



Atlantic Woodworker's Association

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The October meeting will be held at the Kent store, Dartmouth MicMac mall. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month starting at 7 pm. This month will be on the 9th Oct.

OCTOBER EVENT

The AWA presenter this month will be Don Feltmate. Don is a Research Associate with the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic. Don builds model boats to scale and will be demonstrating this to us.

The October Challenge is in. We are to build a box! It could be a tool box, a mail box, a box for that special something (or someone). It could be a bandsaw box, a lathe box, a lidded box, an open box or even a crayon box. Let's emphasize the joints as well, maybe box joints, miter joints, joints with splines, round corners square corners, sliding lids and even locking lids. The boxes can be handmade (no power tools) and made with dovetails (Hand cut or machine cut). Have to be politically correct these days.

Projects will be due on October 9th

The AWA Exec. Have decided to purchase a multimedia projector for use at our meetings and Don will give a lesson and demonstration on its use and what its capabilities are.

Tool Sale and Exchange

On Saturday, October 27th we will hold a tool sale and exchange. From 9-10 will be for members only and 10-12 the general public is invited. The place will be the same as last year the **Salvation Army Hall**, Pleasant Street, Dartmouth. We will provide additional info before the event.

Community Activity

The Salvation Army Church does not have a wheelchair accessible ramp. I have been asked to construct one.

I will need all the volunteers I can get. Assistance will be required for both design and construction.

Anyone who feels they can help please let me know. My plan is to carry out the construction on a Saturday in November. I believe we can have it complete in one day if we make careful plans ahead of time.

Call or email 434-7989 or enurse@ns.sympatico.ca

Scroll Saw Blades

The Scroll Saw Blades I talked about the other night were Flying Dutchman Scroll Saw Blades, made in Germany. I order them from "Mike's Workshop" in the States. He says, "Send me an e-mail to mike@mikesworkshop.com, or go to www.mikesworkshop.com. I told him that we had the AWA which I belonged to. If someone writes him, tell him that you belong to the AWA. His phone is [1-605-582-6732](tel:1-605-582-6732). He says, "Please leave a phone number when



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recording your message. If you contact him, and tell him the kind of blades you use, he will send you two samples with a pamphlet showing all the blades he has and the prices. I put in an order for a half gross of blades and I received them in about four days. I also found that these blades cut very well and didn't break easily.

Submitted by Don,
dmacm@eastlink.ca



Gene's Burls

I have two items both about our friends at Fundy Grinding. In the recent flood at Truro Fundy Grinding had 3 feet of water in the main showroom with destruction to hundreds of thousands of dollars in equipment.

The second item is that there will be no wood show in Moncton this year and Fundy Grinding is planning on having a Mini-Wood Show at their facility in Truro. We will keep you all informed as to date, etc.

THE KERMESSE 2012

By
GENE NURSE

On Saturday May 26th the items donated by the AWA were placed on sale at the IWK Kermesse. The sale extended from 10 AM until 3 PM. I have attached pictures of all the items that we produced. The prices on each item were the suggested retail prices provided by our members. Sale was slow but steady and by 3pm we had raised \$460.00 with only 4 items remaining unsold. These unsold items will be placed in the IWK gift shop and should be sold in short time. This has once again been a successful challenge by our members although somewhat fewer this year than last. A special thanks to Lew, Lesa, David, Sheila, Doug and my wife, Joan, for offering their time at the sale and to all our members who so kindly provided an item. The IWK is \$460.00 richer and the AWA has received much deserved praise for their effort.



PS: above are a few pictures of items made for Kermesse there were many other wonderful pieces of work that was done by our members.

Note; In case you were planning to go to the 2012 Greater Moncton Woodworking Show it has been cancelled.

<http://www.monctonwoodshow.ca/>



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Featured Presentation

Meet AWA Member Nick Poole

I took cabinetmaking at NSCC in Sydney NS and now work as a professional woodworker at Mill-Right woodworking in Bedford. I won the skills canada-nova scotia provincial cabinetmaking competition two years in a row and won bronze at the Skills Canada national cabinetmaking competition in may of this year. skills Canada is a non-profit organization which holds competitions for all trades. Initially you enter the Provincial level and then the winners move on to the national competition.

Each competitor is given the exact same material and drawings to work with. You are to follow the specific instructions and dimensions as closely as possible. You will be judged on various aspects of you work. You are also given 2 days (6hrs per day) to complete the project. Each leg of the cabinet that Nick built had different joinery. Each phase of the construction is also inspected prior to assembly. Nothing is overlooked by the judges.

Next year the Nation competition is being held in British Columbia. Nick aspires to win this level and then advance to the “World Skills”. I certainly hope that Nick gets a chance at his long term goals.

In his current job Nick has worked on the cabinetry at the Bicycle Thief, Moxie’s and the Vault Jewelry stores and restaurants.



While on Vacation

I spent three weeks of September in Kent, UK. While there I did visit Ightham Mote, a National Trust property. They were celebrating their annual Apple Day. In the courtyard of the castle were two woodturners demonstrating their turning skills and had some of their work on display. The woods they use are all local. Yew, acacia, oak, sycamore, laburnam, apple, pear, plum and beech are most common. A lot of their small turnings are made of yew (box) wood. I have attached a couple of pictures of their work.

I also picked some mulberries and enjoyed a nice dish of mulberry crumble. I tried to find a piece of mulberry wood, enough to make a pen, but without success. I understand it is hard to find and quite expensive.

