

# The Colonial Woodcutter

## The Newsletter of the Annapolis Woodworkers Guild

Meeting 7:00 PM June 13th, Davidsonville United Methodist Church

Meeting Speaker  
Bob Behnke  
Franklin International  
(Makers of Titebond)



June 2024

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## *Newsletter Submissions*

If you have new projects, tools or fixtures that may interest to others, or if you have found a wood related news story, please share them with the Guild. Send a description, with pictures if possible, for inclusion in the Colonial Woodcutter to the editor, Duncan Adams at [duncanladams@gmail.com](mailto:duncanladams@gmail.com). Items submitted by the first Thursday of the month will be published.

Many thanks to those who contributed to this month’s issue.

# June 2024 President's Message

## HELP Wanted – Needed – REQUIRED

Dear fellow members,

The Annapolis Woodworkers' Guild is in trouble. It is my duty to report that the Guild's is in danger of losing an important reason for being.

Our monthly Guild meeting provides an opportunity to learn techniques from experienced woodworkers, to share the efforts we've put into our craft through Show and Tell, to get problem solving ideas and to share the camaraderie of fellow woodworkers. I think it is not an exaggeration to say that our monthly meeting is the Guild's most essential activity. Guest speakers are the core of each meeting – the single biggest draw for attendance. Without a presentation there is less reason to have a monthly meeting, and without a meeting, we have less reason for a guild.



The problem is that we need a new program chair team. Chris Desaultels and Phil Christenson have filled these positions with distinction for over six years in what is nominally a one year commitment. We owe them our gratitude. But, they have served long enough (they might say too long) and they need to be relieved. Last month we announced a new program chair, but due to unforeseen conditions this did not work out.

To state the obvious: no program chair, no speaker; no speaker, declining meeting attendance; declining attendance, fewer members; fewer members, less revenue; insufficient revenue, no Annapolis Woodworkers Guild.

It is absolutely essential that we find some members to step up to this job – at least one person, preferably two to four. If you are a long time member and have not taken a board position before you should think about whether maybe it is your turn. If you have served in the past, you should consider that the Guild's continued success depends on you stepping up again. If you are a new member you should consider that volunteering will enable you to get more out of your Guild membership. Please don't read and skip over this message, figuring "someone else will," we need **YOUR** help, and we need it NOW.

If you think you are getting something valuable by being a member of the Guild please consider giving back to the Guild in this valuable way and volunteer to serve on the Program Committee. Simply call, or text, me @ 410-564-3724, or Email to [jdsdadis@verizon.net](mailto:jdsdadis@verizon.net). You may also contact Ann Sentinella, our 1st VP at 443-742-7037, or email to [annsentinella@gmail.com](mailto:annsentinella@gmail.com)

Best Regards,

Jim

# June Monthly Meeting

Thursday, June 13th, 2023, 7:00PM

Davidsonville United Methodist Church  
819 W Central Ave, Davidsonville, MD 21035

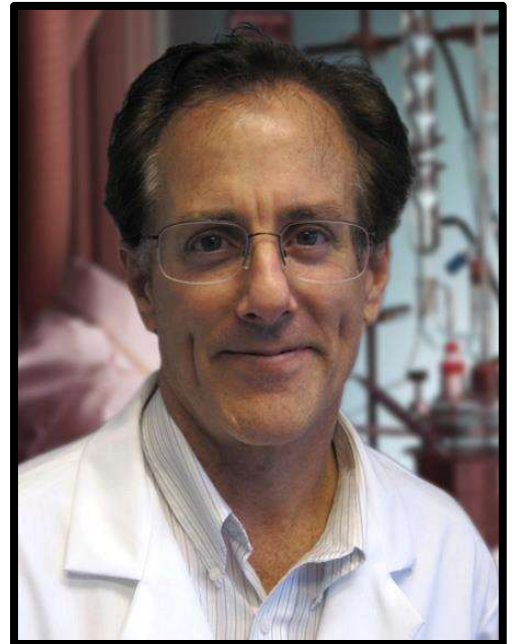
Please join us for our monthly meeting of the Guild.

## NOTE:

The presentation by this month's speaker and the follow up discussion will require an hour and a half. Therefore there will not be time for the customary show and tell. Please bring projects that you want to show to the July meeting.

