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### The January Meeting

The January AWA meeting got this new decade off to a great start! In addition to some great projects in our "Show & Tell" segment (see page 5) we were treated to the details of an exciting new project for the coming months. In addition, a couple of our members did some well deserved boasting about the tools that they received over the holidays. Nice stuff.

'Woody' Woods, Vice President of the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters presented the AWA membership with a joint venture proposal wherein we will build approximately 200 Wood Duck Nesting Boxes. Woody explained in detail how the nesting boxes were to be built and that they would conform to specifications as supplied by the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Ducks Unlimited. The nesting boxes will be built from Pine, Spruce, Cedar or Hemlock. I went to work calling in favors from suppliers with very little success from the obvious big wood suppliers.

Don Shubaly outlined a road trip that he has arranged (see page 4) a tour of a custom wooden window and door builder and has supplied us with the details.

### The February Meeting

Our Tuesday Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Halifax Home Depot should be packed full of interesting material. Firstly there is our guest, David Wilkins who will be giving us some pointers on lathe turning. Don Shubaly will fill us in with the details of the road trip to the Valley, there will be a discussion regarding the newly drafted by-laws. For those unaware of this road trip, please see page 4 for the details. It is all happening this Saturday, February 6 and it promises to be very enlightening.

We are now very happy to report that a local mill, Hefler Forest Products in Lower Sackville has come forward with 2,400 linear feet of 1" x 10" rough Pine and Hemlock at a bargain price that the NSFAH will pay for. Stanley has supplied us with a more than ample supply of deck screws. Glue is the next thing that I will pursue. Plans are being drawn up for the construction and will be distributed at the meeting.

Your directors have been working on another project and that is a series of storage cabinets for the people at Habitat for Humanity. Apparently plans have been drawn up to the satisfaction of the principals and details will be provided at our meeting.

We invite you to take advantage of our library as there are some new books available and, I can't help telling you that the AWA has the largest and most complete woodworking library in Atlantic Canada.

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### A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN



From the Chair

The February meeting has a very full agenda. We will start with a turning demonstration by David Wilkins that will take about an hour. I understand from those who have seen his work and demonstrations that he is indeed a master turner and instructor.

We will then have a presentation by our Secretary, Mike Chisholm, on the proposed changes to the Memorandum of Association (MoA) and By-Laws of the AWA. In preparation for this presentation, I ask each of you to go to the web site and read at least the "redline" version of the MoA and By-Laws. When you go to the web site, you will find three (3) versions of the MoA and By-Laws. One is the existing document. Another is the "redline" version. This one has the proposed changes highlighted in colour. The third one is the MoA and By-Laws amended by the proposed changes. While reading the "redline" version, you will notice three themes to the changes. The first theme is to bring them up to date with the changes in technology and communication systems. The second theme is to make them conform to current practices adopted over time by the AWA that seems to work well. The third theme is to make them gender neutral.

We will then have updates on projects for this year. The first update will be given by Graham McCulloch on the nesting box project with the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters. The second update will be given by Doug Macintosh on a tool and materials storage system for the Habitat for Humanity.

Any items for sale or auction for the benefit of AWA or any member shall take place at the end of the meeting.

Cheers, Tom Patterson

### FROM THE DESK OF OUR LIBRARIAN



Wow! It's February already. This winter is just zipping by. A month from now we'll be thinking thoughts of Spring!

Years ago I used to dread winter and I always went on a trip or two to the sunny South. However, since I started spending more time in the shop the desire to 'get away' just doesn't seem as strong any more. Now, it seems, the winter is really the perfect time for woodworking and being warmed by the heat of a shop stove is the best place to be.

A good example of this was just the other day when I was working on the lathe which sits in front of the shop window. The trees outside were all covered in white and more snow was slowly coming down. It was coming down in those big, huge, soft, fluffy flakes. I stopped for a few minutes and reveled in the view. It was beautiful. I was where I was supposed to be. It was woodworking bliss.

Speaking of woodturning, I picked up a new DVD for the AWA library. It was one of those Kijiji finds which only cost us \$5.00! It's called Woodturning Projects Vol. 1 by Rex and Kip. They show us how to make six projects including a bud vase, a green bowl, a wall clock, a Christmas ornament, a spinning top and for a tasty lunch, curly fries. Seriously. :)

See you at the meeting. Remember to bring back any library items!

Take care,  
Ted

## GENE'S BURLS



The Nightstand Saga Continued.

