

# ALBUQUERQUE WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

July 2020 Edition

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Preview of the  
July 18, 2020  
AWA Workshop starting at 9:30 AM

**Cancelled**

## President's Message

Hello Fellow Woodworkers:

The Newsletter is coming out a week late because I was trying to get as much information in this Newsletter as possible, so I asked Jerry to hold off a week for sending it out. I am continually amazed at how the club progresses right along even through it has now been five months since we met in person.

You will find highlights of those efforts in this newsletter.

### Old Items to Look For:

- Toy Project Update.
- Nomination Form for 2019 Distinguished Service Award (Needs to be sent to Mike Murray by 9-1-2020)
- Meetings on Hold Indefinitely.
- New Weekly Bulletin Board via Email.
- Volunteer to help Steve Scott with Library and WEB duties (Please see Steve's notification of how he needs help)

### New Items to Look For:

- Little Libraries Project: John Henderson and Ron Danner are coordinating this project. Please see details in the Newsletter. This will be fun and the materials are donated. All we need is your creative efforts.

Presentation by Ros Barnes:

It wasn't as easy as we thought it would be to coordinate the video of a presenter in their workshop. However, Derek, Les, Russell and Darrell are working together to make this happen. The first presentation by Ros Barnes is being done this week. Once it is ready to be uploaded to our WEB page we will notify everyone via a blast email.

Again thank you for being loyal members.

Best regards,

Diane Galbraith

President

## Special Announcements

### \*\*\*Yellow Alert\*\*\*

*Steve Scott has been the clubs webmaster for several years and done a fantastic job but could use some help to relieve some of the workload. The following is the job description and contact information\*\*\*:*

**Website Standing Committee** - Webmaster Steve Scott seeks two or three AWA members with an interest in helping to maintain and guide future development of the club's website. Learn how the site works, share and implement ideas for adding content, and help prepare the site for transition (eventually) to a new webmaster. Interested parties please contact Steve at [stephenharlan@gmail.com](mailto:stephenharlan@gmail.com).

### Call for AWA Distinguished Service Award Nominations

AWA periodically recognizes exceptional contributions to our organization through the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award. Awardees receive a framed certificate and their names go on a plaque to be displayed our monthly workshops.

Past awardees are: Norb Siska '05, Woodworker Supply Inc. '06, Tom Cour '07, Jim Griffin '08, Jack Thompson '12, Van Barta '13, Mike Sherard '14, Darrell Filkins '15, Jim Templeton '16, Derek Roff '17, and Mike Murray '19.

Any AWA member may submit a nomination. The immediately preceding recipient then convenes a committee of previous DSA awardees to make a recommendation to the AWA Board for approval.

Please submit your nominations in confidence along with a short justification to Mike Murray ([mgmurray.1@gmail.com](mailto:mgmurray.1@gmail.com)) by September 1, 2020. To quote John Henderson "we should never be stingy with recognition".

## Sad News

Dear Members,

It is with sadness that we inform you of the death of long-time AWA member Frank Warren. Below is a memo from John Ellis giving more information and some background on Frank's extensive contribution to the Toy Program. We will let you know when we have further information about funeral arrangements or a memorial service.

Rick Martin, Membership Chair  
Albuquerque Woodworkers Association

### Frank Warren

It is with great sadness that I send out the information that my dear friend, Frank Warren, Sr., passed away yesterday. Frank was a member of AWA for over 10 years and was still an active woodworker. He was 87 and died in Presbyterian Hospital from complications of an infection. His wife Kennie was with him. Until the past year or two Frank was a constant attendee at our workshops. Even though his health was a constant challenge, he spent much of his time in his shop. He loved to make wooden toys for kids that were distributed by AWA at Christmas time. Over the last 10 or 12 years he made at least several thousand. He was awarded a KOB Channel 4 "Pay It Forward" recently by the Rio Rancho Police for the donation of toys for their distribution. He always welcomed anyone into his shop to help with the toys and paid for much of the materials himself. Frank served in the US Coast Guard and was an avid radio operator, who up until the last few years still gave qualifying examinations to ham radio operators in northern New Mexico. During the I spent with Frank in his shop in Rio Rancho, there was always a radio going with Morse Code in the background. Occasionally Frank would stop and tell me something he had just heard. His mind was able to automatically interpret the code even when he wasn't really listening. As my close friend, I spent many happy hours with him, sometimes woodworking, but mostly chatting and talking about the many subjects he was interested in. Our time together was filled with joy and happiness. I shall miss him greatly. At this time there are no memorial arrangements. I will keep you posted.  
John Ellis

