



DON GEMMELL

I am currently employed with Niagara College as the Co-ordinator/Professor for all of our welding/metal fabricating programs in both post-secondary and apprenticeships. I have been a Canadian Welding Association (CWA) member for 20 years and I am also the Chapter Chair for the Hamilton and Niagara Region for the past nine years. One of our major benefits of the CWA membership is the amount of literature and knowledge available through various forms; whether it be the Journal, or the weekly updates. Regular dinner meetings and plant tours also provide networking opportunities along with industry recognized guest speakers and presentation topics.



with **Welding Specialist Mark Holder** **DON GEMMELL**

CWB: How long have you been involved in the welding industry?

Don Gemmell: Over 35 years.

CWB: Why did you get involved in the welding industry?

Don Gemmell: I completed a four years of welding training in high school and was very interested in pursuing welding as a career through an apprenticeship.

CWB: If you could explain one of the most interesting aspects of your career, please do?

Don Gemmell: Teaching welding and metal fabricating to post-secondary students and passing along the knowledge that I have gained from many sources.

CWB: What value do you see in the mark?

Don Gemmell: I believe the Weld Specialist Mark shows commitment and dedication to the welding trade along with public safety.

CWB: How do you plan on using the mark?

Don Gemmell: Mostly for recognition and the acquired knowledge, but also to promote to other whom I communicate with through the CWA.

CWB: What would you tell others who are not signed up for the Mark?

Don Gemmell: I would highly recommend that they check the eligibility requirements, complete the necessary educational training or upgrading and successfully complete the program. ■

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