



Atlantic Woodworker's Association AWA Newsletter



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AWA Monthly Meetings

February meeting place will be the second at a new location. This new location is, "North Woodside Community Centre", 230 Pleasant Street, Dartmouth, NS. The meeting time will be the same, 7 pm on the second Tuesday of each month. There is parking on the east side of the centre. Enter the front door and go straight down the hall to room two on your right'



Our monthly mini challenge

Use a finish or stain that you never used before. (see page 3 for more details)

A little reminder, that it is time for your dues to be paid. You may pay them at one of the meetings. Membership is \$30.00 for the year.



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Once everything was re-glued and a light sanding he use aniline dye. It comes as a powder to be mixed with water. Available at Lee Valley in several colours.

The end results was an excellent job that looked pretty nice..

UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS

Feb. 14, 2017 - Brad Holley is going to show some hand planing techniques. He'll be using three wooden jigs to progressively taper 5/16" square wooden blanks into hand-made chopsticks

March 14, 2017 - AGM.

Tom, Gene and Stan are our nominating Committee so you might get a call from them asking you to join the Board. If you are interested in taking a more active role in the organization, they would be happy to speak with you at the Feb. meeting

At our January meeting the presenter was Don Subaly talking on a variety of finishes. Here he shows two of his chairs, one he has been finished and one not finished. He wanted show the contrast between the two.

Prior to putting the finish on there had to be lots of preparation. Don had to take the chairs apart to re-glue the joints. In doing so he discovered under the old finish that the spindles and legs had nails as well as glue holding them in place . It was a challenge in getting the nails out without a lot of damae. The minor chips were repaced with magic nuddv (wood filler).
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BRAVERY BEAD BOXES NOW AT IWK

On January 19, Stephen and I met with Lisa Arsenault of IWK Child Services to give her our donation of boxes for their Bravery Bead program (<http://www.iwk.nshealth.ca/childrens-health/about-bravery-beads>). She and the rest of the team were thrilled to receive the boxes and very impressed with the quality. The quantity, quality and variety were all more than they expected and everyone was very appreciative. We are assured that they will be put to good use. Lisa promised to get in touch with us when their supply gets low so we can make more but they don't have any sense of how long that might take as they have not had anything like this previously. Here are a couple of pictures showing just a sample of the 46(!) boxes we delivered. The logo was burned on the bottom of all boxes.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this worthwhile program. It made us very proud to represent the AWA with this impressive delivery. Thanks to our member, Bill Howe, for connecting us to the IWK team so we could get this done. And last, but certainly not least, a special word of thanks to Sarah Marshall of East Coast Speciality for the generous donation of wood for this project.

April 11, 2017 - Bill Howe will present tips about using spokeshaves. More details to follow.



February mini Challenge

Remember to bring your challenges for the Feb. Challenge which is to use a finish that you have not used before (or not used in some time) OR a finish that you are using in a new way. And bring any other projects - recent or otherwise, that you would like to share. Show and tell is also a great chance to ask questions if you have challenges or design issues.

March is our AGM meeting.

A member of the nominating committee may be in contact with you with in next month. You may want to consider getting involved with our association and help make things work. If you are inclined to help out you can speak to one of the nominating committee members at the February meeting.

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