## Upcoming Workshops

As the impact of Covid-19 and socially isolating continues, I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say how much we miss the monthly workshops and presentations. As Diane mentioned in her message, work is progressing on producing videos of presentations in the member's workshop. Ros Barnes has the distinction of being the first so standby for an email notice and link to the video.

<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Presentation Title</u>
Ros Barnes	Comparing Wood Joints ( <i>video in progress</i> )
Joel Leclair	Laser Engraving
Rick Thaler	Wood Mizer Sawmill Demo

## New Members

Welcome new members! Can't wait until we can meet you in person:

Marcel Hesch of Edgewater

Vance Krier of Corrales

## Your 2020 Board of Directors

Directors Position	2020
Persident	Diane Galbraith
Vice President	Bonnie Ullman
Secretary / Treasurer	Les Bruce
Membership	Rick Martin
Immediate past president	Shane Yost
Publicity / Newsletter Editor	Jerry Van Slambrook
Education	Russell Smith
Librarian	Steve Scott
Webmaster	Steve Scott
Community Service (e.g. Toy Project)	Mike Murray
At Large	Gary Reece (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) Marvin Zimmerman (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) Mike Ulrickson (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Kevin Konetzni (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Jack Harris (1 <sup>st</sup> )

If you wish to contact a member of the board go to the website [abqawa.org](http://abqawa.org)->Contact Us and there you can click on email addresses for certain members of the board of directors.

## Year Special Projects

### **Toy production update (Mike Murray):**

Despite the pandemic, we are making great progress in toy making! Ben Blackwell, Ron Danner, Mike Ulrickson, Gary Reece, and I made up 33 kits for 420- wheeled toys. 20 members stepped up to complete them, 6 of whom have not been involved in the past. Tracy Murray, Ron Danner, Kevin Konetzni, Charlie Gunter, and I machined all the parts for 400 cradles. Ben Blackwell assembled them. Jerry Trujillo has made 148 Mustangs and 49 Whales. Everyone is missing the social component, but thanks to our members, we are getting it done.

We have kits available for infant cars that are packaged for 12 cars: one complete as an example; 11 marked and drilled blocks; 22 precut dowels; 44 wheels. Suggested instructions included. 8 kits available. Call Rick Martin @ 907-209-5824

### **Little Free Libraries**

One of our members reached out to John Henderson recently with the idea of having our AWA members make Little Free Libraries. Some of you may have seen the article in the Journal about these clever little “boxes” that hold books for people to borrow or bring books to exchange from the little “box” library. These little libraries can be seen along roadways, oftentimes near a park. There are currently about 60 around Albuquerque. You can Google Little Free Libraries and see what has been created in all 50 states and 106 countries.

The City of Albuquerque needs to have more made, is willing to finance the expense of materials and will install them around town. All we need to do is be clever at building them.

We formed a committee with Mike Murray, Jerry Van Slambrook, Ron Danner, John Henderson, and Diane Galbraith. We will be coming up with a prototype and more details soon. At the moment we just wanted to pique your interest. Hopefully you are ready to do another project that isn't on the “Honey Do List”, or you may have recently completed your bag of toys for the Toy Project and don't know what to do next. A solution for “Quarantine Boredom” is forthcoming☺!

Stay tuned for more details coming your way via a blast email. In the meantime, clear out a little space in your shop for the next project.

The Little Free Libraries Team

Johanna Johanson shared a bit of AWA history in the form of an article that appeared in the Fine Woodworking archive DVD about the formation of the club. She thought the membership might be interesting in reading it so I am posting it here for those interested:

## Starting a Guild: Tips from Albuquerque

In the spring of 1981, Nick Claus, Scott Taylor and I met to discuss the possibility of forming a woodworking organization in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where we live and work. We each had very different reasons for wanting to form a group, and very different ideas of its goals and activities, but we all agreed it could somehow be a good thing.