## June Speaker: Bob Behnke

Bob Behnke is Franklin International's Technical Service Manager for the Construction Division handling all technical aspects of the Titebond Branded product line of wood glues, construction adhesives, wood flooring adhesives and sealants. At Franklin Bob manages a group tasked with handling all calls to the company's 800 number along with technicians tasked with testing of competitive products and new substrates. Bob has worked for over 30 years in the adhesives and sealants industry with experience in the development of emulsion polymers, scale up from bench to production of a range of adhesive technologies and development of breathable technology for organic and inorganic fabrics.



Bob will talk about the five steps for successful gluing. From dry assembly to waiting for the glue to dry. Wood glues can affect the wood as it is being assembled and being prepared in advance will eliminate costly joint failures and frustrating disassembly. The discussion will focus on the steps needed to use wood glues with ease, what to watch out for when the glue hits the wood and why failures occur. We will also cover some frequently asked questions and why there are so many different wood glues. Bring your gluing questions as this is a discussion, not just a presentation.

## June Raffle Item

The June meeting will feature the annual Big Raffle. Tickets are \$5 each and the prize is a DeWalt cordless hand planer (Model DCP580B) plus battery and charger.



From the DeWalt web site:

“The DCP580B features a brushless motor for maximum efficiency that helps to maintain speed under load. The brushless planer features a 3-1/4 in width capacity and ability to adjust depth at 1/256 in adjustments with a rebate capacity of 5/64 inches. It weighs 6.8 lbs and operates on the DEWALT 20V MAX battery system. Lightweight and cordless, this planer can be easily transported around the jobsite without the hassle of a cord.”

# May Meeting

Carl Wick, presiding over the last meeting of his term, opened the meeting and introduced the proposed new board members. The nominated officers were first vice president Jim Cowan as president, Ann Sentinella as the new first vice president, Carl Wick as second vice president and Brian Parker as program co-chair. A second program co-chair is still needed. The new board was unanimously elected by the membership.



Jim Cowan



Ann Sentinella



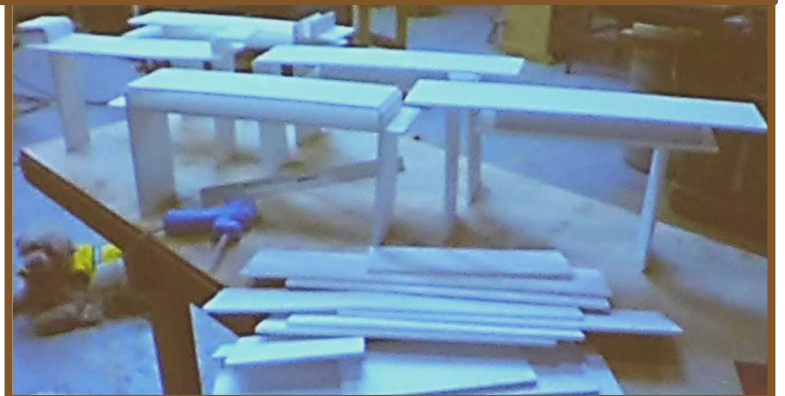
Carl also conducted the vote on proposed bylaws up dates, as required annually. This vote was also unanimous.

