

The Colonial Woodcutter

April 2013

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General Membership Meetings

2nd Thursday of each month 7 PM
Davidsonville United Methodist Church
#819 Route 214, Davidsonville, MD
Visitors are welcome

Executive Board Meetings

4th Thursday of each month 7PM
541A Baltimore Annapolis Blvd
Severna Park, MD

Annual Membership Dues \$35

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Our Revised Website =
TBA (soon)

The President's Angle:



One of the most difficult challenges I have personally had as your president is getting to know our membership. I basically know only a small percent of our 150 members since I joined 15 years ago.

After all we meet once a month, usually not much time to socialize at our meeting, show and tell does exposes us to some, working together on a project helps, new members typically do not get involved immediately, and for a variety of others reasons it is tough to get to know a major portion of the membership. On several occasions when I needed a Guild member to head or chair a function, as a starting point I commonly looked for anyone who had been a member for 10 or more years. I thought with that amount of experience he or she could best fill the position. Obviously there are many other selection criteria that could work but most of them would require knowing more about each and every member. My feelings were if you have been a member for many years and have not served on a committee or held an office.... **WHY NOT!** Our Guild exists only because of volunteers. There has been a core group of volunteers trading positions on the Board and running our Guild for years. It is time for others to step up.

When I first started to write this letter, we had two very difficult open positions to fill for next year. I had previously written that we might have to buy some rubber hoses, build a large wooden wheel, and acquire some electrical equipment to "persuade" some of our members to take their turn. Several of you must have known our intensions, or heard Quito's footsteps approaching, because we now have volunteers for the *entire 2013-2014 slate of officers*. The remaining two vacancies have now been **FILLED**:

Pres. Paul Dodson

VP. Barry Frankel

Program, Bob Ashby

Treas. Karl Hoke

Sec. Bill Carbin

Membership, Harry Chavez

2nd VP. Jim Francis.

Finally the Board and I give thanks and our appreciation to those members who during my presidency volunteered and accepted the challenge.

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

AWG Board Meeting Notes:

The ***big news*** is that the AWG has now acquired a trailer for our Timonium Show storage. It was purchased for \$1,500, is now inspected, just \$75/yr. insurance, and is now ready for use. Bob Bridgers found the deal and it will be stored at Tom Lahdelmas. Bob will be compensated for his out-of-pockets.

The **Damascus Hand Tool** show had some 12 + 15 AWG members attend. Contact was also made with Tom Law's widow for a visit to her house to purchase more of Tom's tools. Perhaps some week-end in May.

Doug Richardson will be doing the Annual Treasurer's report, due in May and will be added to the Newsletter.

The **website** now has it's domain and is pretty much up and running. Jim Francis is custodian of our credit card with PayPal. Pat Applegate has received the required software and Dave Tate will be adding to the design and additional functionality. Website address will be **Annapoliswoodworkers.org**.

Nominating Committee : Harlan Ray, Don Ames, Andy Borland will head up this committee for 2013-2014. Bill Corbin has already volunteered. Stand by to volunteer and accept a position.

Calibration Tool - This is an alignment tool that came with the Dubby Board. It will be traded in for the deluxe version and added to the Guild tools for general membership use.

Show & Tell: The Newsletter is now to include a reminder to encourage participants with a free ticket for the door prize drawing for each month.

Benson-Harwood House - We are asked to provide a large cabinet. The project will be delayed until after April 15th.

Kent Island Days - Proposal for an artisan table for "Kent Island Days", but not allowed to sell anything. Paul Dobson expressed some interest, but checking his calendar.

Board approved a \$100 gift certificate for George Savani for use of his Board room. Also sponsoring charity a "hole" for the Fairway Golf Tourney, Apr. 29, for \$250. AWG will be named on each of the Golf carts.

Next Captain Project - Any good ideas? Member's input is always welcome for any new-proposals?

Reminder - Bob Bridgers pointed out that we have some 42 DVD's available for signing out. He has a stash available at each meeting with a wide ranging of general and specialized woodworking subjects. This is a frequently untapped source of information and education . Bob will be happy to supply, just come a little early to access.

