

ABOUT US

The Vermont Wood Works Council, formerly known as the Vermont Wood Manufacturers Association, is a 501C(6) trade association that was formed in 1996 and represents primary and secondary wood working companies and related businesses in Vermont. Wood products manufacturing, furniture, and related product manufacturing employs almost 4000 people* and produces quality hardwood lumber, veneer, flooring, millwork, furniture, bowls, toys, carvings, and much, much more.

*Source: *The Economic Importance of Vermont's Forest-Based Economy, North East State Foresters Association, 2013.*

On January 26, 2018 the membership formally adopted the new name of the Vermont Wood Works Council to better represent the makeup of our organization and its members.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Brent Karner, President (ClearLake Furniture)
Armin Driver, Vice President (Copeland Furniture)
Michael Rainville, Treasurer (Maple Landmark, Inc)
Scott Duffy, Secretary (Rockledge Farm Woodworks)
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Dustin Glasscoe (Vermont Farm Table)
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Christine Dorsey McGowan, Advisor (VSJF)
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Stewards of the Vermont wood products brand

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Photos on cover (l to r) by Tom Remp; Vermont Woodshop, Andrew Pearce Bowls, and Birds in Wood.

Consider joining us!

We are always happy to welcome new members, large and small. If you create products from wood, we want to hear from you!



Local Wood, Local Good Summit

Vermont Wood Works Council

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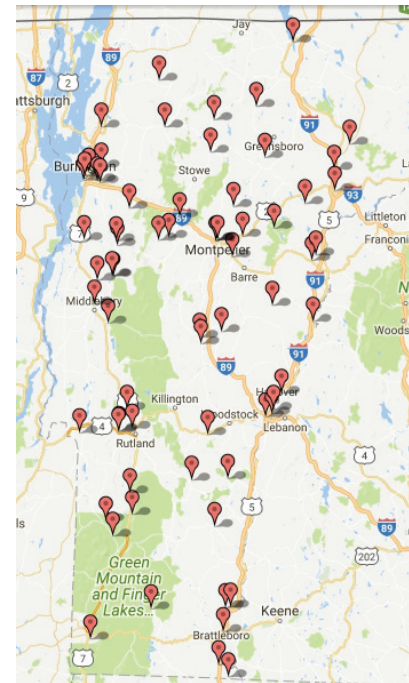
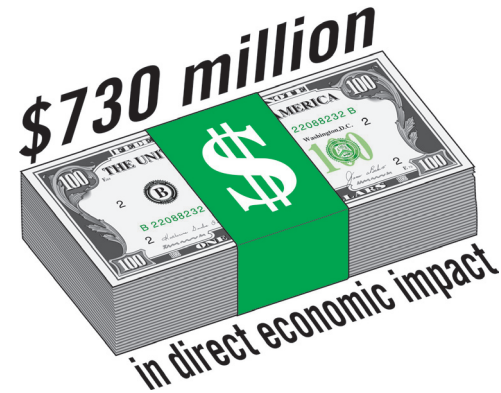
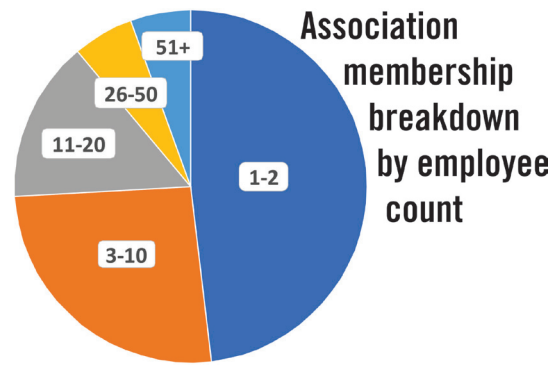
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Supporting woodworking in every corner of Vermont!

OUR MISSION

- We support the wood products manufacturing industry in Vermont by:
- expanding the presence in the marketplace for our members;
 - ensuring a sustainable supply of raw materials;
 - increasing workforce skill, and;
 - acting as responsible employers and community members.

ACTIVITIES

- Host industry networking meet-ups
- Manage Service Provider Grants from the Working Lands Enterprise Initiative
- Promote Vermont woodworking through various channels, including social media & Press releases
- Collaborate and partner to provide discussions and formal meetings on sustainability and marketing
- Lobby on behalf of the industry
- Coordinate and host the annual Festival in Woodstock, a TOP TEN Fall event 5 times!
- Award annual Woodworker of the Year and Friend of the Industry
- Communicate opportunities, events, and other important information through frequent e-newsletters, and more!



