Squamish Men's Shed

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Helping our Community

The Squamish Men's Shed was inspired by the movement started in Australia in 2007.

We formed the Squamish Men's Shed Society, a non-profit organization December 2016 and have been building on our reputation ever since.

We operate dependable equipment in a safe workshop environment that allows members to create an assortment of community-oriented projects. We recently expanded our workshop so our membership can continue to grow.

Our group come from diverse backgrounds offering many unique skills. The collaboration within our workshop is a testament that men "work better together". Our common goal is helping our community while looking after our members.

Comedy Corner

Woodworking is one third planning,
one third execution and
one third figuring out
how to change your plan
to cover up that mistake
you just made during execution.

MEN AT WORK

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Our former President, Dennis Honaizer passed away suddenly last November. He was a knowledgable tradesman and valued member of the Squamish Men's Shed.

We have honoured Dennis by creating the Dennis Honaizer Award of Merit for deserving members of our group.

Ernie Ledgerwood was the first recipient of the award and received this at our Annual General Meeting in February.

2019 Annual General Meeting

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- Expanding our workshop for a new dust collection system
- Hosted Squamish Kid's Movie Night booth providing bird and fish silhouettes ready to be painted
- Constructed a bat condo for the Squamish River Watershed Society which was installed in the estuary to provide a home for up to 3000 bats
- Created the 3 foot high "CRAVE" marquee sign for the Squamish Helping Hands fundraising dinner
- Designed and built 3-sided Community Hospice Before-I-Die (bucket list) blackboard
- Framed and installed Community Hospice fundraising sign
- Built a large toy box for the Cedars Manor to collect toys for the Fire Department Christmas Toy Drive for kids
- Produced prizes for our 2018 and 2019 Open House Raffle
- Created maple culinary cutting boards for Cutting Barriers Organization
- Work and visit with the residents of Hilltop House seniors assisted living facility
- Built and installed 3 garden gates for Garibaldi CAN Grow
- Designed and built Take & Leave Library box for Sea to Sky services building
- Designed and built Squamish Paddling Club's kayak fresh water rinse station / storage rack
- Designed and built Shannon Falls garden planter box
- Cut blank animal silhouettes, painted by local childen
- Designed and built the #ElderWisdom movement bench
- Hosted an Emergency First Aid Course
- Hosted the Health by Stealth Speaker Series
- Various members have also worked on their own projects

What's to come

We are keeping busy helping others – with more exciting projects on the horizon.

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Life's too short to work with cheap tools!

Tips & Tricks

Flexible Sanding Block from the Office

Sanding curves is tricky. Sometimes you need a sanding pad that's both firm and flexible. A small notepad works great. Just wrap sandpaper around the pad and bend the pad to whatever arc you need. Slip the one end of the sandpaper between the pages to help hold it in place on the pad. Give this a try the next time you're working on a project that has curves and tough to reach spots..

Make a Quick Mixing Surface

Instead of using a container to mix a small amount of epoxy, just make a mixing surface on your workbench using painters tape.

Simply lay down strips, overlapping the edges so the epoxy doesn't get on your bench. When you're done, peel off the tape and throw it away.

Join us

To become a member of the Squamish Men's Shed you must be male 55 years or older.

There is an annual membership fee entitling you to help our community and group. The workshop has flexible hours, 7 days-a-week.

To apply for membership, either pick up a Membership Application Form at the Squamish Men's Shed or go to www.SquamishMensShed.ca, click on the "Become A Member" button, download the Membership Application Form, complete and mail with membership fee to "Squamish Men's Shed Society".

All people are welcome to assist the Squamish Men's Shed with their great cause.

Sponsorship

We are truly grateful for the fantastic support the Squamish Men's Shed has received from our generous sponsors.

To sponsor the Squamish Men's Shed please contact us at info@squamishmensshed.ca.

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