



Appalachian Sustainable



AHMI/HMA Fall Meeting, Tours Set In Ohio

Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc. and the Hardwood Manufacturers Association are hosting a fall meeting and tour on Oct. 12-13 in central Ohio.

The meeting headquarters will be the Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Zanesville, OH. The tours begin on Oct. 12 departing from the hotel at 7:30 a.m. The first stop is Yoder Lumber Co. kilns and dimension facility in Berlin, OH. Yoder Lumber is a third generation family-owned business in the heart of the Appalachian hardwood region.

The second stop is HW Chair in Millersburg, OH. The company produces residential dining room chairs and chairs for the hospitality industry, colleges and libraries.

After lunch, the tour moves to Yoder Lumber Co.'s operation in Buckhorn. This facility has two sawmills, drying facilities, a predryer, lumber storage, and an automated lumber sorting line. Yoder's Millwork and Distribution warehouse and storefront are located here.

The group will return to Zanesville for a reception and dinner at the city's convention bureau office. (Shuttles are available from the hotel.) There will be industry roundtables following dinner.

The second day begins at 9 a.m. at Brenneman Lumber Co. (Participants are asked to drive on their own because the meeting will end after the tour.) Brenneman is a family owned and operated business with yard and offices located in Mount Vernon, OH.

Rooms and suites are available at the Holiday Inn Express in Zanesville for \$107-117. To make your reservation, please call (740) 297-

Inter-Industry Meeting & Tour Oct. 12-13 in Central Ohio

4751 and use the code Appalachian Hardwood. **The cutoff date is Sept. 18.**

Please complete the registration form on page 6 of this newsletter or register online at www.appalachianwood.org/meetings.htm. For more information, call AHMI at (336) 885-8315.

Boiler Owners Must Notify EPA By 9/17

A notification deadline from the Environmental Protection Agency for wood-fired boiler operators is Sept. 17.

The EPA requires owners of Area and Major Sources to complete the 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart JJJJJJ by Sept. 17 for those subject to the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers.

Facilities are considered Area Sources if they emit up to 10 tons per year of any hazardous air pollutant. Facilities are considered Major Sources for HAPs if they emit 25 tons/year or more of combined HAPs.

A sample of the Area and Major Sources Notification form 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart JJJJJJ is available from the AHMI office or online at www.epa.gov. For more information, call AHMI at (336) 885-8315.

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Meetings

2011 Fall Meeting & Tour - Oct. 12-13

Zanesville, OH

2012 Annual Meeting - Feb. 29-March 4

The Marco Island Marriott, Marco Island, FL

2012 Summer Conference - July 28-31

The Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC

The way I see it...

By Tom Inman, AHMI President

...our new toolkit for hardwood companies who plan to become Forest Stewardship Council certified is extremely helpful.

The detailed handbook is a partnership between Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc., the National Wood Flooring Association and the RainForest Alliance. It was developed by Jason Grant and funded by the U.S. Forest Service Wood Education Resource Center.

AHMI has been involved with the certification systems for several years. We have offered workshops, training and materials.

Approximately 20 percent of AHMI members are certified, with the majority to the FSC standard and others to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification systems.

The new toolkit is tailored to hardwood sawmills and wood flooring manufacturers, but much of the contents apply to hardwood distributors and other types of secondary manufacturers. The toolkits provide detailed guidance, sample language, forms and templates to make it easier and more cost-effective for companies to prepare for FSC certification and audits. There are also sample controlled wood risk assessments for each state.

A workshop will be held during the National Hardwood Lumber Association convention in Nashville to introduce the "Toolkits for FSC Certification." It is set for Thursday, Sept. 22 at 3 p.m. in Ryman Studios J&K beside the main trade hall.

The workshop is designed for companies that are contemplating certification to the FSC Chain of Custody and/or Controlled Wood standards.

Online training, webinars and regional training sessions will be announced at the workshop. It is open to all convention attendees.

This is just another tool available from AHMI to assist members in making educated decisions. For more information or to receive a copy of the toolkit, please contact AHMI office at (336) 885-8315 or email to tom@appalachianwood.org.



