

Atlantic Woodworker's Association

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March 13th meeting is our **AGM** and will be held at Kent in Dartmouth at 7 pm. This is an important meeting and we encourage you all to be there.

Presentation March meeting; Wood Harvest Process, Stage 2 by John Woods .

A great showing last evening for our February "Mini-challenge".

For those that missed the meeting we saw spatulas, spurtles, ergonomic spoons, spaghetti measure, pate spreaders, a banana rack, oven grate pulls, a pizza board, salad tongs and the most ingenious automatic soup stirring tool. Some were finished with mineral oil and beeswax, some with bright colorful paints, some with walnut oil, some with varnish and some left natural. Thank you to all that participated. Pictures will be available on the website soon.

Our next "Mini-challenge" is called "Get a Grip". You are challenged to make a handle. Some examples would be to put a new handle on a knife, a new chisel handle, a saw handle, a drawer handle, a bag handle, a door handle, a new push stick handle for your table saw. You get the idea I'm sure. There is no limitations on the tools or material you can use. Simply make a handle. I was thinking about scroll sawing my name in a piece of pine as that is my "Handle", I wonder if that counts?

Have fun with this. Items are due at the next meeting on March 13, 2012.

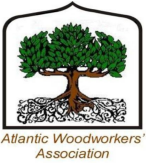
AWA webmaster – Glenn McCarron

AWA Membership Renewal

The AWA Executive recently conducted a review of membership policy, and established 1 April of each year as the final date to renew Association membership through payment of annual dues.

Benefits of membership include: access to the members' section of the AWA website, receipt of the monthly newsletter, attendance at regular meetings and the right to vote on business at the Annual General Meeting, opportunity to participate in AWA sponsored events, presentations, tours, competitions, challenges, draws, and giveaways, and a current membership card that gives access to retail discounts.

Although the membership year starts 1 January, the Association provides opportunity for membership renewal starting in October and continues to collect dues payment at each meeting until the March meeting. Members who do not renew their membership by 1 April will lose all benefits of membership.



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Don Shubaly – Chairman

What Goes on at the Annual General Meeting?

Our by-laws specify that our “Society” conduct an annual general meeting (AGM) once a year within 90 days of the beginning of the year, which is why we schedule it for the March monthly meeting. The by-laws also tell us what business is to be conducted at the AGM

1. Review minutes of the previous AGM
2. Chair’s annual report for the previous year
3. Financial report for the previous year
4. Election of Officers and Directors (if and as required)
5. Appointment of directors or others to review the accounts.



Any other business is to be treated as special business and according to the rules special business requires advanced notice which must be given at least 15 days before the meeting and normally is included with the “notice of the meeting” which must also be given 15 days in advance. This year, notice for the AGM will go to the membership by email sometime in late February. As of the last Executive meeting (18 January) we are not expecting to conduct special business at this year’s AGM.

The Chair’s annual report and the financial report will be circulated to the membership along with the notice of the meeting. This will give members opportunity to examine the reports prior to the meeting where they will be asked to approve the reports by vote.

All the Directors and Officers were elected at last year’s AGM, and since the Executive Members hold office for two years, we do not anticipate need for elections at the upcoming AGM.

If you’re curious, according to the b-laws, the AWA Board of Directors is made up of from 4 to 15 Directors. Within the Board of Directors are 4 Officers of the Society; the Chair, Vice-chair, Treasurer and the Secretary. The 4 Officers are the only named Directors. It has been normal that Directors also hold responsibilities such management of the library and the website or be the events coordinator or membership director, but these administrative responsibilities could be held by a general member. It is more convenient for business if the responsibilities are held by Directors.

Our Board currently has 14 Directors, so if wished, we could have one more.

Don - Chairmaan

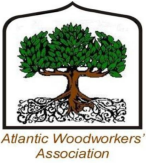
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Wood Challenge Event for the IWK Hospital

Criteria:

Wood: the pine received from the Association or most local and exotic woods safe for an item that will be sold to benefit the IWK Hospital

Quantity of wood: no minimum quantity, one - 1” x 8” x 4’ long (2.66 bf) or twice this amount 2 - 1” x 8” x 4’ long (5.33 bf) of wood (maximum)



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Tools Used to Build Item: no tool restrictions will be applied for this challenge

Item to be constructed: an item(s) suitable to be sold at the 'Kermesse" or in the Gift Shop at the IWK Hospital

Due Date: at our AWA meeting on May 8th

Thank you, Sheila

Appreciation note,

I would like to thank Sheila Eddy for the work she has been putting into the AWA meetings. The "Mini-challenge" ideas have been greatly received based on the amount of participation. Next month's challenge on "Handles" could prove quite interesting as well. I certainly am looking forward to the next round of items that the members will put forward. I also very much appreciate having the members talk about their processes as well as answering questions from others. This to me is the essence of what the Association is all about. I encourage all members to get involved and support this program.



Glenn McCarron

For all you high tecks out there who like to read, books!!!! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LRBIVRwvUeE>



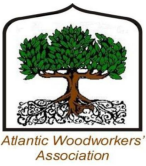
Feb.Challange 1: Photo by: Stan Salsman



Feb.Challange 2: Photo by Glen McCarron

The editor; Sorry for the delay in getting this newsletter out. As you know I was away in Toronto visiting with my new grand-children. It is hard gettting my head back into the newsletter after such a lovely time away.

Stan



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Presentation 1: Rick Archibald on plans

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Membership Due; Just a little reminder that if you haven't already paid your membership for 2012 – 2013 season time is running out. Please see Ken Miller treasure at the meeting or send him a cheque.