

# The Colonial Woodcutter

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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.,

Davidsonville, MD. 21035

Visitors are welcome

## **Executive Board Meetings**

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

541A Baltimore Annapolis Blvd Serena Park

Members welcome

## **Annual Membership Dues \$35**

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For over 20 years millions of volunteers around the world have united for a day with a common mission to improve the lives of others. That day is Make a Difference Day, the largest national day of community service which occurred this year on October 27. I feel good that our Guild through its many charitable efforts honors the spirit of that day. For example, our present Toy Program is a guarantee that many children this year will have a brighter Christmas. On a more personal level, each and every



one of us has had a person or persons that have helped or improved our own lives in some way. My father and uncle were the two primary people who inspired and motivated me. Others in addition to parents or relatives have had teachers, friends, or historical figures influence their lives. I encourage each of you to take the opportunity to improve the life of someone. In that spirit, I would selfishly propose you start within our own Guild. What a golden opportunity for someone with the knowledge to offer help/advice to a less knowledgeable Guild member. The ensuing actions will benefit, as always, both individuals. The future of our woodworking hobby will not only be accomplished through formal training classes but by individual non scripted efforts when a member takes the time to assist another. Feedback I have received from our toy workshop groups indicates this is occurring on a regular basis. Within these small groups individuals are sharing knowledge and improving their woodworking skills through such actions. I have also personally benefited from such informal actions because others have volunteered their woodshop and time to help improve my skills. Our Guild will only get stronger from such actions.

GET started! MAKE a difference!

**New Program to honor first year AWG members.** I am making a concerted effort to highlight any new 2012 members who have been active their first year. The criteria will include presenting a show and tell item during a general meeting, participation on a project and or teaching a class. I am very pleased that many of our newest members are very active and involved with activities. I do not want their efforts to go unnoticed. Awards will be given to those members at our general meeting in January.

***"Ability is what you're capable of doing***

***Motivation determines what you do***

***Attitude determines how well you do it***

**Jim**



**NOVEMBER SPEAKER:** Michael Clarkson, whose company is Sun Woodworking ([www.sunwoodworking.com](http://www.sunwoodworking.com)), will demonstrate making projects out of green wood.

**Special Door Prize** New in the box #4 Jack plane – tickets \$5.00

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

(GMM, October 11, 2012) (By D. Scrivens)

### GENERAL BUSINESS: President Jim Francis

opened the meeting showing a humorous video of a ventriloquist with a human “dummy”.

**Doug Richardson** made a pitch selling Guild monogrammed shirts and hats. The shirts are available to order from **Doug**. He usually has the hats at the meeting.

**Jim** reminded members that the annual AWG Holiday Dinner will be Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> (in place of the regular meeting. See more information below.

**Hugh Houghton** reported that **Hartville Tools** is a Guild sponsor and, not only offers the lowest price for many supplies and tools we use, but also includes free shipping and gives a 15% discount to **Guild** members. We should support our sponsors with our business.

**Virgil Ramey** reported that the Bosch Colt router is now available with a plunge base.

**President Jim Francis** reminds us that a new in the box #4 jack plane will be the door prize at the November meeting. Tickets will be \$5.

**LIBRARY: Bob Bridges** proudly announced that the **Guild** is investing in new equipment that should greatly enhance our ability to make DVD’s from the CD’s and tapes in our library.

**TRAINING: George Swisher** reported that the first two sections of the router workshops had been held. These involved basic router technique and the use of router tables. The workshops can be held again if four members sign-up. Contact **George** or sign up in the “Members” section of the website. The third class, making a child’s chair using templates is not yet scheduled. George is looking for help teaching the class and a larger space to hold it.

**DOOR PRIZES: Lee Marshall** won the feather board clamp; **Vicki Kunde** scored the pin router and **Ward Street** took away the 1000 grit water stone.