HIGH POINT - Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc. welcomes the following new member to the association:

Distributor

AP Hubbard Lumber Co.
Vicki Weaver
POBox 14100
Greensboro, NC 27415

Fowler Lumber Co.
Bill Fowler
PO Box 1627
Gallatin, TN 37066

Sheoga Hardwood Flooring
Larry Yoder
15320 Burton Windsor Road
Middlefield, OH 44062

New members are the lifeblood of the association and we need your help. Please call the AHMI office at (336) 885-8315.

Upcoming Events For Appalachian Promotion

Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc. will attend / display at the following shows and other events:

- Sept. 21-24 - NHLA, Nashville, TN
- Oct. 4-5 - Hardwood Federation Fly-In, Washington, DC
- Oct. 12-13 - Inter-Industry Meeting with Hardwood Manufacturers Association, Zanesville, OH
- Oct. 16-18 - ISCHP, Blacksburg, VA
- Oct. 21-26 - High Point Furniture Market, High Point, NC
- Oct. 24 - American Society of Furniture Designers, High Point, NC
- Oct. 26-28 - Architectural Woodworking Institute, Charlotte, NC
- Nov. 8 - Appalachian Lumbermen's Club, Blacksburg, VA

Hardwood Federation Fly-In Is Set Oct. 4-5

The 2011 Hardwood Federation Fall Fly-in is Oct. 4-5 and industry leaders are encouraged to make this important trip to Washington to meet face-to-face with members of Congress.

There are four key topics that are vital for industry survival: protection and funding of the Lacey Act, expanding pro-hardwood government procurement policies, putting a halt to new regulatory costs on an industry already in recession, and encouraging proper management at the USFS.

Featured speakers are Congressman Larry Kissell (D-NC) and Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Chairwoman of the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Nutrition. HFPAC will also sponsor two receptions: one for Republicans and one for Democrats.

Hotel rooms at the Phoenix Park Hotel are available until Sept. 17 at 1-800-824-5419 or 202-638-6900 and reference the "Hardwood Federation Fly-In" to receive discounted rate of \$285.

For more information about the Fly-in, please contact Cary Moon at (202) 463-5186.

FFRC Opens DC Office

The Federal Forest Resource Coalition announced the opening of a permanent office in Washington, a key element in efforts to improve the performance of Federal timber sale programs. Bill Imbergamo will serve as the Coalition's Executive Director.

"The wood products industry depends on healthy forests for our livelihood. For too long, we've watched the Forest Service and other Federal lands adopt a passive approach to management which threatens our mills and the health of their forests," said Howard Hedstrom, President of Hedstrom Lumber in Grand Marais, Mn., who will serve as the Coalition's President.

FFRC is a unique national coalition of small and large companies and regional trade associations whose members manufacture wood products, paper, and renewable energy from Federal timber resources.



John W. Crites Sr. (center) makes point to West Virginia Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin as AWP's Tom Plaughter and John Crites II listen

Appalachian Wood Pellets Has Open House

KINGWOOD, WV - Appalachian Wood Pellets officially opened its manufacturing plant here in August.

Owned by John Crites II and wife, Shelly, the facility is adjacent to the Allegheny Wood Products sawmill and utilizes its green sawdust. The sawdust is delivered by conveyer to the plant where it is separated, dried and pelletized under pressure. The pellets are packed in 40-pound bags and delivered to retailers under the name brand Appalachian Wood Pellets.

The plant began production earlier this year and employs 10 people in Preston County. The company is a member of AHMI's Consumer Division and has the Appalachian Hardwood Verified Sustainable seal printed on its packages.

More than 100 people attended the open house including West Virginia Governor Earl Ray Tomblin, WV House and Senate members, local elected officials and wood industry leaders. Tomblin thanked the Crites family for their commitment to the state and local economies.

Crites thanked AWP employees for their hard work completing the plant.

AHMI Offers Green Resource Solutions

Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc. has six offerings for members who are seeking "green" documentation for their Appalachian hardwood products.

AHMI has partnerships with the WoodNet Market Council and Columbia Forest Products to provide access to Forest Stewardship Council Group Certification to AHMI members. The two companies currently hold group certificates with participants across the eastern U.S.

AHMI began offering pre-audit services from a contractor in 2008 for members seeking Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Forest Stewardship Council or Program for Endorsement of Forest Certification approval. SFI discounted its fees for AHMI members.

