Woodworking Industry Conference
April 12-15, 2016 | CasaMagna Marriott Cancun Resort | Cancun, Mexico
WIC 2016 Registration now open! Click here

Current draft conference agenda (subject to change).

Venue:
CasaMagna Marriott Cancun Resort
Boulevard Kukulkan, Retorno Chac L-41, Zona Hotelera, 77500
Cancún, Mexico
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Online Reservations

The planners of WIC have secured a group rate of $149.00 single/double occupancy. You are responsible for making your own hotel reservations. To receive the discount rate, call the CasaMagna Marriott Cancun Resort, +52 (998) 881-2000 and reference Woodworking Industry Conference. You can also make your reservations online HERE. Make your reservations early since the deadline to receive the group discounted rate is March 16, 2016.


The business of cyber security is here today and growing. Innovations in technology have provided organizations with numerous opportunities for new products, markets, and distribution channels. At the same time these innovations have dramatically increased the risk profiles for companies of all sizes and across all industry segments. The biggest vulnerability we face today and in the future is the misperception of risk. A perfect storm of risk has been brewing for decades and has hit with full force the past few years. It has moved from a backroom issue to the boardroom and many have not been prepared. Many more still aren’t prepared. This discussion will be about cyber risk leadership exploring the threat and vulnerability cycle and the potential future trends as they related to Information and Technology risk. We will discuss the risks so that a non-security person that is in the c-suite can comprehend cyber risks. It will be communicated not from the doom and gloom that many in the security industry so readily create to scare people in to purchases but in the context of the enterprise risk and the top 10 universal business risks. We will also discuss what everyone need to look for in security solutions to ensure they meet what is required to achieve your business goals. The lessons from this interactive session will allow you to not only provide ideas on how to capitalize on technology to improve your business but also offer practical ways to protect the business so that you can survive and thrive in this new environment.
Are you looking to give a member of your sales, marketing, or executive staff a better understanding of the woodworking industry’s manufacturing processes, but don’t have the time to teach them yourself, or don’t know where to turn?

Send them to Boot Camp-the Woodworking Technology Industry Institute (WTII) Boot Camp, that is.

The WMIA-sponsored Boot Camp, held at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, KS, is a wood processing industry overview. It’s a unique project-based program that provides an exposure-level curriculum and hands-on approach to several of the industry’s fundamental wood processing applications, and the machinery used in those manufacturing processes. Topics to be covered include: AutoCAD, CAM Software, CNC, Wood Science, Primary Processing, Finishing, Veneering, Cabinetry, Machine Woods, Tool Technology, Millwork, and Facilities Management.

WMIA welcomes your participation! Any interested WMMA member can register for this event at the WMIA rate!

The 2015 sessions were successful and well attended, and the instructors received WMIA’s Educator of the Year Award at WIC in San Antonio earlier this year. The next Boot Camp Session will be held January 4-8, 2016 and registration is now open! WMIA members receive a $450 discount; the $1950 tuition includes hotel, meals, course and project materials.

Don’t miss this valuable opportunity to provide professional development to a member (or members) of your team. For more information, click here.

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Calling All Volunteers!

Members drive the WMMA programs and services that have a positive impact on their businesses, the industry and U.S. manufacturing. Committee and Task Force structures, comprised of interested and active leaders, professionals and executives from member companies, help to channel the many ideas, areas, and topics that members use to address the challenges of the global marketplace. WMMA’s dedicated volunteers are an integral part of the Association’s continued success.

WMMA Committees:
- International Business Development
- Public Policy
- Membership Development
- Technical Standards

WMMA Task Forces:
- Education
- Technology

Join a WMMA Committee/Task Force today! Click here

ANSI Update

The ASCO1 has developed a new standard entitled O1.1-4 Safety Requirements for Shapers. On September 4th the public review period for the O1.1-4 standard was announced in ANSI Standards Action. If you are interested in reviewing a copy of the draft standard, contact Jennifer@wmma.org. Comments are due by November 3, 2015.

Call for ASCO1 Members!

Are you interested in contributing to the development and maintenance of valuable industry safety standards? The ASCO1 is currently looking for members in the following categories:

• General Interest
• Government
• Producer
• User

If you are interested in joining the ASCO1, email a completed Interest Category Form to WMMA Associate Director Jennifer Miller at jennifer@wmma.org
Member News

Safety Speed, recently announced that it has officially launched a new website. The new website is more closely aligned with the company’s strategic vision for growth and expansion over the next decade, and beyond.

