



Atlantic Woodworker's Association AWA Newsletter

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AWA meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of each month. We meet at 7 pm, 60 Hastings Dr., Dartmouth.

NOTE: for this meeting only we will meet on the **20th Oct.** at 7pm and our normal location on Hastings Dr. The hall is not available for our normal meeting time.

Mini Challenge for Oct. meeting is to create an item you would use in the kitchen.

Guest Speaker for Oct. meeting will be Jeff Amos of Amos Wood.

I received a call from a fellow who is taking down 6 basswood trees and is wondering if any of the carvers would be interested in the wood, they would have to coordinate with him to be there when they are taken down his name is Dan De'graaf and he can be contacted at 902-847-9270.

Submitted by: Linda Foster

September's Show and Tell.

We had 4 members with something to show and share with us in Oct. Gary Dumas, Tom Patterson, Stephen Patterson and Greg Young-Morris. See pictures on the last page.

Visitors / new Members

A Welcome to the new members/visitors that come out to our meetings. If you know of a visitor or new member please introduce yourself to them, make them feel welcome and a part.

I'm making six cribbage boards. Why? Because five wasn't enough. Hope to bring some to the next meeting

Brad Holley



50/50 draw for Oct. Meeting was Roy Hirt-\$21.00

DEWS for the next season can be paid at any time now at the meetings. Dews \$30.00. Phil Carter is our new treasurer.



During the month of September to October we spent four weeks in Kemsing England. We enjoyed the country side getting in some hiking, North Downs with black sheep, and the Seven Sisters (the white cliffs). If you like to walk I'd recommend walking in the UK

Stan



Dear Friends of Carter Cutlery,

A number of you have asked to be alerted to the times when Murray will be part of Episode Eight of "Forged in Fire" on the History Channel. The series has already been aired in the US, but the series is just now underway in Canada. The History Channel is on 19 via Eastlink and ??????? via BellAliant. Below is the Episode description and the times this will be shown.

Episode Description- "Forging the Moro Kris"

The bladesmiths must forge a signature weapon using everyday steel objects like ball bearings and shovels as their only source material. Only two competitors will move on and are given just five days to forge the mystical Moro Kris Sword--a distinctive blade that dates all the way back to 300 BC.

According to the website, this episode will air:

Tues, Oct. 13, 11pm

Wed, Oct. 14, 9pm

Sun, Oct. 18, 4pm

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There are several additional times listed but they are in the wee hours of the morning. The series is on for the next three weeks on Tuesdays at 11pm. If you receive Murray's Newsletter, you can watch a video of him describing his experience in this competitive situation (August Edition). If you want to get an idea of his full line of products go to Google and type in "carter cutlery" and see the range of his creative talents and world class knives.

Member shop tour

On Sept. 26, 2015, half-a-dozen members took the opportunity to visit the shops of three of our members: Ted Monk, Bob Baird and Gary Dumas.

It was a treat to see how different people use their space and it is clear that available space and personality both have an impact on the design choices. I learned a number of tips and tricks that I will apply in my own way in our shop.

Our first stop was at Ted's. He showed us some of the tools he uses for his beautiful wood turned bowls and art pieces. I personally love the idea of making a 'celebration' bowl, as Ted terms his large bowls. As a bonus, Ted also showed us a greenhouse that has been his summer project

Next stop was at Bob's shop in Dartmouth. Bob proved his motto that 'simple is best' with some great ideas for jigs and storage (sounds like Gary plans to copy some of Bob's small drawer units).

The last shop on the tour was Gary, who not surprisingly, has a very efficient – and impressively clean – workshop. He gave us some excellent suggestions for making use best use of a small space.

We finished our outing with lunch at Pilot's Pub where we shared more ideas based on what we saw in the shops. Thanks to our hosts for opening their shops and answering questions. This is something we should certainly repeat. Next time, maybe we should try for several shops on the Halifax side. For more pictures of our tours, visit the AWA in the community web page at <http://atlanticwoodworkers.ca/events/awa-in-the-community/> and select Member shop tour



South Shore Road Trip

On Saturday, Oct. 3, 10 members made a trip to the South Shore. It was too bad that more members were not able to make the trip because those of us who could go had a terrific day. First stop was at Phil's daughters 'boat house' in Mahone Bay. Constructed by Blue Rocks Timber Framers, It actually is much more than a boat house but that is how it started. The post and beam construction building is filled with incredible details. The timber and pieces were cut in the shop and then amazingly assembled on site in just 2 days. You'll want to come to the meeting on Oct. 20 when Phil will do a slide presentation of the assembly.

We continued on to Lunenburg where we had a chance to visit the Blue Rocks shop, which is pretty small given the amazing work that they are doing.

We also spent some time with Tony Chaplik at the Lunenburg Furniture Company. He makes lovely custom furniture using traditional joinery and he shared some tips and tricks with us. He also suggested that before leaving, we should walk down to the dock to see construction of a wooden schooner. That was not on our original itinerary but we weren't about to miss the opportunity to see traditional boat building in action.

From Lunenburg, we headed to Phil's home in Petite Riviere (after a quick stop at LeHave Bakery, of course). Phil gave us a tour of his beautiful home, which his family has been lovingly restoring for 30+ years. It is spectacular inside and out – and what a view! We finished the day with a tasty BBQ hosted by Phil and Lynn. Thanks to them for hosting and Phil for coordinating the details of a wonderful, full, day on 'the Shore'.

For more pictures and some links, visit the AWA in the community web page at <http://atlanticwoodworkers.ca/events/awa-in-the-community/> and click on South Shore road trip.



Shop visits Ted Monk

Bob Baird

Gary Dumas

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Volunteer

AWA is looking for the possibility of a volunteer who would write a book review on one of our books in the library. If you are interested in doing a project such as that you may talk to Gary Dumas our chairman or one of the board members

