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**Our meeting will be at
Kent, Mic Mac Mall in
Dartmouth, 8th March at
7 pm.**

Annual General Meeting

with election of officers. Volunteer if you want to help out-----Call Tom to volunteer 466-7110. Following the AGM there will be a presentation by one of our members, John Woods, on the growing, harvesting, milling, and drying of hardwood. John has extensive experience in this area and will use slides to assist in the presentation.

This is a web sent in by Don MacMillan
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Note

Attached are reports for the AGM

Minutes from 2010 AGM
Financial Report
Membeship
Report from the Chair

FROM THE CHAIR

The oncoming meeting on March 8th will be the Annual Meeting of the AWA. I expect that the business portion of the meeting should be 30 minutes or less. We have circulated reports of the Board



of Directors, the Auditors on the finances and the List of Nominations for the Board of Directors for the next two years. I encourage all members to read these reports prior to the meeting. Any questions that you have on the reports will be answered by the Board. Any suggestions that you may have for the incoming Board in regards to any aspect of the operation of the AWA would be most welcomed. Remember that the AWA is your association and your collective wants and needs are foremost on the minds of those who lead the organization. However, they are not mind readers. They need your feedback.

The remainder of the meeting will be devoted to a presentation by one of our members, John Woods, on the growing, harvesting, milling, and drying of hardwood. John has extensive experience in this area and will use slides to assist in the presentation.

At the last meeting in February, the scheduled presenter, Mel Larsen, was unable to attend likely as a result of bad weather that day. Since we had no notice, we were not able to have an alternate presenter take his place. However, all was not lost. One member brought antique tools for a short show and tell. Another member talked to use about health and safety issues in working with wood and finishes including chemicals and the need to protect ourselves. Another member talked about a possible project for some members of AWA. We also had time to talk with each other to a greater degree that time normally allows. The quick response of the members to turn a bad situation into a good one demonstrates the

versatility of the members and the willingness to pitch in to help. Many thanks for their help.

At the last meeting, we brought in soft drinks for those attending. We will continue to do this at future meetings unless directed otherwise.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.



Cheers,
Tom Patterson, Chair

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Illustration 1: February meeting; photo by Ted Monk



Illustration 2: February meeting; photo by Ted Monk



Illustration 3: February meeting, photo by; Ted Monk



The AWA Library database is now online!

The database features a visual listing of all our books and DVD's with covers and descriptions. Presently we have 355 items in the database!

Log in to the AWA website and click the 'Library' link on the menu bar to access.

Note that the online listing is ordered by category and then title. The categories are:

Boatbuilding, Cabinetmaking, Design, DVD, Furnituremaking, Home Building, Miscellaneous, Projects, Reference, Tools, Toys, Woodcarving, Woodturning

Unfortunately, because of software limitations the categories are not clearly marked but by looking at the titles you can get a pretty good idea which category you are looking at.

Also note that not all book covers and descriptions are available, particularly for our older books. This is an ongoing process. If you would like to help please email me any cover images and descriptions for ones that are missing. Thanks.

Working in tandem with the new Coloured Tape Categorization (CTC) system I believe that the online database will be a great tool for planning in advance of a meeting which books or DVDs you would like to borrow and then easily find them when you get to the meeting. Enjoy! :)

And speaking of the Coloured Tape Categorization (CTC) system, it is working well and it is proving to be a lot easier in finding books in a certain category. It is particularly helpful in returning books to their respective category as well.

Finally, and more importantly, I'd like to welcome Dave Schlosberg to the library team. Dave will be assisting me with the library duties, 'learning the ropes' and as time goes on will move into the librarian's position. Dave brings with him a lot of woodworking experience and as well, he is an avid reader and researcher - all great qualities for an AWA librarian. Welcome, Dave!

See you at the meeting,
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