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Our October Meeting

Well, what can we say! Our chairman says it more discreetly than I can, but the last meeting was an upsetting experience. I hasten to say however it was through absolutely no fault of our guest, Jim White. The problem was through the lack of communication with The Home Depot.

For those not attending, we arrived at HD only to find the meeting room occupied by a company training session. This was unexpected and sent Cecil & I scrambling for a new venue. We lucked out and through the courtesy of the night manager at Rona Building Center. On very short notice she was able to set up the Rona training room and we held our meeting in an almost seamless fashion

Kudos goes out to Rona. You have the *AWA's* sincere appreciation.

Jim White did a super job of providing the almost 30 attending members with new paint and finish ideas. Jim owns Lake City Paints on Main St. in Dartmouth.



OUR NOVEMBER MEETING

We have a great meeting planned for our November meeting but first, for those unaware, our November meeting date has changed due to a conflict with Remembrance Day. Our meeting has been bumped forward to **Tuesday, November 4th** at 7:00 PM sharp.

Bill Luther, Master Scroll Sawyer and Manager of the Dartmouth Busy Bee store will be demonstrating his talents and folks, I can attest, bill is one of the finest scroll saw talents in these here parts and beyond. This is going to be a real education for most of us so make sure you attend.



Cecil Canam has obtained assurances from Home Depot that our meeting room will be available for us for the next year. So, we will see all of you at 7:00 PM at the Halifax Home Depot.

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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As the leaves turn our thoughts go more toward working inside and making sawdust. This is the time of the year when we find that working interferes with the hobby. But unfortunately we have to work to have a hobby. Hopefully in our dreams of sawdust there are visions of sugarplums (toys for the Christmas meeting) Now is the time to start so the varnish is dry as Lee Valley has requested we not finish our projects during the meeting at Christmas.

Due to unforeseeable circumstances our last meeting was forced to change its venue at the last moment. This was due to unforeseen training conflicts at Home Depot. Thank you to all that patiently waited at Home Depot while we scurried to make changes. The problem has been rectified and November's meeting will be at Home Depot in Halifax.

I would like to thank Jim White for the last meeting and sharing his wisdom on finishing. I left the meeting with information that I hope will enable me to finish my next projects more wisely and hopefully with a better outcome.

I am looking forward to the **Nov 4** meeting as Bill Luther is bringing his scroll saw. This is always a very entertaining and empowering demonstration as Bill is a very passionate and skilled scroller.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting and please remember if there are any woodworking subjects that you would like to see included in the New Year please let a member of the board know.



Cecil



General 260-20 Lathe

I would be grateful if you could include the following info in your next email and newsletter edition to the nova woodturning guild.

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(Editor's Note: I guess we have a series here as this is the third of a continuing monthly feature by AWA member Eugene (Call me Gene) Nurse) a very talented writer, woodworker and former chairman. We know you will enjoy these. Graham)

GENE'S BURLS

My 9 year old grand-daughter called with a request that I help her build a bird house. Since I love to build bird houses I responded enthusiastically to come on over to my work shop. She indicated there would be another 9 year old with her and so the gist was that we would be building two bird houses. I did all of the pre-cutting before they arrived and carefully unplugged all the power tools.

The two young ladies set to it with hammer and nails assembling their masterpieces. I will say that I thought it impossible to put 5 pounds of nails into two birdhouses but somehow they managed. After construction was complete the painting began. I carefully cut head and arm holes in garbage bags which we put on like a smock so that most of the paint would be on the houses and not their clothes.

With painting over I explained that we would have to cut a hole in the front so that the birds could enter the houses. We got out the bird books to pick the bird to occupy their structures. At first they thought ducks would be nice--- a suggestion I persuaded them would not work since ducks are not frequent visitors to their back yards—finally we settled on finches and the appropriate holes were drilled. It was then that a sincere 9 year old face looked at me and said..."but poppy where will they poop?"

Now I have been building bird houses for 50 years and I have to confess not once had that imponderable question occurred to me. I suggested that they might just stick their little rear ends out the hole—a suggestion that was met with total contempt, likewise that they go in a tree, met with the statement..."but they'll get all wet and cold". Now you can guess where this is going.

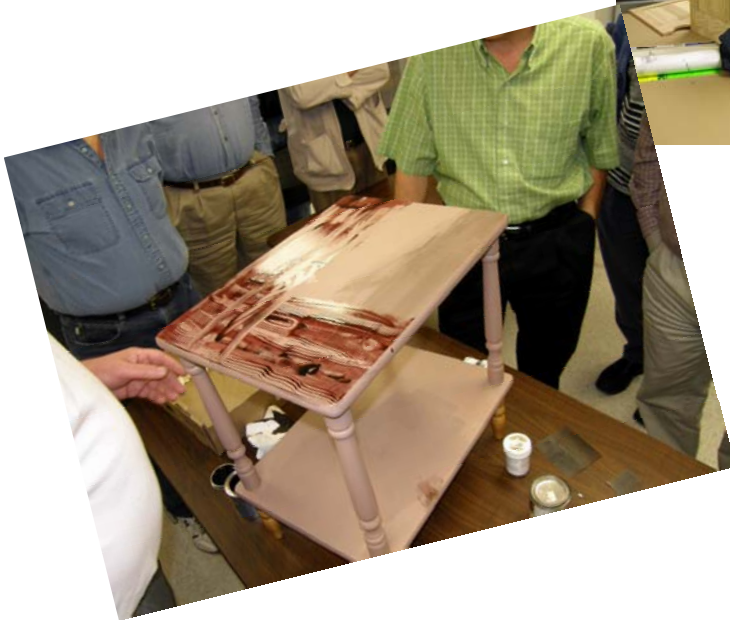
The little faces with the big eyes now had trembling lower lips and so---yes indeed we built out-houses for the little darlings complete with little seats and a hole in the floor. I managed to convince them that toilet paper would not be necessary. The task complete two happy little girls went home to hang their prizes in their back yards.

Oh well, I must admit that the newly designed bird-house with a projection off the rear is bound to be a conversation piece. I will however mightily resist building a dog house.





The AWA Photo Page from the October Meeting



See you Tuesday at the Home Depot