

Maine Woodworkers Association
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www.mainewoodworkers.org

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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:

February Meeting

The meeting, at Taggart Construction in Freeport, began with a presentation by Mark McKelvey of www.maineurniture.org. Mark, a Maine furniture maker, was frustrated at the difficulty he experienced in marketing his company. Web development, search engine optimization, trade shows, magazine advertisements were costing thousands of dollars. Maine Made, a web site offered by the State of Maine, never resulted in a lead or inquiry. So Mark created www.MaineFurniture.org, a website devoted to creating an

online strategy for Maine furniture makers as a collective, while giving every woodworker access to an affordable website and Search Engine Optimization (SEO) plan, as well as a centrally located studio to showcase their work.

Mark offered not only to showcase each of our professional members, but to provide guidance to the Association as it develops its own website. If you have questions regarding www.maineurniture.org, please feel free to contact Mark McKelvey at 207-841-7361 or directly through his website.

Bill Diffenderfer, Rich Schilling, Randy Blake and Malcolm Rogers have offered to coordinate a new effort to review our existing website and make recommendations for improvement. If you have questions or comments related to the Maine Woodworkers Association website, you are encouraged to contact Bill at william@williamdiffenderfer.com

Taggart Construction & Freeport Woodworking

Since its start in 1994, Peter Taggart has established his business as a leader in “green building, with a mission of becoming a “premier builder, renovator and creator of healthy built environments” and “to develop, practice and promote sustainable methods of building design and construction.” They have 25 employees including an architect in residence that specializes in Taggart Constructions green buildings. Taggart homes exhibit 50% energy savings over conventional new construction. Much of our visit was spent on the green innovations that Peter is bringing into his designs as well as a multitude of steps the company has taken to pioneer sustainability research. Taggart Construction built the first [LEED®](#) (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certified Home in the USA. This home was recognized for its many sustainable features including active and passive solar, super-insulated building envelope and carefully selected, environment friendly construction materials. During the course of construction, the volume of landfill bound construction waste was reduced by 75%.

Other honors include the **GreenBuild Pilot Builder Award – 2008** “best executed innovation in technology, construction and design while reinforcing the value of responsible and sustainable homebuilding techniques.” And **LEED Gold Certification – 2007** “Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.” Maine's first ENERGY STAR® rated house.

Freeport Woodworking was established in 1996 to support the millwork and cabinetry

needs of Taggart Construction and to satisfy Peters' love of furniture and cabinetry. Production Manager Dave Adams was a gracious host and did a great job in answering our many questions.

Bill Diffenderfer

March Meeting

This month MWA will meet at Sabre Yachts, 12 Hawthorne Rd , South Casco.

From their website:

Sabre Yachts Corporation, located in South Casco, Maine, U.S.A., has been hand crafting high quality sailboats and motoryachts since 1971. All Sabre yachts are built to NMMA and ABYC standards and are CE certified. Our boats combine cutting-edge design and fabrication with skills derived from the boat building tradition that has been alive in Maine since the 16th century. The quality of our boats and the skill of our craftsmen and women are without equal in the boating industry. The company tenet "Crafted In The Maine Tradition" signifies the principles that we at Sabre live by: Quality, Value, Craftsmanship and Tradition.

Directions:

From Portland, head north on 302 to North Windham. Hawthorne Road is a little over 6 miles from N. Windham off 302. Shortly before Hawthorne there is a Shamrock gas station on the right. A short distance afterwards turn left on Hawthorne, then another short distance to the first left, Sabre Yachts. 655-3831.

For Sale:

Set of 6 **antique cast steel gouges**, widths from 1/4" to 1 3/4", \$150. Also, **Festool Domino** with jigs. Includes full Systainer case of loose tenons. Used once. Paid \$930, sell \$700. David Sprague 233-7452.

Performax/Jet 22/44 Plus Drum Sander with infeed/outfeed table extenders unit is about 3 years old but has been used very little and is in excellent condition. Motor 1-3/4 HP, Drum Speed 1,700 RPM, Drum Dimensions 5" x 22", Minimum Board Length 2-1/4",

Maximum Board Thickness 4", Minimum Board Thickness 1/32", Maximum Board Width 44", Overall Dimensions 46.6" x 23.5" x 15". New, this is approximately \$15-1600 plus shipping. Asking \$1,000.

Stephen Gaal (603) 651-9183 (Shop/Mobile) (207) 775-4329 (Home) steve@gaal.com

The **Wharton Esherick Museum** in Paoli, PA is sponsoring their annual Thematic Woodworking Competition and Exhibition with a theme of Desk Accessories next fall. Deadline for entries is July 1. For information contact them at 610-644-5822 or at www.whartonesherickmuseum.org. Several MWA members have exhibited and in at least two instances, won awards.

Newsletter in Transition

A few members of the MWA board met at Bill Diffenderfer's house on Feb 24 to discuss issues related to our website. One decision reached was to post the newsletter at our website, beginning with the April issue.. An email would be sent to each member with the link, as a reminder. The print version would change to become available by request only. It was felt that because of the expense and the labor to make the mailing, the money could better serve our members in other ways. Hopefully this will help get people to the website on a regular basis.

Haystack 2010

Our group of woodworking volunteers will once again go up to Haystack Mountain School of Crafts on May 17 & 18 to prep the wood studio for the summer workshop season. We sharpen tools, do small scale carpentry, work on equipment, organize things, and more as we have each spring for over 15 years. Room and board is provided and they are always very grateful for our help.

In just the last five years, volunteers have included, in no special order, Bill Clifford,

Bruce Brennen, Rod Howell, Chris Becksvoort, Craig Dietrich, Randy Blake, Charles Schrieber, David Boyle, Andy Abello, John Thomas, Peter Asselyn, Donna Kausen, Fred Barstow, and Richard Bisson, and Alan Bradstreet. There were six of us last year and eight the year before. Call Alan Bradstreet at 688-4728 or alanbrad@maine.rr.com FMI.

