

# **Frequently Asked Questions for Durham Woodworking Club**

## **How does your club run?**

The club is run by members who meet every Monday night from Labour Day through Victoria Day holidays'. Our Members are more than happy to help new or existing members who are looking for help on their woodworking projects.

If there is enough interest in a certain topic or tool, members may suggest starting a special interest group or tool familiarization course for a specific project.

## **How do I join the club?**

To Join the Durham Woodworking Club, you will need to attend one of our weekly meetings. You can go to our website to fill and print the Membership Registration form to bring to our next meeting.

The cost to join is \$60 per year (membership dues) and a one-time \$10 initiation fee.

## **Would your woodworkers be interested in building a product for me?**

Our members have built everything from commercial kitchen cabinets to chessman for chess games (turned and scroll sawn).

We have over 100 members that are there to share their expertise or to possibly build the project for you. A picture or plan is a good start with some dimensions which will help a prospective craftsman estimate time and materials to build your project.

If you are interested, please send us an email and we will forward your request on to our members.

## **Do you have a course to build this item (display case, vanity, etc) or a course to bring a novice woodworker to cabinetmaker woodworker status?**

We run courses as we have member interest and experts available to build projects. We are running courses on making canes, pipes, bowls, spindles and have run courses on everything from caning chairs, building kitchen cabinet doors, marquetry, bird carving, caricature carving scroll sawing, fishing nets, and many, many, more. We have a large woodworking library full of project plans and building instructions. Any level of woodworker could pick a plan and join the woodworking 101 sessions to help you build your project. The woodworker 101 leader will lead you through novice projects and may also engage others for specialized areas of your project.

## **What Shop equipment is available for members?**

We have a fully equipped woodworking shop and as a member you have access to all the equipment.

We are very safety conscious and there are documents identifying our rules and regulations around the shop. The documents outline things we think you should consider before safely operating equipment to protect yourself and other club members.

We also offer woodworking 101 sessions to assist novice woodworkers build their projects, operate equipment and to learn new skills. On a regular basis, we run equipment familiarization sessions to remind existing members and to introduce novice members to the safe operation of the club's equipment.

We also have a library full of books and DVD's identifying the safe operation of woodworking equipment.

## **Do you offer a children's woodworking program or are children allowed to join the club?**

Unfortunately, due to insurance restrictions, person below the age of 18 are not allowed to be in the shop while equipment is being operated or operate any machinery in the shop.

We do work with some children's groups (Cubs, Scouts, Fabulous 50's Women), but these groups provide their own insurance for work in the shop.

These group sessions are very limited throughout the year so if you are interested contact us for more information.