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FROM THE CHAIR

Many thanks to Kevin Hurst from Lee Valley for the informative presentation on hinges that he gave us at our last meeting. In addition to the presentation, Kevin arranged for a last minute meeting space at Lee Valley when we were locked out of Home Depot. We understood at the time that there was a mix up with keys that created the problem at Home Depot. Upon further investigation, we discovered that the meeting room will not be available for AWA to use in the future. Kent's, near the Mic Mac Mall in Dartmouth, has welcomed us back with open arms.

Whenever we rely on merchants to provide free meeting space for us, we will never have a perfect arrangement. The advantage at Home Depot was direct access from outside with no stairs. However, the meeting space and the number of chairs were limited. At Kent's, the meeting room is larger with more chairs, but we have to go through the store and up the stairs to get to the meeting. At both locations, the meeting times are limited by the closing times of the business. The only alternative to relying on the generosity of such businesses is for us to rent a space. The cost would likely be prohibitive as we would have to have a place for our library. Therefore, we would need a permanent location.

The Board met on October 26th to deal with the business matters of the Association. The Board agreed in principle to a possible project with Prince Andrew High School in Dartmouth where the school is trying to reintroduce woodworking to some of the grade 10 students with an initiative called O2- options and opportunities. The scope of the project needs to be finalized but will likely include the design and construction of benches for an outside common area and possibly the building of nesting boxes for birds and bats. Volunteer members of AWA will guide the students with the projects. Part of the school will be renovated to create a production area (workshop) and will be equipped with woodworking tools. It may be a place where we can hold meetings in the future when the construction is completed. David Smith is the point person

on the project for the AWA. David is also a member of the school advisory council.

he other potential project that we discussed was one with the Veterans residing at the Camp Hill Hospital. A meeting will be held in the near future with members who have

expressed interest in the potential project and staff of Camp Hill to examine the possible scope of a project. If you are interested in being part of this committee, please let me know.

The sale of the tools from the children's workshop has yielded \$670 to the AWA to date. The only Tool remaining is the Craftsman Scroll Saw. It can be purchased for \$40. We also have a large quantity of aprons that fit children from ages 5-10+. The can be used in the workshop or the kitchen. They are orange in colour. They are free for the members. You may want to give them to your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews. I will bring a quantity to the upcoming meetings.

At the next meeting, we will be given a presentation on stains and finishes from some experts in the field. I look forward to seeing you there.

Cheers, Tom

November Meeting

This meeting on the 9th November at 7 pm will feature the use of **Stains and Dyes**. We will meet at our new location of Kent Building Supplies, Mic Mac Mall Dartmouth.

Directions to meeting room at Kent

Our next meeting (Nov 9th) will be at KENT (Mic Mac Mall)—third floor. For those of you who were not members when we used this space. Enter Kent through the front entrance and go all the way to the back of the store. At the end of the alcove where the Men's washroom is located you will see a door marked ASSOCIATES enter and take the stairs to the top (3rd Floor)—through the doors at the top of the stairs and you are there.

Welcome



Library

Well, well, well, here we are on the move again :)

I'm not sure at this time what the state of the library will be in by the time of the next meeting but I can assure you that we have some great changes coming.

Presently, with over 350 items, not counting hundreds of magazines, it has become quite a nightmare to find something in the library cabinets.

Once we get situated in our new home the library will be in for another overhaul. The plans include a complete reorganization that will see each book categorized with an identifiable color coding system. Also, this will be combined with an online listing that will coincide with the release of the updated website.

This will make it much easier to find a particular book or DVD but also to know exactly what we do have in the library. Look for this coming soon!

In the meantime, here are a few new additions courtesy of our chief library benefactor, Graham McCulloch:

- Simply Wood - Roshan Ganief
- Fundamentals Of Sharpening - Back To Basics
- Woodworker's Guide To Handplanes - Scott Wynn
- Practical Green Remodeling - Barry Katz

As always, please return any borrowed items so that other may share in the wealth. :)

See you at the meeting,

Gene's Burls



So my granddaughter has a Pavlovian response to my Laze-e-Boy Chair tilting back. I believe she can hear it from ½ mile away. Now I am at an age where a daytime nap is almost as important as food (note I said almost). She insists on waking me repeatedly by tugging on my arm and saying “poppy”, “poppy” over and over until I respond. After two days I am sleep deprived and tell her that I’m old and my brain is scrambled and she should ask grandma who always knows more than I do. A few days later I am preparing my burls on my computer when she asks what I’m doing and I tell her. I get the predicted response, “but you told me you were old and your brain was scrambled, so why don’t you just get grandma to do it for you”. Be careful what you say to grandchildren for they have awesome memories.

My burl this time is to request membership input into the program for 2011. Because of my age and my scrambled brain I can’t think anymore. If there is a presenter or demo that you think would be useful why not let Cecil Canam or I know. Our email addresses are elsewhere on this newsletter so put some thought into the task and either approach the presenter yourself or get in touch with us and we will.

