

Maine Woodworkers Association  
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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:

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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.

## MAINE WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION

### February 2009

# NEWSLETTER



*Bow and bow bolt, Craig Warren, Warren Archery*

### Programs:

- **February 11<sup>th</sup>** Craig Warren, beautifully laminated archery bows
- **March 11<sup>th</sup>** Ritter Furniture, Eric Ritter
- **April 8<sup>th</sup>** Sebago Furniture, Rob Brand
- **May 13<sup>th</sup>** 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 e great State of Maine. Meetings are times of frien are ideas, camaraderie,

#### MWA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Randy Blake	799-1473
Vice president	Bill Diffenderfer	655-8546
Treasurer	Andy Walsh	829-3386
Editor	Rod Howell	846-4044

#### Members at Large

Chris Becksvoort	926-4608
Alan Bradstreet	688-4728
Bruce Brennan	837-1926
Richard Schilling	772-9908
Rod Regier	865-6687

## January Meeting

The meeting commenced with a vote by members present to have MWA sponsor Maine Wood 2010, in the amount of \$100. Maine Wood 2010 will be held at the Messler Gallery of the Maine Center for Furniture Craftsmanship and the Center for Maine Craft of the Maine Crafts Association beginning in December '09, and will feature the work of contemporary Maine Studio furniture makers, turners, carvers, and sculptors. Stay tuned for more info on this.

Randy Blake informed members of a gentleman in Wells who has a large amount of furniture quality wood that he is selling at half of retail value. The wood is generally 16 feet long, about 11 inches wide, and 6/4 to 12/4 thick. Species seem to be Cherry, Purple Heart, Birch, Oak, and Mahogany. Contact Randy at 799-1473 for more info.

Bill Diffenderfer introduced our host, **Todd Morrisette** of DeadHead Lumber Company. Todd started DeadHead Lumber in April 2008., following 10 years of work for a hardwood and plywood importer, which involved extensive travel to Russia, China, and South East Asia to inspect mills and grade the quality of the wood.

DeadHead obtains most logs from the bottom of Moosehead Lake, using a 10' x 30' aluminum pontoon boat, which Todd constructed himself. It has 4 cameras that can scan an area of 500' on each side at depths up to several hundred feet. To harvest, Todd first scans the lake bottom to determine the location, size, and quantity of the logs and then marks their location using a GPS system. He returns to the marked locations and uses his cameras and a crane system to extract the logs. The boat

can carry about 10 logs, equating to about 2000 board feet. The crane system can reach 300' feet, but most logs are retrieved from depths of 20' to 60'.

The retrieved logs are hauled to shore, assessed a fee paid to the state, and trucked to a local mill for rough cutting to thicknesses of 4/4 to 10/4. The rough cut logs are transported to the Scarborough warehouse, stickered, stored for 6 months until the moisture content declines to 20%, and then kiln dried.

DeadHead currently has about 45,000 board feet in storage with an additional 4000 b.f. at the kiln. DeadHead will sell individual boards, truck loads, or a flitch, which is a whole log stickered and bundled

Todd explained that the timber harvested in the Moosehead Lake area was for a plywood mill thus the majority of the wood is yellow birch with the rest being maple. The species offered include Yellow Birch, River Birch, River Maple, and Rock maple. The wood is wide with dimensions from 4 inches to 20+ inches. Todd had several boards on display showing the difference between the kiln dried and air dried wood and as well as the various grades. The wood is beautiful -- long and wide with no blemishes and nice figuring. Logs that sat in the silt at the bottom absorbed some of the minerals from the lake, and have nice color and figure.

Because the lumber is retrieved from logs that were cut 100 years ago and the harvesting process is eco-friendly, the lumber qualifies for LEED points toward certification.

Todd markets the lumber by contact with local architects, high end furniture makers, and

flooring companies. A high quality brochure is available, as well as a web site at [www.deadheadlumbercompany.com](http://www.deadheadlumbercompany.com). Contact him at 883-3009 or 409-4206, or, if you really want to see a lot of beautiful lumber, visit the warehouse. Thanks to Todd for a very informative meeting. Hopefully many of us will visit Todd and purchase lots of that beautiful wood. ---Randy Blake

## February Meeting

**Craig Warren** of Warren Archery will be our host on February 11 at 7:30. An avid hunter, Craig was introduced to bows when he was five, and has been around them ever since. About ten years ago he began making his own recurve and long bows, calling them his Black Mountain line. Craig wanted bows that could be broken apart for travel, so in 2002 began playing with different fastening systems. He went into production in 2004 and recently received a patent for his "Bow Bolt." Craig will describe his custom bows, as well as the saga of the Bow Bolt. Check out his web site [www.warrenarchery.com](http://www.warrenarchery.com).