Recent VT Working Lands Grants

- \$50,000** to VWMA / Northern Forest Center for innovation assistance to manufacturers
- \$29,975** to Tree House Hardwoods & Millshop (So. Burlington) for infrastructure to increase safety & efficiency
- \$50,000** to Vermont Farm Table (Bristol) for commercial development plan
- \$40,000** to Maple Landmark (Middlebury) for an automated wood-turning lathe

2017 ASSOCIATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Received a \$5,000 Grant from the VT Dept. of Tourism & Marketing to promote Vermont woodworking at the Vermont Woodworking Festival to out-of-state markets
- Continued to hold a seat on the Working Lands Enterprise Board
- Held the May 2017 Local wood, Local Good Summit with the VSJF and the WLEB Forestry Committee
- Continued providing service through our Working Lands Enterprise Grant in partnership with the Northern Forest Center
- Received a grant from VT Community Foundation to hold a Strategic planning session for our Board of Directors (held in August)
- Invited to participate in the new Forest Industry Communications Task Force and Local wood, Local Good Action Team with VSJF.

2017 AWARDS IN WOODWORKING



Brent Karner
Selected for SBA Emerging Leader Program



Michael Rainville
2017 VT Small Business Person of the Year



Jim Maas
Woodworker of the Year



John Monks
Emerging Woodworker of the Year

OUR MEMBERS

- * Member for 20+ years
- * Member for 10 or more years

- Andrew Pearce Bowls
- Baker Lumber Company*
- Birds in Wood
- Birdseye Building Company*
- Bissell Fine Woodworking, Inc.*
- Bob Gasperetti ~ Furniture Makers*
- Brookside Woodworking*
- Brown Novelty Co., Inc.*
- Built by Newport*
- C.E. Bradley Laboratories, Inc.*
- Cabot Creamery Cooperative
- Champlain Hardwoods, Inc.*
- Clarner Woodworks*
- ClearLake Furniture*
- Copeland Furniture*
- Currier Farms Forest Products*
- Cyr Lumber, Inc.
- David Hurwitz Originals*
- Dick Walker Sawmill, Etc.*
- Dorset Custom Furniture*
- Efficiency Vermont*
- Far Beyond Woodworking*
- GMC Hardwoods*
- Gagnon Lumber, Inc.*
- Garner Woodworking
- Ghostwriters Communications, Inc.*
- Goodridge Lumber, Inc.*
- Green Mountain Woodturning*
- H. Hirschmann, Ltd.*
- J. K. Adams Company, Inc.*
- Jas. Becker Cabinetmaker, Inc.
- Kerber Farms, Mill & Lumber Co.*
- L.D. Steeneck Woodworking, Inc.
- Lamoille Econ. Development Corp.
- Lyndon Woodworking, Inc.
- M. B. Heath and Sons Lumber Co., Inc.*
- Mansfield Forest Products*
- Maple Corner Woodworks*
- Maple Landmark, Inc.*
- MJ Amsden Furniture
- Montague Custom Woodturning/ Instruction
- Neudorfer, Inc.*
- North Station Millwork, LTD. Co.
- Northern Forest Center
- Paige & Campbell Inc.
- Pomerantz Woodworking
- Redstart Forestry, Inc.*
- Rockledge Farm Woodworks*
- Rosato Woodturning
- ShackletonThomas*
- Smead Woodcraft*
- Stark Mountain Woodworking*
- The Guild of Vermont Furniture Makers*
- The Tree House Hardwoods & Millshop
- VT Agency of Commerce and Community Dev.*
- VT Dept. of Forests, Parks & Recreation*
- Vermont Farm Table
- Vermont Folk Rocker*
- Vermont Frames
- Vermont Hardwoods*
- Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center (VMEC)*
- Vermont Natural Coatings*
- Vermont Store Fixture Corporation*
- Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund*
- Vermont Table Company
- Vermont Tree Goods
- Vermont Woodlands Association*
- Vermont Wooden Blocks, LLC
- Vermont Woods Studios*
- Vermont Woodworking School*
- W. G. Russell Supply Corp.*
- William Sayre - Woodworker*
- Winterwood Timber Frames, LLC

Add your name here! New members are always welcome; there's strength in numbers.