

Maine Woodworkers Association
P.O. Box 425
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www.mainewoodworkers.org

December, **2008**

Membership form for Maine Woodworkers Association

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Member information (woodworking specialty, interests, web site, etc. Up to 125 characters, for inclusion in member roster:

There are 8 – 9 meetings per year in a wide variety of woodworking shops. Annual dues are \$20.00. Please send payment to Maine Woodworkers Association, P.O. Box 425, Cumberland, Maine 04021.

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NEWSLETTER



Dining Chair
Thos Moser Pasadena Dining Chair

Programs:

- **December 3 (Wednesday) Thomas Moser tour**
- **January 14th Deadhead Lumber Co., Todd Morrissette Reclaimed Sunken Logs from Maine Lakes & Rivers**
- **February 11th Craig Warren, beautifully laminated archery bows**
- **March 11th Ritter Furniture, Eric Ritter**
- **April 8th Sebago Furniture, Rob Brand**
- **May 13th Woodward Thomsen Co., Matt Charlebois**

(Almost) all programs begin at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month

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 the great State of Maine. Meetings are times of friendship and learning, where everyone is welcome to share ideas, camaraderie, and of course, coffee.

November Meeting

The November meeting at Eric Koehler's shop in Brunswick turned out about 25 members and guests including some members not seen at meetings for a few years now. Koehler Woodworks began as a part time business 25 years ago and recently completed the move to it's extremely well-planned shop on Greenwood Rd.

Eric took a typical Morton steel building and added some intriguing architectural details to yield a very pleasing, non industrial looking result. Front entry is through a gabled, pergola structure into the reception area. The showroom/office space is on the left and has many examples of Koehler's furniture and architectural abilities. The lighting, materials and color selection all come together very nicely to give a visitor a real sense of Koehler

Woodworks unique abilities. Other facilities are on the right and the shop is straight ahead. They have 2500 square foot in the primary shop, and almost 1500 square feet for receiving, finishing and staging. Besides Eric, there is one full time and one part time employee.

The current project, a walnut kitchen for customers in Brunswick, is still having some details ironed out. We discussed his mockup for the project, finishing details and design considerations. His preference is to keep his finish schedule as simple as possible. They use primarily ML Campbell's Duravar and Ultravar /Watco. This led to a discussion of formaldehyde-free products and water-based finishes which Eric says he does have requests

for on occasion. He currently does most of his finishing in-house but at times subcontracts some projects to Carl Horner in Portland.

Marketing and advertising have been almost non-existent until recently when they chose to display at **Maine Boats, Homes and Harbors Show** in Rockland. They also have a very thorough website. Koehler does 80% of their work in Maine and most of the out-of- state work comes from his established Maine customers.

Current tool purchases being contemplated are a high-end panel saw.

Most of Koehler's sharpening is done by Paul Cote of Superior Carbide Sharpening. Paul is located in Lewiston and is very meticulous. (207 782-3783)

Alan Bradstreet reminded us of the opening of the Maine Crafts Association's **Center For Maine Craft** at the new West Gardiner Travel Plaza, as it is called. I had the opportunity to stop by on the 15th, their second day, and found it to be well worth the visit. I noted at least a couple of our members work on display.

Bruce Brennan

December Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Maine Woodworkers Association will not only be held on a different time of the month than usual, but it will also have a slightly different format:

1. Members are encouraged to bring their Significant Other or a Guest.

2. Please bring a hors d'oeuvre, seasonally appropriate treat, or non-alcoholic beverage to share with the membership. Coffee, tea and bottled water will be available, compliments of our host.

It will be their pleasure to have members of the Moser Team lead the Membership on a complete tour of the facility, explain the various processes and answer a multitude of your questions. You are invited to take as many notes as you wish, but please refrain from taking pictures on the production floor.

For directions contact: Bill Diffenderfer, Home/Studio 207-655-8546; Cell 207-632-2482

From Maine Crafts Association:

Wood Workers Sought - UnderWater Wood Specialists is looking for artists and craftspeople in Maine to produce a wide range of unique and high quality wood products that will be manufactured from wood generated from sinker logs harvested from the Penobscot River. the objective is to collaborate with both tribal and non-tribal wood-workers to create a unique and "Maine Made" recovered wood product line. call Thom L. Labrie at 946-3420

Alan Bradstreet has had work accepted for inclusion in 500 Tables by Lark Books due out next summer. His table "Hall Table for Susan" (shown below) is made of peeled maple saplings with a cherry top. He also had work included in earlier Lark books including 500 Chairs and 400 Wood Boxes.



Rich Schilling has a complete collection of Fine Woodworking magazines for sale. Contact Rich at 772-9908

As you can see there is plenty of space here for ads, commentary, photos, whatever. You are Encouraged , even begged, to send submissions, suggestions, etc. to the editor at bluenote@mindspring.com, or call 846-4044. Thanks, Rod Howell

MWA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Rod Regier	865-6687

Following is a list submitted by Alan Bradsreot of some of his favorite catalog sources for w.w. supplies, just in time for stocking stuffer ideas:

[Power and Hand Tools:](#)

Lie Nielsen Toolworks, www.lie-nielsen.com

The Japan Woodworker ,
www.JapanWoodworker.com

Woodworkers Supply, www.woodworker.com
1-800-645-9292

The Tool Crib, www.amazon.com/tools , 1-800-635-5140

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware,
www.rocklerpro.com , 1-800-233-9359

Highland Woodworking,
www.highlandwoodworking.com , 1-800-241-6748

Lee Valley Tools, Ltd., www.leevalley.com ,
1-800-871-8158

Klingspor's Woodworking Shop,
www.woodworkingshop.com , 1-800-228-0000

[Wood Carving Tools \(and more\):](#)

Woodcraft, www.woodcraft.com , 1-800-225-1153

MDI Woodcarvers Supply,
www.mdiwoodcarvers.com , 1-800-866-5728

Wood Turning Tools (and more):

Craft Supplies USA,
www.woodturnerscatalog.com , 1-800-551-8876

Woodchucker's Supply,
www.woodchuckers.com , 1-800-551-0192

Packard Woodworks,
www.packardwoodworks.com , 1-800-683-8876

Scrollsaw Blades:

BVDirect, www.bladevaluesdirect.com , 1800-220-1152

Abrasives:

A & H Abrasives, 1-800-831-6066 (owned by Woodworkers Supply listed above)

Small Project Supplies:

Lamp Specialties, www.lamp-specialties.com , 1-800-225-5526

Antique, Collectible, and User Tools:

Antique and Collectible Tools, Inc. 1-800-248-8114 email: CEB@FineToolJ.com

Editor's note : I seldom get past Lee Valley Tools. Very complete source for hand tools and supplies, excellent customer service. Very effective at separating me from that pesky disposable income.

