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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.

Wednesday, July 10, 6:30PM meeting





Rod Regier 56 South Street Freeport

Rod Regier has been building wood-framed keyboard instruments since 1969, when during his undergraduate years at MIT he worked part time for legendary harpsichord maker William Dowd in Boston. For a year in the mid-1970's, in the midst of

oceanographic research at Johns Hopkins University, he moved to England where he worked for the firm Adlam-Burnett, in Kent. He has had his own shop in Freeport since 1979



Rod will talk about the white ash and maple structure designed to support the 12,000 lb string tension typical of early 19th Century pianos. He will also describe a valuable seminar about French polishing he attended a year ago given by Phil Lowe, in Salem MA.

Rod Regier 56 South Street Freeport 865-6687
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Directions: 56 South St is 1/3 mile south of the intersection of West and South Streets, about 3/4 mile from LLBean, 1 1/2 miles from either exit #20

or #22 off I-295. Be warned that some GPS software lands visitors in a parking lot at the LLBean office complex on Rt. 1, not to the South St address. There is ample space to park off the busy street.

For those that do not have GPS... From the south take 295 to Exit 20,(turn right off of ramp) to RT.1 north to West street (fire house on right) turn on to West Street over rail road tracks, stop sign turn right. Rod's house is about 1/3 mile on right after a big field.

From the North take 295 south to exit 22. Take right off ramp to Mc Donald's. Turn Right on RT. 1, to Bow street (right in front of LLBean.) turn left on Bow street cross rail road tracks and turn right on to South street (right after tracks) about 1/2 mile or less come to a big field on right, next house on right is Rods.

Notes about future Meetings:

All meetings will begin at 6:30. This will allow our members to get home earlier.

Our website is going through some changes. If you want to be listed on it contact Chuck Devine or Michael Hetzel for more info.

Opportunities:

We have had two queries recently from non- woodworkers who wanted to find woodworkers to make parts for them. Not unexpectedly their queries have been non-specific. In their interests and ours I have offered to work with them to more clearly define what they want in woodworker terms. Each was looking for runs of parts. I don't think that the volume of parts or dollars will be very high but the work may be of interest to some. If a member is interested in doing the work I would be glad to assist them, if desired, in getting started

Chilton Furniture sells primarily Maine Made products made by small shops. Some of these small shops are in need of help to avoid overly long lead times. If you are able and interested in doing some work in your shop for one of these contact the following:

Jason Haskell, Haskell Woodworking, 37 Casco St #207, Portland, ME 04101 (978) 317-8230;

Dan Maxham, W.A. Mitchell Fine Furniture, P.O. Box 432, 710 Wilton Rd, Farmington, ME 04938 (207) 778-5212.

Or contact Jared or Jennifer Levin, the owners of Chilton Furniture Co.

Upcoming Events:

Lie-Nielsen Open House 12- 13 July, at the Lie-Nielsen, **264 Stirling Road (visible from Rt 1), Warren, Maine, 04864. Free and open to all. Lobster bake Saturday Evening (\$45.00/person) Thomas Moser will be the Keynote Speaker. Factory3 Opening expected in August.**

If you know of any woodworking related opportunities, events or related info please let Chuck know about them via Chuck@CharlesEDevine.com .

Meeting Host Schedule

2019

Jan and Feb- no meeting

March: Days hardwood

April:

May: Chase Small Craft

June: Ned Merrick at his new shop

July: Rod Regier 56 South Street Freeport Me

August:

September:

October:

November:

December:

Meeting ideas- in no particular order:

John Bryan (829-6447)

Open Bench project

Jay Morrissey- damascus steel blacksmith and glass blower- Ned's contact
Furniture
Thomas Moser
Duncan Hewitt (sp?)
Mark White
Veneer shop in Kennebunk

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