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.

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.

Planning for our Future

We received some great news at our AGM, Laura Modray announced the Cedars will be moving to new facilities in a few years and the Squamish Men's Shed will moving with them. Our new workshop will be larger allowing our group to work on more community projects.

Laura Modray from Squamish Senior Citizens Home Society

MEN AT WORK

Our Members Created and Helped Assemble Bat Houses

Public Bat House Workshop

The Squamish Men's Shed hosted a public bat house building workshop in February. There was a short lecture followed by bat house assembly in our workshop. Some members precut out the pieces for kits and assembly instructions were suppied.

Rhonda O'Grady from the Squamish Watershed Society said "This is what happens when Men's Sheds and Watersheds get together to make Bat Sheds! Shed happens!!!"

COMEDY CORNER

Good judgment comes from experience, and experience comes from bad judgment

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under construction

What we've done

The Squamish Men's Shed is dedicated to helping our community. To date, we have accomplished the following:

- 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 children
- Designed and built the #ElderWisdom movement bench
- Hosted an Emergency First Aid Course
- Hosted the Health by Stealth Speaker Series
- Hilltop House grand piano converted into a wall book shelf
- Hosted the bat house workshop opened to the public
- Hosted various workshop demonstartions
- Various members have also worked on their own projects

Public Bat House Workshop

Summer Barbeque

Men's Shed Members and Public Participate in First Aid Course

Bowerman's Custom Furniture and Cabinetry Manufacturing Tour

Men's Shed Members with their Salmon Catch

Sea to Sky Services Library Box and #ElderWisdom Bench

Hilltop House Grand Piano Converted to a Wall Book Shelf

Laura Modray Receives the SMS Recognition Plaque

Life's too short to work with cheap tools!

Tips & Tricks

Half Pencil Marks Exact Copies

To trace an exact copy of a template try this nifty technique using an ordinary pencil. Just shave a pencil into a half-pencil by carefully grinding it on a belt sander. The flat edge enables the modified pencil to ride straight up along the edge of the template. It also works great for marking and then shaping inlays for woodworking projects.

Simple Circle Layout Tool

This simple jig makes laying out circles a breeze. Drill a 1/8" hole through every 1 inch mark on a wood ruler or yard-stick.

To draw a circle, place a pin through the 1" hole into the center of your board. Add 1" to the radius of the circle you wish to draw, and insert a pencil into this number. Using the pin as a pivot, rotate the pencil 360 degrees to mark the circle.

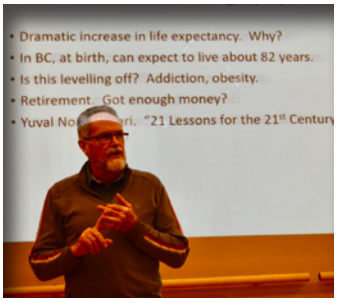
Join us

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.



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