Stan Salsman



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A Free Offer

I have several DeWalt battery chargers that I would like to give away.

- 1 - DCB101 - 12v & 20v slide in Lithium-ion battery style
 - 1 - DC9310 - 7.2v - 18v NiCd, NiMH, Li-ion Charger
 - 2 - DCB100 - 12v slide in Li-ion Chargers
- Members can call me at 479-0221.

The very best is the least that I can do
Graham McCulloch
<http://www.shortcuts.ns.ca>

New Books for the Library

A few weeks ago, on a rainy afternoon, I took a trip over to Lee Valley to check over their books to see if any would be of interest for our club. I haven't gotten much feedback from the membership about what they want; so I had to go largely on my own gut instinct. Anyway, here are the four books that I bought:

- A bound volume of the first seven issues (2004-2007) of *Woodworking Magazine*. This was a bold experiment by Christopher Schwartz and friends to produce an advertisement-free, black&white publication (except for the covers) with some new slants on old problems and a somewhat more literary style and historical perspective on woodworking.
- *The Weekend Woodworker's Project Collection* (2010). There are 40 projects with quite a few being clever, interesting to build and/or good looking. Some look quite giftable. Lots of pictures and diagrams.



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- *KidCrafts: Woodworking* (2008) is a book designed to entice, instruct, and entertain kids. The book's dozen fun woodworking projects help children learn basic woodworking and hand tool skills while developing self-confidence and strengthening problem-solving abilities. I believe strongly that our library needs some books which will give our members some ideas towards interesting a new generation in woodworking. More of the same below.
- *The Kids Building Workshop: 15 Woodworking Projects for Kid and Parents to Build Together* (2004). Here's book that might guide us into methods for getting kids and parents (even those who lack woodworking skills) together over fun projects. For example, the Spider-Web String Art project teaches kids how to wield a hammer, and the Drilled Name Plaque project teaches kids the safe and proper way to use a drill. Building on these basic skills, the book moves on to intermediate-level projects. Kids learn how to make a sawhorse, a tool box, a step stool--all things that every carpenter must have to build bigger and more elaborate projects. Finally, the kids are ready to take on seriously hip projects: a cricket cage, a book house, a dollhouse (and dollhouse furniture!), a lemonade stand, and a kids' play table.

Submitted by Davi Schlosberg

Membership Dues – Please pay by Cheque

Starting in October, members can renew their annual membership for next year (January to December 2013) by paying dues and receiving a new membership card. We have until the end of March each year to renew membership. To assist in the administration of membership renewal, it is asked that you pay the \$20 dues by cheque made out the Atlantic Woodworkers' Association. Of course if you can't provide a cheque we will accept cash.

Submitted by Don Shublay

AWA Multi-Media Projector

The Association recently purchased a projector for use by our members and presenters at our monthly meetings. The projector is an Epson EX5210, purchased at Staple. The reviews were favourable and the price was exceptional.

I'd like to thank John Woods for generously offering the use of his projector for our use at the past few monthly meetings, as well as others who have contributed media support for past meetings.

A presentation will be given on the use and features of the projector at the October meeting.

Submitted by Don Shublay

A Sneak Peek

A few month's ago I had picked up a handful of woodworking magazines at the local library. My normal routine is to flip through, read what is of interest and maybe copy an article or two. In one of those magazines (Wood, November 2011) was a cute little laminated box called "The Amazing Fold-up Keepsake Box". The method that woodworker Martyn Brewer used to build the box intrigued me to at least copy the plan for a project at another time.

Well, along came another time when Sheila launched the AWA mini-challenges for the month of October. As soon as



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Sheila announced that we were to build a box my copied plan came to mind. The plan is certainly easy to follow and if followed seemed to produce great results. The only part that I ventured away from was his method of cutting thin strips on the table saw. I had purchased a jig made by Rockler for this purpose. It worked great and saved a small amount of time. Martyn's method of cutting the strips is also a solid way to do it.

Below are a few pictures of my progress.

Picture #1 is after all the strips are glued and the stock is planed to 1/4 inch thick.

Picture #2 is showing the masking tape that is going to serve as a temporary hinge. A miter is cut from below deep enough to cut the wood but not the tape.

Picture #3 is after the cuts are finished and the corners are removed. The beauty of this part is that all the exit points of the cuts are trimmed away so any tear out is eliminated.

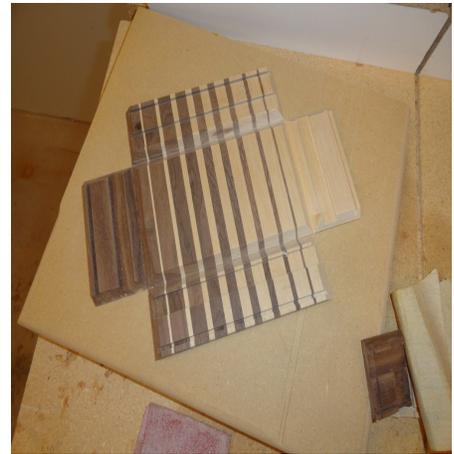
Picture #4 is a close up to show the detailed cuts.

To see the final box you will have to be at the October meeting or wait until it is posted on the website after the meeting.

Thanks to Sheila for her on going repertoire of great mini-challenges.

Hope you enjoy and consider giving this a try.

Glenn McCarron





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