



# November, 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.

*Saturday November 16, 10:30 AM*  
*Charles Durfee cabinetmaker*  
*Woolwich Maine.*

Charlie's shop was featured in the Tools & Shops Winter 2019 edition of Fine Wood Working



Our next meeting will be at Charlie Durfee's shop in Woolwich. If you are a reader of Fine Wood Working you may recall that Charlie's shop was featured in the Tools & Shops Winter 2019 edition. Charlie has agreed to a Saturday morning meeting to accommodate more members due to the distance. So the meeting will be at-

**Charles Durfee Cabinetmaker**

**65 Delano Rd**

**Woolwich, ME 04579**

**10:00 AM on 16 November 2019**

At our October meeting we reviewed our current status and direction.

The members present voted to allow for the purchase promotional materials in the form of bookmarks (think of it as a 2 x 6 inch business card) with MWA info on it. I tried to make one using photos from our website but they were not of high enough definition. Please send me photos of your work that are at least 300 dpi (dots or pixels per inch). The printed photos will be about 1 ¼ x 2 7/8" so close ups are probably best.

We will also be looking into changes to our website and social media.

One free class on sharpening carving gouges has been given as a result of the offer made in our last newsletter. If anyone has any ideas for classes they would like to give or attend please let us know at a meeting or via e-mail.

December meeting with Peter Korn at the Freeport Library. Bring a dessert 10 December 2019. More info to follow.

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](mailto:Chuck@CharlesEDevine.com).

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

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:**

If anyone knows of any opportunities please pass the word.

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:**

### Shelter Institutes Toolapalooza open house and tool sale 7 December

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](mailto: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: Charles Durfee cabinetmaker Woolwich

December: Peter Korn at Freeport Library

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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