birch top. **Dave** had scroll sawed an attractive pattern in the top to allow the fragrances to escape.



**Harry Chavez** brought in a scroll sawn intarsia picture of an English bull dog with a sprayed "poly" finish. He carefully explained the difficulties involved in cutting intarsia. It is an interesting piece. He also had a scroll sawn picture of the entire cast of the TV show "Mayberry". The piece measures 8"x10" and is cut from 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch unfinished Baltic birch This also is a neat piece.



**Dave Blois** brought in a very well made three drawer box that could be used for jewelry or odds n' ends. The



box was made of curly maple veneer, soft maple and wenge and was finished with urethane.

The drawer bottom each had a different veneer pattern.

**Tom Longest** displayed several pens he had turned under the close supervision of **George Swisher**. The pens were nicely finished with cyano-acrylic glue. **Tom** did a beautiful job and is certainly a credit to his mentor.



**SPEAKER:** This month's speakers were **Jeannie Ureno**, wood burner and her dad, **Lou Rudinski**, wood turner. Even though **Jeannie** gave the talk and it was



mostly about her artistic wood burning, **Lou's** turned bowls were the basis for some of her most interesting and beautiful pieces. It is **Jeannie's** craft to burn scenes and patterns into the surface of wood. She



achieves her effects using surprisingly inexpensive tools (DETAIL MASTER transformer and rheostat - \$240, wand with tip -\$20, and additional tips -\$8) Of



course there are side tools such as the diamond scraper she uses to keep the tips free of excess carbon, but sandpaper will also do the job. Compared to the cost of some

working tools the costs of a wood burning setup are relatively small. In addition to the scenes she etches into turned bowls she etches regular flat pieces also to beautiful effect.

**Jeannie** is self-taught and her methods are simple and straightforward. She first traces the design she wishes to reproduce onto the wood by tracing it over graphite

paper (note: This is more satisfactory than carbon paper). Next she burns the outline of the design into the wood and finally fills in the outline by burning shade and shadow to suit the requirements of the design. **Jeannie** likes to color her designs using alcohol based aniline dyes. If done correctly, the dyes will not bleed into other parts of the design. She stressed learning to use long, even strokes, smoothly lifting the tip at the end of each burn. There is also the danger of fire so care must be taken when putting down the hot tip.



It was an interesting and informative presentation that seemed to have been enjoyed by everyone present.

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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/ joebflies@comcast.net;

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

**Scrollsaw;** Dodson, Paul/ 410 -760-5382/ [pdwoodcrafts@verizon.net](mailto:pdwoodcrafts@verizon.net)

**Skills Improvement;Shaker Boxes; Marquerty;** Inlay: Jim Luck/ 410 467-6622 / 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/ 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:**

We welcome new member **Tony Stillings** who joined at the meeting and thank renewing members: Robert Fergusson; Tom Kluth; Carl Love; Bill Peery; Virgil Ramey; John Sommer; and Al Veiel.

Please remember to wear your nametags at our General Membership Meetings (GMM) so members can associate your name and face. If any of your information has changed (email, phone number, address, etc.) or you need a new name tag; contact **Emmie** (Membership Chair) or send your changes to the Guild email address ([info@awwg.org](mailto: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](http://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*

*A photo release form is included in the newsletter, please read, sign, and return it to the Membership Chair.*

*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](http://www.hartvilletool.com) 15%**

**Klingspore ph: 800-228-0000–  
[www.woodworkingshop.com](http://www.woodworkingshop.com) 10%**

**Woodline ph: 800-472-6950–  
[www.woodline.com](http://www.woodline.com) 10%**

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

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

**Wurth Wood Group (Elkridge, MD) ph: 800-935-6229 – [www.wurthwoodgroup.com](http://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](http://www.wisewoodveneer.com) 5%**

**Southern Saw Service ph: 410.327.0050 [www.southernsaw.com](http://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 (Timioum, MD) ph: 410-561-9444 [www.freestatetimbers.com](http://www.freestatetimbers.com) 10% on in stock items.**

**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.

**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 newsletter. If you are interested in helping, talk to the lead editor, **Lee Marshall**, for more details.

**TIP OF THE MONTH** (from Paul Dodson):

To test the accuracy of a square, hold the body against the edge of a straight board and draw a line along the edge of the blade. Now flip the blade over and draw a second line. The two lines should be parallel.



**CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS:**

The Guild is planning on an initial offering of a basic router workshop; as well as scroll saw, inlay, and pen turning classes. Response from Guild members will determine which are most preferred. The class dates will be firmed up once there is enough interest in a topic to conduct the class. Multiple sessions will be conducted if there is enough interest to warrant it. If additional classes are desired please make it known to the Training Coordinator **George Swisher** or to the Guild email address. Sign up sheets will be circulated during the July GMM. We are also working on a sign-up capability on the Guild’s web site. **George** is also working on follow-up router classes if there is enough interest the tentative topics are Raised Panels and Template Routing.

**Proposed Annual Budget:**

PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Church Hall Rental (GMM)	\$960.00
Door Prizes	\$400.00
Newsletter (Printing/postage)	\$1,200.00
Membership (supplies/postage)	\$800.00
Honorariums	\$1,000.00
Treasurer (misc)	\$100.00
Annual Dinner	\$3,057.00
Secretary (misc)	\$50.00
Toys (Wheels, Axles, Spindels, etc)	\$2,500.00
Library (300DVD, labels, cases)	\$290.00
Insurance	\$620.00
Wood Show	\$500.00
Pro Speaker	\$2,500.00
Post Office Box	\$150.00
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$14,127.00</b>
PROJECTED INCOME	
Dues 162 Members	\$5,670.00
Annual Dinner	\$2,800.00
Pro Speaker (50@25)	\$1,250.00
Donations (Door Prizes)	\$800.00
Tool Sale Schram	\$4,000.00
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME</b>	<b>\$17,020.00</b>

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(Signature)

(Date)

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(Printed Name)