You will recall I had been reminded about a promise that I was unaware that I had made given the fact I was sleeping at the time the alleged promise was made. We moved from my complete capitulation to the “drawing of the plans” which I also lost. This was shaping up to be somewhat similar to the Battle of Bunker Run with a complete routing of the troops. Now we moved with every shred of dignity I could muster to selecting wood. I suggested poplar or pine---I got “the look”. This was not going to go down easily. It was going to be Oak or even (gasp) Mahogany. Never one to give up without an excuse I suggested that Halifax Specialty was all out of Mahogany. Then I remember she and Cheryl Borden were quilting friends and she would surely check so I hastily revise that line. While I was searching my hard drive (brain) for a lie she’s believe and I wouldn’t get caught at she decided on Oak. Sometimes even small victories are nice to savor. I quickly agreed and complimented her on her wise choice. She looked suspiciously in my direction as if sensing I was being complimentary for a reason. I quickly changed the subject to dinner and went to round up my Oak. This was going to be a fun filled project—break out the Captain Morgan.

### 2010 AWA MEETING SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

#	DATE	VENUE	EVENT	HOST
1				
2	February 6	Wooden Windows	Tour	Owner - Troy
3	February 9	Home Depot	Turning Demo	David Wilkins
4	March 9	Home Depot	Annual General Mtg	AWA Chairman
5	April 13	Busy Bee Tools	Dust Collection	Bill Luther
6	May 11	1099 Marginal Rd. Studio 25	John MacNab Dem	John MacNab
7	June 8	Home Depot	DVD-Past Glories	Ted Monk
8	Summer	Field Trip	Blacksmith (TBA)	



## Notes From Our Registrar

Dick Jamer - AWA Registrar

Something happened recently that caused me to have flashbacks. No, I have not started using LSD and I am not suffering from PTSD. However, when my brother asked me to repair a **BUNK BED**, my mind flashed back to all of those bunk beds that AWA built last summer. Luckily the fix was easy except for matching the colour. I'm not sure if the original ladder had been stained or if it had just darkened over the years. I made a guess at a stain and then added some darker stain to the mix. It isn't perfect, but there is very weak lighting in the chalet bed rooms. It is good enough.

As always, I would like to remind you that 2010 dues are, in fact, overdue. Ken Miller and I will be at the February meeting to both take your money and issue your 2010 AWA membership cards.

Again I would ask each of you to submit a short narrative about yourself for the AWA website. 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 few of examples on the website already. I know some of you are concerned about putting personal information on the net and we are not asking you to submit any information that you would be uncomfortable having on our web page. There is a password required to see the member's information, but I imagine a good hacker could break into the site in short order. Please send only that information that you are willing to see on the web page. Please send your articles to me at [rjamer@eastlink.ca](mailto:rjamer@eastlink.ca).

## THE *AWA* PHOTO GALLERY

The following are photos from our December meeting and were photographed by Ted Monk and Graham McCulloch.





## An Educational Tour

1. AWA members are invited to visit the *Wooden Windows & Doors Co.* located near Coldbrook, NS (near Kentville), 6 February 2010. The visit will commence at 10AM, when Troy, the owner, will greet us, give a tour, and discuss his processes. The visit will last about 2 hours. Feel free to bring a friend or relative.
2. The Wooden Windows & Doors Co website [www.woodenwindow.ca](http://www.woodenwindow.ca) provides interesting insight into their craft and work in restoring and building wooden sash windows and doors for period homes, churches and museums.
3. **Directions to the Wooden Windows & Doors Co:**

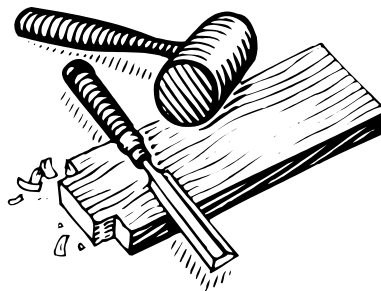
Take the 101 Hwy from HRM to exit 14 (Coldbrook)

Turn left at the bottom of the ramp. You will pass a Tim Horton's.

Proceed approximately 5 km to West Kings High School and take the first right after school. There is a sign leading to Woodville

About 5 minutes toward Woodville you will come to a four way flasher. The (former) church at the intersection is the *Wooden Windows & Doors Co.* The phone number (Troy) is 670 5708

4. Give yourself about 90 minutes driving time from Halifax.
5. Please reply to Don Shubaly, [shubes@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:shubes@ns.sympatico.ca) if you plan to come so we can get an idea of how many will attend.





## ***THE FINAL CUT***

**By Graham McCulloch**

You may have noticed that the list of retailers that extend us with either a discount or special pricing is no longer here in the newsletter. No fear however, if you got to our website ([www.atlanticwoodworkers.ca](http://www.atlanticwoodworkers.ca)) you will find it there.

I mentioned on the front page that we are looking for glue for the nest box project. I am happy to report that I just got confirmation that LePage's will supply us with 50 or so bottles of exterior glue. The only thing left is the ¼" galvanized mesh for the interior. A roll of 6' x 3' costs less than \$10.00 and will provide us with over 100 pieces.

That's it for now, see you at Tuesday's meeting, 7:00 PM sharp!

