

Atlantic Woodworker's Association Newsletter

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April 12th 7 pm The meeting will be at our home base in the Dartmouth Kent Store. The event for this meeting will be a turning Demo by Cicil Canam. Don't forget that if you have anything for a show and tell please bring it along.



From the Chair

I managed to miss the March meeting, perhaps not good start to my term as chairman of the Association since my first order of business would have been to thank Tom Patterson for his stewardship of the Association and its executive, as chairman over the past two years. As his understudy over the same period, I saw and appreciated his careful and experienced leadership. I look forward to his continued participation as a continuing member of the executive.

While I was visiting in Florida in March, I was able to get a “fix” of woodworking by getting myself to a Woodcraft Store. I had found a list of the store locations in Fine Woodworking, and the couple Colleen and I were visiting went out of their way to get me to the Woodcraft Store in Fort Myers.

The Fort Myers store is small, tucked in a corner of a not very busy strip mall. As I walked in the door I was greeted with a wide smile and a cheerful “Hello Canada”. We get lots of Canadians coming into the store”. I hadn't yet said a word so I was a little astonished, but soon realized I was given away by my Lee Valley ball cap. The staff on hand congregated and we chatted about tools, Lee Valley and Woodcraft. Woodcraft sells many familiar tools and items including Veritas products and of course their own line of Woodriver hand tools. There was a well-attended seminar on carving going on while I was there. I spent some time exploring the isles and at the end bought a Woodcraft ball cap. I'll wear it on my next visit to Lee Valley.

Don



Here is a **link** submitted by Graham McCulloch;

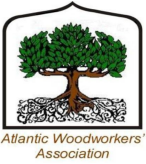
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Gene's Burls—April 2011

Boys and Girls in the Workshop

I have been sharing my workshop for years mostly with our male members. In the last month I have had three of our lady members with me all at different times and I have noticed differences. Firstly, the ladies all bring food even when told not to do so. I can't recall once in the last ten years



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that the males have brought food. (Except Tom who brings cinnamon buns—but only if he is harassed). In fact quite the opposite, the males expect to find food and liquid refreshments provided. Secondly, they don't discuss sports, politics, gossip, or tell off color jokes. Thirdly, they question and discuss the project as opposed to guys who discuss trivia about everything except the project. Fourthly, they clean up after we have finished, including vacuuming the floor. The guys kick sawdust out of the way so they can open the door. I believe guys think there's a clean-up fairy that arrives at night to clean up the workshop. On the other hand has anyone looked a Lew's workshop lately? I can assure you he doesn't have a clean-up fairy at his place. Conversely the gals never accept "close-enough" when we assemble the project while guys will take anything closer than 1/8 inch as a great fit. They also talk to my wife which has the distinct possibility she will find out information the guys would never share. In the end both guys and gals are great to work with and my workshop is improved by having them.

Submitted by Gene

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The Challenge

In January everyone was offered an opportunity to participate in a woodworking challenge. Over 30 took up the call. Everyone was given 4 feet of 1X8 clear pine. The item could be made entirely of this pine or any part of this pine. In addition anyone who wished could add an equal amount of similar or other wood. In fact the addition could be made up of many types of wood as long as the total additional did not exceed 1X8X 4 feet. The team would like to add further information and clarify existing information. There will be three prizes consisting of Lee Valley gift certificates. These will be awarded on a random draw to participants. Prizes are not available to non participants.

All items made will be turned over to a suitable charity where we can get widespread community recognition.

The team is leaning towards the IWK at this point. These folks indicate that they can get top dollar because of the IWK association. Our items would be clearly labeled as being donated by the AWA. This would have the advantage of being a worthwhile charity but also getting us public recognition for our work. This change is important because initially we suggested that if there were toys made these could be retained and entered into our Christmas Toy Drive. We also suggested that the maker could retain items and not donate them. The team now feels this should be changed. We should be proud to make items and proud to see them going to a great cause.

Now!!!! Get 'er done byes.



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In June of 2000 AWA was hosted by Ron Loucks on his echo farm and forest.
During that visit I planted a tree birch tree for Atlantic Woodworkers



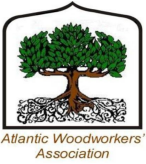
*Illustration 1: Chair, Stan Salsman
Plants tree*



Illustration 2: Lunch served by host Ron Loucks



Illustration 3: Tried our lunc at a bit of farming with a little help from Ron's horse



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AWA Merchant List

The following woodworking tool and materials merchants offer a discount to ***paid up*** members of the Atlantic Woodworker's Association. *AWA* members must show their current membership at the time of purchase. We encourage you to visit their websites before shopping.

Discounts vary from merchant to merchant.

We encourage our members to frequent these merchants for all of your woodworking requirements.

Busy Bee Tools – 86 Troop Ave., Burnside, 468-8088 Mr. Bill Luther. (10% discount)
(www.busybeetools.com)

East West Plastics & Electric Products 55 Akerly Blvd. Burnside, 468-4701 Mr. Kim Dobsdon.**
(Members may purchase off-cuts at reduced prices) (www.eastwestplastic.com)

Fundy Grinding – 9 Farnham Road, Truro, NS, 800-863-0181 – Mr. David Drummond.
(Discounts usually 5 – 10%) (www.fundygrinding.com)

Halifax Specialty Hardwoods – 26A Topsail Court, Atlantic Acres Industrial Park, NS – 835-4700 – Mr. Darryl Vallis. (Discount 10%) (www.halifaxspecialtyhardwoods.com)

Kent Building Supply* - All locations in Metro Halifax. (Members should go to the Contractor's Desk)

Mill Supply – 32 Troop Ave., Burnside – 468-3236 – Mr. Malcolm Matthews (Preferred Customer Discount)
(www.millsupply.com)

Nova Specialty Building Materials – 101 Ilsley Ave., Burnside – 468-1012 – (Preferred Customer Discount) (<http://www.atyp.com/novaspecialty/>)

Rideout Tool & Machinery – 170 Akerly Blvd., Burnside – 468-2060 – Mr. Chris Rideout or Mr. Norman Penny. Preferred Customer Discount) (www.rideouttool.com)

Robert Bury Canada Ltd. – 30 Williams Ave., Burnside – 468-3555 (This company sells wholesale only but will sell to AWA members with a minimum order of \$100.)

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