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The November Meeting

By Graham McCulloch with special thanks to Ted Monk

The November meeting was held at our usual meeting place, the training room at the Halifax Home Depot and this month's meeting took on a different 'spin' indeed.

We were treated to a woodturning demo by our past chairman, Cecil Canam. Cec showed us how he turns a variety of Christmas ornaments. It is after all, the season!

Cecil focused on two varieties of ornaments, one using a pen blank and the other using a Christmas ornament kit.

Using a tulipwood pen blank he turned an ornament in a classic style referred to as an 'icicle'. Now, there are no specific rules for the design but the goal is to make a long and slender ornament with decorative turning. See all photos on page five. Since the icicle is turned in a similar fashion to a finial, the same turning cautions apply. Special care must be taken to prevent breakage during the turning process.

In our "Show and Tell" segment, "Dr." Gene 'treated' us to a segmented cutting board and a 'contracted' shadow box. The cutting board was made from maple, walnut and cherry with nicely routed edges.

Sheila Eddy went to her lathe as well. Sheila showed us her talents in the form of some really nice catalpa wood bowls and, a very nicely made 'whale' shelf.

Whale shelves are a style form from the late 18th century are so called because the gables appear to be a profile of a whale breaching.

Show and Tell was followed by a really interesting Q&A session and this really is the whole purpose of our association, the interaction between members.

It was an excellent meeting and we had over 20 members in attendance.

Our December Meeting

Traditionally our December (Christmas) meeting is held at **Lee Valley Tools** and this year is no exception. The meeting will be in their seminar room on **Tuesday, December 8th at 6:30 PM.** Members and their guests are welcome to attend. Please note the time change as we must vacate by 9:00 PM.

Also by tradition, we will be showing off the toys we have made for distribution by the Salvation Army.

The good people at Lee Valley will have a "Hands On" tool demonstration, the specific tools to be a surprise but as always, a treat for the hand tool enthusiasts. In further tradition keeping, our hosts will have tea and coffee and we will add to this with our own goodies (brought by you) to share amongst our members.

To all our members, the Board of Directors wishes all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Safe, Happy and Prosperous New Year. May it be a year of splinter-free, safe woodworking and a bundle of new tools.



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A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN



At the November meeting, our Past Chair, Cecil Canam, once again impressed us both with his wood turning skills and his ability to teach. Many thanks to Cecil. Also at the meeting, several of the members demonstrated their fine woodworking creations during our "Show and Tell" section of the meeting. Hopefully, these members will post photos of these projects on our web page.

Members will have another opportunity to "Show and Tell" at the December meeting. This time it will be about the toys that they created out of wood which will go to needy children during the holiday season. Participation in the Toy Drive and the "Show and Tell" is optional and not required to enjoy this great evening. Festive dress is also optional (here's a great chance to wear that tie with the flashing lights)!

Lee Valley reps will also be on hand showing us some of their latest plane and chisel products. This is a hands-on opportunity to try these great tools.

This is a 'potluck' occasion so bring along your **spouse (or guest)**, favourite finger foods and snacks to share. There will be plenty of time to socialize so bring along some 'stories from the workshop' as well!

The meeting will be at Lee Valley and will start at 6:30 P.M.

This is also the time of year that we collect annual membership dues. Please bring your \$20 cash or cheque for the 2010 membership.

Cheers, Tom

FROM THE DESK OF OUR LIBRARIAN



I hope everyone is ready for the coming holiday season, and like Santa, is busy in their workshop building all kinds of wonderful things for friends and family!

The library continues to grow with several new book additions this month. They include:
Zany Wooden Toys by Bob Gilsdorf
The Homeowners Complete Guide to the Chainsaw, Constructing Bathrooms by William Spence
Woodworking and Cabinet Making by New Illustrated Library
The Woodworkers Bible by Percy Blandford
Make It Last by Earl Proulx
Wooden Bowls From The Scroll Saw by Carol Rothman
Big Book of Scroll Saw Woodworking by Scrollsaw Magazine

Chip Carving by Woodcarving Illustrated
Woodworking and Scroll Saw Patterns
Special thanks to Graham McCulloch, Doug MacIntosh and Dave Wilkins (from Nova Woodturners) for generously donating these books to us. It is certainly appreciated!

