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I am honored to be a part of a very proud and well respected woodworking guild. I promise to each of you that I will work hard to continue the excellence of our past leaders who have provided great leadership for the Annapolis Woodworkers Guild.

I want to briefly introduce myself to my fellow Guild members. I have been a member in our Guild for over 15 years. I am also involved in two other hobbies and their respective clubs. These are antique cars and sailing. In all of these hobbies I never intended to get involved other than being a dues paying member... it just happened. While restoring my antique car for National judging you naturally get to know the fine points of what the judge's demand. After a 12 year restoration I showed my car several times nationally and was asked later to become a judge. I went on to help judge three National events. Secondly I raced competitively on the Chesapeake Bay in several sailboat classes for over 30 years. When I retired from the sport, I was asked to serve on the race committee. I am presently and have now served over 7 years on several Annapolis Yacht Club Race Committees. Finally I have enjoyed woodworking for all of my adult years but never had the chance to totally enjoy the hobby until I retired. After several years of working on AWG special projects and the Wood show I was asked to serve on the AWG Board of Directors as Secretary. From there you are all aware that I was elected to 1stVP and now President.

Why do I tell you this? It is very simple! I made many new friends and had very rewarding experiences because of my deeper involvement in all of these hobbies and I felt obligated to GIVE SOMETHING BACK in each case. Without such involvement organizations would most likely become stagnate and the quality of the club will decrease steadily. All organizations must have leaders that understand the goals of the organization and a desire to continue and or improve them. It is my hope and determination with your involvement that I may accomplish that for our Club during my term.

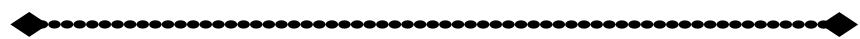
To make our Club successful in 2012, I ask only two things from each member: Volunteer on a project and make at least one item for show and tell. Much is to be learned from doing and sharing with our members so that all may learn even from our mistakes.

Jim

"Ability is what you're capable of doing

Motivation determines what you do

Attitude determines how well you do it"



SPEAKER – Jeannie Ureno will do a pyrography demo for the Guild at our June general meeting. It will be a live demonstration of her wood burning techniques as well as showing several bowls and plates that she has previously done.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

(GMM), April 12, 2011 (By D. Scrivens)

GENERAL BUSINESS: Outgoing **Prez Andy**

Borland reviewed the results of the survey to find out member interest in developing a Guild owned and operated workshop. Some 60 or so members responded to the survey. Answers to various questions shows that there is an interest but it is less than overwhelming. A more positive result was the large interest in small group work and training programs.

Andy also reviewed the sale on Saturday, May 19 of Bill Schramm's woodworking tools. There are several large and fairly new Powermatic tools included (table saw and lathe) and for very reasonable prices for Guild members. After Saturday if there are many tools left they will probably be offered to the general public.

Doug Richardson again beat the drum for his sale of hats and shirts with the Guild patch. The patch is high quality and will take many machine washings. There are 14 hats (\$15) and lots of shirts (\$35) available. See **Doug** for your order.

Harlan Ray announced that he had helped rescue a scroll saw that was too good to be trashed but there it was. The saw is available for little or nothing. If anyone is interested, contact **Harlan**.

Harlan also presented the new member kit to **Richard Hogdon**. It is hoped that **Rich** will participate in all activities of the Guild.

An urgent request was made for storage space, roughly 8' x 10'. Our "free" storage locker will no longer be free as of the middle of next month. We must have reasonably clean and reliably dry storage for our display booth used at the Timonium wood show as well for other property of the Guild.

ELECTION OF GUILD OFFICERS: **Doug**

Richardson announced the candidates and asked for votes on each. As First Vice-President of course, **Jim Francis** succeeds **Andy Borland** as President. **Andy** moves to Second Vice President.

Voted in as the new First Vice-President is **Paul Dodson**. **Lee Marshall** has also been voted in as Treasurer. **Bambi Sublett** will stay on as Secretary and **Hugh Haughton** will stay on as Program Chair and **Emmie Marshall** was voted in as Membership Chair. In his inaugural speech **Prez Francis** opined that he'd hope to see more in-house training courses and more volunteer community projects during his regime in the coming year.

AWARDS: As is fitting, **Jim Francis** presented

Andy Borland with the Gavel Award as outgoing President. **Andy's** leadership has been clear and valuable to the Guild, **Thank you Mister Borland**.



