

Atlantic Woodworker's Association

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Don't forget, our February meeting will be at our new location, the Salvation Army Church hall, **171 Pleasant Street, Dartmouth**. You can find the church where Pleasant Street and Newcastle Street intersect. Our February meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th at 7:00 pm..

Just a reminder that the Monthly Challenge for February was to build a holder for tea light(s) candle(s) and/or coasters. I'm looking forward to your creative designs for these useful and decorative candles. The presentation for February is: "Antique Reproductions in Miniature" by Shirley Fader. We have an outing planned for March 2nd for those interested in a tour and demonstration by Stephen Zwerling (Stephen teaches Turning Classes at Lee Valley) at his shop in Boutilier's Point. If interested in attending this tour, please sign the Sign-Up Sheet at our meeting as there is limited space for this tour.



It is time to step up to the plate!

At the Annual Meeting of AWA in March, the members will be choosing a new Board of Directors to manage the Association for the next two years. As in the past, the new board will consider issues and make decisions concerning the direction of the Association for that term.

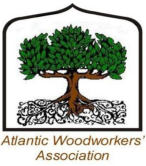
Although all positions on the Board are important, some are more demanding of one's time than others. These include the Webmaster, the Newsletter Editor, the Events Coordinator, the Registrar, the Discounts Coordinator, and the Librarian. For these positions, we ask members to volunteer to assist with these positions to lighten the load.

The ideal Board is one that has a mix of new and experienced members. New members will bring new ideas to the decision making process and the returning members will bring experience through their corporate memory. The Board normally meets for two hours twice or three times per year depending upon the level of activity. Often business can be conducted by email and the decisions confirmed at the following meeting.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Association provides for a maximum of 15 Board members. The Chairperson for the previous term will automatically become a Board member as the Past Chair. The previous Vice Chair normally becomes the new Chair. The other required positions to be filled include the new Vice Chair, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. The positions with a specific mandate that I outlined above such as the Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, Librarian, etc. are normally members of the Board. However, a member can hold one of these positions without necessarily being on the Board. In addition, positions are available as Members At Large. To hold one of these positions does not require you to shop at a plus size store, it simply means that you would be a member of the Board without a designated mandate.

The AWA is your Association, please consider stepping up to the plate and volunteer for one of these positions. If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact me, Don Shubaly, or Phil Carter.

Many thanks,
Tom Patterson



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Nominations Committee Chair

Here's a cool, new, website for woodworkers, called Splinterest. It is similar to the hugely popular photo sharing website, Pinterest, but it is for woodworking only. There's information, how-to's, projects, etc. There's video too. It just opened recently so there is not much on it yet but I'm sure it will be as more people become aware of it.



Here's some information from the website:

Splinterest - We Build Things!

Splinterest is for the Maker, the Creator, the Builder in you, the DIYer, the Hobbist and the Craftsperson too!

If you're into woodworking, construction, a do-it-yourselfer or you just believe that working with wood is really cool, you're in the right place!

Splinterest gives you the opportunity to collect and share photos with other woodworking enthusiasts of your projects, tool gloats, dream builds, tutorials, furniture making, favorites, reviews and a whole lot more!

Once you're a member (it's free!) you can create different "Boards" and "Nail" your woodworking photos to your "Boards".

Splinterest is a fun way to collect and share photos and video of your favourite pastime - woodworking!

So, if there's shavings in your hair and splinters on your hands, this place is for you!

Membership is free. Join in on the fun today!

Visit: <http://www.splinterest.com/>

Ted Monk

I found a section on "Tips " in the last Wood Magazine that you might like to pass on.

The " Shop Tips of the Day" app at woodmagazine.com/tips gives you a handy tip every weekday. You can also search for past tips and find.....

Tons of Table Saw Tips
.....woodmagazine.com/tablesawtips

A Bevy of Bandsaw Tips.....

.....woodmagazine.com/bandsawtips

A Fat Pile of of Finishing Tips.....
.....woodmagazine.com/finishingtips

Reams of Router Tips.....
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A Giant-size stack of Joinery tips
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Don. MacMillan

Note From the Chair

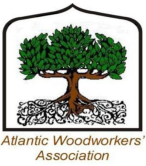


Our Association is successful in part because we have had no shortage of capable hands within the AWA Board of Directors (I often referred to the Board of Directors as the “Board” or the “Executive”) to take on tasks and administer our group. Over the past several years the number of Directors on the Board has approached our constitutional maximum of 15 members. This is the way we want it to be, because it ensures good representation of the general membership, and provides many hands to undertake the few tasks necessary to be a progressive, valued Association.