Because our annual Christmas meeting is at Lee Valley these books will not be available until the January meeting. However, if there is something here that really peaks your interest, let me know and we can arrange something. I will be accepting returns for those books and videos that are now on loan.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and understanding over the past year. You have certainly made my library duties enjoyable ones!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Take care,
Ted

GENE'S BURLS



The Saga Of A Night Table.

In July, 2007(note the year), she-who-knows-all is alleged to have asked me to build a night table. I have no recollection of this request since I was sleeping at the time. My wife has perfected the art to asking questions during nap time. That way she will not get an argument and can always say, "I told you so!" I remember a few years ago she supposedly asked if she could take all the money in my wallet to which, being unconscious I did not reply. This being taken as a positive reply the deed was done. That morning I left for Halifax and drove up the bridge with intent to buy tokens. I say "a pack of tokens please" to the man in the booth. I opened my wallet to find I had zero money. Very embarrassed I started to explain when the kind commissionaire held up his hand and said "no need to explain, I'm married too". But, I digress. In 2009 she asks when I intend to finish the night table I promised her 2 years ago. Baffled, I ask when I agreed to this table and what kind of table I had agreed to. She replied that I had certainly agreed and she can recall the event quite well. I ask if I was napping at the time and if my eyes were closed, her reply was to the effect that she knew I was just faking the sleep to get out of the chore and she was sure I said yes. After repeated questioning on how I had replied it finally became apparent that I had maybe grunted something that sounded vaguely like a yes. (In fact I had burped) Now, I know I will never win this argument so I might as well get on with the building of the night table. More to follow.





Notes From Our Registrar

Dick Jamer - AWA Registrar

A few years ago, I bought a pick up load of edges, shorts, and various other pieces of unused lumber from a furniture making shop in NB. I got a good deal in terms of cost per board foot, because I only paid \$200 for the truck load. I got my money's worth just using the oak for a number of baby chairs that I made for my sibling as they became grandparents. Now I have a problem. I still have a lot of wood, but I am having a hard time telling maple from birch from other light coloured hardwoods. I have to use it because it is cheap and it is still filling my storage area. I wish I had the expertise that I see in other club members.

The main issue for AWA membership is **paying your \$20. 2010 dues.** Ken Miller, our Treasurer, and I will be accepting payment and be issuing receipts and your 2010 cards at the December meeting. Please pay Ken and get your receipt. Come to me with your receipt and I will prepare your card while you are checking your address and other details for accuracy. Ken and I will be at Lee Valley by 6:15 PM early and will be prepared to stay until they throw us out at 9PM. Please renew your membership at this meeting. Last year we drug the process out over many months and it disrupted meetings.

Again I would ask each of you to submit a short narrative about yourself for the AWA website membership list. You can tell us how you got started in woodworking, your specific areas of interest or anything else that inspires you. Basically, we see these articles as a way for us to get to know each other better. There are a couple of examples on the website already.

See you at the meeting.



The AWA Photo Gallery

The following are photos from our November meeting and were photographed by Ted Monk.





THE AWA SUPPORTS THE FOLLOWING MERCHANTS:

AWA Merchant List

The following woodworking tool and materials merchants offer a discount to ***paid up*** members of the Atlantic Woodworker's Association. AWA members ***must*** show their current membership card at the time of purchase. We encourage you to visit their websites before shopping.

Discounts vary from merchant to merchant.

We encourage our members to frequent these merchants for all of your woodworking requirements.

A special thanks to Lew Hatt for updating this list

Armitage Hardware, 5655 Stanley St. Halifax, Todd Armitage, Hardware, Locksmiths, lowest dealer prices.

Brandnew Industries Inc. 375 Pine Ave., Santa Barbara, CA 93117 – 1-800-964-8251 - Scott Swanson, Sales Manager. Brandnew makes electric branding irons for woodworkers. This is a great way to identify your projects. Members are offered a 10% discount. (note: pay in \$US.)

Cole Harbor Glass, 971 Cole Harbor Rd. & 10 Wright Ave. Betty Ann Ratchelous, Glass, Architectural Glass, Antique Glass, Mirrors and more.