The association also developed a relationship with NSF to provide auditing for all of the schemes at a discounted rate for AHMI members.

The Appalachian Hardwood Verified Sustainable program offers certificates and letters verifying the resource is from the sustainable Appalachian Hardwood forest. To learn more about all of these offerings, please visit the AHMI website at www.appalachianhardwood.org. For specifics on Group Certification, visit the website and click on the link from the home page. There are forms to print, complete and return to the AHMI office.

Approval for the group program could be completed in less than 30 days. If you have questions, please contact Inman at 336-885-8315.

- Appalachian Hardwood Verified Sustainable certificates**
- US Green Building Council LEED 5.1 & 5.2 requirement certificates**
- Pre-Audit Services for FSC, PEFC & SFI certification**
- FSC Group Certification for forestland and chain of custody**
- SFI forestland and chain of custody certification cost-savings plan**
- Audit Services for FSC, PEFC, SFI & American Tree Farm System**

AHMI Meets With AWI

Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc. will have two meetings in two months with members of the Architectural Woodworking Institute.

AHMI President Tom Inman spoke at a joint meeting of the Carolinas and Virginia chapters recently at Stiles Machinery. He explained the Hardwood Checkoff proposal and distributed AHMI's Verified Sustainable materials.

"There were millwork, plywood and casework producers in attendance and most had not heard of the checkoff," Inman said. "They were in favor of any promotion of American hardwoods to consumers."

The meeting included a roundtable where each person discussed issues in their area. Most complained about decreased work, lack of credit and slow paying customers.

Inman will also attend the 2011 AWI National Convention in Charlotte on Oct. 26-28. The program includes business sessions on revitalizing manufacturing, economic recovery and strategies to retool for success.

For more information or to attend, contact Inman at (336) 885-8315.

High Point Market Is Oct. 22-27

The High Point Market is the largest furnishings industry trade show in the world, bringing more than 85,000 people to High Point every six months.

The fall 2011 event is set for Oct. 22-27 with 2,000 exhibitors filling more than 180 buildings. Participants attend from more than 106 countries.

Showroom hours are Saturday – Wednesday: 8am – 7pm and Thursday: 8am – 5pm.

The final two days are considered supplier days with company purchasing staff on hand to view product and meet with suppliers. Appointments are recommended prior to arriving to make sure staff is available.

AHMI will complete its annual Furniture Design & Species Survey during the fall market. Students from High Point University assist with the survey.

For more information on market or if you plan to attend, please contact the AHMI office for assistance with transportation and hotels.

Conference Combines Science, Manufacturing

The third International Scientific Conference on Hardwood Processing (ISCHP2011) is set for Oct. 16-18 at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA.

ISCHP2011 will provide opportunities for managers, policymakers, and scientists to discuss key issues related to hardwoods. The conference will also serve as a bridge between science, industry, and policymakers to shape paths into the future.

The agenda includes:

- Forestry practices and hardwood quality
- Supply chain management
- Hardwood processing and optimization
- Markets, trade, and business insights
- Certification and sustainability
- Hardwood innovations of the future

Please visit www.ischp2011.org for more information or email Urs Buehlmann, conference chair, at ischp2011@gmail.com.

NHLA Offers Lumber Drying Short Course

Operating a lumber drying facility, especially one drying hardwood lumber, requires special skills. A significant amount of lumber can be degraded or damaged during drying when proper techniques are not used.

A Basic Hardwood Lumber Drying Course is set for Nov. 7–8 at the Brooks Forest Products Center at 1650 Ramble Road, Blacksburg, VA. This course is for beginning operators and supervisors drying hardwood lumber using air-dry yards, pre-dryers, steam or dehumidification dry kilns. The program will cover practical techniques for the efficient and effective operation of dry kilns. The program will include moisture measuring and the use of sample boards; kiln and predryer operational techniques; drying schedules; causes and cures for drying defects, special drying techniques, quality control procedures and more. Classes will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m.

This course is sponsored by the Department of Wood Science at Virginia Tech, Virginia Coop-



erative Extension, the National Hardwood Lumber Association and the Virginia Forest Products Association.

