



October, 2019

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, October 9, 6:30PM

Toddy Brook Café

925 Sligo Rd

North Yarmouth

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October's meeting will be a planning meeting at Toddy Brook Café, 925 Sligo Rd, North Yarmouth. Dinner can be purchased off the menu. The time will be the usual 6:30PM.

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So far there has been no response to the offer for free classes. The offer is still open. Has anyone else got a class to offer?

No other news or opportunities have been brought to my attention.

I hope to see you all at -

Toddy Brook Café

925 Sligo Rd

North Yarmouth

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

Presidents input for the MWA News Letter

Fall is suddenly here and the amateurs among us will soon be headed back to their shops. This month's meeting will be of special interest to those just starting out or wanting more room.

We have had another inquiry on our website concerning the sale of a deceased woodworkers tools. I have tried contacting the seller but have not gotten a return call yet. So far all I know is that the tools are in Plymouth. If I get some useful information I will pass it on.

I am offering some gateway classes to MWA members for no charge. The topics will be sharpening chisels and plane irons, sharpening carving and turning gouges and scraper sharpening. Each class will be 1-2 hours and limited to 4 attendees. Class times will be weekends or evenings as best fits the schedules of the attendees and myself. If interested please contact me at Chuck@CharlesEDevine.com.

I encourage other members to offer classes on these or other gateway skills as a way to bring in new members.

We are running short on time for our annual speakers meeting. There may still be time for it in November or December. Here are some names to consider- Tim Rousseau, Peter Korn, Peter Follansbee, Peter Galbert, and Phil Lowe. Please let me know which of these you would be most interested in hearing from or add a name to the list.

I hope to see you all at Factory3 on Wednesday evening.

Chuck

Notes about future Meetings:

Our **Annual Meeting with a guest speaker** has not been scheduled. I am hoping that it would be better attended in the Fall, probably October. I would like members opinions on whom to invite or what topic they would like covered. Would a daylong/weekend workshop be a better use of our funds? Again by whom and/or on what topic? We need to schedule this soon

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:

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:

This year some members have expressed interest in giving and taking classes. I'd like to encourage this - particularly as a means of bringing in new members. Since Fall is when most non-professional woodworkers start to think about getting back into the shop, this should be a good time for some classes. If you are interested in teaching, please let me know about the subject, location, number of students, costs, students requirements (tools, personal protective equipment, skill level, duration and time frame, etc.). If you are interested in having members give instruction please let me know what topics you most want to learn about. Not all classes can be given for free but perhaps, with members approval, MWA funds could be used to supplement the costs.

Most classes will likely be one morning, evening or day but please consider longer formats as well.

No feedback will probably result in no classes.

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's

August: *Strouts Point Wharf Company*

September: Factory 3 Portland Me

October: Toddy Brook Café

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

Shelter Institute

John Libby post and beam

Jaques Vessery

Wood turning at Rockler or similar

News/For Sale:

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