## May Speaker: Bill Schneck

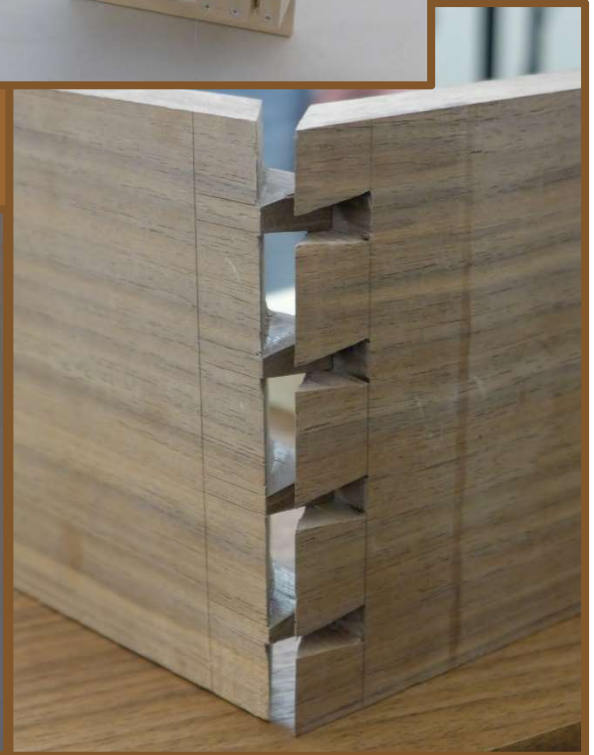
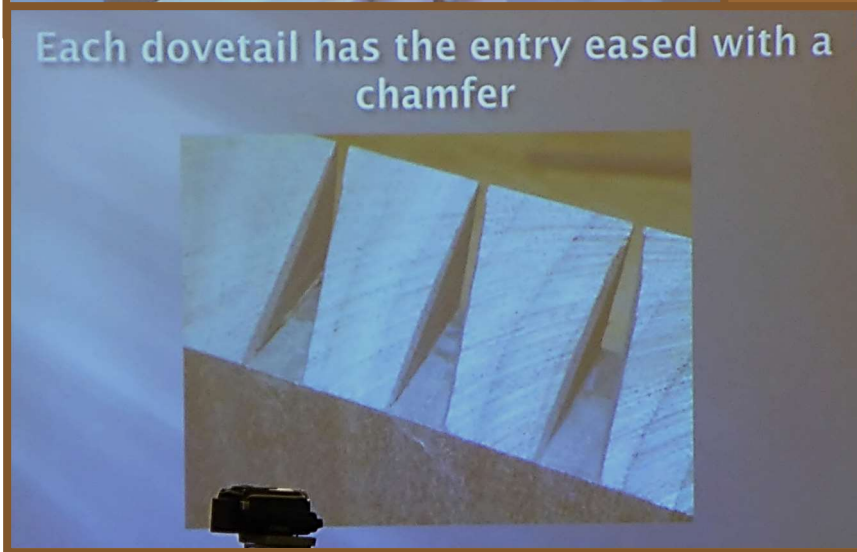
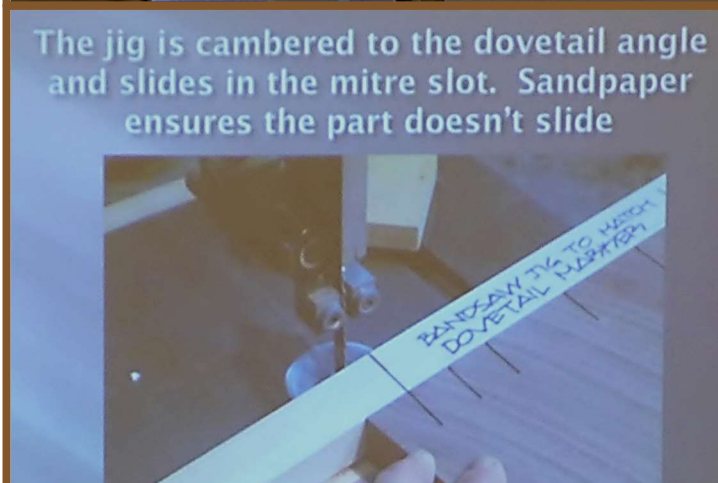
Guild member Bill Schneck presented the design and construction of a table that he made in a class at Marc Adams School of Woodworking. Bill takes a class at the Marc Adams school every year, sometime project based and sometimes focused on techniques. Last year's class was the pictured table and was led by Michael Fortune, whose process uses a lot of bandsaw work and always involves fixtures.



This table was constructed of 4/4 walnut, drawer sides of soft maple and the drawer fronts of MDF veneered with soft maple. Bill said that he likes to use soft maple for drawers because it is easy to work with and relatively inexpensive. In the class they built 1/4 scale models in foam core to refine the design.

