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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.

MAINE WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION

This month's meeting will be at David Sprague's
shop 1473 North Rd, North Yarmouth,
207 233-7452
6:30 PM Wednesday 11 March

If you haven't been there you will be amazed at the various ways David has devised to work more efficiently.

In addition to seeing David's shop and being a social meeting let's make it a tool swap. You don't need to bring a tool to attend but please do. You can offer something woodworking related (tool, supplies, books, DVDs, ect.) for a trade or for sale or even for free. Keep in mind that we are a frugal group so don't get your hopes up too high.

News

I recently visited the Maine Wood 2020 exhibit at the Center for Furniture Craftmanship's Messler Gallery. Member David Boyle's Pond Lily Table was included. Congratulations David.

If you can't get there in person you can make a virtual visit at WWW.WoodSchool.org.

Upcoming Events

The 2020 Maine Boat Builders Show

The show times are:

Friday March 20, 10-6pm

Saturday March 21, 10-6pm

Sunday March 22, 10-4pm

512 Warren Avenue, Portland, ME 04103 (Portland Sports Complex).

Fine Woodworking Live 2020

Fri, Apr 17, 2020 4:00 PM - Sun, Apr 19, 2020 2:00 PM EDT

Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center Southbridge, MA

See their web sites for more info.

From Chuck Devine:

Our November meeting at Charlie Durfee's shop was a great one. In addition to our host's presentation we had some discussions in response to questions from attendees about finishing techniques.

Last month I asked that members send photos of their work for a promotional bookmark type business card. So far only one member has responded. It will be too small to include everyone but it should include more than just one of us. 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 1/4 x 2 7/8" so close ups are probably best.

Free and low cost classes will resume in January. If you have one to offer or a request for one let me know through the website or my e-mail.

Opportunities- If anyone knows of any opportunities please pass the word.

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.

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.

Chuck

Notes about future Meetings:

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:

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

2020

Jan and Feb- no meeting

March:

April:

May:

June:

July:

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

Mark White

Veneer shop in Kennebunk

Shelter Institute

John Libby post and beam

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