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May meeting will be held at **Lee Valley not **Kent** at 7 pm , May 10th**

“everything you always wanted to know about the hand plane but were afraid to ask”. Presenter Jay Perry



The Chair;

The visit of Dave Wilkins at our April meeting and his presentation on turning moist wood, made me think of how and why we choose the materials for our projects. Dave did his demonstration on a substantial piece of wood that has plenty of character, which I'm sure will eventually result in a very interesting and attractive piece of turned work. Interesting character in wood often means added challenge in getting that wood to the final shape wanted. I'm currently working with some birch and maple that has great figure, but resists straightening and loves to crowd the back side of my saw blade. My plane's uncomfortable chattering, regardless of the direction of approach, has me reaching out to woodworkers on You Tube. I'm kind of happy that the pine provided for the upcoming “woodwork challenge” is so nice and clear, but of course, that means finding other ways to express the craft.



Remember when using power tools to use your ear defenders, especially if you can't afford hearingaids.

Gene's Burls

Ineptitude

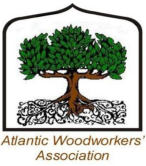
This is an interesting word. In the context of woodworking it can mean anything from the person who can't draw a straight line to cutting off body parts. Suggests whole new meaning to the word OOPS!!!.

I have acquired several favourites over the years. My daughter-in-law used to chide me for not writing things down when I came home for supper and regaled the family with interesting stories. I never did write things down and now most have been lost to my poorly functioning memory but some stand out so far ahead of the crowd they bear sharing.

There was the night in ER when at about 3 AM on a bad weather night with lots of snow and ice that a man in his thirties came in with a broken arm. I asked how he had done it and here's his story. He was preparing to go to work and found his car on ice with spinning tires. Not wishing to wake any of his friends he decided on a novel idea to get off the ice. He would put his car in gear and get out and push until the car started to roll forward then jump in and be on his way. He was pushing mightily and indeed the car started to move forward. At this point his feet slipped, he fell forward, and the car rolled back over his outstretched arm. Like something out of the Three Stooges. He brought great humour to the ER that night as we chuckled our way through the graveyard shift.



If you can't afford a doctor, go to an airport - you'll get a free x-ray and a breast exam, and; if you mention Al Qaeda, you'll get a free colonoscopy.



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Went on a birdwatching hike on Saturday with the Nova Scotia Bird Society and was delighted to come across a series of our duck boxes located on Miner's Marsh in Kentville. Job well done AWA members.

Glenn McCarron

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1: AWA Duck Box in use



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