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NEWSLETTER

The goal of the Maine Woodworkers Association is to bring all aspects of woodworking closer to its members and to educate everyone seeking knowledge from woodworkers in Maine. Meetings are times of friendship and learning, where everyone is welcome to share ideas, camaraderie, and of course, coffee.



Work by Mike Pekovich

Annual Meeting -- Spring Speaker

!!Pot Luck Dessert!!

*Wednesday, June 17, 6:30 pm, Mike Pekovich,
Freeport Library, Freeport, ME*

<http://www.pekovichwoodworks.com/>

About Mike Pekovich

Mike Pekovich will be our June speaker. He is the art director at FWW and you may have seen him on the many videos he does for FWW. You can browse his gallery at his website: <http://www.pekovichwoodworks.com/>

From his website:

My name is Michael Pekovich.

I like making things out of wood. It's an incredible material and a renewable resource. That's good. It's strong, but light for its strength. It's actually a translucent material, so when finished properly, it has an incredible depth and luminosity.

But wood is a pain for manufacturers to deal with. It's an organic substance. It's not something you can squeeze out of a tube. That's why there's less and less solid-wood furniture being made. The stuff you can still find is designed for a mass market and covered in stain until it all looks kind of "brown". That's why we think of furniture as just kind of there, if we notice it at all.

But a well-made piece of furniture is more than that. It's a companion, adding just a little to the quality of your life every time you sit down for breakfast or put away the socks and underwear.

The warm glow, a smooth finish inviting to the touch, a well-fit drawer that slides smoothly without sticking or rattling, these small things add up to a big difference in the long run, over a lifetime and beyond, bridging generations as a piece is handed down along with its memories.

For me, making furniture is a connection to the wood, but also a connection

to people. I like making things, but I like it more knowing they will find a use in a good home.

Meeting Format

This meeting is our **annual pot-luck dessert meeting**. Please bring a dessert to share. Coffee and cold drinks will be provided by the club. No alcohol. Spouses/Significant Others welcome.

You are welcome to show off your home-made specialties or bring purchased ones at your favorite bakery/store.

Social Hour/Pot Luck Dessert: 6:30-7:30

Speaker: 7:30-8:30

Discussion/wrap-up 8:30-9:00

Directions to Freeport Library:

Travelling north or south on I 295, take Exit 22. If you are coming from the north bear right onto Mallet Drive, from the south turn left at the stop sign onto Mallet Drive. Continue to the Route 1/Main Street stop light (Harraseeket Inn is across the road in front of you and McDonalds on your right)

Turn left.

Library Drive is the second street on your left.

The library is set back from the road.

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Maine Woodworking Expo 2015

As fellow woodworkers and fine furniture makers we want to tell you about a show the Guild of Maine Woodworkers and the Kennebec Valley Woodworkers Association will be sponsoring on August 29 and 30, 2015. The show will be in Brunswick in the Fort Andross Building next to Cabot Mill Antiques. The cost per booth is \$150 for an 8' x 10' space. Contact: Frank Southard & Wes Sunderland at fesouthard@fairpoint.net
Guild of Maine Woodworkers and Kennebec Valley Woodworkers Association

The Wharton Esherick Museum is looking for applicants for their 23rd Annual Thematic Woodworking Competition and Exhibition. This year's theme is "Vases". There is a \$25 entry fee, but there are also 4 cash awards offered. Several MWA members have

had work in their exhibitions in the past and some have won awards. Get details at www.whartonesherickmuseum.org or contact Alan at 688-4728 alanbrad@maine.rr.com

From Eric Flanagan:

The Maine Woodworkers Association has decided to participate in the [Trek Across Maine](#). The Trek is a 3-day, 180 mile cycling event from the mountains of Sunday River to the sea in Belfast, June 19-21. As the largest fundraising event of its kind in the nation for the American Lung Association, the Trek has raised more than \$22 million in the past 30 years. Join more than 2,000 cyclists and 750 volunteers on this one of a kind journey on Father's Day Weekend. The more people the merrier, and the better for the American Lung Association. We need people like you on my team.

We need your support, so please do anything you can, join my team, register as an individual or make a donation on our behalf. You can do it all here: [MWA Team Page](#)

Anyone, including friends and family is encouraged to join.

Contact: Eric at ef@mcintosh.com



Haystack Volunteers May 2015-Pretty rough looking group [I was there, but not with these guys!-ed.]

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