As we approach and prepare for our Annual General Meeting in March of this year and elect a new Board of Directors, our Nominating Committee has been taking stock, and a few Board members, after several years of valuable service on the Executive, are choosing not to re-offer.

Although the service of those leaving the Board will be missed, this creates opportunity to have general members newly bring their talents and energy to the Board of Directors. I ask all within our membership to seriously consider standing for nomination to our Board of Directors in March. I assure you the work is light and the relationship is enjoyable.

You can offer as an Executive “member-at-large” which means there is no specific task associated to the Board position, but we would also like members to consider taking on roles such as Registrar, Executive



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Secretary or Webmaster.

We also wish to recruit to the Board a Vice-Chair. This is a longer term commitment since by tradition in our Association the Vice-Chair aspires to take on the role of Chairperson in a successive Board. I assure you, by my own experience, that this is a rewarding and fun way to participate in the AWA.



: Measure twice and cut once

Possible project for AWA



I have been approached by the head of the fine arts department at Prince Andrew High School in Dartmouth, Rob Wigle, to help build part of the set for their upcoming play, A Midsummer Night Dream.

Last year, David Smith, Don Shubaly, Graham McCulloch, and I built several pieces for their production of The Sound of Music. The year before, Glenn McCarron, Nicholas McCarron, David Smith, Cecil Canam, and I built a replica car for their production of Grease. All, or parts of these sets, have been used by other schools once the plays have ended at Prince Andrew.

The project this year is to build a tree that will hold two actors. I met with the Rob to discuss the construction of the tree. Basically, we will build a structure out of 2X6 planks that would be 2 feet wide and 2 feet deep and about 20 feet high. It will be anchored to both the floor and the catwalk near the ceiling for stability. The branches that the actors will sit on will also be made out of 2X6 material. Once the structure is built, the artistic people of the fine arts department will add decorative to make it look like a real tree.

All of the material will be provided by the school. They even have a lift to reach the high spots. They would like to start, and possibly finish, construction of this structure on February 16th. Please let me know if you are interested in helping on this project.

Cheers, Tom Patterson



: A little help on this project maybe?

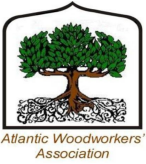


project 1: Tom and Doug works on our new book locker



project 2: Our new book case starts to take shape

Before moving into our new location at the Salvation Army it was necessary to build a new cabinet to hold our books. You are looking at the construction under way.



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Opera Valentine 2013
Vola, o serenata

Opera Gala

Gourmet Italian Dinner
(Four Courses)

Vocal Highlights
and Serenades

Silent Auction of
Quality Items

"The Game"



Friday, February 15
Saturday, February 16
6:00 pm for 6:30 pm

Italian Canadian Cultural Association
2629 Agricola St. Halifax

Suzanne Rigden, soprano, Paula Rockwell, mezzo soprano
Lenard Whiting, tenor, Iain MacNeil, baritone
Tara Scott, piano

Reservations \$85 per person
(incl. HST & \$30.00 tax receipt)
call Sheila Andrecyk 445-5768



*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

Opera Valentine is an annual fundraiser for Opera Nova Scotia. It is well worth the money. The food is great four courses with some very good entertainment between courses. And of course time is made for you to visit the silent auction table. You can bid on the women in you life and Paula Rockwell will sing love songs to her, or if its a man you bid on the Tenor will sing to him both mid stage.

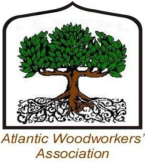


Illustration 1: Sephen Zwerling in a turning project

NOTE OF INTEREST

I have been looking at Stockade.ca . I haven't used them for a while and decided to see what they had . By the way there in Guelph Ontario
They have a newsletter they will send to you , you can request a cat. from them. It is very interesting they have a great assortment of bits 50. prices are not to bad either . Mostle cannot find what I want and have to go look some where usually the states to find . They use Canadian dollars not Amercian that a lot of Canadian places use .

Bill Richardson



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Membership Dues:

This is a reminder that if you haven't renewed your membership for 2013 – 2014 now is a good time to do that. You may pay at meetings or send a cheque directley to our treasurer **Ken Miller; 200 Melrose Ave . Halifax NS, B3N 2E7**