

WMMA @ International Woodworking Fair - 2018 Atlanta Recap



We would like to thank all of our members and participants for a terrific show. [Click here](#) to view some of the images we captured during the IWF Atlanta show last week!



WMMA Congratulates Member, Winner of the 2018 Challenger Award Winner



Winners of the 2018 Challengers Distinguished Achievement Award were announced Aug. 22 during the International Woodworking Fair. The Challengers Award promotes the development of innovative new technology in woodworking machinery, supplies, and services for the furniture, kitchen cabinets, architectural woodwork, store fixture, upholstery, or specialty and general wood product industries. [Click here to read the full article from Woodworking Network.](#)

WMMA Members, Eagle Machinery & Supply's EagleEye Talon Vision Saw combines two-sided, vision-based defect scanning with high-speed crosscutting in a single machine. According to the company, the integration of these two processes allow for greater accessibility for ease of calibration and machine maintenance, along with easy access to scanning hardware. The EagleEye also eliminates buffering and sequencing between the scanner and saw, which results in fewer production stoppages. Congratulations, Eagle Machinery & Supply, Inc.!

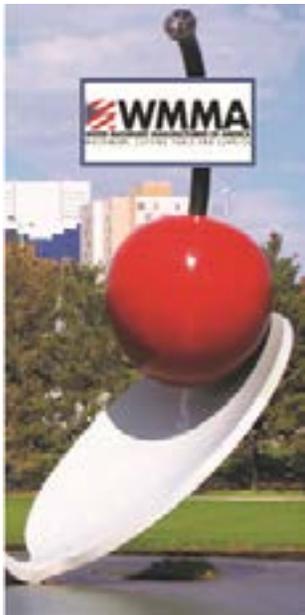
WMMA Recognizes Member, Jeff Hatch as a 2018 40 Under 40 Honoree

As a proud and founding sponsor of the Woodworking Network's 40 Under 40, we were honored to attend the Leadership Reception at IWF celebrating the next generation of industry professionals who are making an impact on wood products manufacturing in North America.

We would like to congratulate our member, Jeff Hatch, CEO and president of Pillar Machine, as being inducted as one of the 2018 40 Under 40 Honorees.

[Click here to read the entire article listing all 40 honorees.](#)





WMMA 2018 Regional Networking & Education Meeting

[Registration is Now open](#)

October 1-3, 2018

Loews Minneapolis Hotel

601 North 1st Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55403

Building from a successful debut event in Charlotte, WMMA is pleased to announce that its 2nd Annual Regional Networking & Education Meeting will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota! Minneapolis is another key location for industry-related companies. This is a great opportunity to bring together both members and prospective members for: * Plant Tours (Is your company located in the Minneapolis area? Contact Diane Schafer for information about providing a tour!) * Educational Sessions * In-Person Committee Meetings * Networking....Networking.... Networking!

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Regional Networking & Education Meeting

Manufacturing Day 2018 Save the Date

Mark your calendars! This year's Manufacturing Day is Friday, October 5, 2018.

Let's continue to inspire the next generation of manufacturers and change public perceptions of manufacturing by making [this year's MFG DAY](#) the biggest and best yet.



WMMA A Charter Member of Industry Collaborative

Ten wood industry associations are pleased to announce the formation of a coalition aimed primarily at perpetuating the long-term growth of the industry by sustaining an engaged workforce. Since its formative two-day brainstorming meeting in November 2017, the group has chosen to organize under the name Wood Industry Resource Collaborative (WIRC). Pronounced "Work," the name does a great job maintaining the group's mission and goals.



The collaborative group is a consortium of trade associations, all related to the woodworking or the wood products manufacturing industry. The group's purpose is to provide a collection of tools and solutions for the wood industry to attract and retain employees, while improving the perception of the industry. This group exists to connect industry associations with one another and support and strengthen the woodworking industry and their associations' members by sharing information and resources. [Click here to read the full Press Release.](#)

LIGNA 2019 – U.S. Pavilion

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LIGNA 2019 - U.S. PAVILION

MAY 27-31, 2019 • HANOVER, GERMANY

The world's leading trade fair for machinery, plant and tools for the woodworking and timber processing industry



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.

**For a fee of \$3,500 you can have a shared booth at LIGNA!
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



Interested in having a presence in the WMMA pavilion at LIGNA 2019?

Space is limited; reserve your spot today! Reservations must be received no later than **October 31, 2018**. Contact Diane Schafer at WMMA Headquarters with any questions (diane@wmma.org, 443-640-1052 x108).

Due to the popularity of this show the first members that sign up and make the full payment will have priority for participating and exhibit area selection. We will make adjustments where possible to accommodate additional members. All applicants will be accepted on a space available basis.

New this year!

Member companies participating in the WMMA pavilion for the first time are eligible for WAIVED exhibit fee (\$3,500 value). Contact Diane Schafer for more information.



WMMA/ITR Webinar - Navigating the Crest: Forecasting for 2019

November 13, 2018, 12pm ET

Speaker: Taylor St. Germain

This session will provide ITR's views of what to expect from the economy this year and beyond, covering such topics as industry and consumer trends, business to business activity, tax reform, trade, inflation, interest rates and more.

Walk away from this session with:

A clear vision for the economic future in 2019 and beyond
Understanding the impact of government policy on the economy
Inflation, Interest Rate and Profitability expectations

[Click here to read more.](#)



Next Gen Executives Group

WMMA has launched the Next Gen Executive Group to serve as a peer network for future leaders within the wood machinery industry. The NGEG will feature opportunities for networking, education, and professional development. Through a series of webinars, in-person networking events and mentoring initiatives, NGEG members will have the opportunity to grow their networks among peers and seasoned Association colleagues. If you are interested in participating in the NGEG or nominating someone from a WMMA member company, please contact Samantha@wmma.org.