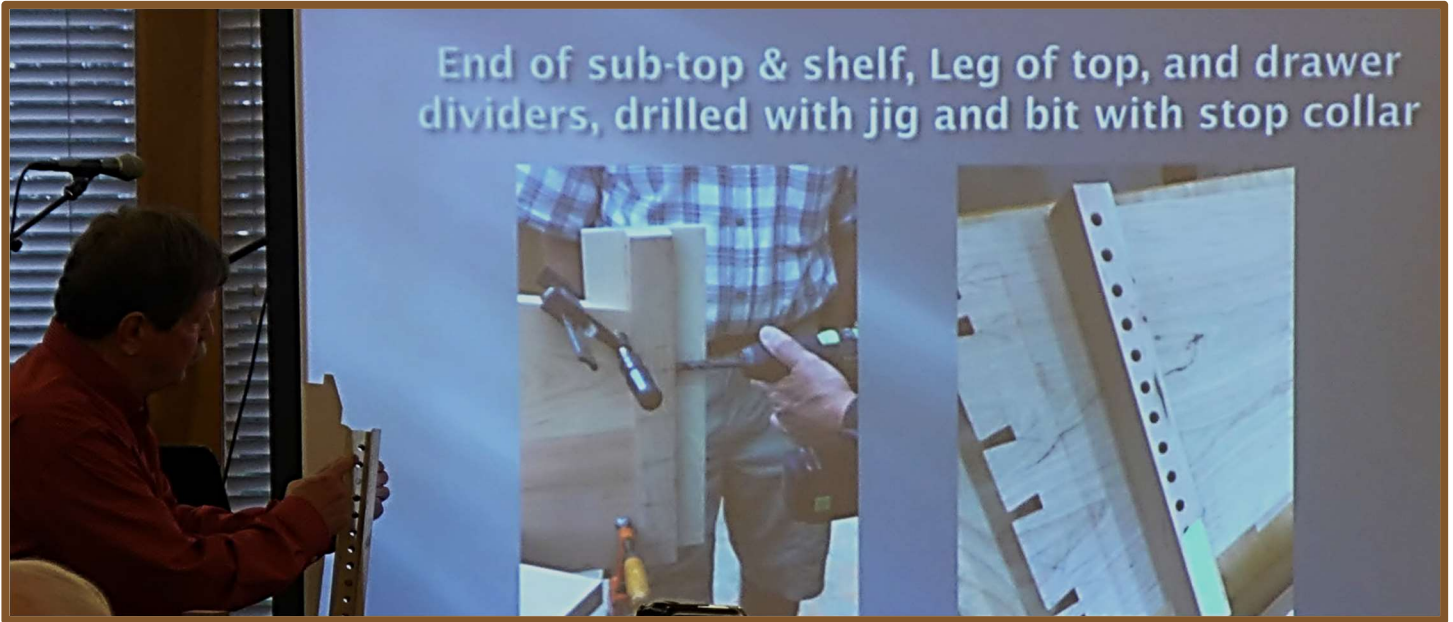


The table top and the vertical left side are joined with a double blind dovetail which Bill described at length. Making this joint demonstrates the focus on fixtures and bandsawing.

