



Atlantic Woodworkers'  
Association

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# AWA Newsletter

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### The December Meeting

This month's meeting of the *Atlantic Woodworker's Association* was our Annual Wooden Toy Drive and Christmas Social. The meeting was held in the seminar room of our local Lee Valley store. The meeting is centered on the toys that the members have made and brought in for donation to the Salvation Army for distribution to families less fortunate. As with year's past it was a great showing of woodworking skill and support for such a worth-while cause. There were toys for girls and boys, both young and old. In fact, there was everything from cars to cradles!

After a short introduction and welcome by the club chairman to the members and their guests the meeting began with the highpoint of the evening, the Show and Tell. The Christmas Show and Tell is always fun with the members telling of all the fuss and foibles of getting their toys done, and on time! 😊 There were also some great tips to take home to apply to toy making next year.

Some new Veritas hand tools were demonstrated by Lee Valley staff and what has been the trend for several years now, members brought lots of finger food. Delicious!

Stan Salsman reports that in addition to all those great toys that our members built for the Salvation Army to distribute, we anted up an additional \$55.00 for the SA coffers.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR/DECADE

The New Year promises to be a really active one for AWA members. We start the year this coming Tuesday, January 12, at 7:00 PM sharp at our usual meeting place, the Halifax Home Depot training room behind the garden center.

Your Directors have a couple of very interesting field trips planned plus a number of visits away from our home base. See our planned schedule on page three..

Over the holidays, your executive has been very busy setting planning projects that will be both interesting and of a charitable nature that will help to fulfill our Association mandate. I'll give you a hint, we'll be working with the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters and it is a pretty exciting undertaking. We will fill you in on all of the details at our January meeting. It is anticipated that a Federation member will join us at our meeting.



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### A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN



As a new year begins, we have to focus our attention on the needs of the Association and plan for the future. We have some unfinished business that needs to be addressed.

One matter that we will continue to work on is an update of the Memorandum of Association and By-Laws. The review by the Board is nearly complete. We will post our proposed changes on the web site in January and ask all of you to have a close look at them before the February meeting. At the February meeting, we will have a presentation on the proposed changes and answer any questions as well as consider any proposed changes that you have. We will vote on the amended Memorandum and By-Laws at our Annual Meeting.

Another matter that we need to continue to work on is the web site. It is becoming out of date. We need to make sure that the information is current and complete. This includes a complete list of members with their photos and bios so that members can recognize each other. This is especially important for new members. In addition, we need to add photos of member's projects. Only a few of the members have projects displayed in this section. Common sense would make one believe that each member has a number of projects that could be shown.

We need to identify a project(s) to undertake for 2010. These projects not only produce valuable goods and/or services for other nonprofit organizations but they also benefit our Association. Our members get to know each other better by working together using and honing their skills. The Association also receives recognition for this valuable work.

In closing, I wish all of you and your family's good health and happiness for the New Year.

Cheers, Tom Patterson

### FROM THE DESK OF OUR LIBRARIAN



Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a great holiday season. It's always nice to take a break from the rigors of life and to spend some quality time with family and friends. Now it's time to get to those New Year's Resolutions, especially the ones that involve woodworking!

We start the year off right with a couple of new books:

"New Masters of the Wooden Box" by Oscar Fitzgerald introduces you to thirty-four contemporary artists pushing the boundaries of box making.

"Made By Hand" by Tom Fidgen offers six projects where you'll learn the basics of hand-tool woodworking.

"The Drawer Book" by Bill Hylton that shows you the professional skills used to construct all styles of drawers.

"I Can Do That Woodworking Projects" by Popular Woodworking that offers plans for 17 quality furniture projects that require minimal tools and experience (my kind of book!)

We also have a bunch of new DVD's in the library! Over the past couple of months I have been able to get our old VHS video tapes converted to DVD. Although these aren't really new additions they have been out of circulation for some time so it's almost like they are so check them out. This brings our available DVD's now to 37.

As always, please bring back any books or videos that you have borrowed so that other members can share them.

See you at the meeting!