Addition to the November Event;

Our November events will be presented by Sam Sorensen and Lissi M Jeppesen President of Sasco in Burnside Industrial Park.



Busy Bee

MONDAY NOVEMBER 15TH, 2010 KREG TOOLS DEMO WITH MARK EATON

2PM & 6:30PM

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 20TH, 2010 DUST COLLECTION SET UP. MAXIMIZING YOUR SHOPS POTENTIAL

10AM – 2PM SATURDAY

DECEMBER 11TH, 2010 WOOD BAND SAW SET UP & BLADE SELECTION

10AM – 2PM Reserve your spot by calling the store at 468-8088 to register

PS: We will be taking up a collection of nonperishable food for Feed Nova Scotia. It is coming into that time of the season again

Bill Louther

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NOV. 12, 13, 14, 2010

I see that our very own Graham McCulloch will be doing two seminars at the Moncton Woodshow this year entitled "The Sticky on Adhesives". Seminars are Saturday 13th at 11:00am and Sunday 14th at 2:45 pm.

Ted

Dick Jamer - AWA Registrar

I am pleased to announce that we have been joined by 5 new members in the last few months. Welcome! I hope you enjoy the meetings as much as I do.

From the membership registrar's perspective there is that one bit of news that comes up every year at about this time. We will be collecting the AWA membership dues starting at the November meeting. At \$20.00 per year, AWA membership is the best deal in town. The meetings are fun and informative, the newsletter provides lots of interesting tidbits, some merchants provide discounts and woodworking equipment and products are frequently auctioned off at very good prices. What more could you ask for?

Please pay Ken Miller \$20.00 and bring the receipt to me for your 2011 membership card.

We'll see you at the meeting.

Dick Jamer

Lake City Woodworkers;

From or tour on Saturday I discovered that they have a section on Computers. They use old computers or parts to make working units. They then give them to needy people. So if you have an old computers or parts this would be a good place to dispose of them.

Stan

Turning of Age

Anna Leonowens Gallery
1891 Granville Street, Halifax, NS
November 23, 2010 to December 04, 2010

The Nova Woodturners' Guild, in conjunction with the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (NSCAD), is presenting "Turning Of Age, a snapshot of woodturning in Atlantic Canada" at the Anna Leonowens Gallery from November 23, 2010 to December 04, 2010.

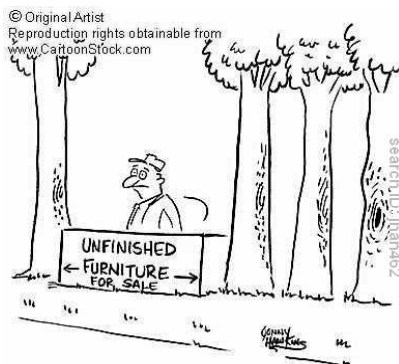
The exhibit will showcase woodturning in Atlantic Canada with the intent to raise awareness and to encourage interest in our art and craft.

Woodturning in Atlantic Canada has evolved from creating farm implements, ship parts and utensils, to today's creation of fine furniture, beautifully crafted wares, quality writing instruments and sculpture.

Today's woodturner is experiencing a woodturning renaissance through vision, technique and sharing. It is our hope to present a snapshot of woodturning in Atlantic Canada today, to share these achievements with each other and the public.



Gene's cutting board



Gene Nurses Dysfunctional Cutting Board Workshop

I would just like to warn others if Gene offers again to run his cutting board workshop that you consider not wasting your time. It is also a waste of some great maple, cherry and walnut. You could certainly use this for a different project that might be appreciated.

We took our time to finesse our lumber. We jointed it to perfect straightness. We planed it to specific tolerances. We glued and clamped it with the utmost care. We cleaned any excess glue. We cross cut each segment with care. Again back to more gluing, clamping and cleaning. Then a belt sanding frenzy to flatten, straighten and even out the surface. Then to the random orbital sander to smoothen and pop the grain. Then back to the table saw to clean up the edges. Finally a bit of routing to soften the edges. Gene also gave us homework which entailed applying mineral oil to the wood and securing the legs. Boy did this make the wood stand up and say "Look at me".

Having said all this I guess I should tell you why this project is soooooo dysfunctional, it's simply because **it's so beautiful that nobody will make the first cut on it!**

Thanks again Gene for a great day. By the way, I do highly recommend the workshop.

Glenn McCarron

Safty Tip: Protect your ears and eyes when using power tools. Ware your ear defenders and goggle.



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Lake City Woodworker Tour;

What a lovely day to bring out members for our tour of Lake City Woodworkers. We were given a great tour of the shop, in great detail, and it is inspiring to see just what is happening there in this sheltered workshop. They have a great line of furniture items which they sell in the show room (store). If you buy anything there it is nice to know that what you've purchased is well made and to know you are helping the cause of those working there.

I didn't count how many members came out but I would say 15 or 20 plus wives. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. Thanks Gene for organizing this event.



Illustration 2: Lake City Woodworkers Tour



Illustration 1: Lake City Woodworkers