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THE JUNE MEETING

Is summer really here? We all really hope so. Our June meeting will be held at our usual meeting place, The Home Depot in the Bayer's Lake Business Park at the usual 7:00 PM sharp. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Eugene Nurse (Ret'd) and the theme will be Wood Toxicity, The Dangers of Sawdust.

This is a really important topic as many of us suffer from allergies and it would be good to know which wood species to avoid.

The agenda for the June meeting will include the following:

- 1/. Draw for the shop radio- David Smith.
- 2/. Report on the status of the Baptist Bunk Bed project- Gene Nurse and Stan Salsman.
- 3/. Show and Tell – Members to exhibit projects and new woodworking tools or jigs.
- 4/. Ask the members- An opportunity for members to ask woodworking questions to the attendees.-Don Shubaly.

THE MAY MEETING

We had a great meeting last month and our sincere thanks to the people at Mill Supply. We learned all there is to know about bandsaw blades at least from a woodworker's standpoint. Mill Supply is now the retailer of Hakinsson bandsaw blades and we saw blades up to 2" in width being measured and brazed. It was interesting to see just how it is done and a few of us walked away with new blades for our bandsaws. We looked at some really big (industrial) woodworking tools and Paul took us through the paint (finishing) shop. Paul told us that their finisher can match just about any finishing color perfectly and can supply that match in 1 liter sizes.



I want to extend my personal best wishes on a happy (and successful) retirement to Malcolm Matthews. Malcolm, may the wind be always at your back on the fairways and have one-putts on the greens.

Graham

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A WORD FROM OUR NEW CHAIRMAN



As members of the AWA, we all have at least one thing in common and that, of course, is woodworking. As time passes, we discover that we share other common interests. To enhance the sense of community and familiarization within the Association, the Board is asking all members provide a recent photo of themselves to Dick Jamer, Registrar, along with a brief bio to appear on the Membership List page of the Members Only section of the web site. Graham will have his camera at the meetings to take the photo. The bio can include any information that you wish to share with other members such as, your current or former occupation, your family, your woodworking speciality (if any), your hobbies, etc. Any information that you choose to share is strictly voluntary. I gave mine to Dick to include in his article on this subject. This information would be useful for all members and extremely important for new members.

As woodworkers, we have all built numerous projects over the years. However, very few of us have taken photos of these projects to include in the Member's Work section of the web page. I admit that I have neglected to do this as well. We ask that each of you take digital photos of at least some of your past projects over the summer and have them ready to forward to a designated person in September. We will let you know in September who to send these photos to in order to have them included in this section.

In other Board news, a committee of Phil Carter and Mike Chisholm has been formed to review and recommend updates to the By-Laws of the Association. The By-Laws have not been updated since 1992. The Board is also considering ways to recognize and show appreciation to members who have given extraordinary service to the AWA, to presenters at meetings, and to organizations who host meetings and tours of the Association. The recognition needs to reflect the nature of the contribution provided, be based on set criteria, and fit within the By-Laws. Some of the various ways to show recognition and appreciation include engraved plaques, pens, letter of thanks, and special events to honour a member. The other activities of the Board will be reported elsewhere in this newsletter by the Board member responsible for that activity.

Tom

FROM THE DESK OF THE LIBRARIAN



I was able to pick up a few new library additions this month that I believe you will find interesting.

The first is 'Building Beautiful Boxes With Your Band Saw' by Lois Ventura. This was the book that member John Todd used to make that beautiful flower-like bandsaw box that he demonstrated at the club back in February 2008 (see March 08 newsletter). There are 14 step-by-step projects, patterns and instructions included.

Next is 'The Pen Turner's Workbook' by Barry Gross. This book takes you from the basics to advanced pen turning and everything in between. We had quite a few requests for pen turning information after Cecil's fantastic pen turning demonstration a couple of months ago that this was a must-have!

Next, we have 'Basic Shop And Woodworking Fundamentals' by Charles Neil. In the 134 minute DVD Charles teaches you the techniques and tips he has learned over the past 30 years and takes you through the five basic steps in any project.

Then in another DVD we have David J. Marks, from DIY's Woodworks, in a 40 minute presentation called 'Jigs and Fixtures For Curvilinear Woodworking' where he takes you through the process he uses to create award winning bentwood lamination and curved form tables.

I know that these two DVD's were unlikely on anyone's want list but I picked them up for only \$1.50 each and figured that three bucks for almost three hours of excusable downtime was worth it!

See you at the meeting!

Ted





GENE'S BURLS

This month, I will be serious (for once and perhaps the only time). I'd like to talk about the AWA and how we can and do come together when the situation calls for it. Witness our previous efforts with Park Benches for HRM, Wishing Wells for IWK, a Storage Facility for SPCA and especially our Christmas Toys for the Salvation Army. There are numerous other smaller but just as important issues where we demonstrate our community spirit and leadership.

In this article I'd like to recognize the roles played by Stan Salsman and Cecil Canam in piloting many of these events through our organization. Stan has tirelessly, year after year, set up our Christmas program and delivered toys to needy children under the direction of the Salvation Army. Cecil during his 4 years as Vice President and then as President has shown that there is no project he will not tackle. We need to recognize people like these two members and what they bring to this organization. I have been pleased and proud to work side by side with them and indeed all our members in many of the projects.