Andy presented Outstanding Service Awards to **Pat Applegate, Jim Jordan, and Walton Rodgers**



(Walton was not present at the meeting to receive his) for their continuing help in a variety of roles during the past several years. Thank you guys!

TRAINING: **Pat Applegate** reported that the several training classes "how to" shellac that were held in **Don Ames'** shop went splendidly. In fact they went so well He and Don had scheduled more classes. As of the meeting there still were two spaces left for the next class. Contact **Pat** or **Don** if interested. The report was given life when **Roy Sparks** rose to give lavish praise for the class he had attended. **Roy** urged one and all to take to shellac class.

Jim Francis reported on the successful classes on familiarization with the new sharpening tool. There are two slots open for the upcoming class.

DOOR PRIZES:

Larry Litzinger chose the Lowes gift card.

Adam Schmitt chose a set of allen wrenches...

Bob Ashby selected a Leatherman.....

Bud Powell received an electrical multi-tester....



SHOW AND TELL:

Andy Borland bought in a more-or-less permanent filter for our Shop Vacs. While rather expensive at \$48, the filter is a tap and rinse that should never need replacement. The filter which is available at Sears is the HEPPA filter

Rolf Muench brought several items he recommends for sharpening and honing bevels on plane irons, chisels, and blades in general. The items included a dead flat piece of granite sold by Woodcraft and a large piece of plate glass upon which to glue abrasive paper for sharpening and honing. Rolf was also quite keen on "Quick Hone"



sharpening jig he picked up at the Peachtree booth at the Timonium Wood Show.

Denny Scrivens presented a freeform cross carved of



Swiss pearwood and is buffed with successive applications of Tripoli and white diamond compounds then buffed to a high shine finish with pure carnauba wax. Splotchs of pure gold leaf were applied last. Small gray hematite cabochons (4mm) outline the cross interspersed with the gold leaf. Large (10x14mm) Bohemian garnets are set in the end of each of the four arms.

SPEAKERS: Due to an unexpected cancellation, Program Chair **Hugh Houghton** dipped into the deep well of Guild talent and picked three of our fellow members for our speakers. First to dispense wisdom was **Pat Applegate** who had praises to sing about the Veritas Mk.II Honing Guide he got thru Lee Valley and the piece of dead flat granite and the ultra-fine



abrasive papers from Woodcraft. **Pat's** view of freehand honing is there is a greater chance of screwing up a blade. He thus recommends honing with a guide and ultra fine papers glued to a truly flat surface. A very informative presentation.

Rich Valentich gave a pitch for, what else, but tallow as a wood finish. Most of us had never heard of using tallow as a finishing agent but the sample **Rich** had was quite acceptable.



Surprisingly the finished piece **Rich** had as a sample did not smell wicked. Of course his recommendation for obtaining tallow starts off with a cleaver. Or, as in his case, someone who gives

you a piece of mutton that you can render down to the desire tallow. See Rich for details. Very amusing. I'm still not certain that the audience was convinced.

The third speaker was **Hugh** himself. He brought with him a well made well thought out router table. **Hugh** uses his router from the side, i.e. set into the table at 90 degrees from the table top, for making lock miters

which he often employs. Lock miters is a splendid way to make corner It is strong and looks good as well.



Hugh got the track for the jigs he has for sliding stops from Rockler. The cutter for the lock miter is a sensitive tool so to make certain he has the

correct angle he uses a "Wixey" tool to calibrate depths. Hugh is also a strong supporter for using push pads when easing smaller pieces through the cutters. The Wixey can be obtained from most woodworking suppliers.



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:

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Tip from Paul Dodson Cutting Plywood Basics:

When sawing plywood with a band saw, hand saw, scroll saw or table saw always have the good side up. When sawing with a circular saw, radial arm saw or

AWG Member **Bob Ashby** headed a three person AWG team that judged the recent SKILLS USA MD State Cabinetmaking competition that was held at the Center of Applied Technology North (CATN). He has represented AWG for the past several years in judging and assisting in this worthwhile program. This year he was again joined in this program by **Don Ames** and a new judge this year **Bob Bridgers**. 10 high school students from around the state took part in the competition. They were each provided a plan and a stack of lumber and were given 7 hours to complete the project. The judges observed their efforts during the day and selected the winners at the end of the day.



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