

The Exchange

Woodwork Studio Membership

WHAT IS THE WOODWORKING STUDIO AT THE EXCHANGE?

Located in the Historic Main & Ferry area of Niagara Falls, this new facility is steps away from the world renowned Niagara Falls. It is a 21,000 sq. foot facility that encompasses studio rental space, a café, woodworking shop and large market hall that is usable for performance, entertainment and special events.

The Studios is open 6 days a week to suit our community's diverse schedule. Our goal is to promote woodworking in Niagara Falls by giving people the knowledge, space and tools to create their own masterpieces. We also want to foster a sense of community by giving our members a place to collaborate, share and learn together. Our staff is available to help with guidance (particularly relating to safe use of our tools), and we offer woodworking classes and skill development.

Before members and students can begin working on their projects, they must complete a safety training orientation to have access to the hand tools section of the shop. We also sell a variety of woodworking supplies to help finish your project.

To use the power tools, members must be at least 18 years of age and must complete the training course for that tool.

The Woodworking studio at the Exchange is open to members aged 18+, and encourages a diverse community of makers of all levels. We take pride in making sure all our members feel welcome, valued, and safe. We look forward to seeing you at the shop soon.

THE WOODWORKING STUDIO

The space is over 1200 sq feet and will be supervised by knowledgeable staff who can assist you with your projects and oversee the space to ensure that you safely and successfully complete any projects you have on the go. There is some space for short term storage of projects on the go. Creators must label and date projects (projects that have not been worked on in over a month may be removed). For larger projects or storage of materials, some storage areas are available onsite. Members will also have access to the fume room on the second floor of the complex and it is recommended that most painting and staining is done in this space.

Power Tools Available

Saw Stop Table Saw 1.75hp Pro cabinet saw 36"

King 15" Thickness Planer

King 8" Jointer

King 14" Bandsaw

Dewalt 12" Sliding mitre saw

Dewalt Scroll saw
Excelsior Router Table Kit
Bosch Fixed-Base Router
King Industrial Drill Press
King Sander, Belt & Disc
King Industrial Spindle Sander

Hand Power Tools

RIDGID 5" Random Orbital Sander
RIDGID 3-inch x 18-inch Heavy Duty Variable Speed Belt Sander
RIDGID Corded 7-1/4-inch Circular Saw
RIDGID 18V OCTANE Cordless Brushless Jig Saw
RIDGID 18V Brushless SubCompact Cordless 1/2 -inch Drill/Driver and Impact Driver Combo Kit
RYOBI 6-Amp Biscuit Joiner Kit
Bosch 2.25 HP Combination Plunge- and Fixed-Base Router
Bosch Colt Variable-Speed Palm Router Kit

Accessories

Boxed Set of 28 (5/64" to 1/2") Brad-Point Drills
Lee Valley Set of 13 Imperial HSS Forstner Bits
Screwdriver Set
Socket Set

Hand Tools

Hand tools will be the responsibility of the attendee. As many workshops have issues with thefts, abuse and general maintenance, members of the shop are encouraged to bring their own tools from the following list:

- Hand saws
- Hand plans
- Marketing and measuring tools like:
 - Rulers
 - Tape measures
 - Pencils
 - Squares
 - Knives, etc....

Consumables

The following is not comprehensive but are the responsibility of the member:

- Sandpaper – sheets or discs
- Glue

- Finish
- Biscuits
- Dowels
- Scroll saw blades
- Router bits

Subject to availability, some consumable will be available for purchase.

Safety Equipment

All PPE will be the responsibility of the member/attendee. At a minimum, attendees must have safety glasses and ear protection.

Subject to availability, inexpensive safety goggles and ear protection will be available for purchase.

TOOL CERTIFICATION

Users must complete the safety training before given full access to the woodworking studio.

Sessions are offered the first Saturday afternoon of every month and the following Wednesday evening or more frequently if required.

Must sign off on the Liability Waiver and read the Woodworking Safety Manual

LIABILITY WAIVER REQUIREMENTS

All attendees of the woodshop and members of the Woodworking Studio must sign the City Liability Waiver before conducting any work in the space.

APPENDIX 1

WOODWORKING STUDIO RESPONSIBILITIES & EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS

R-Zone

The R-zone Policy, R-2008-21 approved by City Council May 2008, promotes a positive, safe, enjoyable and supportive environment for all users and staff in City programs and facilities. The R stands for Respect and Responsibility, respect for yourself and others and responsibility for your actions. The policy outlines the measures and enforcement steps to be taken by staff, volunteers and users in order to address inappropriate behaviour or violence in Recreation, & Culture programs, City owned or leased facilities and properties.

The City of Niagara Falls is committed to ensuring the safety of users and staff in its programs, facilities or properties, fostering an environment where there is Respect for others, and Responsibility for all actions. The City will exercise no tolerance to any form of violence, vandalism or inappropriate behaviour in its programs, facilities or properties. For more information please refer to the City's website, www.niagarafalls.ca

Conduct

Clean up after yourself

Respect your fellow members and their privacy (including photography and videotaping)

Users of the space are subject to the City of Niagara Falls Anti-Harassment Policies.

Rules

No pets

No alcoholic beverages in the Woodworking Studio

No smoking and vaping on City property

No turpentine, aerosols or other hazardous materials in areas other than the fume room.

All hazardous materials must be stored in a secure container.

No dumping of hazardous materials down the drain. Use the appropriate disposal methods for all items.

Be safe users. All members are expected to follow safe work practices, to comply with legislative safety requirements and take an active role in protecting the health and safety of others. Members must familiarize themselves with safe workshop usage including reading WHMIS information relating to chemicals they use at the Exchange.

ROLE OF CITY EMPLOYEES

The City team will work with you to communicate events happening on site, assist with Exchange events, and answer questions on membership and agreements. There will be City staff onsite and at the Museum to assist you. They will ensure that all safety rules are followed and can limit use of space if members are deemed unsafe for themselves or others.