**Directions:** Warren Archery is on Rt. #231 (also called Intervale Rd.) in New Gloucester.

**From the south** (check the Maine Atlas): turnpike to Gray, east on Rt. 115 to Depot Road to Rt. 231. North on Rt. 231 5.2 mile past Pineland Center to #495 on the left.

**From the north:** I-295 to Freeport exit #22 (136/125), west ¼ mi on Mallett Drive to "T", left on Pownal Rd, cross Rt. 9 (road becomes Elmwood Rd) to "T", left on Allen Rd to Rt 231; right (north) on Rt. 231, follow directions above.

**NOTE:** the driveway has limited space, so try to carpool. The best place to park is a ballfield on the left about 250 yds before the house. Telephone: **926-4133**.

**Lark Books** seeks excellent images of one-of-a-kind, handcrafted contemporary cabinetry and casework to publish in a juried collection scheduled for Fall 2010 publication.

There is no entry fee. Artists will receive full acknowledgment within the book and will

retain copyright of their work. **Entries must be postmarked by April 1, 2009.** Guidelines and entry forms are now available: [www.larkbooks.com/submissions/artist-submissions](http://www.larkbooks.com/submissions/artist-submissions)

## The Wharton Esherick Museum Thematic Woodworking Competition and

**Exhibition** has announced a theme of Library Ladders for 2009. The application deadline is July 1. Several members have participated in past years with some winning awards. For more information, call 610-644-5822.

Brochures are now available for **Maine Crafts Association's Workshop Weekend at Haystack**, May 14-17, 2009. Workshops include useful and decorative blacksmithing, creative clothing fashion, techniques and forms using cork and other unusual materials, raku fired ceramics, color and stories in art books, and fanciful and practical musical instruments from a variety of raw materials (with Alan Bradstreet and Joel Eckhaus). For a brochure, scholarship and other information contact Maine Crafts Association.

Many thanks to **Alan Bradstreet** for the preceding three items.

**For Sale** from the shop of a recently deceased friend of **Chris Becksvoort**

BANDSAW – 14" General saw with floor stand - Model 490 Serial 5430- \$600 OR BEST OFFER TABLESAW – Powermatic with Biesmeyer fence - Model #66, Serial #8566595 - \$2000 OBO JOINTER – 12" General 780, voltage 220, cycles 60. \$4100 OBO DRILL PRESS – Rockwell - Series No. 15-665 Serial #1776335 - \$700 OBO RADIAL ARM SAW - Black & Decker - Model 7790/3431 Serial #1340073 - \$1000 OBO PLANER - Malata 400mm - Model 2040 98-10 Serial #25299-E - \$2500 OBO WOOD LATHE - General Model 260 Serial #G2707 - \$900 OBO SCROLL SAW – Delta

- Model 40-540, W98-36 - \$100 OBO All in excellent condition. Pickup is in Port Washington, NY. Cash on Pickup. Serious inquiries only. Contact Chris for more detailed info at **207-926-4608**.

Following is a list submitted by Alan Bradsreer 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](http://www.lie-nielsen.com)

The Japan Woodworker ,  
[www.JapanWoodworker.com](http://www.JapanWoodworker.com)

Woodworkers Supply, [www.woodworker.com](http://www.woodworker.com)  
1-800-645-9292

The Tool Crib, [www.amazon.com/tools](http://www.amazon.com/tools) , 1-800-635-5140

Highland Woodworking,  
[www.highlandwoodworking.com](http://www.highlandwoodworking.com) , 1-800-241-6748

Lee Valley Tools, Ltd., [www.leevalley.com](http://www.leevalley.com) ,  
1-800-871-8158

Klingspor's Woodworking Shop,  
[www.woodworkingshop.com](http://www.woodworkingshop.com) , 1-800-228-0000

Wood Carving Tools (and more):

Woodcraft, [www.woodcraft.com](http://www.woodcraft.com) , 1-800-225-1153

MDI Woodcarvers Supply,  
[www.mdiwoodcarvers.com](http://www.mdiwoodcarvers.com) , 1-800-866-5728

Wood Turning Tools (and more):

Craft Supplies USA,  
[www.woodturnerscatalog.com](http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com) , 1-800-551-8876

Woodchucker's Supply,  
[www.woodchuckers.com](http://www.woodchuckers.com) , 1-800-551-0192

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware,  
[www.rocklerpro.com](http://www.rocklerpro.com) , 1-800-233-9359

Packard Woodworks,  
[www.packardwoodworks.com](http://www.packardwoodworks.com) , 1-800-683-8876

Scrollsaw Blades:

BVDirect, [www.bladevaluesdirect.com](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.



