

# Woodworker Times

## March 2026

### President's Message

### Looking forward to a great 2026



#### Welcoming Spring

With spring just around the corner, I'm looking forward to warmer weather, renewed energy, and a great turnout. This is always an exciting time of year as we begin new activities and continue building on the momentum of our organization.

#### Better Living Expo and Outreach

I was able to attend the Better Living Expo with Armand Prevost. We greeted several people who seemed interested in our club. In fact, we handed out brochures and applications to several. I am hoping we have a great turnout. I also met a young lady sitting next to me on a flight from Orland to Salisbury and talked with her. She was interested in the club, and I told her to watch the YouTube videos about the club. As we disembarked the plane, she repeated the name of the club and said she would watch the videos, so you never know who might join us.

#### Upcoming Meeting

As we look ahead to our next meeting, I hope this message finds everyone doing well and ready for the season ahead. Our upcoming meeting will be held at the Delmar post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on Thursday, March 19, at 7:00 PM. I encourage all members to attend and take part in the discussions and plans we have lined up.

#### Featured Speaker and Innovations

Our featured speaker at the March meeting is Robert Adkins, a longtime member. Robert will be talking about a segmented bowl he made after hearing Roger's presentation at the January meeting and a seed planter that he invented some years ago and has a patent for.

Your participation and support make all the difference. I hope to see many of you there as we move into the season with optimism and enthusiasm.

*Jim Laverty*  
President

## Mason Dixon Woodworkers at the Better Living Expo 2026

The Mason Dixon Woodworkers staffed a table at the Better Living Expo at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center in Salisbury on February 21 & 22. Armand Prevost booked two tables at no cost to the club. On display were many of the toys made by the club over years as well as some items club members have made such as cutting boards, wood turnings, a hand plane and bandsaw box. This event was only possible through the efforts of club volunteers giving two hours or more to set-up and be at the tables to greet the public. Hopefully, some of those we saw over those two days might join the club or perhaps even make a donation.

It was a lot of fun talking to those who stopped by and seeing kids looking at and even playing with some of the toys. Many thanks to those who helped out this year! We hope to do this again next year, so save the dates, Feb. 27-28, 2027.



Cal Coolige and Armand Prevost at the helm.

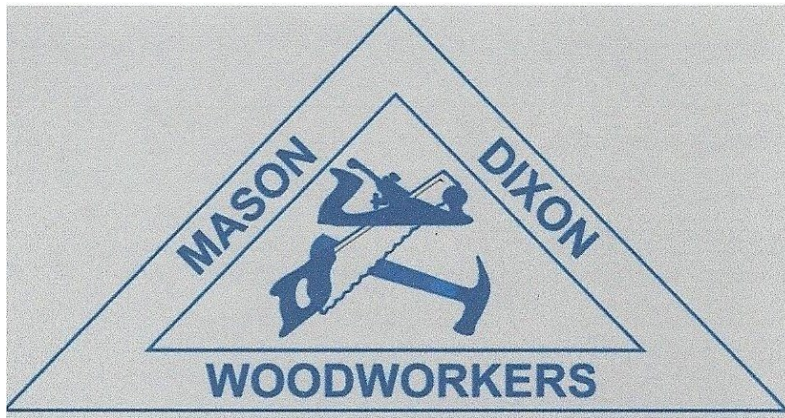


A happy new flip toy owner!

## Member Project

My (Bob Tardiff) granddaughter Lucy is learning Taekwondo, a Korean martial art, which has a belt system to indicate proficiency. Lucy wanted a rack to display her belts, so we built one. The sides are two strips of oak with a strip of sapele glued in between. The rest is made of oak and two dowels and is finished with a satin polyurethane. The plan was created from a picture of a commercially available rack Lucy found. We had a lot of fun and Lucy got her custom belt rack.





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## 2026 Meetings and Events

General Meeting *January 15*  
Executive Board *February 19*  
General Meeting *March 19*  
Executive Board *April 16*  
General Meeting *May 21*  
Executive Board *June 18*  
    Annual Picnic *July 19*  
Executive Board *August 20*  
General Meeting *September 17*  
Executive Board *October 15*  
    Annual Banquet *November 19*  
Executive Board *December 17*

## Executive Board

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