

Exotic hardwood is his business

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Bill Mudry has realized the dream of every hobbyist in the world — to make his hobby a full-time business.

Mudry has taken his love and knowledge of exotic woods and turned it into Beauty Woods Industries.

He has combined his office-apartment with an Eglinton Ave. woodshop to import and sell to Mississaugans almost any species of wood they care to order.

His prices range from 50 cents to \$30 a board foot and he now has over 100 different species in stock at his shop.

"Actually, I have more sources for wood than I have time to confirm," he said with a grin. "I can get any quality, any amount, anytime."

Mudry notes that many lumber stores do not offer their clients a large enough selection of woods from which to choose. The woods which are available are usually softwoods and often the buyers are unaware of exactly what

they are getting, he adds.

He says that hardwoods in particular are difficult to find and thus far he has had a large demand for oak and walnut.

"The more exotic you get, the more the wood becomes intermittently available," Mudry says. "I'm also offering this service to anyone who may be lacking in confidence when it comes to buying these kinds of wood."

Mudry has been in business for just over a year and hopes to expand the enterprise as more local craftsmen become interested in obtaining a wider variety of woods with which to work.

He also has some unique crafting ideas of his own such as wall plates crafted out of woods from each of the provinces and states in North America.

Mudry invites anyone interested in discussing woods or examining his inventory to call him at his office at 279-1299 or his shop at 276-6270.