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December Meeting our Christmas Social

Our meeting will be at Lee Valley on the 14th at 7 pm. This is our social meeting so bring some nibbles to eat, Lee Valley will provide pop and coffee. They will also be giving a demo on one of their tools,

This is our Christmas meeting and you are encouraged to bring a toy or toys that you have made, they will then be given to the Salvation Army. As in past years we have passed the hat for loose change also for the Salvation Army. This is an opportunity for those who didn't get a toy made to take part in this project.



Gene's Bunks - December



I was down to Bayview Baptist Bible Camp on the weekend for the annual **Christmas Brunch**. Other than the fact that I ate too much it was as always a stellar event. One knows exactly where the money goes and my personal philosophy is, "if it keeps one kid off the street and away from a life of crime, it's worth it". When I was comfortably full of food the Pastor moved in to advise me they had two new bunkhouses complete and therefore would need bunks to fill them. Lew and I, along with my brother, Fred, made the tour and indeed, they have two completed bunk houses. With 8 bunks per unit that's 16 bunks in total. I remember well what a great time we all had building 70 bunks two years ago and I volunteered us to build the 16 required. Some of the new members will enjoy the experience of working with their colleagues and the satisfaction of doing God's work. For many of us it was a chance to get acquainted with other members and by all accounts was a success. Yes, there were times I was on the verge of a nervous breakdown but now I know where the problems lie and this time all should go smoothly (surely you jest). If I'm right this time I will order the supplies and arrange for deliver at a time and place that I can be there to supervise. No more wet pine sitting outside, no more missing screws, no more working in the rain etc., etc. We will do the constructing inside (no it's not heated you wimps). I plan on getting started in January so break out the long Johns and volunteer to help Lew, Stan and I, it's a wonderful experience and a chance to meet your fellow members up close and personal. Email me ASAP and I'll put you on the "call list."

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When all you
have is a Hammer



Every problem
looks
like a Thumb.





Dick Jamer - AWA Registrar

At this time of year we start seeing Christmas messages from everyone from the Prime Minister to the Pope to the Queen. Most of us scan these messages very quickly because they all say pretty much the same thing.

My Christmas message is very different than the traditional tidings of the season, but is the very same as last year. **It is time to pay your 2011 AWA dues**, if you have not already done so. The dues are \$20.00/year, which is a great deal for all of the benefits you receive. Our Treasurer, Ken Miller, and I will be at the meeting at least 15 minutes early to receive your dues and write out the receipts and membership cards.

As our President Tom mentioned at the last meeting, I would like to have an assistant Membership Registrar. Extra hands are useful at this time of year, but more importantly, I am not able to make it to all meetings. Having someone to greet new members and write out membership cards would be very helpful. Having someone else with the latest copy of the membership list is also important for the proper management of the AWA. If you would be willing to take on this task, please contact me at rjamer@eastlink.ca or 576-2421.

We'll see you at the meeting.

Dick Jamer

Held over from the September meeting on Hinges

This month's meeting of the Atlantic Woodworkers Association featured an informative session with Lee Valley's Assistant Manager, Kevin Hurst, who spoke to us about hinges, all kinds of hinges.



Kevin, who used to be a professional cabinet maker before working with LV, focused his presentation on the most

common questions regarding hinges that they are asked at Lee Valley. Since most of the questions they receive are about kitchen cabinet hinges his talk centered around these types of hinges.

He spoke on decorative butt hinges, European style hinges, lift-off hinges, overlay hinges and more. He also spoke on table hinges, pivot hinges, screen hinges, barrel hinges, SOSS hinges and strap hinges. Each of the hinges that he explained were attached to a cabinet sample which made it very easy to see how they would look in a real application. This also helped in understanding how the hinge worked, in particular the SOSS, table and screen hinges.

Kevin's presentation made it quite obvious that choosing your hinges should be done as part of the design process and not as an afterthought. Choosing your hinges first can determine door styles which in turn will change the finished product. This would include choosing either inside, outside or face hinges



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He suggested that you choose your hinges before the rest of the cabinet hardware since there not as many choices available for hinges as there is hardware, in fact, only about 10%. This way you find that it is much easier in finding a match.

He also mentioned that with normal wear hinges can last virtually forever. The most common problem that hinges have is when they are not used for simply opening and closing a door. A great example of this is when a bottom cabinet door is used to lean on and/or as leverage when reaching into the cabinet.

This was a great presentation, bringing to light an area of cabinet making that as woodworkers we often overlook or leave until the last. It was great to see the different styles of hinges available and how they can be used to further compliment our work. Thanks for sharing this with us, Kevin!

Kevin's presentation was followed by a short Show and Tell with member Glenn McCarron bringing in his cutting board that he built at a 'cutting board workshop' with 4 other members held at member Gene Nurse's shop over the previous weekend. It's a great looking board!

Business items, hosted by Chairman Tom Patterson, included more information on the Veteran's Hospital project and the possibility of a project working with high school students. There were also a few items for sale that included a Ryobi scroll saw, Ryobi sander, Delta floor model drill press and a Porter-Cable drill and hole cutter combo.

This was another fantastic meeting. Thanks to Kevin Hurst for great presentation and to Lee Valley for taking us in tonight. ;)

There were 24 members in attendance including two new members.

Ted Monk



From the Chair

At the November meeting, we were once again treated to an interesting and informative presentation by our good friends at Sasco Products on stains and finishes for wood. Sam Sorensen shared his decades of experience in the industry and introduced us new products and methods of applying finishes. Lissi Jeppesen, his wife and President of the locally based company, explained to us how we could deal with mould on wood and introduced us to new environmentally safe products to use in the process. This was the third presentation that I have been exposed to by the Sasco group, and each time I gain valuable insight in the process of finishing my wood projects.

The upcoming meeting on Dec. 14th will be held at Lee Valley. It will be more of a social occasion than a meeting. This will give the members an opportunity to get to know each other better. Spouses and/or guests are invited to attend. Members are encouraged to make wooden toys for donation to needy children through the Salvation Army. Members will be encouraged to show each other their projects and explain the process used to make them. Members are also encouraged to bring finger foods to add to the enjoyment of the social.

There are a number of children's vests left over from the Kids Workshop that will be available for the members to take and use as gifts for the children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, etc. There will also be a quick auction of



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he one remaining Craftsman scroll saw. This will be a chance for a real bargain.

All the best for the holiday season.

Cheers, Tom



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Hinges at Lee Valley. Photo by Ted Monk



Glenn McCarron showing Cutting board. Photo by Ted Monk