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Our March Meeting

Our March meeting will be held at our regular meeting room at The Home Depot in Bayer's Lake Business Park and promises to be a really interesting one. The meeting is on Tuesday February 12, promptly at 7:00 P.M. John Green will be our featured guest.

John Green of the Marine Model Artists Co-Op (<http://www.shipmodelco-op.com>) is one of Nova Scotia's prime model ship builders and recently teamed up with other modelers to complete the restoration of magnificent model of the Cunard Line's Franconia. The Franconia is now proudly displayed at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.

John Green has been building ship models in Halifax for close to 30 years. John prefers modeling in-shore vessels. One of his prized models is the Grand Banks Market Schooner, Flying Fish. John built this model in 1998.

If this sounds familiar we had the same message last month. I have been re-assured by Mr. Green that he will be at the March meeting. John is feeling much better and is looking forward to chatting with us about his amazing craft.

February's Meeting

Tom Patterson hosted last month's meeting in the absence of Cecil Canam.

John Todd and Roslyn Duffus were participants in the 'Show & Tell' segment of last month's meeting. John made an excellent bandsawn walnut box with cocobolo pulls and Roslyn made a beautiful tapered leg cherry table with a spalted cherry top. It was made for her "Woodworking for Women" course that she teaches at Lee Valley. (see photos on page 4).

Dave Smith did some bragging as well with his new Veritas Stainless Steel Edge Plane.

Our new Q&A feature was a success at the February meeting.

Dave Smith, AWA Events coordinator, requested all members to make suggestions regarding guest speakers for up-coming meetings and there was a brief discussion about the "Project of the Year". Tom Patterson mentioned that the Cole Harbour Heritage Society needs a 20'x20' building made from recycled barn beams. If you have other suggestions let us know.



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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Hi all

Just a quick note and an apology for missing the last meeting.

Well I'm very sad to say I missed the Wood Show in Toronto this year, but looking forward to next year as sometimes things don't change enough to go every year.

Rob Cosman, who we had in to do a seminar, is no longer the Canadian rep for Lie-Nelson Tools. He will still be doing seminars, videos and carrying another line of tools and according to his web site there is more to come. As it stands Lie-Nelson has a new rep in Ottawa and you can also order direct from the factory. Another small business shifted to a bigger market.

I have been busy in the shop and include a picture of a drill cane holder among other projects. (see PhotoGallery on page 4) I would have brought it in to share but it had to go out west as my future son in law was leaving for Afghanistan and I wanted Kevin to have it before he left.

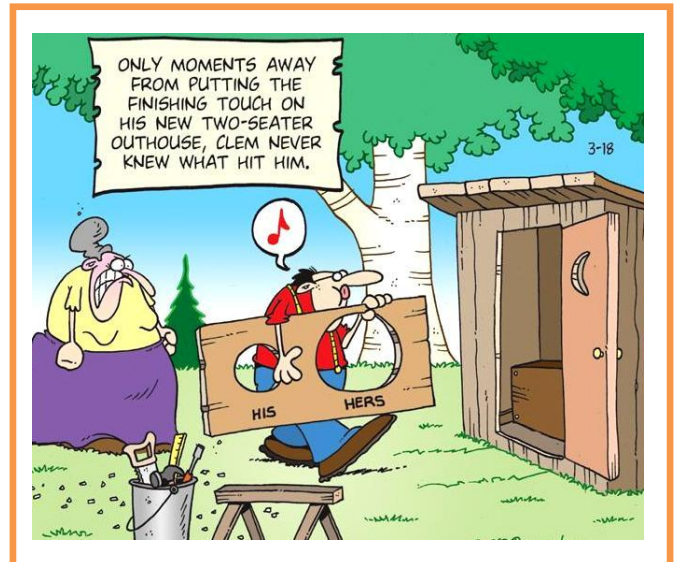
I am sorry that our presenter didn't show last meeting but we will firm up a presenter for this month.

There is a new Manager at the Depot and I have a meeting with him to hopefully clear up our meeting night problems.

