



# Atlantic Woodworker's Association

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### MONTHLY EVENT

March meeting will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. A portion of the meeting will involve our AGM. We hope to see many members out for this meeting. The mini challenge for this meeting, you are to make something with a taper.

**Monthly meetings;** we meet the second Tuesday of each month at North Woodside Community Centre, 230 Pleasant Street, Dartmouth. The meeting starts at 7pm at and go until about 9 pm.

### Brad Holly – Chop Sticks

Brad was our presenter at our February meeting. He gave a detailed presentation on the making of chop sticks. He starts with a ¼ in blanks. He showed a series of jigs uses for tapering and shaping them into perfection. In the picture you see a jig by his small plan. This jig is to put a pyramid on the larger end of each chop stick. Brad says making chop sticks is labour intensive. By joining two different woods make them bit more decorative. He also talked about how other people have chosen to decorate ones they made. Brad gave some members a chance to try their luck at shaping one of the sticks.



*Figure 1 Brad explaining how to make chopsticks*



### Snow Storm

For the February meeting we were dealing with a major snow storm. However in spite of the snow I was surprised a good number out. Thank you all for making the effort.

### Schedule of events for future meetings:

**March 14, 2017** – AGM and show and share. Brad Holley is going to do a short presentation on a recent project.

**April 11, 2017** – Bill Howe will present tips about using spoke shaves with a demonstration of techniques.

May 9, 2017: Program TBA



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Well, my time as the Chair is about to come to an end and I can't thank all of you enough for the support and encouragement you have given me over the past four years (believe it or not). You put up with my high pressure sales, and ideas about our meetings. During my tenure, we have managed to move twice and hopefully, have found a home for the long term.

I can only hope that you will support the in-coming Chair and Board of Directors as much as you have supported me and I look forward to just sitting back at a meeting and perhaps heckle the new Chair just a bit. Thank you again. It's been a great adventure.

Gary

## There were a few of show and share



*Figure 3 Walt Vandekieft made a boat kit which can be assembled by children*



*Figure 4 Gary Dumas shows his chisel handles*



*Figure 1 Gary Dumas showed how to make a box with one flat piece of wood*



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### Dues

If you haven't paid your dues for 2017 – 18 you can do so at the any meeting

### NOTICE:

This will be my last newsletter. Mary Elizabeth O'Toole will be taken it on.  
Stan Salsman



*Figure 1 Brad shows a set of drawers .*



*Figure 2 Darrel tells about the finish on his chisel handles*