Several weeks later we called all the woodworkers we could identify. In addition to woodworking friends and acquaintances, we drew on a list of participants in a recent large local arts and crafts fair. "Show up at 1:00 P.M. and bring a six-pack of your favorite refreshment" were the only instructions. About fifteen of the thirty-five or so contacted came. We milled around for a while, then called the group to order.

"Don't waste a lot of time organizing. Just meet and do something!" we were advised by a veteran woodworker at the meeting. The groups he'd joined in the past, he explained, all got tied up in bureaucratic doodling until everyone got tired of the whole thing and quit. We've followed his advice pretty closely. In fact, every goal we've reached has been due to concerted individual effort, not committee activity.

For the second meeting Nick gave an informal, 30-minute demonstration in his shop on Chinese joinery. This began a custom of having some sort of demonstration at every meeting. Given by members, the demonstrations entertain, educate, loosen people up (especially the demonstrator), and give the members a sense of purpose. We meet at the shop of a different member each month, which we've found draws more people than meeting at a fixed location.

We've had five years of consecutive monthly meetings. Every month, we meet no matter what - hot weather, cold weather, holiday time, Fair time - we meet the third Saturday of the month. This has really worked for us. Volunteer shop hosts are told that their hostship is a sacred trust that they must perform. I don't recommend meeting in living rooms, having potlucks, or opening meetings to spouses and non-woodworking friends. The business of a woodworking group is to seriously socialize about woodworking. As soon as playing softball and roasting wienies becomes dominant, the group begins to lose focus, and members.

By our third meeting we had a newsletter. Published without fail every month, it informs members of upcoming meetings and tells what happened at the last one. (Only about 25% of our members come to each meeting.) It's also a bulletin board for swaps and sales, and a forum for information or opinions on woodworking. Photo-offset printed from an Apple II-C dot-matrix master, the newsletter is mailed first class to keep it timely.

The newsletter is important, and it is also a major expense. While the highest membership we've had is 90, we've mailed as many as 300 copies of the newsletter, using it as a tool to draw new members and to inform other woodworkers of our activities. It's also easier to request sponsorship if the sponsor knows he or she will reach 300 people, rather than 90.

We chose a secretary and elected other officers soon after organizing. We set dues at \$25 per year. That may strike some as a bit steep, but we wanted to make sure the group didn't become just a monthly drop-in bull session. For \$25 people expect to get something, and they tend to get involved.

As we grew and became established, Bill Pike formed an education program. Lecturer/demonstrators were signed up, and a very nice-looking circular was printed. We sponsored 16 events last year. The standard event consists of two 2-hr. classes taught by a paid demonstrator. Some, like Sam Maloof, are from outside, but many are members. We also had a woodworking film festival, and a two-day seminar on turning. The education program gets us publicity, is a technique for recruiting new members, and a point of pride for all of us.

It would be impossible to stage these events without the assistance of generous sponsors - woodworking shops and stores catering to woodworkers. We had a track record. We looked legit. We had a good explanation for how we

would spend the money, and we were the only game in town. When asked for \$200 or \$500, they came through. We thanked them profusely, invited them to the event, and listed them in the program. We gave them complimentary tickets to our other programs. And, when we dropped by to ask for a little more help, they were even friendlier than the first time.

In 1984, Tom Powell organized a members' show. He rented the city of Albuquerque's exhibition space, produced a postcard-size invitation and mailed it to the list of the city's largest arts organization. "Only bring your best work" was Tom's sole instruction to the show's 14 participants. The uniformly high quality in the show proved to me that members are perfectly capable of jurying themselves. No one wants to put a bad piece of work next to a great piece of work. I would advise groups to avoid having members judge each other's work. If you want a judged show, select outside judges and agree to live (and die) by their judgements. The show was funded from a \$20 participant's entry fee. The gallery charged nothing up front, but took a commission of 20% on all sales - what more could be fairer? We're doing an all-New Mexico show in 1987; we'll jury it in 1986.

We also have an annual members' slide show, which encourages us to document our work, and gives us an opportunity to see the work that others have squirreled away at home or shipped off to clients.

