

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.

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Uship online shipping source

I have been made aware of an online shipping company (so to speak) that has been used by some of our members with good results. It costs nothing to sign up on their website, and costs nothing to post a shipment that you need to send, anywhere, any size, anything. I checked the site by looking for a shipper for a possible table shipment through the MapleWood Gallery. You do get free listings, but for a very small fee, less than \$5, you can have your listing upgraded to get more attention from movers. You set the type of shipping, when, and where it is going. Once listed, you receive quotes from people/businesses that can/will move your items for you. They contact you through the website; you contact them through the website. All of the people who give you quotes also have comments listed from people who have used them. These comments include both good and bad reviews. You then choose who you would like to use, or you don't use any, it's totally your choice. It seems to be a very good shipping source, where you can get good prices due to the competition factor for companies wanting your business. The website is: www.uship.com Check them out!!

Member Stuff

We would like to remind all of you that we would love for you to send us news about things happening with your companies, items/wood you would like to sell, equipment that you would like to sell, announcements you would like to share, news on shows or other events that are coming up that you think may be of interest to other members, and anything else that you would like to share with other Vermont WoodNet members and friends. We are hoping that we can get input from all of you to help make this monthly newsletter a Vermont WoodNet newsletter with items of interest from/for everyone.

Quarterly Meeting in June

The next quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at 7pm. We will be holding the meeting at Bill Baynham's workshop in Shelburne. We plan to have a speaker at the meeting to talk about "Guerilla Marketing". This should prove to be both interesting and insightful. Directions to Bill's shop are:

If you are coming from the north, take Rte7 south to the center of Shelburne village. At the Shelburne Inn traffic light, turn left onto Falls Rd. Go straight on Falls Rd to the 4-way stop sign which is approximately 0.7 miles. Go straight thru the 4-way stop. The road name now changes and it becomes Mt Philo Rd. Go straight south approx 0.8 miles. Turn right at Mc Donald Farm Rd. You can park by the second building on the right, a gray T1-11 barn.

If you are coming from the south, you can save about 1/2 a mile by turning right at Marsette Rd, which also has a traffic light at the intersection. After turning right, go to the bottom of the hill to the 4-way stop sign. Turn right at the sign and proceed to Mc Donald Farm Rd which will be 0.8 miles from the light, on the right hand side of the road. You can park by the second building on the right, a gray T1-11 barn.

We hope to see you at the quarterly meeting. Come and enjoy talking with other woodworkers, take a tour of Bill's shop, listen to an interesting speaker, or for the SNACKS!!

2008 - 2009 Membership Renewal

It's that time of year again! Your Vermont WoodNet membership renewals are due by June 30. Invoices will be sent to each of you in early June. You can pay your dues in one of three ways. You can bring them to the quarterly meeting and pay us there, you can mail them to the VT WoodNet mailbox (PO Box 4562, Burlington, VT 05406) or you call Judy and pay via credit card over the phone.

Vermont MapleWood Gallery

Thus far, May is showing an increase in interested consumers coming into the gallery. We are also seeing more sales, mostly of smaller items, but still more sales. The thing to remember is that when people come in and look around, they are seeing everything in the gallery. Even though they may purchase something small, this time, many say that they will return.

Now that spring has sprung, so to speak, people are looking for outdoor items such as bird feeders, furniture, picnic tables, wishing wells, swings, etc. If you make items that are designed for being outside, please bring some in to the gallery.

We are also looking for people who would like to do demos, especially on weekends. Depending on the weather, there is an excellent area under the huge maple tree by the gallery to set up. There is both electricity and water available. If the weather isn't cooperating, depending on your space requirements, you can setup on the front porch. We have found that people LOVE to watch and ask questions about woodworking, whether it be turning, carving, basket weaving, or any other woodworking skill. So please, if you could donate a day, or even half a day to come and show people what you do and how you do it, please let us know.

Shelburne Farms Harvest Festival

As many of you know, we have been attending the Shelburne Farms Harvest Festival as a group for the past four years. Each year we rent a tent to house various booths for our members to display their products, sell their products, do demonstrations, and to help educate the public about the skills of woodworking. We divide the cost of the tent rental among the members who participate, equally. We are trying to decide what size tent will be needed this year if we participate in the Festival. The Harvest Festival is in mid-September, so we will need to know by July 15th who is interested in attending and if they will be demonstrating. If you would like to demo at the Festival, then we will also need to know of any special needs you would have, i.e. electricity. The total number of participants will determine the cost to each member, and will probably range from \$50 - \$100 each. This cost is **ONLY** to pay the cost of the tent.

Please let us know if you would be interested. You can either call or email Judy Balch at 802-89-27786 or jbalch@hughes.net

FSC News

Since receiving our new FSC group certificate, we have signed up five new companies with 3 more waiting to join. This brings our current total of FSC certified members to 18, soon to be 21. Our FSC member companies are:

Neal Albert, Shelburne Fine Woodworking (**new**)
 J. Steve Benson, J. S. Benson Woodworking & Design, LLC (**new**)
 Bruce Beeken & Jeff Parsons, Beeken Parsons, Inc.
 Meghan Brewer-Perry, Lumberjack Lumber, Inc.
 David Brynn, Vermont Family Forests
 Joel Currier, Currier Farms
 Tim Downey, Vermont Green Cabinets (**new**)
 Louis DuPont, Stark Mountain Woodworking Co.
 Susan Fiske, Forest Products Associates
 Randy Flint, Fine Lines in Wood
 Tim Flynn, TimberKnee Wide Plank Flooring
 David Glickman, Vermont Butcher Block & Board Co, LLC (**new**)
 Paul Koenig, Koenig Cedar
 William Laberge, William Laberge Cabinetmakers, Inc.
 John Lomas, Cotswold Furniture Makers
 Dave Muelrath, TradeWinds (**new**)
 Peter Nazarenko, Planet Hardwood
 Parker Nichols, Vermont Wildwoods

Vermont Wood Products Brand Logo

The Vermont Quality Wood Products logo and brand position statements are available to participating companies for use on their products, in their print materials, websites, and other applications. During 2004, the Council developed several new logos that include Vermont Made, Vermont Crafted, and Vermont Milled brand logos in addition to the original Vermont Quality Wood Products logo. These are available in two sizes, and color or black and white.

