



# Building Connections

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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## Vermont WoodNet Annual Meeting

Well, it's that time of year again!! It's time for our annual meeting. Please join us at Shelburne Farms, at the Farm Barn, on Friday, September 19th, 2008, at 6pm. We will be discussing our accomplishments for the past year, the Vermont MapleWood Gallery closing, voting for the board of directors, and our plans for the upcoming year.

If you, or someone you know, would like to join the board of directors, please let a member of the board know with your nomination.

For those who are planning to attend the Harvest Festival on Saturday, please contact Judy Balch for details. She can be reached at 802-892-7786 or [jbalch@hughes.net](mailto:jbalch@hughes.net). Please contact her soon so that plans for setting up the tent can be finalized.

### Website Help for Members

Have you thought about getting your own website? Are you not sure how to begin? Would you be interested in a cost share to help you get started?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then don't worry, help is on the way. Through our partnering with the National Network of Forest Practitioners (NNFP), we are going to be offering a cost share for 10 members to build your own website. The cost is uncertain at this point, but it looks like it will be \$250 (half of the \$500 actual cost) for a website to be built from scratch for your business.

One pre-requisite will be a webinar on web marketing. This will give you the basic knowledge you will need to build an effective website to best advertise your business, for what you want to get from it.

As all the pieces fall into place, we will send you more information. However, in the meantime, if anyone is interested in this incredible cost share opportunity, please contact Judy Balch at 802-892-7786 or [jbalch@hughes.net](mailto:jbalch@hughes.net)

### GOT NEWS?

Do you have something you'd like to share with other VT WoodNet members? Do you have some equipment/tools/wood you would like to buy or sell? Do you have a job that you would like some help with? How about a craft show that you think others might be interested in attending? Maybe you'd like to show off something you've made?

This is your opportunity for all of the above and more!! This newsletter is for and about **ALL** VT WoodNet members. Your needs, your thoughts, everything and anything, within reason, that you would like to share with other members can be placed on these pages.

Send us photos of some of your favorite pieces, with descriptions, and we'll place them in the newsletter.

**FSC Group Certificate**

Below are the current members in our FSC Group Certificate. If you, or someone you know, would like to talk with us about joining our group FSC certificate, please contact Judy Balch at 802-892-7786 or jbalch@hughes.net.

Neal Albert/Shelburne Fine Woodworking  
Steve Benson/JS Benson Woodworking  
Meghan Brewer-Perry/Lumberjack Lumber, Inc  
David Brynn/Vermont Family Forests  
Tim Downey/Vermont Green Cabinets  
Louis DuPont/Stark Mountain Woodworking  
Susan Fiske/Forest Products Associates  
Randy Flint/Fine Lines in Wood, Inc.  
Tim Flynn/TimberKnee  
Jeff Klaubert/MountainHouse Timber, LLC  
Paul Koenig/Koenig Cedar  
William Laberge/William Laberge Cabinetmakers, Inc.  
John Lomas/Cotswold Furniture Makers  
Dave Muelrath/TradeWinds  
Peter Nazarenko/Planet Hardwood  
Parker Nichols/Vermont Wildwoods  
Jeff Parsons/Beeken Parsons, Inc.  
Dave Tanych/Northend Hardwoods, LLC

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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