The new website offers a clean, modern design, easy-to-navigate functionality, and a content-rich site experience. With a new responsive design the shopping experience is enriched by delivering full content and functionality across all devices. “As mobile and tablet use continues to skyrocket, it is essential that consumers be able to access all of the website’s features across multiple devices - desktop, tablet and smartphone”.

The e-commerce function enables customers to quickly and easily order Safety Speed products from a broad range of categories, including Vertical Panel Saws, Panel Routers, Saw Router Combos, Edgebanders, Wide Belt Sanders, Screw Pocket Machines, Sign Cutting Machines, and Accessories. Product pages offer photos, videos, tech specs, user manuals, shipping, and pricing info, as well as the full shopping cart features online customers have come to expect.

Industry News:

Virginia Tech Housing Report: August 2015

July housing data was nearly all positive - the exception being MF expenditures. SF starts, on an adjusted basis, increased nearly 13%. This is important from a wood products perspective, as SF starts is an essential indicator. For most data reported, we must remind ourselves housing remains well below historical averages in most categories.

Click here to read more.

NAM Monday Economic Report October 19, 2015

On a year-over-year basis, manufacturing production increased 1.4 percent in September, down from 1.8 percent in August and off sharply from 4.3 percent in January. - See more
Save the Date: Urban Forestry Full Circle Conference & Networking Event

The unique opportunities and benefits of developing and sustaining an urban wood marketplace will be thoroughly explored at “Bringing the Urban Forest Full Circle,” a conference and table top exhibition scheduled for Friday, March 18, 2016 at Hamburger University in Oak Brook, IL.

The event is being organized by the Illinois Wood Utilization Team (WUT), a broad-based group dedicated to promoting the harvest and best use of wood cultivated from urban and community trees. WUT members include representatives of state and municipal government agencies, arborists, land managers, sawyers, lumber distributors, architects, designers, woodworkers, green builders and academia.

The Bringing the Urban Forest Full Circle Conference will provide a vital forum for all urban forestry stakeholders to address the steps needed to create and sustain a viable value-added market for lumber salvaged from trees removed or harvested from urban forests which includes trees on private and public lands in and around cities of all sizes. Urban trees capable of being processed into quality lumber include those infested by the emerald ash borer, damaged by storms, removed by public utilities and other life-ending causes.

The conference will focus on industry best practices for urban tree removal and milling through wood product manufacturing and marketing.

Hamburger University, situated on McDonald’s heavily wooded, 80-acre corporate campus near several major expressways, is an ideal location for the Bringing the Urban Forest Full Circle Conference. McDonald’s has a long history of environmental stewardship of its campus forest and in recent years has lost hundreds of trees to the emerald ash borer.

The emerald ash borer is considered the most destructive pest to ever invade North American forests. The exotic beetle is blamed for killing tens of millions of trees in more than 20 states and several Canadian provinces. Up to now, the vast majority of these terminally infested trees upon removal have been expeditiously chipped or ground into mulch. Fact is the majority of these ash trees contain perfectly usable wood that can readily be turned into lumber for making furniture, cabinets, flooring and other secondary wood products. The end game of the Bringing the Urban Forest Full Circle Conference is to rally all stakeholders to take action and give these dying urban forest trees a second life as functional and decorative furnishings and objects.

“Reclaiming valuable wood products from felled tree landscape trees is just a smart idea,” said Edith Makra, chairman of the Illinois Wood Utilization Team. “There are so many stakeholders - from arborists who must fell trees and industries who make wood products to consumers who find the story of urban compelling. The aim of our conference is to link these key players in the supply chain to spark an innovative, sustainable urban wood products industry in our region.”

Additional information about the Bringing the Urban Forest Full Circle Conference, including registration, sponsorship and display table details, will be posted at IllinoisUrbanWood.org as they become available.

To learn more about attending, sponsoring or exhibiting at the conference, contact Rich Christianson, conference director, at richsonmediapro@gmail.com, 773-822-6750.

About the Illinois Wood Utilization Team
Founded in 2007, the Illinois Wood Utilization Team is a network of land managers, professionals in the wood products industry, natural resource and green building experts and artisans dedicated to promoting and developing a sustainable market place for achieving the best possible use of trees felled in the urban forest. The Illinois WUT is part of a four-state grant project funded through the USDA Forest Service Northeastern Area. Other grant partners include the Southeast Michigan Resource Conservation and the Southeast Michigan Resource Conservation and Development Council and Recycle Ann Arbor; the Missouri Department of Conservation; and the Sustainable Resources Institute Inc. and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
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 jennifer@wmma.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

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