The Council received grant funding through EDA to promote the Vermont Quality Wood Products brand and as such, has waived user fees for 2007. Therefore, if you are currently a brand user, you may continue to use this brand for the next twelve months, at no charge.



If you are **not** currently a brand user and would like to be, we need an application form filled out and submitted via fax (802-747-7989) or mail to the attention of Kathleen Wanner. Do not submit payment with your form but indicate "Fee Waived for 2007." You will be sent access information when the application is received.

Access to the brand logos is available only to registered brand users who will receive permission from the Council administrator after the application is received.

1. To download the usage application form, go to www.vermontwood.org/documents/07branduseagreement.pdf or call the VWPMC office (see below).
2. To download brand usage guidelines, go to www.vermontwood.org/pdf/VED-718-03WoodProducts.pdf (362kb PDF file).
3. **NEW! To download the VQWP Branded Items Form to request logos and other branding material, such as window decals, Brand shirts, hangtags, stickers, stamps or branding irons, go to www.vermontwood.org/documents/BrandItemOrderForm-000.pdf** Please send orders either via fax (802-747-7989), or mail to PO Box 6004, Rutland, VT 05702 or e-mail to erin@gwriters.com.

If you have any questions about brand usage, please call 802-747-7900.

Member Photos

First, we would like to thank all of you who responded to our request for photos of some of your work. We were able to build a nice display showing the procession of woodworking through the photos, starting from logs through to several finished products. We believe it really helps to tell the story of woodworking in Vermont.

Now, we would like to start putting some photos in our newsletters of various member products. To do this, we need you to send us information about the products you send us photos of; info like species of wood, size, anything that tells a special story about the piece, etc. It is also important that you send us high quality images (lots of pixels). Do not optimize the pictures for sending in an email. This reduces the quality of the image.

We would really like to be able to showcase something from each of you!! It will also help us to gain a library of member photos that we can pull from for presentations to the public.

In the following pages are photos from several members for this May. If you sent me photos, please send me the descriptions so that I can include your photos soon. If you haven't sent me any photos yet, then please do and be sure to include descriptions. If you send me multiple pictures make sure that your description includes the name of the picture file so we can correctly identify each picture and get it with the proper description.

Steve Marshall
Steve Marshall Cabinet Maker
Burlington
1/4 Ellipse Entertainment Center
in Lacewood, Quartered Sapele and Mahogany



Dale Bergdahl
Plant Technologies, LLC
Charlotte
Butternut Candle Holder
Used wood recovered from trees killed by the butternut canker fungus (*Sirococcus clavignenti-juglandacearum*). Wood had been on the ground for several years, truly adding character to the wood.



Dale Bergdahl
Plant Technologies, LLC
Charlotte, VT
Elm Bowl showing internal “character” pattern.
Turned from wood recovered from a tree killed by Dutch Elm Disease.



Dale Bergdahl
Plant Technologies, LLC
Charlotte
Red Maple Vase turned on-center. Wood recovered from a tree killed by a canker disease organism.



Susan McLam
Knox Mountain Woodworking of Vermont
East Orange, VT
Oak Mission Bench



Steve Holman, Holman Studios, Dorset, VT
Catherine's Dining Room: Karelian birch veneers,
purpleheart, East Indian rosewood



Steve Holman, Holman Studios, Dorset, VT
Hudgens' Desk: 24''d x 42''h x 76''l; mappa burl
veneers, ebony, maple, brass, black lacquer



Susan McLam
Knox Mountain Woodworking of Vermont
East Orange, VT
Walnut Bookcase



Hope Spins On Top

Please support our American Cancer Society *Relay For Life* Team, **The Bravest Moms** by purchasing a ticket for the **Hope Spins On Top**. Raffle tickets are \$5 each. The drawing will be held on Friday, June 20th, 2008. Contact Barry at 863-9609 for information.

This exquisite one-of-a-kind top was hand-turned by top maker Barry Genzlinger, exclusively for this raffle. Barry lovingly designed and created this top in honor of his survivor wife Maureen, her mother, his mother, and eight aunts and uncles.

The **Hope Spins On** top was crafted from two symbolic woods. The center of the top is made from a richly colored wood called Purple Heart. The outer halves are scraps of Maple left over from the creation of the Donor Tree in the American Cancer Society's **Hope Lodge** in Burlington, Vermont.

Purple Heart was selected as the center of the top because it represents two things: the American Cancer Society's **Power of Purple** and the strength and courage that lives in the **hearts** of people waging a personal battle against cancer.

Maple was selected as the outer halves because of the strong connection that the Maple tree has to Vermont's heritage. Pieces of the Hope Lodge Maple were selected because they carry with them the love and support that pours from the hearts of the thousands of caregivers, family, friends and donors who support survivors every day. Their strength helped create **Hope Lodge** and drives the desire that a cure be found soon.

Together the two woods, the fighting heart of the person with cancer and the never-ending support of caregivers and donors, combine to create the symbol that our **Hope Spins On**.

Please support us in our fight against cancer.



If you have questions about any of the information in this e-newsletter contact Judy Balch, WoodNet Administrator at 802-892-7786 or 802-274-8075.

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

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