

Colonial Woodcutter

Annapolis Woodworkers Guild

December 2019

Party 6:00 PM Dec 12th Annapolis Elk's Lodge

AWG President's Message

A Christmas Story by Bob Ashby



If memory still serves me, the month was December and the year was 1995. I was working in a cabinet shop owned by James Kendradick (JK Cabinets). The Holiday season was always a busy time at JK because folks in the company wanted special gifts made. Grave crosses and cutting boards always seemed to be a big hit.

Towards the end of a week, JK called down to the shop foreman to see if I could be freed up for a special project. When asked for further information, the boss said that he needed an antique horse-drawn sleigh "fixed up" and painted for a birthday party that would be held the following weekend at his farm. The following Monday JK arrived at work visibly upset, and called down to the shop with the following message: "it's in the back of my truck—fix it!".

I took a forklift out to get the sleigh off the truck, but found it all in pieces. I asked my foreman if he knew what had happened to the sleigh, since it sounded earlier like the repairs would be minor. He said he would try to find out, but for me to do the best I could and he would assign an additional cabinet maker to the project to help me. After three full days of work, four sheets of bending ply and a lot of heat curved PVC we finally got the sleigh put back together and ready for painting.

With the project now well in hand and JK calmed down, I asked JK what had happened? He reluctantly replied: "I didn't tie it down in the back of the truck!" As a consequence the sleigh had flown off the back of the truck, spun, then crashed into the median strip of Interstate 95! I asked him if he thought about all the children that had been traumatized seeing Santa's sleigh crashed on the interstate—and what about the poor reindeer? But, wait a minute, they also would have seen an OLD GRAY HAired MAN picking up the pieces of his sleigh and shoving them onto a truck! JK then told me (with a smile and a pile of "sailor words") that I may think this was funny, but it was indeed not!!

The party was a big success, made extra special with a real horse-drawn sleigh. JK is still with us at age 88. I still call him and we still have a laugh. Tie down your loads and have a Merry Christmas!



December Announcements



No Regular December Meeting

Please remember our annual holiday party takes the place of the normal monthly meeting in December. For those going to the holiday party, the location is the Annapolis Elk's Lodge, 2 Pythian Drive, Edgewater, MD 21037. Date is Thursday, 12 December. Start time is 6:00 PM. Remember also to bring an ornament to exchange.

Baltimore Woodworking Show

Jan 3-5 2020

Stop by and support the **AWG booth** at the annual woodworking show, held at the Timonium Fairgrounds Cow Palace, JAN 3-5, 2020. It's a perfect opportunity to get that one (or two or three) thing(s) that Santa forgot or perhaps was distracted at the time of your request. Lots of exhibits, seminars, all things woodworking. See thewoodworkingshows.com/Baltimore.html for more details and online ticketing.

January 2020 Speaker

Our first meeting of the New Year will feature Don Becker. Don is a local artist who specializes in puppets, chain saw sculpture and automata! Don't miss this meeting! Come to think of it, don't miss ANY meetings!

Annual AWG Dues

It's time to make your yearly contribution to AWG. Dues for the period January to December 2020 are now \$50.00. Please pay at the next meeting or send your check to our Treasurer Vincent Antonioli, 23408 Neck Road, Aquasco, MD 20608.

November Box Making and Turning Contest

Our November meeting featured our “first annual” member contest for box making and wood turning. More than twenty AWG entries were presented to the assembled membership, who collectively voted for best in each category as well as other notable awards.

Monetary awards were given to first and second place overall winners. All winners were awarded a custom laser engraved trophy.



We all won because contests like this not only recognize talent within the Guild, but also help others develop ideas for future projects and find new avenues to pursue. Everyone present greatly enjoyed this little bit of friendly competition and a chance to show off AWG work.

Winners List: Box

- Best overall (1) Jim Menefee
- Best overall (2) Bill Heath
- Most inspired Jim Menefee
- Most challenging Jack Hirrlinger
- Most creative Jim Menefee
- Most unusual Harry Chavez



Winners List: Turning

- Best overall (1) Jim Luck
- Best overall (2) Hugh Houghton
- Most inspired Jim Luck
- Most challenging Jim Luck
- Most creative Jack Hirrlinger
- Most unusual Chris McDonald

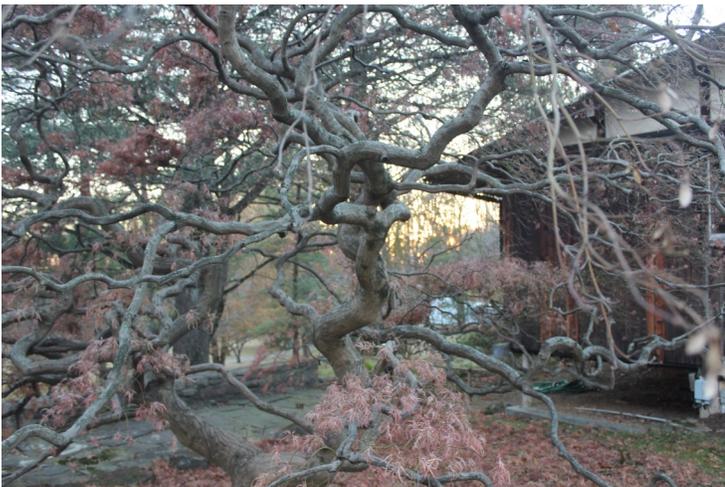
Nakashima Studio Field Trip

In mid-November fifteen intrepid AWG members made their way over the rivers and through the woods to New Hope, Pennsylvania, home of the George Nakashima woodworking studios. Founded by the late George Nakashima, these woodworking studios produce furniture made largely from locally sourced lumber. Their designs attempt to use wood in it's



most natural state. Imperfections are often used as accents in table surfaces, stabilized only by a bow-tie cleat or two. The Nakashima family still runs the site, consisting of several buildings, each housing an individual part of the process of designing and manufacturing custom furniture.