Our next meeting will be at the Depot at 7:00, Tuesday March 11, 2008.

I look forward to seeing everybody.

Cecil



And this one from Kevin Letriard. Perhaps he should have brought this to our Show & Tell. What is it? Well, it is a bar stool for a kilted Scotsman.



ALSO DISCUSSED IN FEBRUARY

Somebody with a calculator figured out that our membership has close to 1,000 collective years of woodworking experience and that experience can surely solve a great majority of problems encountered by any single one of us. Bring your questions to our meeting or, send an e-mail to Graham McCulloch to forward them to our membership.

A suggestion was made that we post a list of the AWA tools to be auctioned off prior to the monthly meetings. This way any member that cannot attend and wanting to bid on a specific tool, can request a Director to act as a proxy on their behalf.

A member had a great idea. We all use jigs of some sort or other that may be self-designed to provide accuracy and to save us time. Perhaps we could have a Jig Show & Tell at a future meeting.

New Books

The following new titles will be placed into our library at our March meeting.

Workshops You Can Build – David & Jeanie Stiles

Rustic Garden Furniture & Accessories – Daniel Mack & Thomas Stender

Drills & Drill Presses – How To Choose and Maintain Them – Rick Peters

Success With Tablesaws – Michael Burton

Better Homes & Gardens – Cabinets & Shelves

Woodshop Storage Solutions – Popular Woodworking – Ralph Laughton

Playhouses You Can Build – David & Jeanie Stiles

Furniture Making – Plans, Projects & Design – Kevin Ley (note; Ley's work is in the Fine Woodworking category, very impressive.)



Nova Woodturners' Guild

I was given the honor of being a judge in the Annual NWG Turners Competition and was totally blown away with the talent of even the novice turners' work. An amazing array of bowls, pens and spindle work.

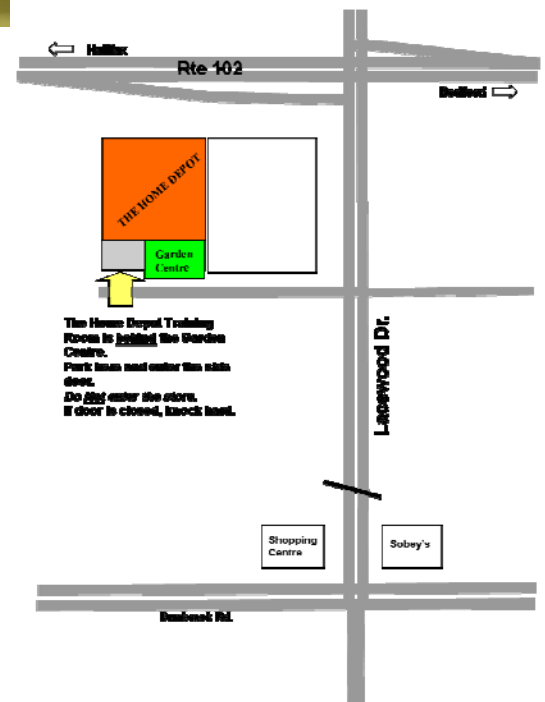
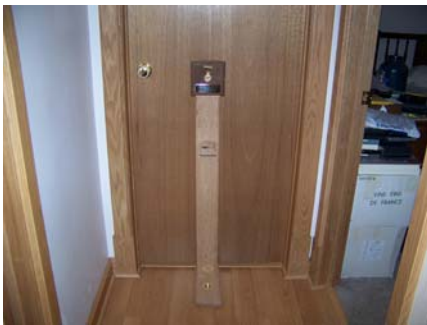
You can join the NWG by dropping into Busy Bee and filling in an application form and paying the annual dues of \$25.00. they meet monthly (no conflict with us) at the Leeds Street campus of the Nova Scotia Community College. Expand your horizons!



Photo Gallery

Snapshots from our February meeting:

A sad note! John Todd and his wife will be moving back to Ottawa on a permanent basis. He will be absent from our March meeting but will be in attendance in April. John will be missed.



SEE YOU TUESDAY

MARCH 11 AT THE HOME DEPOT