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Niagara Woodworking Club - Update

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Information - Upcoming Events

Information About Meeting Topics and Challenges for 2025-26



- **Member survey results** from the June 2025 meeting were summarized and reviewed by the Program Planning Committee to come up with this year's program based on member preferences. The selections for Maker's Challenge events and the topics for meeting-workshops all come from the top choices made by members.
- **Corporate Sponsors Will Support our 3 Makers' Challenge Events:** Lee Valley, Stockroom Supply, and The Woodshed have all agreed to sponsor these events. Prize values will increase to \$75, \$50, and \$25 with gift certificates from each sponsor.
- **Makers Challenge Dates and Topics:** -based on member input on the surveys.
 - November 27, 2025: Toy or Game Challenge

- March 26, 2026: Firewood Challenge
- May 28, 2026: Wood Wall Art Challenge

In addition to the chance to win a Corporate Sponsor top-3 prize, each entry earns a ticket for the prize draws at the June meeting. Guidelines for each challenge will be distributed in advance.

• **More Hands-On Opportunities at Meetings:** We will strive to have many more opportunities to participate, handle tools, and learn processes at each meeting. This means that we will need more support and more participation from members to provide hands-on opportunities at each meeting. We will be calling on you to help run a work station or demonstrate some techniques. This will allow all of us to be involved and to learn from one another. Watch for details and opportunities related to each meeting topic as the year moves forward. This will definitely be more work and will require member assistance.

• **Meeting Topics:** meetings begin at 7 p.m. on the 4th Thursday of the month.

• September 25: **Tool Sharpening** – Kevin Violette / Wayne Smith. Several hands-on sharpening stations: [Chisels; Plane Blade; handsaws; turning chisels; carving knives; regular knives].

• October 23: **Scroll Saws and Techniques** – Bob White / Heather Brooks. Simple, interior, and compound cutting. Blade selection and sample projects shown. [Hands-on participation at several scroll saw stations with project cutting.]

• January 22: **Power Carving** - Arbortech representative presentation showing Arbortech power carving system, discs, and milling balls. Then, hands-on participation at several power carving stations: [Arbortech & Kutzall; small scale power carving/ shaping with Dremel tools and Marathon Shapers with special sanders/burrs]

• February 26: **Band Saws and Techniques** – Ethan Moore - how to tune your bandsaw; special bandsaw attachments; selection of blades for various tasks and woods. [Hands-on participation at several bandsaw stations with project cuts]

• April 23: **Finishing Materials and Techniques** - OSMO or RUBIO Monocoat (oil-based wax finish) led by a product representative. Extensive product demo – likely no work stations for this.

• June 25: **End-of-year: Appreciation Dinner** / Swap Meet / Awards / Draws

Show and Share: Members bring their projects or special tools to each meeting and explain their work to members. Each Show-and-Share earns a ticket for the prize draws at the June meeting.

HAMILTON WOODWORKING SHOW: Nov. 14, 15, 16 at the Riverside Exhibition Centre, Caledonia. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Our Club will have 15 members (three teams of five members per day) as allocated representatives.

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