

Atlantic Woodworker's Association

AWA Newsletter

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Our normal meetings are held at the Salvation Army church hall, 171 Pleasant St. Dartmouth, on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. January meeting will be Tuesday 14th, 2014.

January Event: "Happy New Year"

Our Presenter for Tuesday, January 14th will be Jana Bookholt of Swaine Street Woodworking, Jan is a local artist that specializes in building cutting and cheese boards and she also sells wood care products. Jana will have various boards and her wood care products available.

Of course if you got a new toy bor Xmas bring it along for a show and tell.

Calling All Woodworkers

I'm betting that most who read this have never heard of **The Atlantic Woodworkers Association**. We are a group of hobby woodworkers who enjoy working with wood on projects that range from fix up work to toys. This organization has been in existence for over 30 years and meet monthly, presently at the Salvation Army meeting hall on Pleasant Street in Dartmouth. There are formal and informal presentations along with show and tell on a monthly basis. The annual dues are \$20.00. Try and beat that. There are also community projects such as bunk beds for the Baptist Bible Camp (we made 96!!!). Our annual Toy Show just finished at Lee Valley where we make wooden toys for the Salvation Army to distribute at Christmas. There is an extensive library available to members, we can advise and mentor your project if required and we have a monthly newsletter. If you are a hobby woodworker interested in sharing your ideas and having a fun evening once a month, why not give us a look. Show up at a meeting, 2nd Tuesday every month at 7 PM, Salvation Army Hall, Pleasant Street, Dartmouth, or check us out on line at our website, atlanticwoodworkers.ca or email us at awa.webmaster@atlanticwoodworkers.ca

Gene Nurse

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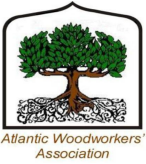
December Meeting (social)

The tools that Graham donated for the draw raised \$150.00 for the Salvation Army Christmas Program.



Media News

At our toys for Christmas social we were visited by Global TV and CTV. Shots of our toys and interviews were featured on the late night news the same night at 11, 11:30 pm and on Breakfast TV.



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What did you get for Christmas? Read what Brad got this year.....,

Santa brought me a great book for Christmas: "Hybrid Woodworking" by Marc Spagnuolo (published by Popular Woodworking). The term "hybrid woodworker" made immediate sense to me as those who use a blend of power and hand tools.

One of Spagnuolo's early recommendations in the book is a router plane, which I'm pleased to say I should have in the next few days.

I don't have any specific plans for the tool yet, however I'm looking forward to making more tightly fit dado grooves and tenon cheeks in the New Year.

I have been experimenting with rare earth magnets and having fun incorporating them into some wood projects. Perhaps I could suggest this for a future monthly challenge.

See you in the New Year,
Brad

Wood Cut Outs for VON Adult Day Programme

The attendees at the VON "Breakaway" Adult day programme continue to paint the shapes that various AWA members have cut out and they really enjoy the activity. By way of history, I (Dick Jamer) have cut shapes out for the Fall River groups for the past couple of years and VON expressed an interest in extending this activity to all five of their HRM groups. About 45 cut outs are required for the entire programme. In September 2013, several AWA members agreed to cut out shapes for the programme. To date the following shapes have been cut out and presented to VON:

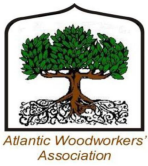
1. Bob Baird has cut out scarecrows.
2. Dave Schlosberg has cut out pumpkins
3. Tom Patterson has cut out Santa Clauses , and
4. Stan Salsman has cut out cats.

I would ask everyone who has committed to cutting out patterns to contact me at rjamer@eastlink.ca or 576-2421 when you have finished. I will either get them at the next meeting or arrange to pick them up. If anyone else would like to participate, please contact me. We have lots of ideas and the items can be saved until they fit into the programme.

I continue to receive many thank you s from VON staff. Thank YOU!

Dick Jamer

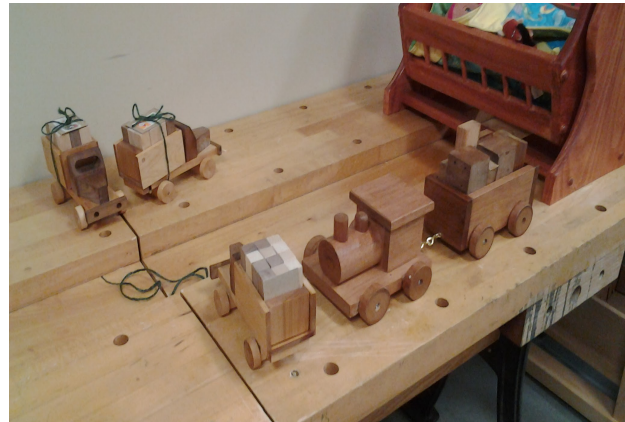
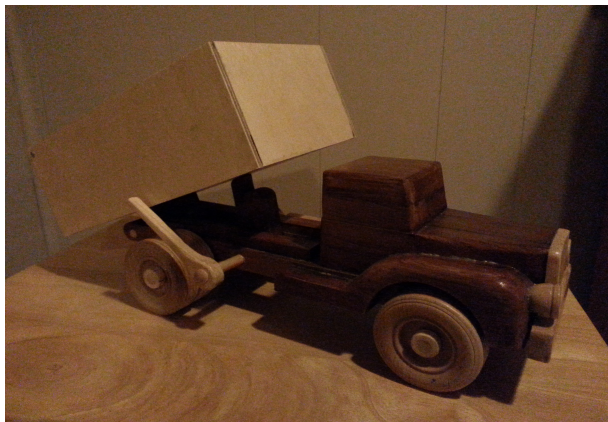


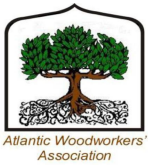


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Illustration 1: Kevin Hurst of Lee Valley

The above pictures were taken of our Christmas social event at Lee Valley. A representative from the Salvation Army was on hand to take the wonderful toys you members had made to distribute to children. Graham McCulloch had donated a couple of tools to be auction off getting **\$150.** in cash for the work of the Salvation Army. The media, Global TV and CTV were on hand to record the event. The event was shown on the 11 pm news the same day and on .Breakfast TV the next morning. It was nice to see a number of visitors out that had been invited.

We need to thank Lee Valley for hosting our meeting each year. Thanks to all of you members who brought all the great nibbles at the back of the room, I'm sure every one that took something from that tavel enjoyed it, I know I did.

“A recording of the news broadcast is on a CD in our library if you missed it.”



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Show and Tell

As a follow up to Stan's suggestion, I will be bringing in to the meeting some unique items that I received as gifts from my children this past Christmas and the previous Christmas. I encourage other members to do the same.

One such item is a magnetic wrist band that holds screws or nails for easy reach while building a project. Another item is a magnet that releases it's hold with the pull of a handle. It is ideal for picking up screws and depositing them in a tool pouch. Still another item is a device to easily and accurately hang pictures.

Cheers, Tom Patterson