Dr. Brian Bond has extensive experience in working closely with the wood industry as an extension specialist and consultant in the areas of lumber drying, wood and moisture relations, and sawmill efficiency. The seminar fee includes course materials, NHLA Rules Book, a Certificate of Completion and lunch each day. Please bring a notebook and a grading stick, if you have one.

For additional information, contact Brian Bond at bbond@vt.edu or 540-231-5182 or register online at www.woodscience.vt.edu/workshops/lumber-drying/

NHLA Offers Lumber Grading Short Course

The value of “rules conscious” employees is a more carefully manufactured product, a more profitable yield from the log, and a better sense of the value of the lumber being handled. The National Hardwood Lumber Association is offering a three-day workshop with a thorough study and explanation of the NHLA Rules Book, emphasizing the basics of hardwood lumber inspection.

The workshop is Nov. 9–11 at the Brooks Forest Products Center at 1650 Ramble Road, Blacksburg, VA. Classes are from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

This short course will be taught by Benji Richards, NHLA Inspector. The seminar fee of \$295 US per person (\$395 US for non-members) includes registration, course materials, NHLA Rules Book, Certificate of Completion and lunch each day. Please bring a notebook and a grading stick, if you have one.

For additional information, contact Chris Churchill, NHLA Director of Education, at 901-399-7555 or c.churchill@nhla.com.

Rooms are available for \$119 at the Inn at Virginia Tech at 1-877-200-3360 or www.innatvirginiatech.com.

APPALACHIAN HARDWOOD MANUFACTURERS, INC.
Fall Inter-Industry Meeting

HARDWOOD MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION
Central Regional Meeting



Tours

- ▶ **Yoder Lumber Company, Inc.**, Millersburg (Buckhorn and Berlin) www.yoderlumber.com
- ▶ **HW Chair Ltd.**, Millersburg
- ▶ **Brenneman Lumber & Kiln Drying**, Mt. Vernon www.brennemanlumber.com

For information on the equipment that will be featured on the tours, visit www.HMAmembers.org. If possible, please bring your own hardhat.

Schedule

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

- 6 a.m. Complimentary breakfast available in hotel lobby
- 7:30 a.m. Bus departs hotel
- 9 a.m. Tour Yoder Lumber (Berlin)
- 10:30 a.m. Depart Yoder Lumber
- 10:45 a.m. Tour HW Chair
- 12:15 p.m. Depart HW Chair to lunch (Memorial Park, Millersburg)
- 1:15 p.m. Depart lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Tour Yoder Lumber (Buckhorn)
- 3:30 p.m. Depart Yoder Lumber
- 5 p.m. Arrive at hotel
- 6 p.m. Reception and dinner followed by industry roundtables

Thursday, October 13, 2011

****There will be no bus on Thursday**

- 6 a.m. Complimentary breakfast available in hotel lobby
- 8 a.m. Depart hotel
- 9 a.m. Tour Brenneman Lumber
- 10:30 a.m. Depart Brenneman Lumber

Hotel & Airport Information

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

1101 Spring St., Zanesville, OH 43701
 740-297-4751

Rates: \$107 king or double
 \$117 junior suites

Room Block: Hardwood Fall Meeting, code is AHW
 Room Cutoff - **September 11, 2011**

Airport Information:

Columbus International Airport is a one-hour drive to the hotel. **Shuttles are not available.**
 Zanesville Municipal Airport (non-commercial) is a 15-minute ride to the hotel.

Registration Form

Please send this form, with payment, to:
 Hardwood Manufacturers Association
 665 Rodi Road, Suite 305 • Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Register online at
www.HMAmembers.org or **www.appalachianwood.org**
 Fax: **412.244.9090** or **336.886.8865**
 Questions? Call the HMA office at 412.244.0440.

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail address _____

Name of those attending (for name tags): _____ Check box if riding the bus on Wednesday

In order to prepare accurately, please check the above block if you will be riding the bus.

HMA/AHMI members attending x \$150 each..... \$ _____

Non-members attending x \$250 each..... \$ _____

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Registrations will not be accepted without a designated form of payment. Any credit card disputes resulting in a chargeback will include a \$25 fee, payable by the cardholder.

