



Atlantic Woodworker's Association AWA Newsletter

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December meeting ; Lee Valley will host our Christmas social/toy drive event once again this year. The meeting will be on the 13th at **6:00** pm until closing time. Toys, toys, toys the ones you have been making all year. There will also be tickets sold for draws on numerous items so bring you cash as will. Anything you wish to bring for nibbles would be appreciated Lee Valley will provide coffee, tea or cold drinks.

Note

In January 2017 there will be a change in our meeting place. For the January meeting we will meet at the North Woodside Community Centre. 230 Pleasant Street. Dartmouth NS. Our start time will remain the same, 7pm

At our **November meeting** Phil Carter gave a presentation and talk on his son's craft of making knives. Phil also had samples of his son's craft.



I would invite you to look on youtube search for carters cutlery or the internet at www.carterscutlery.com for more.

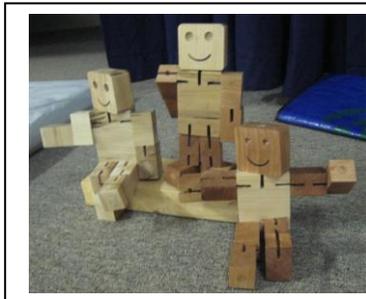
Our mini challenge for January 2017

Your challenge is to build something with moving parts. What can you come up with this time?

Show and Tell



Trevor showed what can be done with lazer. No glue was used in putting this ball together.



Walt displayed his Gizmo people which will be his gift of toys at the December Social/toy drive.



Gary made a piece of board into a slinky Wood bending youtube.

Bill
Howes

Punched this out with a nail set and a tool made from a spike

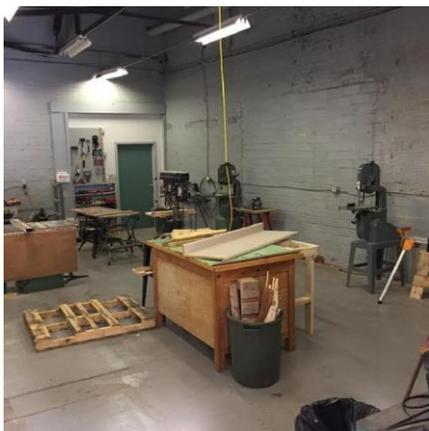




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Figure 1 Don was given a block of pine from Tom McCluskey. Don said it polished up nicely and he thanks Tom for that. Not sure what he will do with it yet but has some ideas. I guess we'll just have to wait and see.



Hands-On Halifax is Halifax's only community woodworking shop. We're a place where beginner woodworkers can take classes, practice with tools and ask questions, and this would not be possible without the generosity of experienced woodworkers to help guide them.

On Monday nights from 6pm-9pm we have a by-donation drop-in with skilled volunteers on site to help people with their woodworking projects and teach basic skills. We also offer more structured classes, where an experienced woodworker will pick a project (say, making a wine rack or a set of chopsticks) and teach that project to a few participants. In these cases, the instructor has lots of flexibility about what kind of project they want to teach, when the class is held, and how much they wish to charge (the instructor gets 50% of the registration fee too!). Hands-On Halifax then does the work of promoting the class, registering students and providing the space and tools. The shop's open hours are determined by volunteer numbers too. We were able to add the Monday night drop-in night because Tuesday and Thursday nights are staffed by regular volunteers. Adding more opening hours, especially daytime hours, is our next goal, and will only be possible with skilled volunteers staffing the space.

Finally, we're here for our members! If you need a space to work and access to tools, that is what we provide to members. Check us out at

www.handsonhalifax.com

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Toys for Christmas - Social

Stockings need to be filled and under tree piled high. The Salvation Army will be glad to receive anything we have to help with this. At this social there will also be raffles and ticket draws for a number of items. Last year we raised \$500 cash from our small group. Can we beat that this year?

Please bring your spouse, significant other or a friend who might get interested in becoming a member .

Any finger food you wish to bring to help make a table display will be appreciated.

Lee Valley will supply the drinks and coffee





Library Corner

Reviewing members will periodically provide their opinions on various publications, sites and other media. Please note that the opinions expressed here are those of the reviewer and are presented without censorship or judgment by the Atlantic Woodworkers Association. The most recent three reviews are provided here. For older reviews please click [HERE](#)

Publication/Media/Source:
Handcarved Christmas,

by Editors of Woodcarving Illustrated

Review Date: November 2016

Link/ISBN:



Handcarved Christmas

Reviewer: Bill Howes

Overall Score (out of a possible 5): 4.5



Pros: Great patterns for Christmas projects.

Cons: Sometimes a little short on details.

Comments:

Did you know that oven cleaner or household ammonia works great for cleaning resin from saw blades and bits?

Publication/Media/Source: 3-D Patterns for
Scroll Saws, by Diana Thomson

Review Date: November 2016

Link/ISBN:

Reviewer: Bill Richardson

Overall Score (out of a possible 5): 5.0



Pros: Well laid out and very clear instructions and patterns.

Cons: Can't find any faults!

Comments: The book and plans are good for both beginner and advanced users of scroll saws.

Dues: Membership dues of \$30.00 for season 2017-2018. You can pay them to Phil Carter at any meeting or mail to him at, 5 Walton Dr., Halifax B3N 1X6.

Library is on the move;

On Monday our 21 Nov a group will meet to move our library to our new location. I believe that Tom Patterson will donate the use of his truck for this event. So a big thank you to Tom and all that come out to help.

"Merry Christmas to you all"



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It's hard to believe that another year has passed and the Christmas season is once again upon us. With the threat of the cold weather just around the corner, this is great opportunity for us to hunker down in our workshops and create new masterpieces for all of us to ooh and aah over in the coming months of show and tell.

However, it is also a time for us to reflect on those who are less fortunate, a time for those of us who can, share the joy of the season. I am so proud to be associated with a group of folks who have for many years contributed to the needs of the Salvation Army by providing not only toys for children, but also a most generous cash donation. There are still a few weeks before our meeting at Lee Valley, time for you to complete your toys and then enjoy each other's company, knowing that our toys and donation will brighten the life a child and his or her family this

Christmas season.

If you are unable to make the December meeting, I would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the new year

See you all at our new meeting place on the 10th of January at the North Woodside Community Centre, 230 Pleasant St. Dartmouth

Joyeux Noel
Gary