



October, 2010

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.

*(Almost) all programs begin at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month
(Note general time change to 7:00)*

Fall Program Schedule

Saturday, October 16 12 Noon – 2:00 PM or later

**Andy Abello, Wind Ridge Farm Woodworking, Edgecomb
Brown bag lunch, tour of shop and tree farm. Everyone welcome –
make it a family day!!**

Wednesday, Nov 10 Greg Lipton Furniture 7:00 pM Cumberland

Wednesday, Dec 8 Holiday Social Event

Winter/Spring Program Schedule

January TBD

Wednesday, February 9 Mac Rogers Shop & Residence, Scarborough, ME

March/April TBD

Wednesday, May 11 Paulus Wanrooij Paulus Furniture, Harpswell, ME

Wednesday, June 8 Annual Meeting and Vendor Fair

Workshop Schedule

In an effort to offer more content than just monthly meetings, the MWA Executive Committee has decided to offer some instructional and educational opportunities for the membership. In the planning stages:

Saturday, Nov 13, 8:00 – 4:00 Veneering workshop with Daryl Keil, maker of vacuum veneering presses and accomplished woodworker.

Location: Dave Sprague's Workshop, No. Yarmouth, ME

Fee: \$50, Payable to Maine Woodworkers Association, or MWA

Contact: Bill Diffenderfer, 655-8546 william@williamdiffenderfer.com

Mail course fee to Bill at: 341 Raymond Rd., Raymond, ME 04071

Saturday, January 22, 9:00 – 2:00 Spray finishing clinic with Bill Diffenderfer and Rich Schilling. Place and fee to be announced.

(Participation in any workshops requires that your dues are fully paid.)

October Meeting

Saturday, October 16, 12:00 Noon – 2:00 PM

Andy Abello, Wind Ridge Farm Woodworking, Edgecomb

Andy Abello began woodworking in earnest 30 years ago while restoring period houses, and his work evolved into furniture conservation and repair. He began building furniture – chairs, case pieces, tables, many of which were copies of originals commissioned to fill out sets. He uses traditional methods of construction and often incorporates preferred regional features in his pieces. Andy harvests, mills, and seasons all native woods that he uses in his furniture from the site of his FSC-certified green woodlot, which was awarded the 2010 State of Maine Outstanding Tree Farm. In 2009, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens featured his furniture in a major exhibit titled “Windsor Chairs: The First Garden Furniture,” joining the artwork of Charles Santore and Anna B. McCoy and other artists to celebrate the Windsor style in America. Andy's commissioned pieces are in collections in Europe, Japan, and throughout the United States.

Directions to Wind Ridge Farm:

From the south: Take Rte. 1 N, 2 miles past the Wiscasset bridge, turn right onto Dodge Road, drive 7/10 mile, turn right onto Middle Road, drive 3/10 mile.

From the north: Take Rte. 1 S, 1.2 miles past state rest area, turn left onto Dodge Road, drive 7/10 mile, turn right onto Middle Road, drive 3/10 mile.

September, 2010

The September meeting was held jointly on 9/1 with the Southern Maine Woodturners, who hold their meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at Rockler. The first half hour was social, followed by president Damon Harmon introducing visitors, including 13 MWA members. SMW has a membership of about 100, of whom perhaps 50 were present.

Following introductions, Damon suited up and conducted a demonstration of how to turn spheres, on a lathe with an angled ceiling mirror set up as a visual aid. A handout was provided for additional sources of info on turning spheres. Following the demo, it was time for show and tell. There were a surprising number of items brought, the majority of which were turned wood.

Next the monthly raffle was held, which included items brought by members, items provided by Rockler, and 9 \$20 gift certificates provided by Rockler and financed in part by one dollar from each purchase made by SMW members in the past month. Those who purchased \$1 raffle tickets at the beginning of the meeting were eligible to participate, and it seemed that about half of those present emerged as winners, even if they weren't previously.

Alan Bradstreet was thrilled to win one of his own bookmarks. [*R. Schilling won a personally signed bookmark, the first of a private run of 125,000, which his wife promptly stole-ed*] The raffle is an idea that MWA will initiate in our own meetings in the near future so be sure to show your MWA membership card with any purchase at Rockler -- you will get 10% off and the club will get a dollar set aside for raffle gift cards. [*Membership cards are in the works-ed*]

Our thanks to SMW and Rockler for allowing us to join their meeting
Rod Howell

Meeting Format

We have decided to change our meeting format to better allow for socializing and accommodating our guest of the month. The standard Wednesday night meeting will follow this format:

Social time, raffles, etc.	7:00-7:30
Club admin, member intros	7:30-7:45
Show and Tell	7:45-8:00
Guest Speaker/Presentation	8:00-9:00

Membership Notes

The Executive Committee has decided to change to a calendar year membership starting in January, 2011. If you have paid your dues on or after July 1, 2010, then you are good for 2011. Otherwise, dues will be due by January 2011, you will be good for 2011, and everyone will renew on the next January. This will significantly reduce membership administration.

All members whose membership has expired will be notified shortly in a separate e-mail/ mailing with payment instructions. We are also raising dues from \$20 to \$25 in order to allow us to provide more club events, speakers, and content. We will continue to send out newsletters to expired memberships until January 2011.

We also want to publish, in January, the membership directory to the MWA website to allow for better networking, communication, and membership interests (i.e. period furniture, Windsor chairs, etc. If you DO NOT want your personal info listed on the web site, please send an e-mail or note to carol@fatandys.com

For Sale

Jet 10" Contractor Table Saw. Excellent condition. 32" fence, miter gauge. Standard, dado, and zero clearance inserts. Power twist belt. Small outfeed table and 4" dust port. On mobile base. Can send jpgs. \$325. Contact Warner Vaughan at gullwoodclocks@gmail.com.

Classified Ads, Pictures of Recent Work, News Events, Etc.

Please send any and all to me, Rich Schilling, rschill@maine.rr.com, your new editor.

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Membership form for Maine Woodworkers Association

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

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 \$25.00. Please send payment to Maine Woodworkers Association, P.O. Box 425, Cumberland, Maine 04021.