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MEETINGS are normally held on the **1st Tuesday** of each month at **7:00 pm** in the training room at the Halifax **Home Depot Store** in Bayer's Lake Business Park.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00 PM ON
JANUARY 9th AT THE HOME DEPOT

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Back in 1982, the *Atlantic Woodworkers' Association* was formed. This year, 2007, marks our **25th** anniversary. We will have more on how your association plans to celebrate this





Notes From The President

Hi All;

I hope you all had a Good Christmas and will have a very Happy and Prosperous 2007.

As outlined in our November Newsletter we will meet at the Halifax Home Depot on January 9th for a "Show & Tell" where we can show off our new "toys".

We do have one item of business, we will discuss and vote on what we wrote about in the last Newsletter. That is the changing of our monthly meeting night to the *second* Tuesday of each month. We have had only one reply to this proposal and that was a positive one. Other business can be brought up at this month's meeting if desired. I hope to see you all next Tuesday.

Lewis Hatt



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Minutes

Last month's AWA meeting was held at the Lee Valley store in Bayer's Lake and was very generously hosted by Manager Don Gimby. Don showed us the features of the latest Veritas products and explained how the Low Angle Block Plane functioned.

One of the newest tools being offered by Lee Valley is the Dovetail Plane. The tool is guided by an integral fence and has a high-carbon steel blade. A scoring spur helps reduce tear-out. Don showed it to us and allowed us to play with it. Thanks Don and Lee Valley for their courtesy.

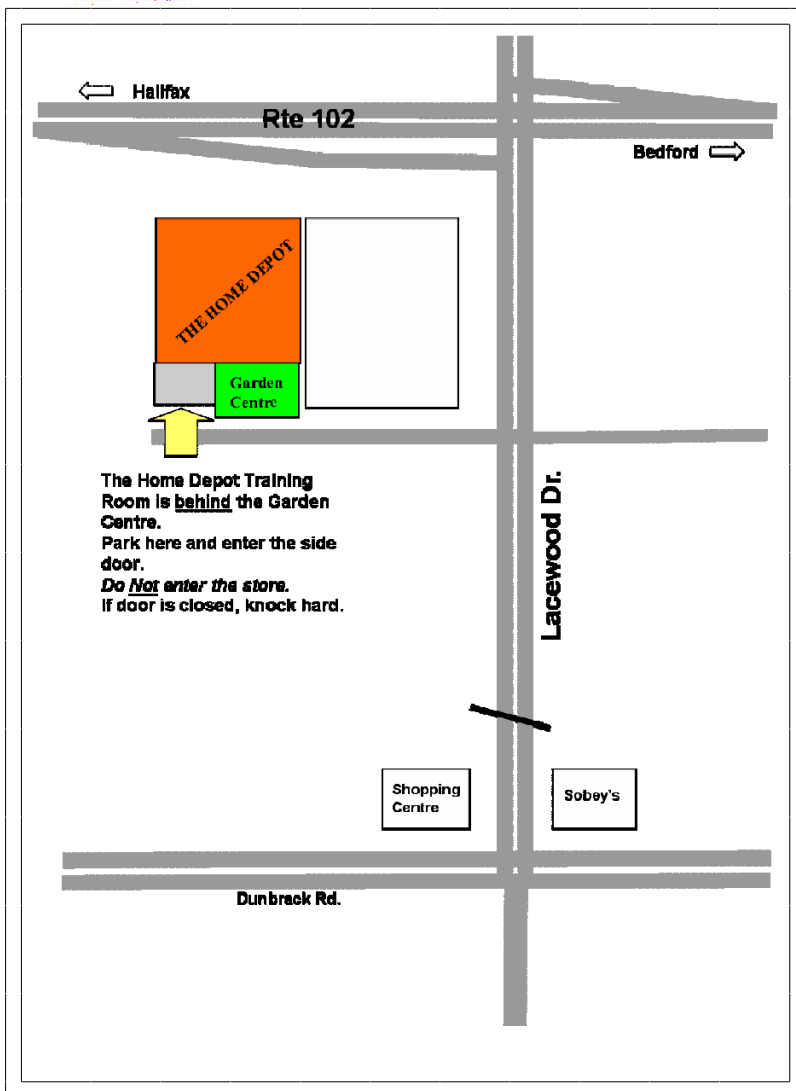


Food was on the agenda last month. Those members in attendance brought all sorts of goodies to the last meeting of the year.