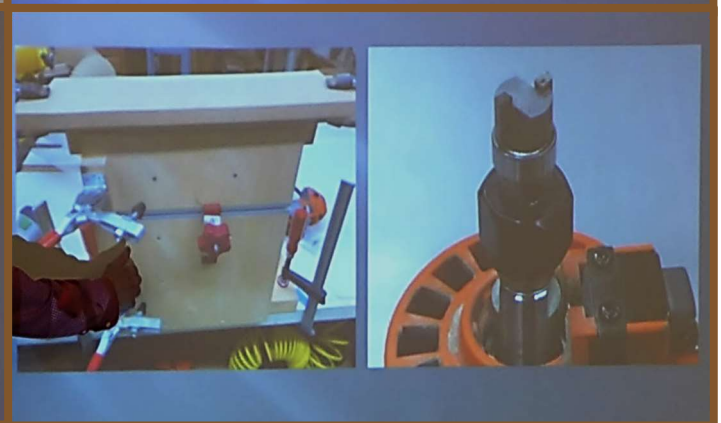
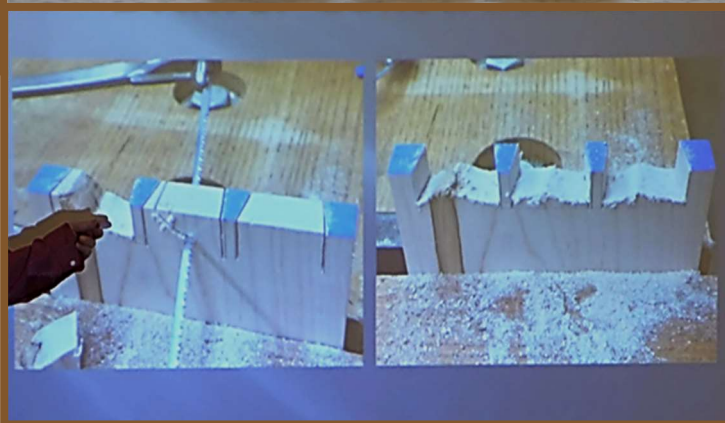
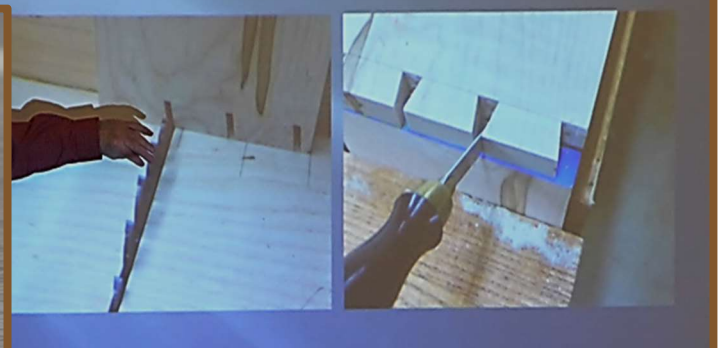
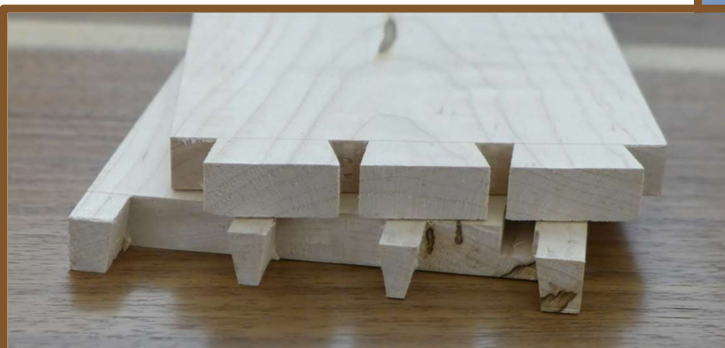
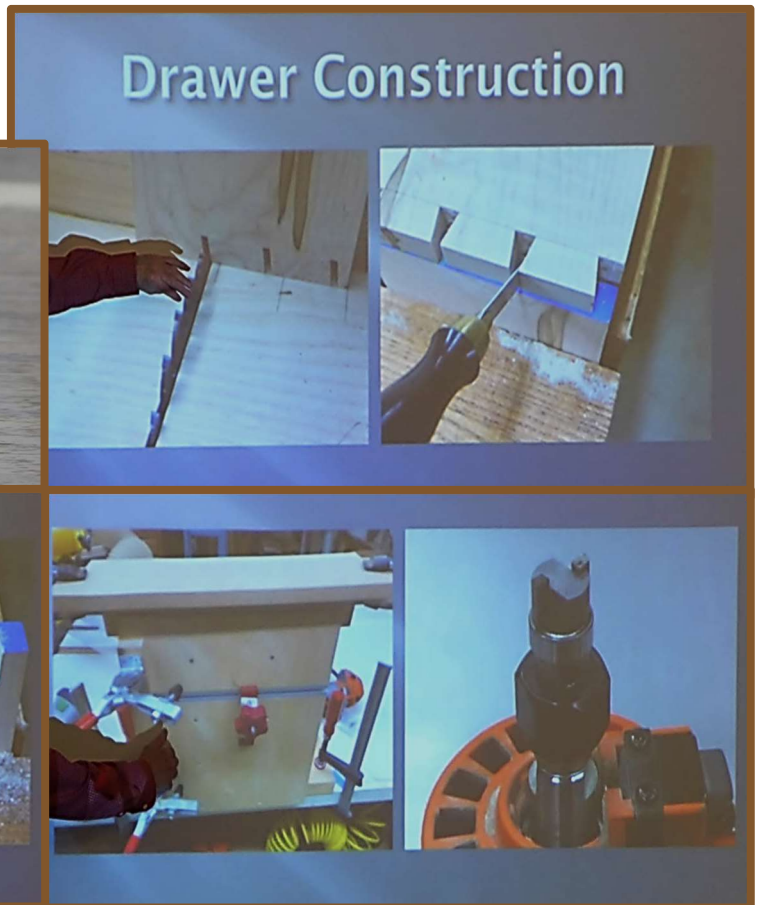




The remainder of the table was joined with dowels, again with a strong reliance on fixtures.



Bill made the drawers of ½ inch soft maple using through dovetails. He cut the tails on his table saw with a 10 degree dovetail grind, then transferred the tails to the pin side using a blue tape trick. After making the vertical cuts with a dovetail saw and removing most of the waste with a coping saw he cleaned up the pins with a pattern cutting router bit, a technique described by Phil Christiansen in the March 2024 newsletter.



## Show and Tell



Jim Menefee showed off his dark humor push stick.



Rodger Young is making a batch of these easy to turn segmented bowls for his girls' class. The girls will exercise their artistic skills by decorating the bowl. Rodger makes the blanks by gluing up semicircular pieces cut from two feet of pine board. The girls will work in transparent paint from Michael's craft store.