Introduction to Scroll Sawing

Paul Dodson with the help of Harry Chavez has now completed two *scroll saw* classes with great success. They are offering another class in April, it is *already* full, but another class will be available in May. If you are interested in *scroll sawing*, this is a GREAT CLASS. This is a class especially adapted for beginners.

The class will introduce you to the different types of *scroll saws*. If you are considering buying one, you will learn what to look for in *scroll saws*. If you already own a *scroll saw* and don't quite know how to use it - come and learn.

The class will then be taught the basic techniques to get you started in the art of *scroll sawing*. You can count on making four objects: cat, a fish, a butterfly with internal cutouts, and a puzzle. Each involves a different type of technique.

The class includes breakfast(donuts and coffee) and a lunch, just \$25 - *what a deal!*

Many of the great woodworkers in the Annapolis Woodworkers Guild have already taken the class. We all encourage you to **SIGN UP AND JOIN THE FUN.**

Here is the scroll class in full operation



Rich
Valentich



Doug Richardson



Harry Chavez



Fred Goldstein

Alice Conine

Doug, again



Main Speaker - Brian Graham, representing Capital Tool Co. and Festool

In place of a proposed Bandsaw (just a bit too big to demo), Brian presented and described a truly marvelous Festool auxiliary work bench full of bells and whistles. It appeared to be very complete, with multiple fences and clamps and fixtures. that came with purchase, with additional some items “after market”. As Brian readily assembled the workbench of largely aluminum fabrication, it took about just 15 minutes or so. Attachments were every, and appeared to dazzle the imagination of any woodworker. There were multiple vacuum ports and hold-downs wherever you looked.



The bench could handle nearly any operation for the router that you could think of. With some assembly the bench could be brought in in more or less “suitcase style”. It carries a three year warranty for good measure. As assembled, it appeared to be very sturdy and rigid, and would well serve its use in the field.



If there is a flaw, it is in the price, an approximate price tag of about \$1,650. The attachments range up to about \$2,500. When **Mr. Graham** announced the price the room went silent for a moment. Not for everyone but an interesting thing to consider, possibly a small shop or for a job site. **Hugh Haughton** once again brought an interesting speaker to us.

A “Demo” in real time - -

Jim Francis had made a humidor and placed on a small table. However, after a year or so, he moved it and discovered a large white area underneath the finish. Consulting with Mike Arndt, who diagnosed the basic problem, and proposed a solution.

Basically, this involved repeatedly and lightly rubbing the discolored damaged area with denatured alcohol. (If the spot is “white” it is water damaged.) A soft cloth folded into a pad was used, just lightly soaked with the alcohol. Over the course of the Meeting, Mike continued to apply the solvent . Caution: Too much alcohol, the finish will be too soft.

It took time, but by the end of the meeting the finish was looking pretty good



NEXT—*The Problem Box*

Question: How do you unglue old hide glue?

Answer: Apply warm water and heat.

Question: How do you make curved bend in wood, with about a only 5” radius.

Answer: Saw multiple kerfs, ~equally spaced apart, and use an adequate depth of cut. Or, use the “Apple Ply” product for this purpose.

Show and Tell

Fred Goldstein, coming off the Scroll

Saw class, made a strong endorsement of the classes. As part of the class, he fabricated an intricate butterfly.

Fred also made a repeat endorsement of “Instant Gun Blue”, from the Brownell catalogue. It is an outstanding protection for steel tools against rust.



Dave Tate brought in a small music box.

Made of aspen and tied up with a neat walnut and maple bow. The box had a surprisingly amount of audio volume. A really interesting presentation.



Dave also did a neat piece of intarsia showing the interior scene of a house viewed through a window. A very challenging project.

Jim Luck presented two (of four) beautiful boxes he made as gifts. Jim cut distinctive convex lids using a table saw. The blade was set at a slight angle and ripped first one side than the other. He then set a sharper angle, ripped again, and continued until he reached the crown. The edges were then planed, scraped, and sanded, to



ultimately form a smooth convex curve. WOW, that is pretty neat. The box bodies were curly maple and the ends hard maple, stained to emphasize the grain direction. Finished with five coats of sprayed lacquer.