A free self-guided walking tour takes you to several workshops that were all designed by Nakashima and lets you additionally take in the beauty of the grounds at your own pace. At most stops there are specialists who will be happy to answer your questions about their part of the process, but unfortunately there is no inside picture taking.



This is a full day's trip, but much of it is through a very historic and picturesque part of Pennsylvania. The town of New Hope is well worth a visit on it's own. Try this field trip the next time it comes around—or strike out on your own. It's well worth the time and effort!

See Nakashimawoodworkers.com

Upcoming Classes

2020 Box Making Classes



Andy Borland, Bill Carbin and Don Ames will be offering a Simple Box Making class in February, 2020 and they will be offering an Advanced Box Making class in April. In the first class you start by making a sled, which helps to produce perfect corner joinery, and you will learn how to make and use splines, which strengthen and decorate box corners. In the following advanced class you will tackle a more complex octagonal box design.

A sign-up list for the simple box making class will be available at the January meeting. Opportunity to sign up for the advanced class will begin in February. Cost for the simple box making class will be \$25 per person for AWG members. Estimated cost of the advanced box class is also \$25 per person, but will be defined prior to sign up time next February.

Segmented Cuts

Perspiration Lumber

Ruben Arizmendi, local wood dealer, has offered Annapolis Woodworkers Guild members wood in exchange for labor at his shop. He will allow you to pick out the wood you desire, price it and then you can work off the cost at (NEW) \$40 per hour. No money need be exchanged—only your labor equivalent for the wood (you can, however, always buy the wood instead of supplying labor). Ruben says that a typical task he needs help with is planing raw lumber. Ruben did not supply a formal list of his wood types but is quite extensive. The deal is available now.

Ruben's business is located at 8163 New Cut Road Severn Maryland, Phone: (443)-871-3394.

Pen Making

Want to learn the “Ins and Outs” of making fine writing instruments? Dennis Harvey has volunteered to tutor anyone interested in learning how to make keepsakes that will be treasured by yourself and others. Dennis Harvey—find him at the next meeting or call 240-463-4641.

Volunteer at Historic London Town and Gardens

Interested in demonstrating 18th Century Carpentry?
Join us in our Carpentry Shop, interpreting hand tool wood working.
Period clothing is provided and an interest in Colonial American furniture is preferred.
If interested visit <https://www.historiclondontown.org/volunteer>
For questions, contact visit@historiclondontown.org or call (410) 222-1919.



**This month's plank: Holly! just in time for the HOLLY-DAYS!
Not to be confused with Mistletoe, (obligate hemiparasitic plants in the order Santalales!). Kiss under holly at your own risk!**

Mentors and Problem Solution

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.

AWG Member Mentors

Last Name	First Name	Phone	E-mail	Mentor Subject
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 and finish restoration/repair
Ashby	Bob	410-969-2910	toolsrus58@comcast.net	Shapers, router tables and tooling for same
Borland	Andy	410-647-1242	AHBorland@aol.com	Box making
Chavez	Harry	410-863-5940	harry.chavez@gmail.com	Intarsia
Dodson	Paul	410-760-5382	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

Administration

AWG OFFICERS (June 2019 —May 2020 Term)

President – Bob Ashby

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Secretary – Jim Menefee

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MEMBERSHIP and MEETINGS

Membership is open to all interested Woodworkers.

Annual Dues: New Members Joining between Jan and June: \$50; joining between July and Sept \$25; Free between Oct and Jan, but be sure to “re-up” the following year!

General Membership Meetings:

2nd Thursday of each month 7 PM

Davidsonville United Methodist Church

819 Route 214, Davidsonville, MD

Executive Board Meetings:

3rd Thursday of Nov & Dec, 7 PM

Dec 19th Meeting: Edgewater Library

25 Stepneys Lane, Edgewater, MD

All are welcome at board meetings

CONTACT INFORMATION

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The following vendors support AWG



Wurth Wood Group, 6660 Santa Barbara Road, Elkridge, MD 21075

410-796-7600 WWW.Wurthwoodgroup.com



Hartville Tools, Hartville, OH

800-345-2396 WWW.Hartvilletool.com



Exotic Lumber Company, 1610 Whitehall Road, Annapolis, MD 21409

410-349-1705 WWW.Exoticlumber.com



Somerset Door and Column Company, 174 Sagamore Street, Somerset, PA 15501

800-242-7916 WWW.Doorandcolumn.com

The following vendors support AWG



Brusso Hardware LLC, 67-69 Greylock Avenue, Belleville, NJ 07109

212-337-8510 WWW.Brusso.com



Klingspor 2555 Tate Boulevard Southeast, Hickory, NC 28603

800-645-5555 WWW.Klingspor.com



American Woodcrafters Supply 212 East Main, Box G, Riceville, IA 50466

800-995-4032 WWW.Americanwoodcrafterssupply.com



Lake Erie Toolworks 1234 Irwin Drive, Erie, PA 16505

815-528-4337 WWW.LakeErieToolworks.com/Pages/Club

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