Don't read this and then do just what we've done. At your first meeting, forget all your preconceived ideas and just go with the flow. Then, toss your ideas out for consideration, like everyone else's. People expect that a group naturally will be a democracy. You can't go against this just because you 've started out with different ideas. When that first crowd assembles, all you can really do is hang onto your hat and hope for an enjoyable ride, while fostering a positive, open, get-something-done atmosphere.

Skip Hanson writes and works wood in Albuquerque, NewMexico.

This article was published in Fine Woodworking issue 60, September/October 1986.

(If you have a tip that you would like to share, send it to the editor, Jerry Van Slambrook, [gvslamb@comcast.net](mailto:gvslamb@comcast.net))

## AWA "Mentor List"

(From Jerry Van Slambrook, newsletter editor, [gvslamb@comcast.net](mailto:gvslamb@comcast.net))

AWA is still looking for any members who are interested in being a Mentor for others in our organization. If you are at all interested, please e-mail me. You do not need any formal training to be a Mentor - just the desire to share your woodworking knowledge with others.

NAME	DISCIPLINE	CONTACT INFO
Ros Barnes	Cabinet (casework) design and construction, toy design and construction, equipment adjustment and tune-up, jigs.	505-864-8857 <a href="mailto:RNBBNZ@MSN.COM">RNBBNZ@MSN.COM</a>
Bill Cotton	CNC, 3D printing, laser engraving and joinery questions.	phone 505.306.6819 <a href="mailto:wyzarddoc@yahoo.com">wyzarddoc@yahoo.com</a>
Gale Greenwood	Cabinet making, case goods (e.g.: chest of drawers).	505-256-1379
John Gonser	Toy design and maker (Note: John [an AWA LIFE Member] lives in Grand Rapids, Michigan, but is willing to mentor anyone via email, telephone, or other means, and he has some original designs he is willing to share.)	616-949-0061 <a href="mailto:john.gonser@sbcglobal.net">mailto:john.gonser@sbcglobal.net</a>
Mike Ulrickson	Scroll Saw operation and use	505-659-8943 <a href="mailto:maulrick@aol.com">maulrick@aol.com</a>
Alan Voda Steve Wagner	Plastic casts and molds	Alan: 268-7096 or <a href="mailto:amv6775@gmail.com">amv6775@gmail.com</a>  Steve: <a href="mailto:bigjawbone@mac.com">mailto:bigjawbone@mac.com</a>
Bill Zerby	Tool Sharpening	505-263-6632 <a href="mailto:william.zerby@gmail.com">mailto:william.zerby@gmail.com</a>

## AWA Shirts, Smocks, & Hats

**Ivan A. Blomgren** is our AWA volunteer who takes orders for apparel.



The cost for each item includes an AWA embroidered logo.

1. Caps are \$12 each and are available in Red, Dark Green, Navy and Stone colors.
2. Long Sleeve Denim Shirts are \$29 each and are available in Dark Denim, Light Denim, and Washed Black colors. Men's sizes are S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL, & 6XL. Tall sizes are available for an additional \$6 each. Ladies sizes are S, M, L, XL, 2XL, & 3XL.
3. Short Sleeve Denim Shirts are \$29 each and are available in Dark Denim, Light Denim, and Washed Black colors. Men's sizes are S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, and 4XL.
4. Short Sleeve Key West Performance Staff Shirts (two Pockets) are \$35 each available in White, Cloud Blue, Green Mist, Khaki, & Navy colors. Men's sizes are S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, & 4XL. Ladies sizes are S, M, L, XL, 2XL, & 3XL.
5. Polo Shirts with pocket are \$27 each available in White, Black, Forest, Campus Gold, Light Blue, Burgundy, Classic Navy, Classic Red, Electric & Blue. Men's sizes are S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, & 5XL. Ladies sizes are XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, & 3XL.
6. V-Neck T-Shirts are \$19 each available in White, Black, Turquoise, Ocean Blue, Maroon, Navy, Red, True Royal & Silver colors. Men's sizes are XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, & 3XL. Ladies sizes are S, M, L, XL, & 2XL.

Names can be added to shirt orders for an additional \$5 per name.

Those who are members of the New Mexico Wood Turners can also have the NMWT logo added for an additional \$5 per item.