Harry Chavez displayed his sword plaque

with a nearly life size sword. Made of ash and all mounted on a shield, complete with scabbard. It is all held in place with an armorial es-cutcheon, with different colored woods. It proudly received a Second Place award at the Catonsville Crafts Show.



Lee Bryton then brightened the show with a small display case backed up with LED lights.

The display could be flashed, worked in different colors and intensities. Eye catching to be sure, and all remotely controlled.

A brilliant piece.

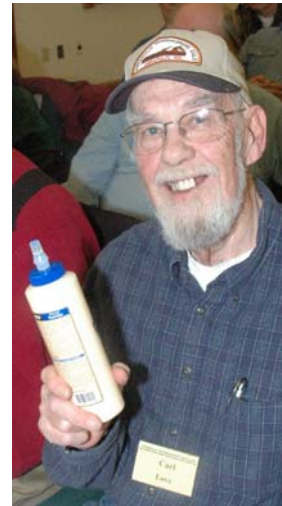


And Last - *The raffle or “Door Prize”*

Without question Jim Luck really scored with the major prize, the “Dubby Board” - Jim, you will really enjoy this one



Meantime, Jim Jordan won a nifty calibration tool.



Your editor had just used up a bottle of TiteBond II

AWG Election Time - -

The candidates For our 2013-2014 year - -

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1st VP.	Barry Frankel
Treas.	Karl Hoke
Secretary.	Bill Carbin
Membership	Harry Chavez
Program Chair	Bob Ashby
2nd VP.	Jim Francis

Each of these individuals has volunteered to serve in these respective offices.

That does not suggest that during this and the following years that you, the membership, should not get involved in the many ongoing projects that the Guild will sponsor. There will also be many educational opportunities for you, hopefully, active participation.

The AWG Mentor Listing:

[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 410-544-3247

jdscrivens@verizon.net

Clock Making ~ Gilding

Stone, Ed 301-464-8079

edwstone@comcast.net

Finish repair~Furniture Repair

Arndt, Mike; 410-551-8588

MarylandWoodPro@gmail.com

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Routing ~ Laminating

Houghton, Hugh 410-263-8615

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Scrollsaw

Allred, Win 301-587-3821

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Scrollsaw

Dodson, Paul 410-760-5382

pdwoodcrafts@verizon.net

Skills Improvement: Shaker Boxes;

Marquetry; Inlays

Luck, Jim 410-647-6622

jfl639@verizon.net

Stains~Hand rubbed oil finish

Sparks, Roy A 302-337-1016

Tooling ~ Cabinet making

Ashby, Bob 410-969-2910

Toys ~ Electrical Problems

Hirrlinger, Jack 410-798-1339

tjhirr@verizon.net

Any other Mentors?

All AWG Members are encouraged to patronize the following businesses when looking for tools, supplies or wood. Whenever requested, Members should show their membership cards for any of the above services.

Hartville Tools 800-345-2396 15%

www.hartvilletool.com

Klingspore 800-228-0000 10%

www.woodworkingshop.com

Woodline 800-472-6950 10%

www.woodline.com

Exotic Lumber (Annapolis) 10%

410-349-1705

www.exoticlumberinc.com

WorldofHardwoods (Linthicum, MD)

877-654-WOOD 10%

www.Worldofhardwoods.com

Wurth Wood Group (Elkridge, MD)

800-953-6229 (bulk)

[ww.wurthwoodgroup.com](http://www.wurthwoodgroup.com)

WoodWorkersSupply

800-321-984 15-25%

<http://pro.woodworker.com>

WiseWoodVeneer

586-825-2387 5%

www.wisewoodveneer.com

FreeStateTimbers (Timonium,MD)

410-561-9444 10% in stock

Www.freestatetimbers

Southern Saw Service

410-327-0050

www.southernsaw.com

10% on all sharpening;

20% all new saw blades,

and router blades

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But do not forget that each AWG member gets a free Door Prize Ticket for each Show & Tell project he brings in to display!