Ted

## GENE'S BURLS



Christmas is a time of joy

So this year I thought I would get the jump on building for Christmas. My toy for AWA was done well ahead of schedule and I had made cutting boards for friends and shadow boxes for relatives. This was going to be a great year. On December 15<sup>th</sup> I got a call from my Captain in the Salvation Army reminding me I had worked for the Baptists all summer making bunk beds. I paused, knowing something was coming. Well it turns out Captain Sean needs an urgent present for his wife. He has seen a curio cabinet in someone's home and this would be exactly what she would like. It wasn't a case of "if" but "when" could I have it done. My reply was "Thanks for waiting until the 15<sup>th</sup>—why not wait until 23<sup>rd</sup> to really give me a challenge?" So back to the workshop and working well into the night I'm making excellent progress when my wife dropped in. Now, my wife never drops into my workshop without a purpose. So, after a few minutes of "how are you dear?" And what would you like for dinner dear?" the truth comes out she would like a table for our kitchen with a gate leg and "BEFORE CHRISTMAS". I try to explain that I am doing a cabinet for the Captain and this is kind of like doing the Lord's Work and takes precedent. Without even batting an eye she says, "this is only the 18<sup>th</sup>, you have almost a week, I'm sure you'll have no problems getting it done". With that she's out the door and I am left with 5 full days of flat out work. But she's right, I did get it done---it's amazing what pressure can do for resolve.

Cheers and all the best to you all for 2010.

### 2010 AWA MEETING SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

#	DATE	VENUE	EVENT	HOST
1	December 8	Lee Valley Tools	Christmas Toys	Lee Valley
2	January 12	Home Depot	Show & Tell	AWA
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

This month's article will be mercifully short as I am in Ottawa visiting our granddaughters and our new grandson. AWA is important, but there are higher priorities.

The main issue is **paying your 2010 dues.** As I will not be at the January meeting, Ken Miller, our Treasurer, will be accepting payment and will tell me who has paid. I will bring your 2010 membership cards to the February meeting. If you need the card earlier, I will mail it out to you.

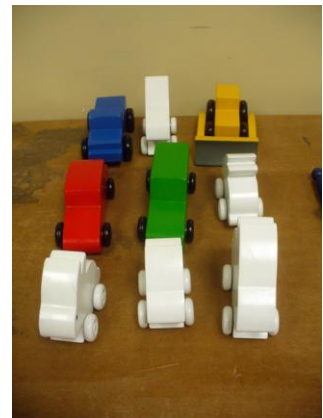
Again I would ask each of you to submit a short narrative about yourself for the AWA website membership list. You can tell us how you got started in woodworking, your specific areas of interest or anything else that inspires you. Basically, we see these articles as a way for us to get to know each other better. There are a few of examples on the website already. I have some more articles and will be submitting another update shortly after the January meeting. Please get them to me at [rjamer@eastlink.ca](mailto:rjamer@eastlink.ca)

See you at the meeting.



## THE *AWA* PHOTO GALLERY

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





## ***THE AWA SUPPORTS THE FOLLOWING MERCHANTS:***

The following companies have graciously agreed to offer us their products at their best prices. The wholesale companies will sell to us at their best wholesale price and those in the retail business will discount their products at the highest possible discount they will allow.

Most of the retail and some wholesale outlets have a variable discount program where some items have a high discount, others a lower one, and some items are not discounted at all.

ALL PURCHASES ARE "CASH AND CARRY" ( cash, debit or personal charge card)(i.e. no charge accounts are to be set up with the company) AND A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD **MUST** BE SHOWN.

Some stores provide a delivery service and will deliver with the payment of their normal delivery charges.

**ARMATAGE HARDWARE COMPANY Ltd.** - 5655 Stanley Street Halifax - Todd Armatage - All prices are dealer prices. They will sell to us at the lowest dealer price.

**BRANDNEW INDUSTRIES Inc.** - 375 Pine Ave. Santa Barbara, CA 93117 - Ph. 1-800-964-825 - Scott Swanson sales manager. This company makes electric branding irons The company offers a 10% discount. Payment in US funds.

**COLE HARBOUR GLASS Ltd.** - 971 Cole Harbour Road and - 10 Wright Avenue Burnside- Betty Ann Ratchelous Glass, Architectural glass, Stained glass, Mirror glass and more.

**FUNDY GRINDING** - 9 Farnham Road Truro Ph. 1-800-863-0181 - David Drummond

**HALIFAX SPECIALITY HARDWOOD** - 26 Topsail Court Atlantic Acres Industrial Park, Darryl Vallis - Will discount their large assortment of lumber at 5%. Plywood is not discounted.

