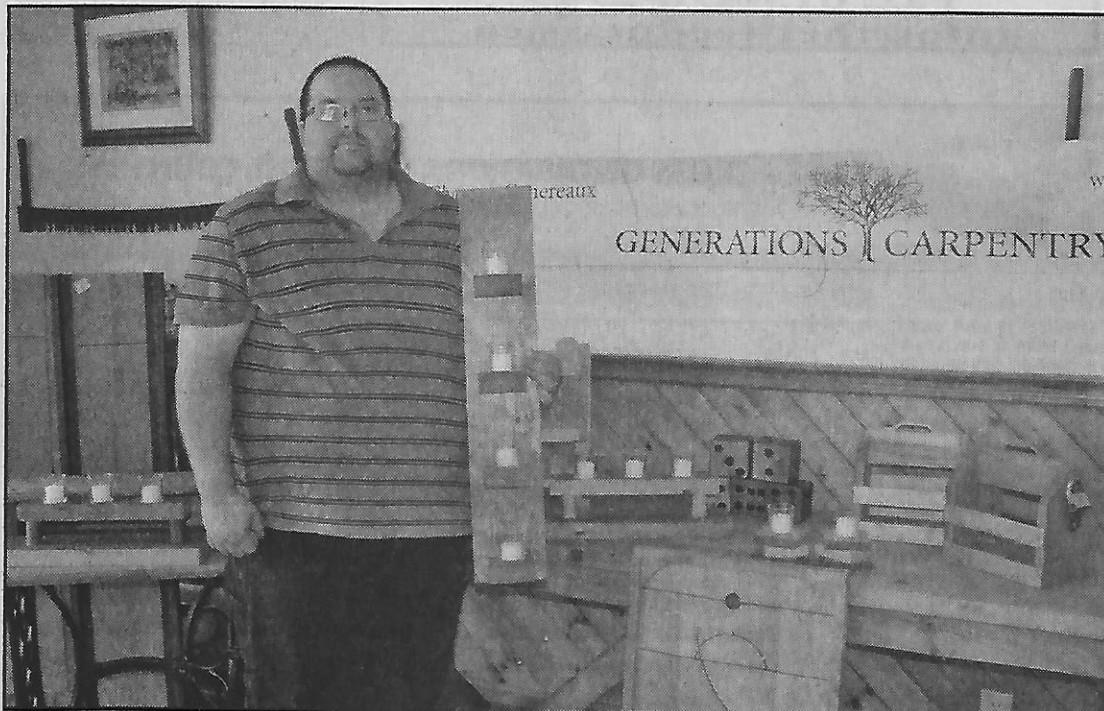


# Taking a chance; hobby turned business



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*Chancey Genereaux, of Generations Carpentry, with some of his hand-crafted items to be featured at the upcoming Spring Sale & Active Living Expo. Among them, table-top game boards, candle holders and lawn dice, all of exceptional quality and price-points.*

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There are generations of skilled and creative carpenters throughout Chancey Genereaux's family, and served a fitting name for his recently launched business. Generations Carpentry Services opened its doors last October and will be one of the featured businesses at this year's Spring Sale & Active Living Expo.

Generations Carpentry specializes in custom furniture building (either designed by Genereaux or the client), pre-built crafts (wooden toys, games, candle holders, etc.), repurposed antiques and

home repair/renovation. Genereaux's creative vision is evident within his custom-designed pieces, notably Generation's tabletop bowling game and handy kitchen helper stand.

Although Genereaux's woodworking skills were self-taught, his home repair and handyman skills were passed down from his grandfathers Charlie Genereaux and Doug Vilneff, and dad Ed Genereaux. The father of two boys, Alex, 5, and Hunter, 2, Genereaux plans on continuing the tradition, by passing his knowledge on to his own sons.

A former career in the auto parts industry left him unsatisfied and prompted

his desire to open his own carpentry business. Thanks to support from Loyalist Community Employment Services, the Ontario Self Employment Benefit and Trenval Business Corporation, he has realized his dream. The best part of his 'new job', Genereaux said was the creative process and challenge of looking at a photo, making a sketch, collecting the materials and building the final piece.

Look for Chancey Genereaux at the Generations Carpentry Services booth at the Spring Sale & Active Living Expo this weekend at the Community Centre in Tweed.