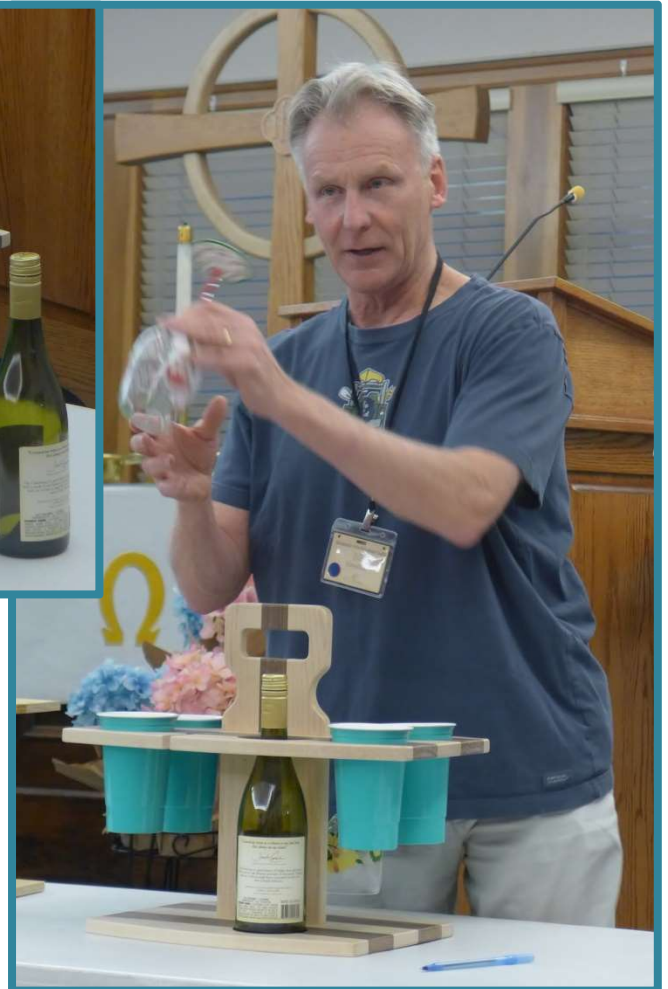




Following up on Chris Desaultels' sharing the casting resin last month, Dennis Harvey brought a UV cure epoxy resin that he uses for filling small gaps in pen blanks. He compares the technique to spot welding repair of metal. The resin is used by pen turners for label casting – depositing successive layers to create a design.

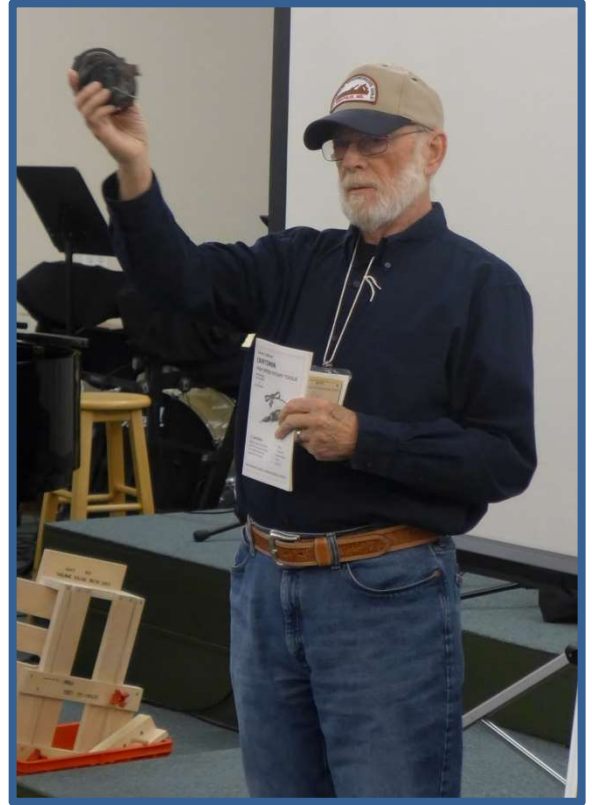


Mike Kovalick made this snack and wine tote. The center column is two pieces joined with a mortise and tenon joint around the shelf. The Solo cups are a heavy gauge version.



## May Raffle Winners

Paul Dodson ran the monthly raffle in which the members below won these fine prizes.