We have now undertaken maybe the largest project we have ever faced. We have agreed to construct 60 bunk beds for the Baptist Summer Camp at Sambro Head. This is an immense job and with a finite deadline to coincide with the camp opening of June 25th we will be pushing ourselves to the limit. I have been gratified to see so many of our members stand up and be counted. We can only succeed with large numbers of volunteers given the size of the project. The numbers are there and even very busy members who hold down real jobs unlike us retired folks have stepped up to the plate and volunteered whatever time they can. Good on you guys. As an added note I can't believe that as a member of the Salvation Army I'm actually working with the Baptists—I'll do just about anything to buy my way into Heaven.



OK, OK ,I know I said no humor this time but it's not in my personality to pass up an opportunity like that.



NOTES FROM THE MEMBERSHIP GURU – Dick Jamer



2009 Membership Dues:

The 2009 AWA membership fee of \$20 is now past due. If you have not already done so, please pay for your 2009 membership at our June 9 meeting. The easiest means of paying dues is to give our Treasurer, Ken Miller, the \$20 and he will give you a receipt. Show that receipt to me, Dick Jamer and I will issue your membership card. Ken & I usually arrive 15 minutes before the meeting and are will stay late to collect dues. If you cannot attend the June meeting, please mail a cheque payable to Atlantic Woodworker's Association to Ken Miller, 200 Melrose Ave., Halifax, NS B3N 2E3. Your membership card will be available at the next meeting.

AWA Website Membership List

I am in the process of updating the membership list on the AWA website. A number of members are not yet listed and there are some errors in the E-mail addresses. These will be corrected.

At the last meeting we discussed having a photo and a small write-up beside each member's name. The photos will help us match names and faces and the short bio could tell us your woodworking specialty as well as a bit of your history. Please send me a short write-up (rjamer@eastlink.ca) to include on our web pages.

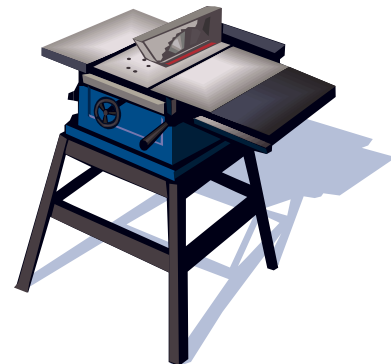
The membership list is in the "members only" area of the website and therefore is protected by a password, but it probably wouldn't take a very skilled hacker to get in and read the information. Only submit what you are willing to have on our website. Hopefully you would agree to have at least your name, photo and email address on the website. Members may wish to contact you to follow up comments and discussions at our meetings.

Graham will be taking photos at the next few meetings.

The following is Tom Patterson's bio and is printed here as an example of the type of article that we would love to see on the AWA website.

Tom married his high school sweetheart, Belinda, and has three daughters. One is teaching in California, one is teaching in France, and one is working for the Federal Government in Calgary. He retired as the Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Nurses' Union after thirty-one years. He is currently a member of the Minimum Wage Review Committee, the Labour Relations Board, Non-Binding Arbitration Panel, and the Lay Screening Panel for Non-Adjudicative Agencies, Boards and Commissions with the Department of Labour and Workforce Adjustment. He currently works part time as a consultant to Nurses' Unions in Atlantic Canada.

His interest in woodworking began with the renovation of his first three homes and evolved to contracting and doing finish work of his current home. He also enjoys cooking, camping, and finding every bargain at yard sales, flea markets and auctions that he can attend.





THE *AWA* PHOTO GALLERY

The following are from our May Meeting at Mill Supply





THE AWA SUPPORTS THE FOLLOWING MERCHANTS:

AWA Merchant List

The following woodworking tool and materials merchants offer a discount to ***paid up*** members of the Atlantic Woodworker's Association. *AWA* members ***must*** show their current membership at the time of purchase. We encourage you to visit their websites before shopping.

Discounts vary from merchant to merchant.

We encourage our members to frequent these merchants for all of your woodworking requirements.

Busy Bee Tools – 86 Troop Ave., Burnside, 468-8088 Mr. Bill Luther. (10% discount)

www.busybeetools.com

East West Plastics & Electric Products 55 Akerly Blvd. Burnside, 468-4701 Mr. Kim Dobsdon. (Members may purchase off-cuts at reduced prices)**

www.eastwestplastic.com

Fundy Grinding – 9 Farnham Road, Truro, NS, 800-863-0181 – Mr. David Drummond. (Discounts usually 5 – 10%)

www.fundygrinding.com

Halifax Specialty Hardwoods – 26A Topsail Court, Atlantic Acres Industrial Park, NS – 835-4700 – Mr. Darryl Vallis. (Discount 10%)

www.halifaxspecialtyhardwoods.com

Kent Building Supply* - All locations in Metro Halifax. (Members should go to the Contractor's Desk)

Mill Supply – 32 Troop Ave., Burnside – 468-3236 – Mr. Malcolm Matthews (Preferred Customer Discount)

www.millsupply.com

Nova Specialty Building Materials – 101 Ilsley Ave., Burnside – 468-1012 – (Preferred Customer Discount)

<http://www.atyp.com/novaspecialty/>

Rideout Tool & Machinery – 170 Akerly Blvd., Burnside – 468-2060 – Mr. Chris Rideout or Mr. Norman Penny. (Preferred Customer Discount)

www.rideouttool.com

Robert Bury Canada Ltd. – 30 Williams Ave., Burnside – 468-3555 (This company sells wholesale only but will sell to *AWA* members with a minimum order of \$100.)

www.robertbury.com