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AWA FEBRUARY

WE HAVE AN INTERESTING MEETING PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY BUT WE ARE GOING TO KEEP THE DETAILS SECRET. YOUR EXECUTIVE HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE DETAILS FOR SOME TIME NOW SO YOU CAN BE SURE THAT OUR MEETING WILL BE AN EDUCATING EXPERIENCE.

THE MEETING WILL BE AT OUR REGULAR LOCATION, THE HALIFAX HOME DEPOT TRAINING ROOM. AS USUAL, THE MEETING WILL START AT PRECISELY 7:00 P.M. WE'LL SEE YOU ALL THERE.



JANUARY'S MEETING

JANUARY'S MEETING WAS A BLAST, WE HAD JUST ABOUT EVERYBODY PARTICIPATING IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER AND THAT WAS A GOOD THING.

PHIL CARTER SHOWED US AN INTERESTING PEDESTAL TABLE THAT HE HAD BUILT AND ASKED FOR ADVICE ON ALTERNATE WAYS OF ATTACHING THE LEGS. PHIL ALSO SHOWED US SOME SAMPLES OF NEW BAMBOO SHEET MATERIAL FROM ATLANTIC SPECIALTY HARDWOODS.

MARK CHILDERHOSE SHARED A SET OF (EXPENSIVE) WINDING STICKS THAT HE RECENTLY BOUGHT FROM ROB COSMAN.

DAN MACINTOSH DID A REALLY FINE JOB ON SOME TRAYS OF VARIOUS DESIGNS AND HE SHARED HIS PRODUCTION METHODS WITH US.

GRAHAM BROUGHT IN A BUNCH OF NEW AND INNOVATIVE TOOLS FOR US TO PLAY WITH. IT REALLY WAS A GREAT MEETING.

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**A WORD FROM
THE CHAIRMAN**

Well as we move into the dark month of February we throw ourselves into the confines of our shops to dream of warmer times and projects that we are midpoint in or just starting. The football season is over and we have another six weeks of winter according to some furry rat that in my opinion should have been shot when it stuck its head out, but I digress. The Jan. meeting was very interesting and I would like to thank Graham for bringing those new tools to show us. The Member Show & Tell was very good and I hope you all keep bringing forward your questions and projects to all of our meetings. We look forward to seeing everyone at the February meeting. We need volunteers, A secretary, is required to work on the executive please contact Doug MacIntosh.

And...by the way, the secret is out, **Kevin Hurst** (Lee Valley) will preside over the February meeting to bring us the latest in wood finishes and stains. See you Tuesday evening.

Cecil



**FROM THE DESK OF
THE LIBRARIAN**

February?! Already?! Sheesh! Time sure does fly when you have as many projects on the go as I do! I used to hate, no, detest, the winter before I took up woodworking. Now the winter just zips by as I try to get all my projects done before the BH has me out toiling in the garden. :)

Thanks to Graham we have a bunch of new books going into the library this month:

- Choosing & Using Hand Tools
- Veneering & Inlay
- The Woodcut Artist's Handbook
- Metal Embossing Workshop
- Trim Carpentry Projects
- Wood Bender's Handbook
- Growing Trees From Seed

I'll have these books and a few others with me at our next meeting. I will be taking book returns as well at the next, and all, meetings. Please return your books on time so that we can share them with the other members. We still have books out that were taken on loan months ago that we would really like to get back.

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(Editor's Note: Gene and his family are basking in the warm sunshine of their winter haven in Florida. Gene's Burls are sent to us by HOT Mail. Unfortunately not hot enough to melt our snow. Stay warm Gene.)

GENE'S BURLS

Not much of an article this month too busy loafing. I did drive my wife to a Quilt Show in Orlando and while I was there anyway thought I might as well check out a local wood store.

<http://www.amazonexotichardwoods.com>). Oh my, Oh my, what a mistake.

Several dollars later I barely escaped with my wallet intact. Won't tell you how many several dollars as my wife might actually read this column. The place is a dream for turners. The man who owns the place is a first rate turner and the store allows him to indulge his hobby and make a living at the same time. There was no one else around and I struck up a conversation with him (woodworkers will always talk to others with the same addiction). In no time I was in his back room and we were turning things. He shared his lunch and his coffee and I bought wood. He gave a running commentary and clearly loves to instruct so I was in second Heaven. Only in the nick of time did I remember I had left a wife at a quilt show. I took my wood and quickly departed with the proviso that I could return at any time. I picked up the missus and didn't even mention where I had been. Now you all must conspire with me to keep the secret.



Books.....from page 2

(I guess it's time to get out the big stick!)

We had a chance this past month to cull a ***few*** old magazines and to organize the library cabinets a bit. This will make it a little bit easier to find something. There's still a long way to go but it is coming.

If anyone has a favorite woodworking book or DVD at home that we don't have in the library I sure would like to hear about it. This way we can put it on a wish list for a time when the club coffers squeak open a bit and I'm able to insert my bony fingers and grab a penny or two for a purchase. That's all for now, looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting!

Ted Monk



AWA PHOTO GALLERY



BY REQUEST

Ted Monk brought our attention to the fact that ***Paid Up*** AWA members enjoy a discount at some businesses in Metro but has not seen a list for some time. Ted is right, here is the list:

Busy Bee Tools
East West Plastics**
Fundy Grinding – (Truro)
Halifax Specialty Hardwoods
Kent Building Supply*
Mill Supply
Nova Hardwood Specialties
Rideout Tool & Machinery
Robert Bury & Co. ***

*Purchases should be made through the Contractor's Desk.

**We may purchase off-cuts at reduced prices.

***We may purchase as an association however they have a minimum purchase policy.

**SEE YOU ALL AT THE HOME DEPOT IN HALIFAX ON FEBRUARY 10TH,
7:00 P.M. SHARP**