

# Atlantic Woodworker's Association AWA Newsletter

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A reminder that our monthly meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. We meet at the Salvation Army church hall, 177 Pleasant Street, Dartmouth.

September meeting will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. You should consider bringing a friend and introduce them to our association. Presentation, Maximizing Function and Space in our Workshop- Gary Dumas

# Mini-Challenge for September:

To repair/replace or built an item(s) using lumber of your choice. Please bring along the item(s) or pictures for show and tell.

# Additional Request:

If you have favorite woodworking related web sites that you have come upon in your searches. Please forward the URL - web sites and I will compile a list for all members of these sites and have Don post on our Web Site. These can be forwarded to <a href="mailto:fineshavings.woodworking@gmail.com">fineshavings.woodworking@gmail.com</a>

#### A note form our chair

Not much to say other than we're always looking for new members so it would be great if members brought a friend to the meetings. We will definitely be looking for some help with the picnic tables for the museums, Shops and Jigs are always a hot topic for us all to hear about and see. I was at East coast Spec. Hardwoods last week and they will have a rep from Lie Nielson at their location on the 27,28 of Sept and it's all free, it may be worth a look, check out their web site.



Cheers Gary

#### Hi Phil,

Some of your members may be interested in several woodworking workshops we're offering in September at Sutherland Steam Mill Museum near Tatamagouche, or they may know people who would like to attend. This is a pilot project that Site Manager Darrell Burke has been working on with a local furniture craftsman, Jonathan Otter, who proposed the idea. It offers a unique experience for participants but will be a challenge filling the sessions. Could you please spread the word at your meeting next month? Any suggestions for promoting these workshops would be much appreciated. I've copied Darrell in this e-mail in case you or any of your members would like further information.

Thanks, Janet



# Picnic Table Project.

Dave Schlosberg, Tom Patterson, Jim Tupper and I met on July 13 to start our community project of building picnic tables for the provincial museums. They had asked us to build one as a prototype so that they could see what one would cost and look like. We didn't quite get the one finished that day due to several reasons, so this past Sat. Tom, Gary Dumas and I finished it. Janet Malby, from the



museums, saw it, liked it, and we have arranged for it to be taken to the museum on Summer Street where we will "finish it" before cameras and reporters. We want to get some publicity for our Association and perhaps attract some new members. We will be making eight to ten more this fall so we need some serious commitments from our members (simply 'hands in the air' won't **cut it,** pardon the pun). We have a strategy as to how we can best complete this project which we will explain at our Sept. meeting. Those of us who have been involved to date have had fun sharing time and skills with fellow members. My thanks to Tom, David, Jim, Gary for their help getting this project underway and to Graham McCulloch for the use of major equipment.

Submitted by Phil Carter

#### REMEMBER ART SNOW

Art was a long time active member of AWA who contributed a great deal to our association. He was a fine woodworker who took pride in what he did. The picture shows Art helping a young boy with his project at one of our children's workshops at exbition park. Art was a great supporter of our christmas projects, making toys for children. He alway encougaged our members to make at least one toy, better still if you make more. We could always depend on Art to have at least one jeep that he made. He continued to come to meetings even when he had to depend on someone to bring him. Art



had a great since of humor and was good spirited. The only woodworker that I know who had a carpeted workshop I visited Art at Camphill a few times and he always enjoyed seeing a fellow woodworker come in.

Stan





Woodchuchers is based in Toronto and have a wide range of things for turning. When you order they will send a catalogue. They will send your order in which you send a return cheque.

#### Schedule for the fall;

September 10<sup>th</sup> Maximizing Function and Space in our Workshop- Gary Dumas

October 8<sup>th</sup> to be announced

November 12<sup>th</sup> Folk Artist, Barry Colpitts Will bring in some of his work and give a carving demonstration December 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Social toys for the Salvation Army









Some of you may realize that this newsletter is coming from Kent in the UK. I was out walking through a grove of trees recently and was blown away with the length of these branches being held up by such a small trunk. These trees were a breed of british oak.. It was a great walk as well. Needless to say I will not be at the Sept. Meeting.

#### Stan Salsman

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Hey, just a heads up that after much begging and pleading from a number of us hand tool geeks, Lie-Nielsen is finally coming to see us.

They well be holding a free event at East Coast Specialty Hardware on Sept 27th, and 28th.

You can expect an environment similar to the old defunct wood shows but only with Lie-Nielsen and possibly a guest or two. (I don't know for sure yet if there are guests.)

One thing I know for sure is that there will be wicked sweet tools to play with, and I will be short on spending money for a few months.



Look forward to seeing you all there!

#### Ric Archibald

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Janet

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# **Work Opportunity with Keep house Studio**

Keep house Studio is a local business based on the Eastern Shore. Husband and wife team Kyle van Tol and Alissa Kloet design and hand make a line of Scandinavian inspired housewares for sale across Nova Scotia, Canada and online. They are currently looking to contract a portion of the production work out to a local woodworker. Currently their wood products include coasters, serving trays and recipe boxes all made from high quality birch plywood. There would be room for collaboration and the possibility of expanding our line into hardwood products in the coming calendar year.

The work would include cutting the various pieces of the products. From there, Keephouse Studio would screen print patterns onto the wood and continue with the assembling and finishing of the product.

Some requirements include:

- Proficient in woodworking
- Have access to their own workspace
- Attention to detail

COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND HERITAGE--Unique Furniture Making Workshops at Sutherland Steam Mill

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Nova Scotians interested in the fine craft of furniture making will be able to learn more from a master of the art form. Sutherland Steam Mill Museum in Denmark, Colchester Co., near Tatamagouche, will offer weekend workshops on Sept. 13 and 14, and Sept. 20 and 21 with renowned Nova Scotia furniture maker Jonathan Otter.

Mr. Otter is well known as both a craftsperson and teacher whose reputation extends beyond Nova Scotia.

"This is a fine example of museums highlighting, sharing and building on traditional wisdom and skills," said Communities, Culture and Heritage Minister Leonard Preyra. "Visitors to Sutherland Steam Mill will get a hands-on learning opportunity to explore Nova Scotia's craft and design heritage by meeting and working with an accomplished Nova Scotia artisan."

The unique workshops will teach the basic skills of chair-making with the construction of a shaving horse.

The shaving horse is an ancient woodworking tool combining a workbench with a vise that allows the work while seated. The earliest illustration of a shaving horse dates back to the 15th century. This versatile tool is being rediscovered today. With a shaving horse and the right tools and techniques participants will have everything needed to make chairs, stools and other projects.

"Sutherland Steam Mill is a perfect backdrop to share the experience of furniture making with Nova Scotians who want to explore their creative nature through such a beautiful and functional art form," said Mr. Otter.



The workshop is largely hands-on and all work is done with hand tools. There is a limit of five participants per workshop which will ensure an intimate experience with lots of opportunity for one on one time with Mr. Otter.

For more information or to register, visit <a href="http://museum.gov.ns.ca/ssm/en/home/default.aspx">http://museum.gov.ns.ca/ssm/en/home/default.aspx</a> or call 902-657-3016.

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"HOPE YOU ALL HAD A GREAT SUMMER"