

# Woodworker Times

## May 2026

### President's Message



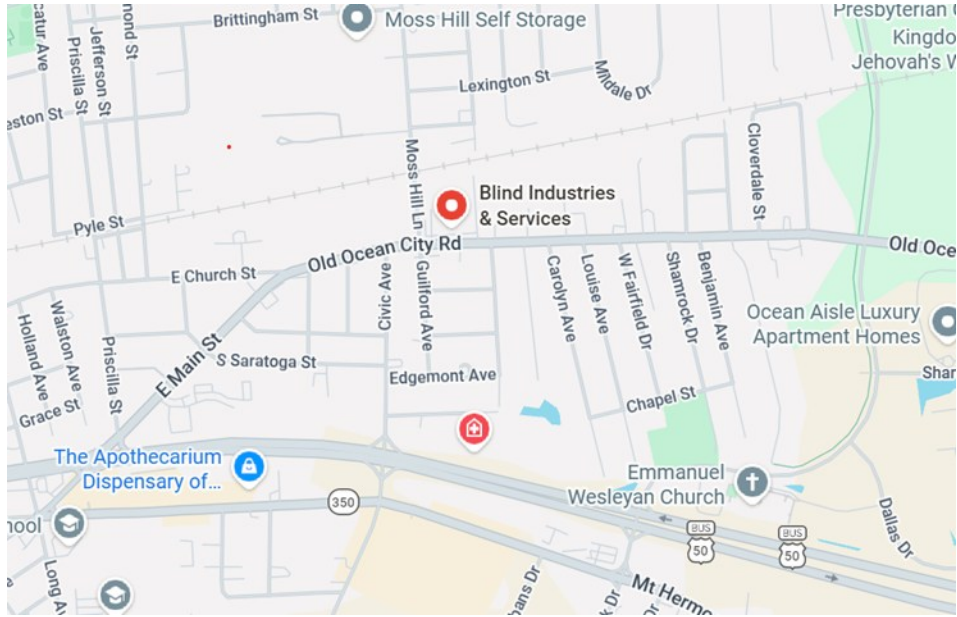
Our May meeting on Thursday, May 21 promises to be especially exciting! We will be gathering at the **Toy Shop** at our regular time of **7:00 PM**. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to see where and how our toys are made. For some, it will be a first-time visit; for others, a chance to reconnect and enjoy the camaraderie. Bob and Roger will be on hand to discuss the tools, processes, and overall layout of the shop. We're looking forward to a strong turnout for what should be an engaging and informative evening (Please refer to map on the next page for directions.)

I would like to extend a **special thank you** to Robert Adkins, a longtime member, for his recent presentation on segmented bowls as well as a seed planter design that he has successfully reproduced and brought to market. It's especially rewarding to see this project grow into a family effort, with his wife playing a key role in its success. And it's always inspiring to see craftsmanship and family collaboration come together so effectively.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of one of our most beloved members, Karson Morrison. As many of you know Karson has been an active member of the club for years and even after he moved from the area to Virginia, he continued to be active in the club. For many years Karson made toys for the toy program at his shop in Virginia and then delivered them in time for distribution in December. In fact, last year he made 200 toys for the shop (his signature memory boxes and jeeps as well as a few extra memory boxes custom made for BISM's summer programs for kids. You can find Karson's obituary at <https://www.robinsonfuneral.com/obituaries/karson-morrison>



*Jim Laverty*  
President



The Toy Shop is located behind the Blind Industries, at 1303 Old Ocean City Road, Salisbury, MD. To get to the shop enter the driveway on the east end of the building, drive through the gate and park. Go through the door by the loading dock and turn left, The door to the shop is on the left.

# How to make a French Pastry Rolling Pin with a Celtic knot

*By Jim Laverty*

I started with a 2" x 2" x 22" red oak blank. Next, cut two parallel slots (saw kerfs) almost all the way through the blank. A jig will be needed to hold the blank on your table saw. The next two pics show my jig and the oak blank in the jig ready to make the first slot. Notice the spacer in the pic on the right at the bottom of the blank. Cut the first slot, then remove the spacer and cut the second.

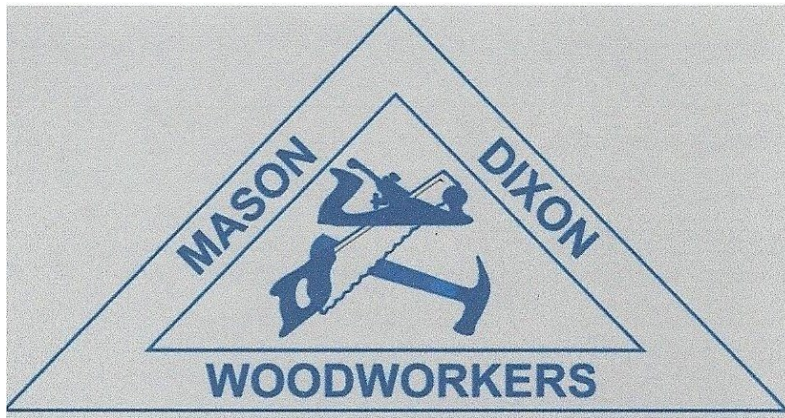


Next put inserts into the slots. My inserts are 2" x 3/16" x 10" and are American walnut; 3/16", because my saw kerf is 1/8". Hand fit them, so when placed in the slots they have a very soft resistance; they should not just drop in nor should they be so tight that you can't glue them. I use Titebond III glue and as Pat Lemley taught me, this is not the time to be frugal; use plenty of glue on both sides of the insert. Clamp your blanks and let the glue cure for 24 hours.

Repeat the above three times. First, cut slots in the blank on the opposite side of the blank and glue in inserts and let the glue cure. Then do the same on the other two sides.

Next, center the blank in your lathe. You are now ready to turn it. I have used three different ways to guide my turning. One way is to set up a duplicator and duplicate an existing rolling pin. The second is to take careful measurements of an existing rolling pin and then duplicate that by hand. And the third way is just to free hand it. I've used all three and get beautiful results from each. Rub the pins with butcher block conditioner for nice finish and to keep the wood from drying out. The picture on the right shows a rolling pin on a display case that I made for it.





Email [masondixonwoodworkers@gmail.com](mailto:masondixonwoodworkers@gmail.com)

Postal Address *P.O. Box 103, Delmar, DE 19940*

Web Page <https://masondixonwoodworkers.org/>



## 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

President *Jim Laverty*  
Vice President *Vacant*  
Treasurer *Armand Prevost*  
Secretary *Barbara Orr*  
Past President *Jim Laverty*  
Membership *Vacant*  
Programs *Vacant*  
Toy Shop *Roger Hearn*  
          *Bob Tardiff*  
Workshops *Don Hicks*  
          *Ed Nock*  
Fund Raising *Deb Prevost*  
Newsletter *Bob Tardiff*  
Web Master *Barbara Orr*