Randy Sisulak  
\$50 Gift Card



Bill Kovalick  
Sanding Mop



Carl Wick  
Rotary Tool

## A Message from Santa's Workshop

This young lady in a pre-kindergarten class is having fun with a train made in the Guild's toy workshop. The shop is busily cranking out 2024's deliveries.



# Tip of the Month



## building your Shop First Aid Kit

Without a doubt, when you're working in the shop, an injury is always a possibility. Some injuries, such as a splinter or a small cut, can be merely a nuisance. Others can be much more serious and require a trip to the urgent care center.

In all cases, a well-stocked first aid kit should be easily within easy reach. It's your first line of care for both minor and

some serious injuries. Here, you'll find my recommendations for creating your own kit. Most of the supplies are available at your pharmacy, and harder to find items are listed in Sources on page 67.

**COMPACT, ACCESSIBLE STORAGE.** The first requirement for a first aid kit is storage. I use an inexpensive plastic container with a handle, shown above. It keeps

supplies dry and dust-free in the shop. But more important, it's big enough to hold everything I need to deal with most shop emergencies.

It's important to clearly label the container. You can download labels from the internet or design your own.

**SPLINTER TREATMENT.** As you know, the most common injuries you'll encounter in the shop are splinters. They range from a tiny sliver to what seems like a 2x4 stuck in your skin. The sterile *Splinter Out* picks you see at left make splinter removal easier. The ultra-sharp point and wide, flat body make them effective and easy at removing splinters.

If you can get to the end of the splinter, a tweezer with fine points works better than common household tweezers. The ones shown at left also incorporate a magnifying glass to help you target the splinter more effectively.

A trick I learned from a nurse for removing small splinters that are hard to see is to wipe the area with isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol first. It makes the skin more translucent, so the splinter shows up better. The alcohol also disinfects the area to help prevent infection later on.

◀ Sterile eyewash can help flush debris and errant liquid splashes from the eye.



▶ This sterile tool was designed to grab a splinter for easier removal.



◀ Sharp points and a magnifying glass make these tweezers ideal for removing splinters.



▲ Keep a supply of bandages and sterile saline in your first aid kit to treat and protect minor wounds.

**FIGHTING INFECTION.** Infection is a concern not only for splinters, but for any open wound. A bottle of sterile saline solution can be used to wash out the wound (left photo above). Betadine or hydrogen peroxide applied to the area also helps reduce infection. For deep wounds, though, it's best to stick with the saline solution and then seek professional medical treatment.

**FOREIGN OBJECTS IN THE EYE.** Next to splinters, dust in the eye is another common ailment. For that I keep a bottle of sterile eye wash solution on hand (lower left photo, opposite page). It's better than tap water for flushing debris away. It also

helps reduce irritation from accidental splashes of liquid such as finishes or solvents. As with serious injuries, have your eyes looked at by a professional after you've thoroughly rinsed them.

**FINGER WOUNDS.** A woodworker's hands and fingers typically display scratches or bandages of some sort. It's inevitable when you're working with wood and sharp tools. A wide range of bandage sizes and types is a requirement for a shop first aid kit (photo above).

Fingertip and knuckle bandages are always within reach in my shop. They're specially shaped to conform to and move with the fingers. I buy the heavier-duty


ones with a stronger adhesive. They stand up to a lot of abuse in the shop. If you need additional protection for your fingertips, you can use a finger cot that rolls onto your finger.

A liquid bandage product is great for small scratches. You apply it with a brush. It's flexible and waterproof, too. I find it's also a great product to use on cracked skin during the winter.

**WOUND CARE.** Since woodworkers use a lot of tools with sharp cutting edges, a deeper skin wound is a real risk. I keep a supply of the items you see above and in the main photo for first aid treatment.

With an injury, your two primary concerns are to clean the wound and stop the bleeding. I've already talked about using a sterile saline solution for irrigating the wound. But stopping the bleeding is even more important.

For minor wounds, there's a powder product you can apply to the wound that causes the blood to clot. For more serious injuries, use sterile gauze pads or surgical compresses. The key is to apply plenty of pressure to the wound to stop the bleeding. If the bandages become soaked, apply fresh ones on top of the others.

**GET HELP.** The most important lesson I've learned is to get help. For this I keep a cell phone handy. Another great option is shown in the box at left. It's always best to err on the side of caution and seek medical attention if a shop injury might be serious. 

