



Atlantic Woodworkers' Association

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A couple of weeks ago my computer had problems. Now, I have an extended warranty on it with Hewlet Packard, so I got on the phone, waited 47 minutes and the tech told me that I would have to click the 'Restore'. He assured me that nothing would be lost. He lied.

I do have a back-up hard drive but the last backup was done two weeks before, ergo, I lost two weeks of work. That two weeks included photos taken at our last meeting and that is too bad.

A call back th HP got nothing but a verbal shoulder shrug. Sure glad I bought that extended warranty.



OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00 P.M. ON
MARCH 13TH
AT THE HALIFAX HOME DEPOT

A SPECIAL GUEST

We are going to have a very special guest at our meeting next Tuesday. John Lothian will be there to discuss the art of intarsia. Lothian has been doing intarsia work for just under 10 years now and his interest in the art peaked in 1997.

A friend persuaded Lothian to attend the Atlantic Wood Show and he was introduced to "Dusty Gene" demonstrating his works. Lothian never looked back. He has been doing intarsia ever since.

Lothian, a retired Petty Officer First Class does not sell his work, he does it simply for enjoyment and as gifts. However, you will probably see his works at either the Windsor or Halifax Winter Fairs where he enters them in the competitions.

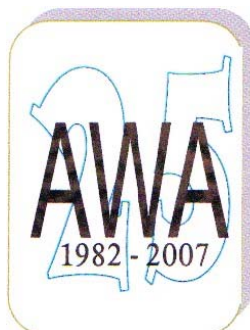
Lothian will bring samples of his work and will show us what tools we need to get started, how to do the wood selection and will offer up some neat tips.

SHOPSMITH IN PRECARIOUS FINANCIAL CONDITION

Shopsmith Inc., the woodworking tools manufacturer has told its shareholders that it is in a "precarious financial position" is paying a 'turnaround' firm \$10,000 a week to try to save the company.



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A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Hi All;
 I have very few words for this month's newsletter because I have had similar computer problems to Graham's. Mine also crashed and has been in the shop for some time now.
 However, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members (see page 3) and to encourage you all to be at our meeting next week. I am looking forward to John Lothian's talk on Intarsia.
 See you all at the meeting.

Lewis Hatt



A Back Pat

Let's pat ourselves on the back fellow woodworkers, this note proves we do good.



Atlantic Woodworkers Association Membership
 Thank you all very much for your continued support to our organization. We really do appreciate your help - your donation of \$167.05 will go toward a child's wish.
 Thanks! Joyce Niloff



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Shopsmith continued;

Shopsmith informed its shareholders that it has given Plan B Associates day to day decision-making power and a year to improve the company's performance.

In 2005/06 Shopsmith had sales of \$11.1 million but with a loss of \$649,000. These sales were 20% less than those of the previous fiscal year.

Chief Financial Officer Mark A. May declined to comment on what their plans are to make a turnaround.

Shopsmith's primary product is the Mark V woodworking machine and the peripheral tools for it.



WELCOME NEW AWA MEMBERS

As Lew mentioned on page 2, we want to welcome some new members that attended our February meeting.

René Quigley – Halifax - rene@bctgm.ns.ca
James Pretty – Halifax - cynjms@eastlink.ca
George Beatty – Halifax - junk@hfx.estlink.ca

Welcome aboard gentlemen.



LIBRARY

Jen Canam does a yeoman's job of looking after our library, okay, with one exception, locking it up. But, as Jen will tell you, the library is for all members so it is really important to return the borrowed books on time. There may just be people that want the books that you have.

The following members are requested to return or renew their borrowed books.

Membership Number: 007 – 2 books
 016 – 1 book
 034 – 1 book

A list of available books in our library may be seen on our web site.

<http://www.atlanticwoodworking.ca>

Some of the pages on our web site are still under construction and we are working to get them complete, but we need your help. We have asked you to supply us with a few lines about yourself to add to our member's page along with a photo. We also need photos of your recent projects to share with us. You can either bring photos to Tuesday's meeting or e-mail them to graham@atlanticwoodworkers.ca. We also need your suggestions regarding the content of our web pages, send your ideas to me at the above.



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MEMBERS BRAGGING PAGE

Phil Carter sent these photos to share with us.



Phil restored this table, mortised and pegged the legs.



Friend Jim Tupper assisted in the building of this pine corner cabinet with raised panel doors.



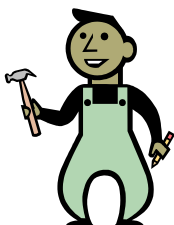
This is a pine corner entertainments centre built by both Jim and Phil. The cabinet will hold a 32" TV with plenty of room behind the raised panel doors for the home theater components.



A nice addition to the Carter home is this 90" long pine cabinet that Phil finished to match the trim and walls of the room. The offset brass hinges are a nice touch.



Phil built this cabinet as well and the contrasting shelf brackets add to its appearance. Nice work Phil.

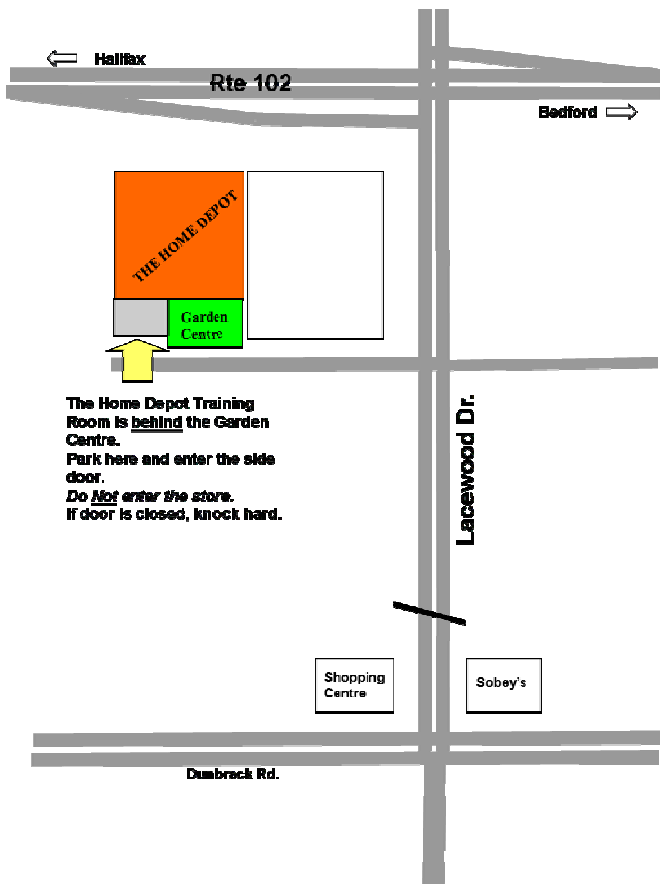




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For those of you that have not yet been to our new meeting place, here's how to get there.

Okay guys & ladies, this is March, it's time to get out the golf clubs and clean them up. And of course, anti up for one of our great golf shirts. Order now, see Jen.



THE LAST WORD

For those of you that have not paid their membership dues, now is the time. There are great benefits to being an AWA member.

For those that have not been to our web site, you will need a user name & password to get on the members pages. E-mail me and I'll set you up.

See you on Tuesday.

A friend will bail you out of jail. A good friend will sit there with you and say, "damn, that was fun".