

Atlantic Woodworker's Association

AWA Newsletter

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Our meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Our meeting place for the coming meeting will be the **Baptist Church, 60 Hastings Drive, Dartmouth** **Our next meeting will be on the October 14th at 7 pm.**

George Macintosh - Pipemaker

At our October 14th. meeting our guest speaker will be George Macintosh, who will be giving a talk about making bagpipes.

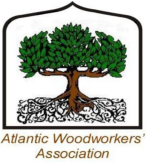
George made his start in pipemaking in 1986 when he took a course in woodturning at the New Brunswick Craft School in Fredericton (now the New Brunswick College of Craft and Design), and he has turned his share of bowls, plates, lamps, tables and rolling pins. Over the years he has developed his own distinct designs for three Scottish instruments: Practice Chanters; Highland Smallpipes; and Great Highland Bagpipes. He has developed his own set of dimensions and bores to produce a signature sound, and each instrument he makes is "one-of-a-kind", using unique turning designs and materials. He has exhibited his instruments at the Mary E. Black Gallery on two occasions in the "Sound Craftsmanship" shows curated by Jay Perry.

George will discuss the techniques that he used to build his newest instrument, a bagpipe inspired by the early 19th century Scottish pipemakers, and made with African Blackwood and European Boxwood. George is an Agrologist and lives and works in Truro. He has been a piper for over 40 years and is the Pipe Major of the Black Watch Association (Atlantic Branch) Pipes and Drums. This band is the core of the Pipes and Drums of the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo.

George is the son of AWA member Doug Macintosh.

With our first meeting over in our new facility, I think most will agree it is a terrific space, nice and bright with much better acoustics. We had lots of discussion about the All Things Wood Show and a good response to fill in our time slots at the show.

One of the more unpleasant tasks of the Chair is to be the bearer of bad news and so it was at the meeting. The Board met last summer and after much discussion, it agreed to increase dues to \$30.00 a year. However, the board also recognized that if a couple wish to be members, a family membership would cost \$40.00. This of course, is help defray the cost of guest speakers and hall rental. I'm sure you all understand that dues have not increased



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for years and that this decision wasn't taken lightly.

We are always looking for guest presenters for our meetings, or perhaps you would like to make a presentation yourself at our meeting. Just pass on that info to Sheila and she will slot your suggested presenter or your presentation at one of our future meetings. Just a reminder that you are all encouraged to bring in your items for show and tell and this is not about who is the best, but an opportunity to show and tell us how you did or how you could improve on the piece. As the Christmas season approaches, it is time for us to think of our annual meeting at Lee Valley and Toy donations for the Salvation Army.

I'm very much looking forward to another great year of projects and fun with all of you. Remember if you show your AWA membership card you can get in for half price. See you at the show or the next meeting.

One last thing our November meeting will be held on the 18 November because of Remembrance Day.

Visit us at the 2014 *Everything to do with WOOD Show*

Co-located with the Nova Scotia Fall Ideal Home show, the *Everything to do with Wood Show* includes exhibits, features and demonstrations for the wood enthusiast.

Be sure to join us at Exhibition Park, Halifax on October 3 – 5!

Show Hours:

Friday, Oct 3 12 noon – 8pm

Saturday, Oct 4 10am – 6pm

Sunday, Oct 5 10am – 5pm

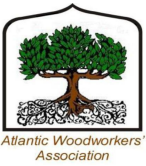
Last summer I decided to build a tool tote with my almost 8 year old grandson. In the previous summer, I had him try hammering some nails at random on a board, making some shavings with a 3” plane I got for him, and sawing as close to a line as he could. I cut the end pieces to shape while he watched. Then he had to saw the side pieces to length. In order to give him his best chance at this job, I prepared 5/16” spruce pieces and gave him a 24 tpi pull-saw. Even though his technique was poor and only slightly correctible (a stubborn kid!), he produced usable cuts (see photo).

The thin boards allowed him to use the easy drive-ability of 1” brads (we also put glue on the joint for ultimate strength). The bottom was 5/32” ply which I cut out slightly oversize. He nailed this on easily with 5/8” brads (and glue). Then he had a great time planing the bottom flush to the sides which I think has to be the ultimate teachable moment in hand tools.

Submitted by David Schloberg



Teaching 1: David Schloberg with his Grandson



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As you know, AWA is preparing to operate a booth at the Everything to do with Wood show being held in connection with the Fall Ideal Home Show at Exhibition Park on October 3-5. I have drafted a schedule and we have great coverage for most slots though we could use another person or two especially on Sunday afternoon to ensure extra people in the booth when someone is doing a demo.

The plan is that we will have a photo show on a loop showing work samples and members at work. Don Shubaly is coordinating that so if you have pictures, please send them directly to Don - or send a message to me at this address and I'll connect with Don. We are also trying to offer demos or presentations, anywhere from about 20-60 minutes. There will be info sheets available to help you answer questions about the AWA. In the next few days, I will send volunteers an info sheet with details about the association as well as details about how to get your badge, where to park, where to find our booth, and any other pertinent info.

Please review the following draft schedule and confirm the time of your shift and, if relevant, the topic of your presentation as well as the approximate length. Also, please make sure that I have your first and last name correct as we need to submit them to get ID badges made for each of our volunteers. Those will get you access to the show.

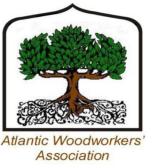
We can still use more presenters if you have a topic that you would like to share. I have indicated approximate presentation start times but please note that they might change slightly - I'm trying to coordinate times with the woodturners association so we might shuffle things a little, within the same shift. Gene, Gary mentioned that you are willing to do a presentation on the effects of wood dust but I didn't know what time slot would work best for me so let me know when you would prefer.

I hope I have gotten everyone in the schedule as requested but let me know if you have corrections or questions - or want to be added. I would like to have all changes by 5:00 on Monday, Sept 29 so we can get the info to the wood show on Tuesday. Contact me at me_otoole@yahoo.com

Thanks.

Mary Elizabeth

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Stephen Parsons (12-6)
Doug Machintosh (12-2)
Dave Schlosberg (2-4)

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11:30 Gary Dumas - Setting Up a small shop

2:00 Neil - handsaw skills
3:30 Stephen Parsons - Using SketchUp for design

SUNDAY OCT 5 - open 10-5

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John Lothian (12-3)
Gary Dumas (2-6)
Don Shubaly (4-6)

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FRIDAY OCT 3 - open 12-8

Gary Dumas & Don Shubaly (set up and prep - 9:00 - ??)
Mary & Don MacMillan (10-2:30)
Tom Patterson & Deb Hickey (2-5)
Tom Servaes (2-3:30)
Doug MacIntosh (4-6)
Roslyn Duffis & Sheila Eddy (5-8)

Presentation:

6:30 Roslyn Duffus - Caning demo

SATURDAY OCT 5 - open 10-6

Neil Cronkwright (9:30-6)
Stephen Parsons (12-6)
Doug Machintosh (12-2)
Dave Schlosberg (2-4)

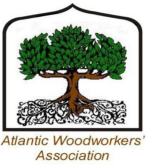
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Project 1: Cabinets and shelves built with Debra Hickey and Tom Patterson



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It is time to be thinking about our toy making for the Christmas toy drive. These are the toys distributed by the Salvation Army to many deedy children.

It is not soon to be started on this project.