WIC Update: **Like** the New Facebook Page!

*Page Provides a New Way to Get Instant Updates on 2015 Conference*

Want to know what the latest news is with WIC 2015? Check out the new [WIC Facebook page](#). Hit “Like” and you’ll instantly have access to a wealth of information concerning speakers, schedule, activities and updates about the hotel.

WIC will take place from April 21-24, 2015, at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio in scenic, historic San Antonio, Texas. If you want a quick preview, [click on this link](#)!

A preliminary agenda is available at [this link](#).

You won’t want to miss this event! There are outstanding sessions, great chances to catch up with your colleagues, and meetings of all the committees and task forces that keep the industry moving fast-forward.

All the best parts of the event will return, including the economic outlook session, great keynote addresses, the silent auction and more - plus some brand-new features.

Take a moment to click through the schedule. You can also access it from the [WMMA website](#).
Dues Deadline Approaching

Only a few weeks are left to pay dues and keep your membership current. The deadline to pay (January 31) will be here before you know it, so don’t delay!

Something you’ll notice: The dues renewal form comes with WMMA’s new Product Guide Selection Form. Your completion and return of this form will allow users to find you when they search the Product Guide on the website. Remember, though - this is available only to members. By promptly paying your dues and completing and returning your form at the same time, you can make sure you’re included in the most updated WMMA search results.

Also note: members will need to pay by January 31 in order to receive the member discount on IWF invoices that will be sent out in February.

If you haven’t received your invoice/Product Guide Category Form, contact Kristin at WMMA headquarters at kristin@wmma.org.
LIGNA Pavilion Now Accepting Registration

Join WMMA next spring at one of the most recognized tradeshows in the wood industry. WMMA has successfully organized pavilions at LIGNA in past years to expand the American brand at this very international show, and to make it easier for our WMMA members to participate. WMMA takes much of the hassle out of the process and gives you a larger presence at the show than you would have on your own. If you’re interested in having a presence in the WMMA pavilion at LIGNA2015, read on.

Being in the WMMA pavilion heightens the presence of your company in the international market. It also helps show the strength of ‘Made in America’ technology. WMMA is, after all, the gateway to American Technology, and LIGNA is our chance to show the world.

For a fee of $3,500 WMMA members can have a shared booth at LIGNA, including the items mentioned below.

The support and package includes:

• Booth construction
• Furnishings and signage for the booth
• Cleaning
• Entry into the show directory
• Translator
• Distribution of your marketing material
• General utilities
• Refreshments for you and your potential customers
• Travel information-flights, hotels, transportation, etc.
• Manufacturing and selling tips from other U.S. manufacturers already exporting
• A unique opportunity to explore the European, Asian, and other high growth markets with other experienced industry professionals from the WMMA
• WMMA staff as the show coordinator and person on the ground during the show

Due to the popularity of this show, the first 10 members to sign up and make the full payment will have priority for participating. WMMA will make adjustments if possible to accommodate additional members.

Please contact WMMA Headquarters with any questions about this opportunity. Space is limited so reserve today by clicking here! Registration deadline is December 15, 2014.

*It is necessary that we have a minimum of 9 members sign up to participate to proceed with this event. In the case we don’t reach our minimums full refunds will be issued.
Get Ready for a Big WINS this March

Need something to look forward to after the holidays? Mark your calendar now for the 2015 Woodworking Industry Networking Snow event (WINS).

This year’s joint snow venture of WMMA and WMIA, to be held March 5-9, allows industry members to come to Salt Lake City, Utah, to network with colleagues and enjoy the slopes. Last year’s outing, organized by John Shultz, was a great success and enjoyed by everyone. This year, the goal is increased snow and more attendees.

Arrangements are still being made for lodging and more details will be forthcoming.

Interested? Have questions? Shoot an e-mail to the contacts below. (Note: Even a response that says you’re interested but can’t commit yet would be helpful in gauging numbers).

Gordon Burdis, WMMA ski chair: gordon@jamesltaylor.com

James Scarlett, WMIA ski chair: james@scarlettinc.com

John Schultz, Ski ambassador extraordinaire: jschultz@superthinsaws.com
**Nominations open for the Baldwin Award**

Know an individual who has made significant contributions to the woodworking industry? Nominate them for WMMA's prestigious Baldwin Award. The award is presented annually during the WMMA Business Session at the Woodworking Industry Conference (WIC).

The award is named for Ralph B. Baldwin, long-time member and Past President of WMMA. During his career with Oliver Machinery Company and his involvement with the WMMA, Ralph exemplified the kind of commitment that really makes an Association function at, or near, its peak potential.

It is in the spirit of Ralph Baldwin’s vitality and dedication to the woodworking industry that this award was created — to recognize those who have contributed similar levels of involvement and to encourage others to do the same. The award’s significance can be quickly determined by the prestigious list of recipients, available [here](http://example.com).

The most recent winner (honored at WIC 2014) was John Satagaj, WMMA's long-time legal counsel and lobbyist. The award seeks to honor individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the industry, regardless of their affiliation with WMMA. Some activities that warrant consideration are: leadership in WMMA or the IWF Board, active committee involvement, innovations introduced to the industry, and participation in programs that benefit the industry.

Information, rules and a nomination form can be found at this [link](http://example.com).

Please submit your nomination to WMMA by deadline, **March 6, 2015**.

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**Industry News**

**The Housing Market: Volatile**

Kids went back to school, leaves fell and finally, the housing market started looking up, according to the newest report of the Housing Commentary. However, it is only one month of data. Time will tell whether the positive trend remains strong. [Read more here](http://example.com).

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**Reminder: WMMA Has a New Address!**

A notice has gone out via e-mail to all members, but here’s a quick reminder: WMMA has a new address! Effective immediately, WMMA's new headquarters address is **9 Newport Drive, Suite 200, Forest Hill, MD 21050**. All phone, fax, e-mail and website information stays the same.
Industry Calendar of Events

Note: For a complete listing of all meetings, including those held internationally, go to WMMA’s website, www.wmma.org, and click on “Events.”

Have an event to add to the Industry Calendar in this newsletter? Send it to maryhelen@wmma.org

January 31, 2015

WMMA dues renewal deadline
Info: kristin@wmma.org

March 6, 2015

Deadline for Baldwin Award
Click here for more details

March 5-9, 2015

Wood Industry Networking Ski Trip (WINS)
Salt Lake City, Utah
Information:
Gordon Burdis, gordon@jamesltaylor.com
James Scarlett, james@scarlettinc.com

April 21-24, 2015

Woodworking Industry Conference (WIC)
Grand Hyatt San Antonio
San Antonio, TX
http://www.wmma.org

May 11-15, 2015

LIGNA
Hannover, Germany
www.ligna.de/home

Interested in participating in WMMA’s pavilion at LIGNA? Contact Fred Stringfellow at fred@wmma.org.

July 22-25, 2015

AWFS Fair
Las Vegas, NV
http://awfsfair.org

Nov. 5-7, 2015

Woodworking Machinery & Supply Expo (WMS 2015)
International Centre, Toronto
Exhibitor Info: rwidick@heiexpo.com
Website: www.WoodworkingExpo.ca

August 24-27, 2016

International Woodworking Fair (IWF)
Georgia World Congress Center
Atlanta, GA
http://www.iwfatlanta.com/