**Problem Box: Q:** Where does one get a small amount of “Bondo”?

**A:** Lowes, Home depot or auto parts store.

**Q:** What would be the best wood for an outdoor wood chime?

**A:** Cedar or teak

**Q:** Where to get lights for the inside of a china cabinet

**A:** Lowes or local electrical supply or lighting store.

**Q:** What is the difference in use of the various saw blade designations?

**A:** ATB = Alternate Top Bevel – best for cross cut

Flat top – best for rip cuts

Combo – good (but not best) for cross cut and rip

**Tip of the Month: Paul Dodson** offered the following tips:

Two useful tools you can find in your bathroom.

1. Ordinary Q-Tips swab have dozens of uses in the shop: getting finish or glue into tight spots, getting finish drips or glue runs out of tight spots, applying oil or grease to bearings, and cleaning the insides of drill chucks and router collets.

2. Emery boards. They are thin, flat, and strong and have different grits on each side and can fit inside and sand places not easily accessible. Good for cleaning out mortises, dovetails and dados. Great for getting into tight corners and crevices.

### **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”)*

**Jack Hirrlinger** introduced five members including himself, each of whom showed excellent items. **Harlan Ray** was first with a tall “coffin” clock he made at a workshop given by **Ed Stone**. The clock case is made of tiger maple and finished with Bartley’s gel varnish. The face of the clock showed that **Harlan** is the “Case Maker” as opposed to the “Clock Maker” The latter is responsible for the gears, chimes and escapement, etc., while the former makes the case that houses the clock.



**Bernie Lammers** displayed several beautifully made boxes of walnut, cherry, curly maple and painted poplar. In most cases, the wood was left over from previous projects. The finish is shellac.



Next up were several large salad utensils carved of walnut and finished with mineral oil by **Fred Oaks**. **Fred** made them about 25 years ago and did a really nice job on the pieces but seemed a little uncertain about what use he would make of them.



**Tom Longest** displayed a number of beautiful pens and explained how he made them under the tutelage of **George Swisher**, pen maker extraordinaire. **Tom** demonstrated several styles and explained his pen's assembly.



Finally, our host, **Jack Hirrlinger** presented a “wobble” pull toy. In fact the little engine only appeared to wobble. The wheels were cut at an angle much the same as a cook might cut green beans. Cutting the wheels in this manner allowed the engine to ride on a flat plane while appearing to jump up and down.



A very clever piece as we've come to expect of **Jack**. He explained how he made the wheels in the “Jigs and Fixtures” part of the meeting.

**PROGRAM: JIGS AND FIXTURES:** At last month's meeting **Hugh Houghton** invited **Guild** members to bring in as many as three of their favorite jigs or fixtures preferably those that were made in response to a problem we faced. Members interested in more details about these jigs and fixtures should contact the presenter.

First up was **Don Ames** with a jig to be used on his table saw to **cut box or finger joints** of virtually any width. He also showed two other jigs he had made for **cutting tenons** on the table saw and **dados** with a router. Each was sturdy, neat and honest as all of **Don's** work is.



**Pat Applegate** brought in a **ramped shooting board**

that was fixed at an angle to assure that the plane would act to shear the piece being worked on rather than bluntly cross cut it. **Pat** uses the shooting board with a Lie-Nielsen plane that is especially suited to use with a shooting board. **Pat** demonstrated the use of these two items.



**Bob Ashby** demonstrated an **overhead fence** he uses on the table saw at his work. The fence is clamped to the rip

fence over the blade, just covering the blade in both height and lateral adjustment. The fence allows **Bob** to safely cut multiple pieces with compound angles on the table saw with no other fence.



**Paul Dodson** demonstrated the answer to a problem many of us have had when we needed to press something in for a really tight fit. The solution **Paul** demonstrated was **the use of the quill of a drill press as simply a press**.

When a specialized platen is needed merely square up the correctly sized piece of wood and drill a hole thru the center with an inch or two sticking out so you can chuck it up.

