

Maine Woodworkers Association
P.O. Box 425
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June, 2007

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.

MAINE WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER
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*Shoulder planes
Lie-Nielsen Toolworks*

Programs for Spring 2006-2007

**June 13, 7:00 p.m. (note beginning time). Lie-Nielsen Toolworks, tour and pot luck
dessert, Warren. 273-2520.**

(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.

JUNE MEETING
Wednesday, June 13, 7:00 p.m.
(note starting time)

Lie-Nielsen Toolworks in Warren will host both our June meeting and annual potluck dessert bash. Bring a friend; bring your family, and bring some sort of dessert. Frozen custard will be supplied by MWA.

After dessert we will tour the factory. From Toolworks@LieNielsen.com, the company began "in 1981 as an effort to make top-quality hand tools available again from a U.S. maker and to revive discontinued, but useful, designs so the average woodworker could obtain them. Today we make over 50 types of planes, saws, and spokeshaves. We have improved and refined designs, and use better materials like Ductile Iron and Manganese Bronze for castings and cryogenically treated A-2 Tool Steel for the blades. Our plane blades are much thicker than those of any other production planes. The quality of machining and finishing results in a tool that looks as great as it works, and will be a pleasure to use for years to come."

Directions: North on I-295 to Brunswick, then north on Rt. 1 to Warren. The factory is 5 miles north of Moody's Diner on the same side of the road (right). If you reach Route 90 you've gone too far. Telephone: 273-2520.

MWA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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May Meeting

Our May meeting started with announcements and show-and-tell. Chris Becksvoort showed us a very effective and easy to use feather board he made from magnets available at Lee Valley, Rockler, Woodcraft and others. Andy Walsh introduced Greg Landry, web designer for the MWA web site now under construction. The site will have an interactive calendar, newsletter, portfolios and more, when complete. Completion is projected for early fall. Alan Bradstreet put in a plug for volunteering at Haystack on May 23-24 noting that including those volunteering tonight, there is a group of eight going up to help put the wood studio into shape for the summer season.

Then on to our host. Peter Turner's shop is in a 23' x 27' two car garage adjacent to his house, with freshly painted white walls and new lighting, upgraded power, and dust collection. A wood stove provides heat. Most of the tools in his well equipped shop were purchased second hand to keep costs in line. Peter has been here about 8 years, tucked into a suburban neighborhood. He notes that noise has not been an issue with town owned woods on one side and apparently understanding neighbors on the other. Fellow woodworker Eric Hurt shares the shop but works independently.

Peter has been in woodworking for around 20 years. Considering formal training, he spoke to the admissions director at the North Bennett Street School who advised him to get some experience first. He did just that and never went back for that formal training. He started out repairing furniture for Paine Furniture in Norwood, Mass. and moved from there to a custom shop near South Station. Understanding employers at early jobs allowed him to use their facilities to do

his own work after hours making such items as 400 to 500 hour glasses, jewelry boxes, small tables and stools. Turning was a favorite for him, so turned elements were incorporated into a lot of his early work. Peter moved to Portland around 1990 and worked at Precision Millwork and later with Greg Lipton for two years. In 1997 he worked in a coop shop with Joel Platz, Ted Ney and Todd McIntosh in Gray. A few other woodworking experiences along the way finally brought him to South Portland where he is today. He has filled in along the way with writing for Fine Woodworking, and teaching at the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship.

As we munched veggies and snacks, Peter presented a chronological slide show illustrating the progression and breadth of his work ranging from smaller items in the earlier years to a variety of fine furniture pieces more recently. A rocking chair in process in the shop nicely illustrated his design and building skills. That chair will be in a faculty show at the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship from June 29 – September 3. Peter also noted that he and Charlie Durfee will be featured in the next issue (#17) of Woodcraft magazine in an article on Shaker influence on contemporary furniture makers.

We thank Peter for being our host.

Alan Bradstreet

Miscellany

On May 23rd and 24th a group of woodworkers did a great job getting the wood studio into shape for the season at Haystack Mountain School of Crafts. Volunteers included Andrew Abello, Peter Asselyn, Fred Barstow, David Boyle, Alan Bradstreet, Bruce Brennen, Rod Howell, and Chris Lutes. On this our fifteenth consecutive year there, we did lots of sharpening, organizing, and cleaning as usual, plus finished a number of small woodworking

projects for them. The food was great, though the weather was a bit chillier than hoped for. Most of all it was a good social time with significant accomplishments for the school. Congratulations and thanks to all for their volunteer efforts.

Alan Bradstreet

MacIntosh and Tuttle in Lewiston is looking for “an experienced woodworker who is also a metalworker.” Call Todd or John at 777-1395.

Planning for 2007-2008. The MWA Executive Committee will meet in August to plan next year’s calendar and projects. Ideas? Suggestions? Preferences yea or nay? Contact any member listed in the box on the preceding page with your comments.

Floats, Lie-Nielsen Toolworks