**I.M.P. GROUP Ltd** - Retail Store - 120 Thornhill Drive Burnside - Michael Degrace

**KENT BUILDING SUPPLY** - All local outlets - Take purchases to the CONTRACTOR DESK and quote Account number 30002913

**MILL SUPPLY Ltd** - 32 Troop Avenue Suite 201 Burnside - Paul Brown

**NOVA HARDWOOD FLOORING** - 170 Akerley Blvd. Unit 4 & 5 Burnside - Jim Edmonds

**PRIME FASTENERS MARITIMES Ltd** - 86 Troop Avenue Burnside - David Valencik (This is not just a fastener company. They carry a wide variety of tools)

**PIERCEYS** - All outlets

**PROVEER** Sign and Graphics - (formally East West Plastics) 55 Akerley Blvd. Unit 3-4 Burnside -Derek MacKendrick Will sell

"CUTOFFS"("OFFCUTS") at greatly reduced prices and have a monthly Promotions flyer.

**RIDEOUT TOOLS AND MACHINE Inc.** - 170 Akerley Blvd. Burnside - Chris Rideout

**ROBERT BURY & COMPANY (CANADA) Ltd** - 30 Williams Avenue Burnside - Michael Thornhill All lumber is random length and width. Purchases must be a **MINIMUM OF 100 BOARD FEET.**

**SASCO PRODUCTS Ltd** - 10 Ilsley Avenue Burnside - Lissi M Jeppensen, Sam Sorensen

**The House Fastening House Atlantic** - 1 Moore Drive Burnside - Tammy Wheeler

For those who may not be familiar with outlets in the Halifax Dartmouth area there is also

**WORKSHOP SUPPLY Inc.** P.O. Box160 100 Commission St. East, Embro, ON N0J 1J0 Steve Siddal , President - They will provide a catalogue and include you on their mailing list if asked.

There are also the following retailers that support us in other ways but due to company policy do not offer discounts.

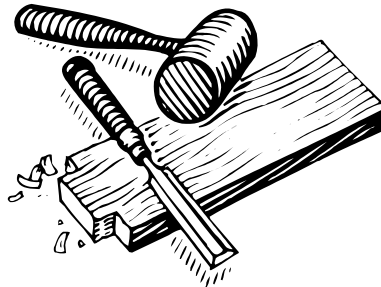
**LEE VALLEY TOOLS** - 100 Susie Lake Crescent - Bayers Lake Business Park

**BUSY BEE MACHINE TOOLS** - 86 Troop Avenue - Burnside -

Lewis Hatt

AWA Director Don Shubaly has made arrangements for us to visit the Wooden Windows & Doors Company in the Valley and has submitted the following for your information.

1. A visit to the *Wooden Windows & Doors Co.* located near Coldbrook, NS (near Kentville) is being arranged for AWA members for Saturday, 6 February 2010.
2. The Wooden Windows & Doors Co "...crafts wooden sash and doors for period homes, churches and museums. ...When restoration of existing windows and doors is not possible... they provide historically accurate architectural pieces that look exactly like your originals." A much better idea of what they do, including a gallery of their work, can be viewed at their website [www.woodenwindow.ca](http://www.woodenwindow.ca)
3. The Wooden Windows & Doors Co is about a 1 hour and 20 minute drive from Halifax. The plan will be to arrive at the facility for 10AM, when Troy, the owner, will greet us, give a tour, and discuss his processes. The visit would last about 2 hours.
4. We will transport ourselves individually, carpooling where possible.
5. The visit will be a subject at this Tuesday's meeting.





## ***THE FINAL CUT***

**By Graham McCulloch**

Sometimes the best laid plans fall flat and this is what has happened to our January meeting. Initially it was planned to have a 'Show & Tell' meeting only as our "Program Committee" were unable to obtain a guest for us. Now, as it turns out, we are going to have a very busy meeting in addition to the S&T.

Don Shubaly will provide us with more details on a planned field trip, Tom Patterson will outline some of the preliminary details regarding one of the up-coming projects involving our association and I, with a guest, will explain another very beneficial project that you directors have chosen to take on.

This will be a really interesting meeting and your attendance will be appreciated.

Graham