**Jack Hirrlinger** completed the circle he began when he showed the truck with the wobbly wheels. **Jack** demonstrated the jig he used to **make the wobbly wheels**. He starts by drilling a 30 degree hole through a rectangular block and puts this on a piece of threaded rod, backed by a nut. He then makes four additional blocks (wheels), drilled at 30 degrees and add these to the rod, locked in with another nut. This assembly is then chucked into a lathe and the wheels are turned with the result that the bottom of the wheel is 30 degrees off square with the sides!



**Dave Blois** brought in a complicated yet simple for **using a router to cut long, tapered, octagonal posts** for a “pencil post” bed. The first step was to build a long sturdy box in which he could fit the work piece. He blocked the ends to account for the difference in the tapers and routed the first side; rotated 90 degrees and routed the second taper. When he set up the third and fourth cuts, he had to make sure the blocking compensated for the wood removed from the first two cuts. The remaining four cuts to create the octagonal posts were routed similarly.



**George Swisher** had a nifty little **vacuum hold-down** to hold small pieces for routing or sanding. Made of MDF the hold-down is depressed by a vacuum pump or your Shop Vac and grips your work bench top or other really flat surface. The small hold-down is designed to allow it to be ganged to others to hold a larger object or multiple small objects.



**Dave Tate** showed a guide that helps **routing dados for plywood**. Modern plywood is produced in thinner dimensions than it is nominally sold for (e.g., 3/4" plywood measures about 11/16"). Thus if one routes a 3/4 inch dado it will produce a sloppy, loose fitting dado. **Dave's** jig solves a problem most of us have faced and it can be used for any thickness plywood.



**Harry Chavez** makes versions of the whirligig. He has had to develop a specialized **jig to cut a slot in the arbor to properly attach the wings at a specific and uniform angle**. The whirligig Harry showed looked like it would fly away so **Harry** must be on the right track.



Having been snookered into doing a project, **Hugh Houghton**, after some struggle, figured out how to finish off the end of a stair rail by developing a jig for cutting the **spindles at different angles**. He also had jigs for making the triangular cases for folded flags. He uses splines for joints and found the **22 1/2 degree angle** too hard to make with standard equipment so he developed his own jig.



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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; 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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## **HOLIDAY DINNER**

The December Holiday Dinner 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!!***

**DINNER SCHEDULE:**

Social hour with Hors D'oeuvres from 6:00 to 7:00, Dinner from 7:00 to 9:00. The MENU is: House salad; Roast beef; Ham; Mashed potatoes and gravy; Green beans; and Desert tray. There is also a Cash bar available.

Bring all toys for Sarah's house and toy groups to the dinner to be displayed and photographed.

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**MEMBERSHIP NEWS:**

The following new member: joined this month **David Markham**.

Renewing members: **Robert Finnin, Jack Hirrlinger, Ed Passerini, 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 Emmie Marshall. (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, **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 and you receive it sooner). This will save the Guild printing and mailing costs.*

**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 (Timiolum, MD) ph: 410-561-9444**  
[www.freestatetimbers.com](http://www.freestatetimbers.com) 10% on in stock items.

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**EDUCATION AND CLASSES:** The Board has agreed with the idea to hold a **Youth Day** (children and grandchildren of Guild members). This event is in the planning stages and will be held after the first of the year. The effort is being chaired by **Dave Tate** with **Lloyd Gleason** and **Harry Chavez** as assistant chairmen. Input during the planning phase is important. The group is looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to help. Contact **Dave** or one of the co-chairs. Get involved!!

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**SARAH'S HOUSE:** **Vicki** usually delivers the toys to Sarah's House the day after our December Dinner so be sure to bring any toys you have made to be part of this effort to November monthly meeting **or better yet, bring them with you to the Dinner!!**

**TOOLS FOR SALE:** The Board has approved a section on our website where tools that members have for sale will be able to be listed. The web master is putting the final touches on this and it will be available soon. It will be announced in the newsletter and at the general membership meeting as soon as it is up and running.

