



HOMESTEAD WOODWORKING SCHOOL

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LOCAL WOODWORKING SCHOOL CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

Live woodworking demos, live music, food and tool yard sale at open house

Newmarket, NH, June 1, 2016 - Homestead Woodworking School is hosting an open house celebration to honor their 20 years of sharing the love of hands-on learning.

On the afternoon of June 26, 2016 from 3 to 6 p.m., the seacoast school will host past and present students, teachers, friends, family and community members. Highlights of the day include live demos of wood finishing by Gary Wood, chain saw carving by Kevin Gelinas, wood turning by Christopher and Wayne Belair and hand cut dove tails and a two-man saw cutting competition. Additionally, former student-turned luthier-John Whiteside and some of his guitar making students will entertain with live music and the school will provide plenty of food and drink.

Past and current students and teachers are encouraged to bring their finished projects they've built for display in an "instant gallery."

All open house attendees are welcome to bring unused, or underused tools and woodworking items they no longer need to sell in a "yard sale." There will be no charge for tables but please contact the school ahead of time to determine how much space is needed.

"When I started this school in 1996 life was very different. It's been an honor to establish, run and build this school in the past 20 years," said Owner and Founder Alan Mitchell.

Homestead Woodworking School was established in 1996 in the barn across the street from Mitchell's family homestead, a farm house passed down in his family for hundreds of years. The land, barn and home are a few of the oldest buildings in the New Hampshire seacoast area from settlers in the early 1700s. Mitchell transformed the barn across the street from his family home in to a woodworking school and business took off.

With esteemed teachers of varying specializations on his side, Mitchell restored the timber-framed barn into a large well-equipped shop with all the tools and machines a woodworker could need. The school hosts classes for all levels of woodworking from all-levels workshops to wood, bowl and pen turning to joinery to Christmas ornament and cutting board creating.

Sonja Gonzalez, a student at Homestead Woodworking School said *“This is a great place to enjoy learning about woodworking. Alan and his team of instructors are amazing!”*

While student Mark Holden describes his experience as the “chance of a lifetime,” calling Mitchell a “cool dude” who has a “special place”

Community members are encouraged to visit the 20-year anniversary open house on June 26, 2016 from 3 - 6 p.m. at 52 Bald Hill Road Newmarket, NH.

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If you would like more information please contact Alan Mitchell at 603-659-2345 or email at woodschoolnh@comcast.net. Visit their website to see more about upcoming classes at www.woodschoolnh.com/courses