



# April, 2016

## 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 Rob Brand*

## **Meeting Schedule**

Apr 13, Rob Brand, Sebago Furniture, 88 Rolling Hill Dr., Naples, ME – Mission Furniture

May 4, Joe Seremeth, Woodlab, Portland—Furniture and Sculpture

Jun 8, Tim Rousseau, <http://www.timothyrousseau.com/>

Jul 13, Paul Mullen, Furniture and Antique Tools

## **Current Meeting**

Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 pm, Rob Brand, Sebago Furniture, 88 Rolling Hill Dr., Naples, ME 207-591-4215 [www.sebgaofurniture.com](http://www.sebgaofurniture.com)

## **About Sebago Furniture**

### **About Rob Brand; Master Craftsman**

My background is in electrical engineering. I have practiced this profession for well over 28 years. I have worked for some larger companies, but mostly small venture capital startup companies including one I started with a partner in the mid-1990s. While I am formally trained in data communications engineering with a Master's degree in Robotics, I have always had an interest for creating something new to solve a practical need. Over the years I grew a passion to create things of practical beauty in wood. The design and building of furniture has been a creative outlet for me for more than 24 years. I started Sebago Furniture in 2005 to take my new passion to a new level.

My interests in woodworking lead me to building my own post and beam home in the early 90's, mostly single-handed. I used some of the wood from the land the home is built on for the interior finish details and some of the pieces of furniture now in the home. The desire to architect, engineer and build my own home was inspired by the Shelter Institute. I took their course in the 80s. I recommend anyone with an interest in building his or her own home either by hand or with contractors to take this course. It is a practical blend of the theory and hands on work. As part of my interest in house building and its many mechanical systems, I decided to train for performing home inspections. Now I am a certified home inspector as well.

**Directions:**

From South DIRECTIONS to the BRAND's on Sebago LAKE

1. Take exit #42 Rt 95 (Formerly exit 6) / **L** at traffic light on to PAYNE RD NORTH toward South Portland go 1,0 mi
2. Turn **L** on GORHAM RD[RT-114] - go 3.0 mi
3. Turn **L** to follow RT-114 - go 3.8 mi to Gorham Center.
4. Continue to follow RT-114 - go 22.5 mi You will cross RT-25 in Sebago Center  
Turn **R** on ROLLING HILL DR - go 0.5 mi

5. "LANDMARK" About one mile before you approach "LAKE SEBAGO ESTATES" you will see a summer camp. You will also be going down a steep hill. You will cross over a bridge and then back up a steep hill.

Look for a large sign that says " LAKE SEBAGO ESTATES" the road name is "ROLLING HILL ROAD" it is also Fire Lane 85.  
Arrive at 88 ROLLING HILL DR, NAPLES

6. House and Garage are Gray cedar shingles with blue trim with a long up hill driveway.

From North DIRECTIONS to the BRAND's on Sebago LAKE

1. Take exit 63 for ME-115/US-202/ME-4 toward ME-26/New Gloucester/Gray	0.4 mi
2. Turn left at W Gray Rd/ME-115/ME-26A/ME-4/US-202 Continue to follow W Gray Rd/ME-115/ME-4/US-202	3.6 mi
3. Slight right at ME-115/Tandberg Trail	3.0 mi
4. Turn right at Abby Rd	0.2 mi
5. Turn right at ME-35/Roosevelt Trail/US-302 Continue to follow US-302	13.8 mi
6. Turn left at ME-11/ME-114	3.1 mi
7. Turn left at Rolling Hill Dr Destination will be on the Left	0.4 mi

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## **Competition Time Extended – More Details at Meeting**

### **2X4 Winter Classic**

Who couldn't use a little healthy competition to get us through the winter months. The Maine Woodworkers Association challenges you all to summon up your creative prowess and woodworking skills and be part of the 2x4 Winter Classic. The competition will consist of woodworkers using one 2"x4"x8' piece of lumber to construct whatever your imagination and skill can conjure up. Participants can use any type of lumber, any type of adhesive, and no fasteners or metal knobs (wood knobs from your 2x4 ok) to create a piece that will be judged on creativity, functionality, and craftsmanship. There are no limitations to what you can make as long as it comes from a single piece of lumber and uses no mechanical fasteners. All submissions will be judged (and scrutinized) by fellow woodworkers. Beyond the all-important bragging rights, participants will be competing for some great prizes. Let's see what we can come up with!

#### Details:

- Any species of 2"x4"x8" lumber cut up and assembled in any way; the wood must start out as a single piece. This can be a full 2"x4" x 8' or a purchased "2x4" from a lumber store.
- Any type of adhesive; no fasteners except those made from the wood itself.
- Any finish
- Pieces will be judged for creativity, functionality, and craftsmanship and a winner will be crowned in each category as well as an overall winner. All attending members will act as judges.
- To participate simply email a photograph of your piece of lumber before alteration to Erik Flanagan at [ef@mcintosh.com](mailto:ef@mcintosh.com) and bring your creation to the meeting.

Forward any questions to [ef@mcintosh.com](mailto:ef@mcintosh.com) .

We're looking forward to see what emerges!

## **Classified/News**

From Rod Howell:

Here is a link to a program at 10 p.m. on 4/14 which may interest some readers.....about a Mainer famous for boat building and whatever else :

<http://www.mpbn.net/Television/TVSchedule.aspx>

## **Maine Woodworking Expo 2016**

Hello, Fellow Woodworker:

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 27 and 28, 2016. The show will be in Brunswick in the Fort Andross Building next to Cabot Mill Antiques. We are keeping the cost low in order to make it affordable. The cost per booth is \$150 for an 8' x 10' space.

Please call me at 207-547-3054 or respond to this email.

Frank Southard, Guild of Maine Woodworkers  
Kennebec Valley Woodworkers Association

## **Haystack Volunteer Days**

Volunteers are wanted for our 24th consecutive year helping Haystack Mountain School of Crafts in Deer Isle prepare for their summer season. The dates are Monday and Tuesday, May 16 and 17 (following the Maine Crafts Association's Workshop Weekend at Haystack which takes place May 12 to 15. Some volunteers stay over after attending those workshops. See [www.maine crafts.org](http://www.maine crafts.org) for details on the workshops.) The general plan for us woodworking volunteers is to arrive by noon on Monday and leave late in the day on Tuesday. Anyone who wants to can stay and volunteer beyond Tuesday as well.

We do lots of sharpening along with repairing machines, painting, cleaning, organizing, and whatever Haystack needs to get the wood studio in shape for the season. Additionally, they often have small projects building and repairing shelves/stands/tables/planters/decking, interior and exterior painting, re-shingling, grounds work of all sorts plus an ever changing array of small jobs to satisfy every interest and utilize any skill.

Haystack provides room and board. The location is fantastic. The food is spectacular. Unheated cabins make a hot shower feel that much better in the morning. We bring our own sleeping bags and towels.

So far the gang includes Alan Bradstreet, Chris Becksvoort, Ned Merrick, Andy Abello, David Boyle, Marty Dassa and Michael Hetzel. For more information contact Alan at 688-4728 or [alanbrad@maine.rr.com](mailto:alanbrad@maine.rr.com)

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