



Fenestration Canada: Regional Event 2019

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Location | Durabuilt Windows & Doors
10920 – 178 St. Edmonton, AB

Cold Climate Window Installations for Performance and Durability

Presented by, Jon Eakes

Jon Eakes will present a nationwide window installation discussion, initiated at FenCon18 in Manitoba last year, continued at FenCon19 this year, which is following up on initial research done at the National Research Council from 2005 to 2013. The NRC raised questions about water penetration and cold climate window installations. They questioned some of our standard practices and suggested some non-intuitive new practices and few have taken note of their findings – until this ongoing effort including two new lab research projects. Jon believes that in studying the old and new complimentary research we can find the way to have easier, less expensive and more durable window installations in our cold climate

About Jon Eakes

Although an accomplished wood worker in his own right, Jon has moved from being a good carpenter to being a Master Teacher having spent the last 35+ years teaching wood working and residential construction, renovation and problem solving both to the Do It Yourself sector as well as to construction professionals. In an age of entertainment based reality TV and "everyone has a Web opinion", Jon has built a reputation for credibility, concentrating on the overall systems approach to building science while having a unique talent for explaining the hands-on details of getting the work done. In addition he has learned how to work differently with each of the diverse communications media: TV (Live & Recorded for 40 years), Live Radio (over 25 years), Magazines (several columns consumer & professional), Books (6 books published), Seminars (constantly), Video (11 VHS), 4 DVDs and the many faces of the Web (22 years of JonEakes.com) -- each requiring its own focus, its own style and its own objectives.



So who is he and what has he done? To read, hear and see him presently, you can visit www.JonEakes.com. Check out the "Search" tab to read over 2,000 encyclopaedic pages of home improvement questions and answers, or click on the "On Radio" column to hear him live on Saturday morning hot line radio, or listen to the radio archives, or click on the Learning Curve tab to see over 100 videos on the fine details of using tools, free of charge.

Jon grew up in California with a couple of homemade boats under his belt, a welding certificate to pay his way through college and finally an Engineering/Administration education from Sacramento State College. He studied woodworking in both Japan and France and finally set up a cabinet shop in Montreal because he wanted to learn French.

From 1973 to 1980 his company "La Cheville du Bois" specialized in restaurant and bar furnishings for the famous "Latin Quarter" district of Montreal, not to mention the occasional spiral staircase for the historic Old Montreal and lots of cabinets that kept the shop going. In 1978 he took over the coast-to-coast woodworking TV show called Mr. Chips and by the early '80s he had left the shop for the TV studio and show circuit. The Energy Conservation movement in the early '80s allowed him to build solid ties to research organizations such as the Institute for Research in Construction of the National Research Council of Canada and the Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation and led to him splitting his time between trades training for the housing industry and the exploding DIY Home Improvement movement. Having the only national TV show on the subject at that time also permitted him to develop the relationships with associations and manufacturers that have given him the high level of credibility that he holds today. Having been national spokesman for Dow Styrofoam, Westrock Drywall, the Reader's Digest and the Government of Canada's energy conservation efforts was a natural outgrowth of that credibility.

Although there was plenty enough work to keep him busy in a country the size of Canada and working in two languages, his work has shown up in both print and TV in the US on a number of occasions from articles in the Journal of Light Construction, to table saw teaching in the TimeLife video series SHOP SECRETS FROM MASTER CRAFTSMEN, to his "Renovation Zone" TV series broadcast on The Learning Channel and "Just Ask Jon Eakes" broadcast on the DIY Network in the US.

He is proud to be the longest standing and longest lasting, home improvement personality in North America and with the evolution of the web he has found a place where his particular brand of detailed and helpful information/training can expand for years to come.