Orders are placed quarterly with the last meeting for each quarter being the deadline for submitting orders.

Orders are expected to be available for pick up the first meeting of the next quarter. The procedure for placing an order is to take the completed order form to the treasurer for payment. The treasurer will indicate payment has been made on the form and then give the form to Ivan for order submittal.

- 1st Qtr: Jan-Mar Order cutoff: **February meeting**
- 2nd Qtr: Apr-Jun Order cutoff: **May meeting**
- 3rd Qtr: Jul-Sep Order cutoff: **August meeting**
- 4th Qtr: Oct-Dec Order Cutoff: **November meeting**

For those wishing to have a logo added to an existing garment, Ivan has a local embroidery shop source you can take them to for embroidery. See Ivan for the details.

Order forms can be downloaded and filled out from our web site as well as from Ivan at our meetings.

## Member's Work

The Woodworker Design Special Interest Group (WDSIG) continues to meet by Zoom. The following email from Ben Blackwell summarizes the process. If you wish to join the group in a meeting, let Ben know at [bblackwell13@comcast.net](mailto:bblackwell13@comcast.net).

All

Our monthly face-to-face meeting has been suspended for the duration. A small subset of our membership (5 people) has been experimenting with having a virtual meeting via Zoom and we think it is worthwhile asking the entire group to join us.

In order to fully participate, you will need to have a computer with a camera. If you choose to participate, you will receive an email invitation with a link to the Zoom meeting. It will save time if you install Zoom (<https://zoom.us/>) before the meeting time. We will be meeting at 7pm on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

A number of you have not been very active in attending the face-to-face meeting so perhaps now is a good time to pare down the email list. Please respond to this email in the affirmative if you want to continue with this group. Otherwise, you will NOT receive any future meeting notices.

If you have specific questions related to your particular hardware, please contact me with the name of your hardware and I will connect you with someone with similar hardware. To date, we have users with Mac and PC computers as well as Apple iPad.

Ben Blackwell

## AWA Classifieds

In addition to classifieds that can be run here in the newsletter, this month marked our second month of a bulletin board implemented through emails. Rick Martin is hosting the bulletin board so send your items to him at [rick-n-or@att.net](mailto:rick-n-or@att.net). Information will be listed for two weeks. Deadline will be Wednesday evening and be published on Thursday.

## AWA Website & Library

<http://www.abqawa.org>

*This library is a terrific resource for our club's members!* It contains information on all aspects of the craft.

The AWA website continues to grow and change

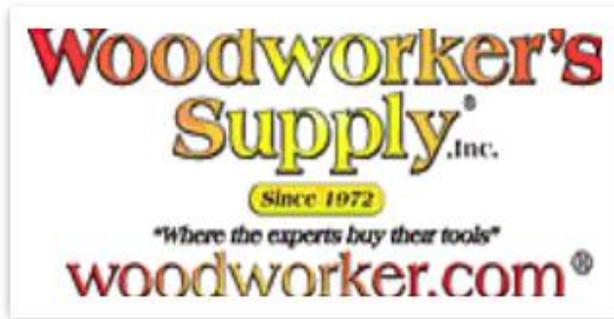
- The links to the AWA library on the member's page have been updated, and the library's catalog has been updated to include even more great woodworking books, CD's and DVD's. If you are interested in checking out a title, please contact librarian Steve Scott at [webmaster@abqawa.org](mailto:webmaster@abqawa.org) and let him know what you'd like. He'll bring your selection to the next AWA meeting for a one-month checkout period.
- Most recently, the board decided to include a table of links to websites, Instagram accounts, and Facebook sites from presentations, and general from members that may be of interest to everyone.

The website is also the place to go if you need to download a fillable application to AWA.

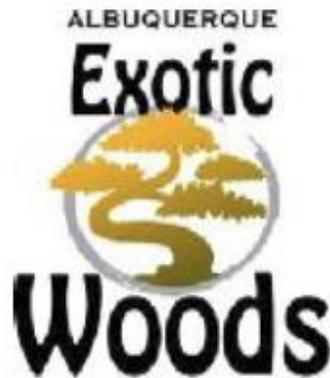
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