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### DECEMBER'S MEETING

The next AWA meeting will be our Annual Christmas meeting and again this year it will be hosted by Lee Valley Tools. The meeting will be (as usual) the second Tuesday of each month and that means next Tuesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of December at **6:30 PM sharp**. As has been the habit in the past, this is our toy meeting where yuse guys bring in the toys that you made for the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army will distribute them to needy kids in Metro.

On top of that, members in the past have brought in finger food to share amongst all of us and I can see no reason to change that tradition this year.

The great people at Lee Valley will have some new goodies (read tools) to show us and I, like you, look forward to that part of the meeting.

It's that time again, time to renew your AWA membership if you have not already done so, please bring your \$20.00 to the December meeting.

### NOVEMBER'S MEETING

For those of you that missed our November meeting we are happy to say that you did not miss our sand-up comic, **Mel Larsen**. Mel had to cancel at the last minute due to pressing company business. Mel did promise however that he would be pleased to get together with us early next year. I'll hold him to that promise.

That is what you didn't miss. What you did miss however was a really interesting meeting hosted by Cecil, Dave Smith and me and we all were able to inform, educate and otherwise enlighten the 25 or so members that did show up. Dave gave us some prognostications on events for the AWA next year and it looks to be a pretty exciting year ahead.

Me? I was able to provide members with a demonstration of the Work Sharp dry tool sharpener and I maintain that it is one of the neatest sharpening tools yet to see the market. There was some discussion by Cecil to perhaps buy one for the membership to use.



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### A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Well, the Christmas season is upon us once again. I would expect we are all making a list and making sure we don't list any tool twice. I hope to see you all at Lee Valley this season and please remember to bring your toy donation. We would like to thank Stan Salsman for again taking care of the distribution of the toys.

I hope that some of you made it to the Wood Show in Moncton last month. It was very interesting but sadly the overall attendance was down. When talking to some of the exhibitors from Ontario, this seems to be a trend across the country. We can only hope that this is not a trend that continues as this could make our hobby a little harder to pursue.

December's meeting will be at Lee Valley and will start at **6:30 PM** and will run until 8:30 to allow everyone to make purchases as they close the doors at 9:00 PM. Kevin said that he will have a catalogue and order forms available at the meeting for our convenience.

The meeting will be *potluck* and coffee and tea will also be available. Your contribution of snack foods will be appreciated.

#### November's Meeting

I would like to thank everyone for their patience at the last meeting. Due to circumstances out of our control our planned speaker was unable to attend and hopes to re-schedule next year.

I would like to thank Graham for giving us a chance to see an interesting sharpening tool that he brought along and demonstrated. The unit was easy to set up and use, as was demonstrated on the tools we sharpened.

Cecil

### A Note From Our Secretary

This is just a note to let everyone know that we will be accepting annual due\$ for 2008 any time now and we would appreciate your \$20 cheques being made payable to the Atlantic Woodworkers Association.

Jen



### The Moncton Wood Show

While our Chairman and Secretary had to work at the Moncton Wood Show, I didn't. I was able to freely see the entire show and I have a more positive view on it. True, the crowds were down from previous years but not to a point of putting doubt as to future shows. The exhibitors have all had it pretty good for many years and I'm confident that the crowds will be back next year. I was told that there is a very good chance that it will be back in Halifax for 2008.

To second some of what Cecil said in his column however, the trend is not just Canadian. Many of the shows in the US are way down as well. Maybe it's the economy. Let's keep positive.  
Graham

### Mill Supply

Malcolm Matthews of Mill Supply would like to say a big thank you to our membership for your attendance at their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House last month. Malcolm wants to add that the sale prices on all Steel City tools will continue right through December. So, for those of you that have close connections with Santa Claus you might want to drop a not-so-subtle hint. Remember though to give your Santa your AWA membership card for a courtesy discount on other tools.



I am interested in purchasing books by James Krenov, please call or e-mail Sheila at 829-3146 or sheila.eddy@ec.gc.ca.

Worker in Wood.

The Impractical Cabinetmaker: Krenov On Composing, Making, and Detailing.

A Cabinetmaker's Notebook.

The Fine Art of Cabinetmaking.

With Wakened Hands: Cabinetry by James Krenov and Students.

Thank you,  
Sheila Eddy

### BUSINESS CONNECTIONS



The following businesses have agreed to provide AWA members with a courtesy discount for purchases at their places of business. A current AWA membership card must be shown at the time of purchase.

Mill Supply Limited - Burnside - Malcolm Matthews  
Rideout Tools & Machinery - Burnside - Chris Rideout or Norm Penny  
Busy Bee Tools – Burnside - Bill Luther  
Nova hardwood Specialties – Burnside - Len Reteff  
Halifax Specialty Hardwoods - Atlantic Acres Park - Darryl Retef  
Fundy Grinding - Truro  
Kent Home Builder's Supply - Halifax/Dartmouth\*  
East West Plastics - Burnside \*\* - Kim Dobson  
Robert Bury & Co. - Burnside\*\*\* - Frank Brna

\* Purchases should be made through the Contractor's Desk.

\*\*We are permitted to purchase off-cuts at reduced prices.

\*\*\*As an association we may purchase from this wholesale distributor. However, they do have a minimum purchase policy.

## FOR SALE

I have a Ridgid 13" Thickness Planer for sale, the planer has had very little use, perhaps 3 hours total and includes 2 double-edged knives and 2 spare knives. This is an excellent thickness planer with many features like positive stops for repeat work and an 'indicut' feature that tells you exactly how much the knives are taking off.  
Price - \$300.00



## Plus

A Freud 3 ¼ HP Router complete with the famous Freud Router Table on a shop-built base.. this has been modified with a 'Router-Lifter' which adjusts the height of the router from the top of the table. This is originally a plunge router and can be restored as such.  
Price - \$250.00



Interested? Call me, Graham, 479-0221

Mr. Lyn Weber has the following for sale:

7 pcs 1" x 7" x 10' Maple

5 pcs 1" x 12" x 10' Spruce

5 pcs 1" x 15" x 10' Spruce

Plus some hardwood blocks.

Call Lyn at 434-3828

## Photo Gallery

The following are some of the unforgettable moments from the AWA November Meeting.



Cecil & Jen in Moncton



Dave Smith with the 08 schedule

**SEE YOU AT LEE VALLEY ON TUESDAY, 6:30 SHARP.**