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**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.

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**TIMIMOUNIUM WOOD SHOW is January 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> 2013. **Paul Dodson** is coordinating this effort and should have sign-up sheets at the November meeting for volunteers to work our booth.**

## ***Professional Educational Seminars***

***(By Pat Applegate)***

***Featuring Peter Gedrys, Professional Finisher/Restoration Specialist***

***Friday and Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 2012 at the Davidsonville United Methodist Church Hall. 8:30am until 4:30pm each day incl. lunch-Cost \$20.00/day for AWG Members; \$30.00/day for Non-Members***

Peter Gedrys has over twenty years of experience as a professional finisher and has authored many articles on the subject for both Fine Woodworking and Fine Homebuilding. Check out his website *Architectural Finishes* by googling his name. Working mostly in New York and the Northeast he has done built-ins, fine furniture and antiques restoration. Check out his gallery on his website, it is most impressive.

In addition to seminars at the Woodworking Shows, he has done personal instruction and seminars at numerous clubs and guilds. Earlier this year he taught at Annapolis Woodworks-see below for an additional opportunity.

The Friday working agenda is finish preparation such as sanding requirements, grain filling, wood dyes, stains, bleaches and glazes but Peter emphasizes that he can customize each presentation to the needs of the group so if you have a particular need/preference speak up.

Saturday will be applied finishes and can include penetrating types, film finishes including water based, alkyd, lacquers and shellacs. Application techniques will be discussed and/or demonstrated including traditional and non-traditional brushes, pads and spraying (no demo for obvious reasons). Peter is a huge fan of padding shellac with a rubber than he makes on the spot. He will have supplies at modest cost to make your own.

***You can reserve your spot in these classes by sending a check made out to AWG to the Guild Treasurer or by paying on-line on the AWG web site. Send your check to:***

891 Winterhaven Drive, Gambrills, MD. 21054

**DEADLINE FOR SIGNUP IS THE 08 NOVEMBER 2012 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.**

## **OPT IN**

The Membership Chair maintains two e-mailing lists in the AWG Membership Database. One is the Newsletter e-mail list for Members who have indicated that they want to receive their copy of the Newsletter via e-mail. The second is for any other kind of information that comes to the Guild. Some examples of these types of items are: tools for sale by non-members; special deals from suppliers, resellers or dealers; trees or wood for sale or give away; notices of classes or seminars from woodworking schools; job opportunities; assistance needed etc.

**To comply with members desires it is the Guild's Corporate Policy that members must OPT IN to be placed on either of these lists.** This policy is in place to protect our Members privacy and to not inflict unwanted e-mail into their e-mail systems.

***Our Newsletter is the only method in which any other information is provided to or requested from our Members.***

***If you want to be added to either e-mail 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 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 e-mail 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.

***A table at the rear of meeting room can be used to put small items for sale. Price and name of person selling the item must be attached.***

**NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT** – The below information became available after the newsletter had been sent to the printers and is included as an insert to the newsletter.

**JIGS & FIXTURES CONT'd:**

**Tom Longest** brought a **poly acrylic router** base which attaches to the router and increases the stability of the tool. It is also possible to see through the base to visualize the work. **Tom** also brought his variation of an **adjustable dado fence** for use with a router.



**Member Tool Sales:** This area of the web site is now ready for member usage.

To see tools that members are offering for sale there is now a “TOOL” button on the AWG Home Page. This button brings up a list of tools that members have submitted for sale. Clicking on an item in the list displays a PDF file with all the pertinent details.

To submit tools that a member wants to sell, log into the “Member Area” and you will see a “TOOL FORM” button. Click on it to complete and submit the form (up to two pictures can be submitted with each item for sale). When the form arrives it is processed and the item is added to the display list on the AWG Home Page.