Toys were prevalent at the meeting as it was our annual make toys for kids show. We have more on page five.

The Winner of the gift basket prize at the Kiddies Workshop was at our meeting and we'll give you more on that on page four.



A WOOD WORD

A few weeks ago I dropped in to Halifax Specialty Hardwoods and picked up several pieces of Aspen and thought that I should caution all of you based upon my experience with the species. I had to change the thickness of the pieces and found that you must plane Aspen with the grain. A lot of feathering and roughness will occur if you don't. You should also repeatedly check your dust collector hoses or planer vacuum port. Aspen makes a lot of fluffy sawdust and clogs easily. Ripping Aspen caused problems as well. Aspen does not produce very wide boards so therefore you will probably be ripping through the heartwood.

LIBRARY

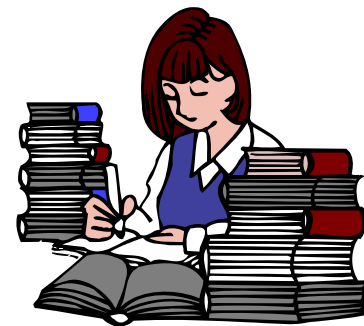
Jen, Cecil and other members have done a singular job of not just moving the tons of library books, magazines and tapes to our new home but they have spent hours on cataloguing them. There are two large metal cabinets full to the brim (almost) for members to peruse and borrow.

But, there is a catch. In order to borrow any books you must be a fully paid up member. That is a paid member with a 2007 membership card.

Members may borrow a maximum of three (3) books or five (5) magazines at a time and they may borrow them for one month, or until the next scheduled monthly general meeting.

VideoTapes will not be available yet as there are plans to have them duplicated for preservation purposes.

This is a great member service that has required a lot of work to prepare so please take advantage of it.



The wood bound up the saw blade and even stopped it a couple of times. Much care is required when ripping. Drilling and screwing are also problematical. make certain that your drill bits are very sharp otherwise you will experience a lot of tear-out. Pre-drill your holes as it seems Aspen will split quite easily.

THE WINNER

As many of you will remember our Kiddies Workshop the participants entered their names in a draw for a beautiful Gift Basket full of goodies related to the possible future woodworker.

You may also recall that the entrance fees were shared with the Children's Wish Foundation.

The container was well stirred and young Mathew's name was drawn. Mathew's parents were contacted and they were asked to bring him to our December meeting.

We also asked Patricia MacNeil from the Children's Wish Foundation to join us.

We presented Patricia with the Association's donation and Patricia in turn presented Mathew with his winnings. Congratulations Mathew.

WEAR IT PROUDLY



Jen and Cecil Canam lucked out with a source for high quality 90% cotton/10% polyester Golf Shirts. The shirts are made by Gildan and are "Ultra Cotton". These are great golf shirts and the AWA logo is embroidered on the left breast and they are washable.

The Price? Aah, here's the surprise, only \$30.00 and that is a bargain for a shirt of this quality and comfort.

Order yours now, call Jen at 902-462-7137 or E-mail bugle@hfx.eastlink.ca. Advance payment is required.



TOYS, TOYS TOYS

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The AWA December meeting brought out the best in our membership in the form of member-built toys. The toys were varied and very professionally made. As is the habit every year, the Salvation Army is the benefactor. We of course do not know where the toys will end up but we are sure that they will be well appreciated by underprivileged children.





MEMBERSHIPS

It's the start of another year and we all know what that means, our membership dues are due. There are many benefits to being a member of the **Atlantic Woodworkers' Association** not the least of which is meeting with your peers and sharing woodworking experiences. We now have a library full of informative woodworking books to help you with your projects or to learn more about that new tool you just bought. The library has oodles of books with plans for furniture, toys, outdoor projects, home improvement and more.

If you are now a member we encourage you to get your 2007 membership card now and we also encourage you to help recruit new members. For your convenience a new member application is printed below.

One more item, if you are receiving this by regular mail and have an E-mail address, please contact Jen Canam or Graham McCulloch with it.



Membership Application for the Atlantic Woodworkers' Association

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280 Astral Drive, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia B2V 1B8

NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ PROVINCE : _____ / _____

POSTAL CODE : _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS : _____

Please mail my newsletter as I have no e-mail access

Membership fee: \$ 20.00 for one year membership (full time students \$ 10.00)
Please make cheque payable to **Atlantic Woodworkers' Association**.