Proveer, 55 Akerly Blvd. Burnside, has bought East West and are in the same location, 468-7401. The Manager is Derek MacKendrick. Proveer will allow us to purchase from their off-cut bin.

Fundy Grinding – 9 Farnham Road, Truro, NS, 800-863-0181 – Mr. David Drummond. (Discounts usually 5 – 10%)

www.fundygrinding.com

Halifax Specialty Hardwoods – 26A Topsail Court, Atlantic Acres Industrial Park, NS – 835-4700 – Mr. Darryl Vallis. (Discount 10%)

www.halifaxspecialtyhardwoods.com

I.M.P. Group, Retail Store, 120 Thornhill Dr. Michael DeGrace.

Kent Building Supply* - All locations in Metro Halifax. (Members should go to the Contractor's Desk and quote account No. 30002913)

Mill Supply – 32 Troop Ave., Burnside – 468-3236 – Mr. Malcolm Matthews (Preferred Customer Discount)

www.millsupply.com

Nova Hardwood Flooring, 170 Akerly Blvd. Units 4&5, Jim Edmonds

Nova Specialty Building Materials – 101 Ilsley Ave., Burnside – 468-1012 – (Preferred Customer Discount)

<http://www.atyp.com/novaspecialty/>

Piercey's, All outlets

Prime Fasteners Maritimes, Ltd. 86 Troop Ave. Dick Valencik, A good variety of tools as well as fasteners.

Rideout Tool & Machinery – 170 Akerly Blvd., Burnside – 468-2060 – Mr. Chris Rideout or Mr. Norman Penny. (Preferred Customer Discount)

www.rideouttool.com



AWA Merchant List, Continued

Robert Bury Canada Ltd. – 30 Williams Ave., Burnside – 468-3555 (This company sells *wholesale only* but will sell to AWA members with a minimum order of \$100.)

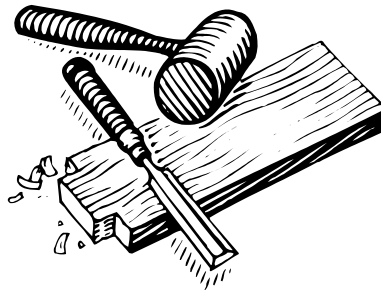
www.robertbury.com

Sasco Products Ltd. 10 Ilsley Ave. Lissi M. Jeppensen, Sam Soresnen, Wood treatment finishes.

The Fastening House Atlantic, 1 Moore Drive, Burnside, Tammy Wheeler

Workshop Supply Inc. – P.O. Box 160 – 100 Commissioners St. East, Embro, ON N0J 1J0. Mr. Steve Siddal, President. Workshop Supply has a really great selection of products for the woodworker. Ask them for a catalogue and get on their mailing list. (10% discount on products).

www.workshopsupply.com





THE FINAL CUT

By Graham McCulloch

Former Chair, Lew Hatt has been a busy man this past month. Lew took it upon himself to contact new vendors and existing ones that will provide a 'special consideration' to paid up members of the AWA. The special consideration may be in the form of a discount or, as a wholesale dealer, will allow us to buy from them or provide us with their favoured dealer discounts. In some cases a minimum quantity must be purchased and always, these are cash and carry transactions.

The December meeting promises as always to be an enjoyable get together. We encourage you to bring a guest(s) to partake in our meeting and to see how we interact. Lee Valley as always are great hosts and we should show our appreciation through our purchases.

I want to add to Ted Monk's column that several book publishers provide me with their latest books so that I can review them in my ShortCuts column (www.shortcuts.ns.ca). After I am done with them they are passed on to Librarian Ted for placement into our library.

The past year has been an exceptional one for the AWA. Through our great efforts we designed and built over 60 bunk beds for the Baptist church Bayside camp for underprivileged kids in Sambro. Our members spent a great deal of time and effort to ensure the camp directors that these bunk beds would be finished on time. There was an extremely tight schedule to meet and then, at the last minute, they added the need for a few more.

This was a project that was right up our alley and our members shone with the work. We gave up many week days and Saturdays to complete the work and our members were well up to the task. Be proud AWA members!

Work Safe
Graham