## GETTING HELP: BUTTON PAGER

You've seen the commercials where an elderly person has fallen and uses a pager button to get help. Those same products can be a big help in case of a shop emergency. They include one or more pager buttons that you keep

with you at all times. When you press the button on the pager, a receiving unit in the house sounds a loud alarm. This way, a family member can come to the rescue and provide any assistance you may need.

- ▶ An inexpensive paging system sounds an alarm when you press the remote button.



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# AWG Member Mentors

**Want to learn a new skill?** AWG has many member-mentors to help you. See the list below to contact one.

**Have a vexing woodworking problem?** There may be many other members with the same situation. AWG has a “problem box” where you can anonymously place your problem or question for discussion and possible solutions at the next meeting. You will find the box at a table near the meeting hall entrance door (when we are back in session at the church). Until then send your problems to the editor, President, or other AWG officer.

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>E-mail</b>	<b>Mentor Subject</b>
Ames	Don	410-268-0509	dfames@verizon.net	Use and maintenance of Edge Tools (planes, chisels, scrapers)
Applegate	Patrick	410-426-8287	patrick__applegate@comcast.net	Finishing with Shellac (brushed and padded)
Arndt	Michael	410-960-3239	MarylandWoodPro@gmail.com	General wood finishing & finish restoration/repair
Ashby	Bob	410-969-2910	toolsrus58@comcast.net	Shapers, router tables and tooling for same
Carbin	Bill	410-647-0393	carbinwilliamj@yahoo.com	Box making
Chavez	Harry	410-863-5940	harry.chavez@gmail.com	Intarsia
Dodson	Paul	410-984-8488	pdwoodcrafts@verizon.net	Scroll saws and scrolling
Harvey	Dennis	240-463-4641	denharv@aol.com	Pen making
Hirrlinger	Jack	410-798-1339	tjhirr@verizon.net	Toys, tricks and puzzles
Luck	Jim	410-647-6622	jfl639@verizon.net	Inlay and shaker boxes
McDonald	Chris	410-326-1685	cmcdonald@thewavaz.com	Cabinets



# AWG Officers

(June 2023 —May 2024 Term)

President – James Cowan

1st Vice President – Ann Sentinella

2nd Vice President – Carl Wick

Secretary – Jim Menefee

Co-Treasurers – Vince Antonioli and  
Rodger Young

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Newsletter Editor – Duncan Adams

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Show Coordinator– Open

Show & Tell Coordinator – Bill Carbin

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Membership Chairperson – Tom Dettweiler

Librarian—Lloyd Gleason

Charity Coordinator—Andy Borland

Webmaster— Tyler Quevedo

Education Chair—Rick Hodgdon

## MEMBERSHIP and MEETINGS

Membership is open to all interested Woodworkers.

Annual Dues: Current members renew dues in January at \$50.

New members added during the course of the calendar year will be assessed dues that are a pro-rata portion of the remainder of the full calendar year during the month joined.

### General Membership Meetings:

2nd Thursday of each month 7 PM

Davidsonville United Methodist Church

819 W Central Ave, Davidsonville, MD 21035

### Executive Board Meetings:

4th Thursday of the Month at 7 PM

By phone/video until further notice

All are welcome at board meetings

Contact a board member for invitation

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## AWG's Supporting Vendors



### Exotic Lumber Company

1610 Whitehall Road, Annapolis, MD 21409  
410-349-1705 [WWW.Exoticlumber.com](http://WWW.Exoticlumber.com)



### Rockler Woodworking & Hardware

12975 Fair Lakes Shopping Center Ste 2975  
Fairfax, VA 22033  
571-435-8030  
<https://www.rockler.com/retail/stores/va/fairfax-store>



### Somerset Door and Column Company

174 Sagamore Street, Somerset, PA 15501  
800-242-7916 [WWW.Doorandcolumn.com](http://WWW.Doorandcolumn.com)



### Klingspor

2555 Tate Boulevard Southeast, Hickory, NC 28603  
800-645-5555 [WWW.Klingspor.com](http://WWW.Klingspor.com)



### American Woodcrafters Supply

212 East Main, Box G, Riceville, IA 50466  
800-995-4032 [WWW.Americanwoodcrafterssupply.com](http://WWW.Americanwoodcrafterssupply.com)



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67-69 Greylock Avenue  
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6660 Santa Barbara Road  
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410-796-7600  
[WWW.Wurthwoodgroup.com](http://WWW.Wurthwoodgroup.com)



**Hartville Tools**  
Hartville, OH  
800-345-2396  
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**MARYLAND SELECT HARDWOODS**  
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