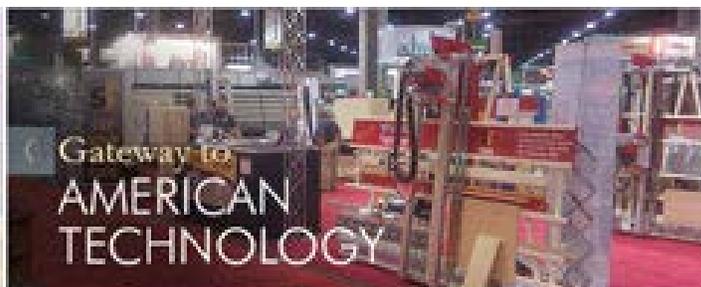
Join a WMMA Committee Today!

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. If you are interested in joining a WMMA Committee, submit the [Committee Commitment form](#) to kristin@wmma.org.



Call for Product Images for WMMA Website!

Want free advertising for your products on the WMMA website? Send in images to info@wmma.org. There must be no noticeable branding on any photos.



[View the entire Product Guide](#)

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Lumber Liquidators in \$36M deal to settle Chinese laminate flooring class action

TOANO, Va. - Hardwood flooring giant Lumber Liquidators agreed to a \$22 million cash settlement of a class action suit by plaintiffs in the Formaldehyde MDL (MDL 2927) case.

Under the terms of the settlement, Lumber Liquidators will contribute \$22 million in cash and provide \$14 million in-store-credit vouchers for a total of \$36 million to settle all claims brought on behalf of purchasers of the Chinese-manufactured laminate flooring it sold.

Current News:



Industry Leaders Converge on Capitol Hill For Day of Advocacy



SEE YOUR PRODUCTS HERE!

ANSI Update

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

- * General Interest
- * Government
- * User

If you are interested in joining the ASCO1, contact WMMA Associate Director Jennifer Miller at Samantha@wmma.org.



WMMA Supplier Recruitment Initiative - We need your help!

WMMA member,

Throughout the year, the Membership Development Committee takes on various initiatives to recruit, maintain and develop WMMA's membership.

We are asking our membership to recruit new associate members, especially suppliers. Consider the various suppliers to your business: motors, drive systems, electronics, PLC/PC, metal products, paint, hardware, software, etc. Each of us has many relationships with companies that are perfect to be an associate member. By

recruiting supplier members we not only strengthen our association but also provide our suppliers an opportunity to connect with many other companies.

I encourage you to share WMMA information with your suppliers and have them visit www.wmma.org for more information. Additionally, the on-line membership application can be [found here](#).

Thank you in advance for your help in this effort.
Thank you.
Membership Development Committee

Industry News:

Virginia Tech Housing Report: June 2018

There is no sugar coating June's housing data – it was ugly. Total permits and starts, including single-family permits were negative on a monthly and year-over-year basis. Single-family monthly start data was barely positive. Housing under construction was negative on a monthly basis. Housing completions indicated no change, but single-family completions were negative on a month-over-month basis. New single-family sales improved month-over-month and were fairly robust on a year-over-year basis. Existing sales continued their declining trend. New single-family construction spending indicated minimal positive change on a monthly basis. The August 9th Atlanta Fed GDPNow™ residential investment spending model projects an aggregate -2.3% decline for Quarter Three 2018. New private permanent site expenditures were projected for a -7.9% decrease; the improvement spending forecast was a 4.9% increase; and the manufactured/mobile housing projection was a -11.1% decline (all: quarterly log change and seasonally adjusted annual rate).



[Click here to read more](#)

NAM Monday Economic Report – August 27, 2018

New durable goods orders fell 1.7 percent in July, but most of the decrease stemmed from a decline in aircraft orders, which can be volatile from month to month. The June data were skewed higher by sales made at the Paris Air Show, for instance. [Click here for the full report from August 27, 2018.](#)

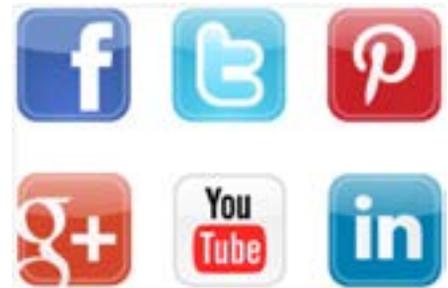


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WMMA Social Media Ambassadors

Do you tweet, twitter, or consider yourself a social media guru? If so, we want you to join the WMMA Social Media Ambassadors. There are no meetings, simply share, repost and spread the good word of the WMMA and the woodworking industry with your social media network. Simply follow WMMA on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn as well as other social media platforms such as pinterst or youtube. Then help us spread the message by reposting, retweeting or sharing your own posts on the WMMA and the industry.

Simply email jscott@airhand.com to confirm your willingness to help.



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 Samantha@wmma.org

October 1-3, 2018

[WMMA Regional Networking Meeting](#)

**Loews Minneapolis Hotel
Minneapolis, MN**

May 27-31, 2019

**LIGNA - Save the Date!
Hanover, Germany**

October 5, 2018

[Manufacturing Day](#)

April 2-5, 2019

**WIC 2019 - Save the Date!
Omni Amelia Island Plantation
Amelia Island, Florida**