



# NIAGARA WOODWORKING CLUB

## Newsletter

February 26, 2024

### COMING EVENTS

**February 3rd - 15th Niagara Woodworking Show** (10 - 4)  
St.Catharines Home Depot.  
NWC will have a table and some project displays by members.

**February 29th Meeting:**  
(Remember this will be the 5th Thursday)  
NWC Bird House / Feeder Challenge. Guidelines will be distributed to members. Members' Choice will receive \$50 gift card.

**March 28th Meeting:**  
Wood Carving - Special Guest

**April 25th Meeting:**  
Wood Turning - Special Guest

**May 30th Meeting:**  
NWC 2x4 Challenge  
Members astound with creations from a single 2x4x8 construction grade board. \$50 gift card prize.

**June 27th Meeting:**  
Membership Appreciation Dinner -and- Annual Swap-Trade-&-Sell event.

**Every Meeting:**

- **Members Show-and-Share** their current projects.
- **Each time you bring an item to share** you are awarded a ticket for the end of year draw.
- **Twoonie-Draw** for lucky member each meeting.



# Bird House / Feeder Challenge

**Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.**

**North Pelham Community Hall - 1710 Maple Ave., Fenwick, ON**

This is the second challenge of the year. Members who enter will be awarded a ticket for the end of year prize draw for each entry (maximum 2). The construction guidelines are found on page 3.

Each member will explain their entry (type of wood, design features, etc.). Judging will be by ranked voting of members, tallied at the event.

- **Welcome and announcements:** Kevin Violette, President
  - Guest introductions (guests may attend a meeting free).
  - Reminder: Dues \$40 can be paid by cash or E-transfer.
- **Bird House / Feeder Challenge entries** (max. 2 per member):
  - Members describe their project entries prior to judging.
  - Member ranked voting for "Best" project. \$50 Home Depot gift certificate prize. Runner-up and Honourable mention certificates will be awarded at the June meeting. Each entry earns one draw ticket for the end of year prize.
- Refreshments and the usual Twoonie-half-&-half draw.
- **Show and Share:** Members show projects, tools, items of interest in this segment of the meeting. Each participant earns a draw ticket for the end-of-year prize at the June meeting.



**Our Club is a community of shared knowledge and skills. Let us know if you have an idea for a meeting or an event.**

### Niagara Woodworking Club

Meetings at 7 p.m. on the last Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April, May, and June at the North Pelham Community Hall, 1710 Maple Ave., Fenwick, ON.



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## BREAKING NEWS

**Scout Truck Build:** On January 20th five members of the Club helped the members of the **3rd Fonthill Scout Group** in the early stages of their **Truck Build** project. Our members volunteering their time were: Ken Cruse, Don Svob, Jim Deuxberry, Kevin Stefanchuk, and Kevin Violette. After the initial session held at the North Pelham Community Hall, the individual Scouts still had work to do at home to get their project ready for the final competition held on Feb. 24th. Here are some photos of the event.



Photos L to R: Kevin Stefanchuk helps a Scout with bandsaw. Truck array of finished semis with Ken Cruse (upper) and Jim Deuxberry (lower) helping Scouts with tools. Trio of Trucks made by Scouts. Gathering of Scouts at the final display of the superbly finished projects. A great woodworking event!

## WOODWORKING HISTORY

**Woodworking traces its historic roots to the very beginnings of time. Sharpened stone axes, adzes, and knives were the very first tools used to shape wood. As modern hobbyists, we carry on the techniques of the past.**



Even the most basic woodworking shop is fitted out with at least one handsaw. Most shops have a

few, dedicated to rip and cross cut functions. We all know that a sharp saw can be faster than setting up a power tool when you need a quick cut for a project.

The handsaw has a long history! One of the most essential tools of early wood craftsmen, the saw has its origins in ancient history. Hand saw made from flints have been discovered in southern France and date to 2500 BC. The first metal hand saws from around 1500 BC from Ancient Egypt and Ur in ancient Mesopotamia have been discovered. Once iron was made by crude smelting processes, saws were made from metal.

The Roman saw (next) was found during a 1909 dig in the ruins of a Roman outpost building in Kempton, Germany. Dating to about AD 285 in the 1st century.

this saw was likely part of a master carpenter's kit and used on a daily basis.



Discoveries in Japan show the progress in this important carpentry tool over the early years. The saw is from the mid-600s in the Horyuji Temple, one of the world's oldest wooden structures.



We took part in the 15th Niagara Woodworking Show to spread the word about our club to possible new members. Wayne Smith, Bob White, Ken Cruse, Stan Pride, Dave Smith, Jeff Hetherington, Andy Cotterill, Jim Deuxberry, Don Svob, and Colin Van Soelen staffed the club's table. Some members brought projects to display. Stan Pride's wine table attracted a lot of attention and if the display wine bottle had been full a party would have broken out.



Colin VanSoelen and Jeff Hetherington did a presentation on Lasers in the Woodshop. Don Svob worked his lathe all day to demonstrate woodturning. Wayne Smith provided TVs for the show to aid in presentations by the guest specialists. He also arranged for a club slide show to be viewable at our club table. Nicole Smith, Andy Cotterill, and Kevin Violette took the photos which appear below.

**Kevin Violette** and the Home Depot staff deserve a solid round of praise for the excellent show and all the work that went into coordinating it.



Don Svob with his portable lathe demonstrated all day long and attracted a lot of interest.



Colin Van Soelen and Jeff Hetherington both had laser units on display at the Woodworking Show. In the afternoon, they conducted a presentation on the features and benefits of a laser unit in the modern wood shop. There was a lot of interest in the units and in the great explanations.

