

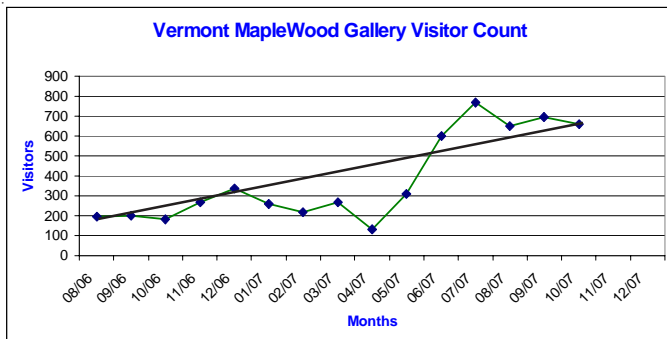
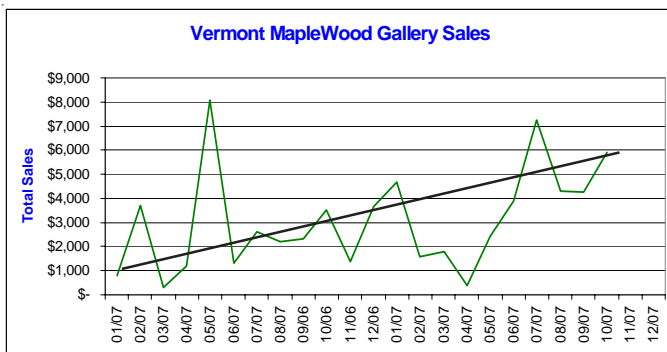
Vermont WoodNet is a coalition of woodworkers and wood product businesses whose primary mission is to strengthen business opportunities for small-scale Vermont wood product businesses that produce “Vermont Made” products and to foster a commitment to the sustainability of the forest resources.

Never Listen to Rumors

Contrary to the rumors that have been floating around, the Vermont MapleWood Gallery is not closing at the end of December. Sales at the Gallery have been good through the summer and fall, with totals reaching 43% higher than in the past! We intend to keep the Gallery open until our lease is up in April, and depending on sales and a new lease, we will see what happens then. However, in order for the gallery to remain open and show any signs of supporting itself, **WE NEED MORE PRODUCTS!!!**

Through the summer and fall Judy has sent several emails asking for more products to be brought in and to be honest, the response has been slow. To those of our members who have responded by bringing in more products, we thank you. However, we are in dire need of larger items, such as dining tables, bureaus, side tables, chairs, etc. With the ski season beginning and Christmas fast approaching, this is not a good time for the Gallery to be looking sparse. We have also begun to have people looking for ski racks, coat racks, and more seasonal items that would be expected in a ski resort town. Other items of interest are salad bowl sets, jewelry boxes (larger than what we now have), checker/chess boards, recipe card boxes, etc.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE bring us more products to sell for you. We can't sell products if we don't have them, and the gallery will not survive without your products.



Bill Baynham injured in an accident

Bill Baynham, a Vermont WoodNet board member and friend to many woodworkers throughout the state, has been seriously injured in a fall at work. He hopes to be released from the hospital by December 2. We wish him a speedy recovery. Cards can be sent to Bill at PO Box 761, Shelburne, VT, 05482.

List Serve is NOT Vermont WoodNet's

Recently all our Vermont WoodNet members were sent an email from Judy Balch inviting you to join a “VT WoodNet List Serve.” This email was followed by an email from Sandi Morgan and another from Emily Morgan letting you know that Emily Morgan would be moderating the group. This Google Group “list serve” has nothing to do with Vermont WoodNet and is actually owned by New England WoodNet under the direction of Sandi Morgan for the purpose of creating her own wood workers group centered in New Hampshire. Neither Vermont WoodNet nor any of its board members have any control over this group and they are falsely using the Vermont WoodNet name. We are trying to stop this group from using the Vermont WoodNet name so we can start a real Vermont WoodNet list serve group. This is a very unfortunate situation and we apologize to the 10 members who have joined this group thinking it had something to do with Vermont WoodNet.

What is LEED?

Several of you have expressed an interest in learning more about LEED. As the interest in “green” building grows, you will see and hear about LEED more and more.

LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is used as a rating system for designing and building both commercial and residential buildings. It's a point system that awards points for the design, construction, and use of sustainably harvested products. In fact, for many projects, as long as the wood is sustainably harvested and produced within a 500 mile radius of the project, it does not have to be FSC certified to be LEED. This is great news for everyone as it means that it is possible for non-FSC certified businesses to take part in these projects. There are, however, some projects that do require FSC certification, depending on the points that the architect is trying to get from the government for his/her project. Plus, all exotic woods that are used MUST to be FSC certified.

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Upcoming Educational Opportunities

WoodNet is in the process of designing educational workshops based on results obtained from its recent membership survey. The following top three priority areas were identified: Marketing Your Products, Pricing Your Work, and Photoshop.

These workshops are being planned during the first quarter of 2008. We will keep you posted via e-mail as to times, dates, and places.

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If you would like to read more about LEED, please go to www.vtwoodnet.org and click on publications. You will find an excellent article about LEED titled "The LEEDing Edge: Green Can Be Easy". Also keep your eyes open for an upcoming workshop that will be about both FSC and LEED. If you have any interest in or questions about either, this workshop will be a great place to start learning more.

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Have you visited the Vermont WoodNet web sites recently? There is lots of information at www.VtWoodNet.org. You will find our bulletin board, past newsletters, WoodNet projects, links to member web sites and more.

If you have questions about Vermont WoodNet you can contact a member of the **Board of Directors**.

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Ah, the Dilemma!

How should we get you the newsletter? In an attempt to help keep our rising costs down, this will be our last newsletter sent through regular mail. For those members who have email, we will begin sending our newsletters to you via email. For those who do not have email, we will continue to mail you a paper copy of the newsletter. With the rising costs of postage, we are attempting to find ways to cut some of these costs. We hope that this does not inconvenience anyone, and that you will still read and enjoy our quarterly newsletters.

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