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### NOVEMBER'S MEETING

Our Next meeting on Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup> promises to be an exciting get together. We are going to title it "**Everything You Wanted To Know About Grits But Were Afraid To Ask**" and it is going to be hosted by the original **Sand-Up Comic, Mel Larsen**.

I've known Mel for what seems (to me anyway) a lifetime and what he doesn't know about sandpaper is not worth knowing. We have all seen Mel at the Atlantic (Halifax) Woodshow touting his wares, the Sia products and know just how amicable a guy he is.

I guarantee you an entertaining and informative evenings meeting so be there on time. The November meeting is back at our old meeting room at The Home Depot. For those that have not yet been there a map can be found on page 4.



### OCTOBER'S MEETING

Our October meeting was a big success and it was hosted by the good people at Halifax Specialty Hardwoods just off the Hammonds Plains Road. There was a good crowd there to see Darryl Vallis demonstrating how a piece of rough lumber is converted into a bunch of ¼-round moldings. Oh to have his machinery in our home shops. See the photos on page 4.

An important sidelight to the meeting was that Darryl told us that they do mill custom molding profiles and from what I can see, they are far and wide less expensive than the competition.

Also interesting was the inventory expansion, HSH has gone from a stock of 16 species to well over 40 and add to that a large inventory of exotic plywoods. The Baltic Birch that they have on hand is a very impressive 11 ply, ¾" thick. Certainly a stable material for drawer or jig making. The material seems to be void-free so it can be used for kitchen cabinets as well.

Don't forget that if you show your up to date AWA membership card Halifax Specialty Hardwoods will extend a courtesy 10% discount.

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### A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Our Oct. meeting was a great success thanks to the generosity of Halifax Specialty Hardwoods. Darryl's molding demo was very informative and I know we all would love to have his tools and of course the space to use them all.

I would like to welcome all new members and some of the faces that we haven't seen in a while at the October meeting.

You know, it takes an interesting meeting like this to bring out our members and we want to continue that interest. So, if you have any ideas for topics or speakers, please, please let David Smith know. His number is above.

I would like to remind all about the Christmas toy drive in December that is not far off.

I hope all the members will take advantage of the Moncton Woodshow trip offered by graham. Get your seat booked so we know if it will be a viable effort.

I'll see you all at The Home Depot for our November meeting.

Cecil

### A Note From Our Secretary

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



### New Members

We have three new woodworking members to welcome to our association.

Don Shubaly – [shubes@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:shubes@ns.sympatico.ca)

Kevin Letriard – [letriards@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:letriards@ns.sympatico.ca)

Pete Roberts –  
[papascroller@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:papascroller@ns.sympatico.ca)



## TAking THE BUS?

A thought crossed my mind the other day and I thought that I would pass it on to you. As all of you know by now, the Halifax Atlantic Woodshow has been cancelled this year. The show will be in Moncton however and many of us really want to see it. I have contacted Budget Rent-A-Car (Van) and here is the deal. A 7-passenger van for a day trip will cost \$63 + tax for a day. This includes 200 free km's + \$0.15 per km over that. So, here is the math.

Cost of the van - \$72.00, 700 km's (500 @ 0.15) = \$75.00 plus of course, the unknown cost of the gas. Let's figure gas at \$100. And we have a total of \$247.00, divide that by 7 and we have a total of \$35.29 per person. I have talked to the show people and they will provide us with 7 free passes for the show so there will be no cost there and we can share the driving. Anyone interested? E-mail me, [graham@atlanticwoodworkers.ca](mailto:graham@atlanticwoodworkers.ca) and I'll need to know by the end of October to make a reservation.



## 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 Reteff

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.

# PHOTO GALLERY

The following photos are from our October meeting at Halifax Specialty Hardwoods.



Art Snow made this beautiful Xmas Music Box

