

Off The Wall

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“Update on Vision 20/20”

Thursday, February 5, 2009

6:15 pm - Dinner

\$35.00 per person

Our meeting will be held at the GA Tech Hotel and Conference Center (800 Spring Street NW, Atlanta) with **dinner beginning at 6:15 pm.**

Tom McCarty with the Georgia Masonry Institute will give us an update on Vision 20/20 from his recent meeting in Arizona with other masonry professionals. Gordon Kenna will also take just a few minutes to update us on the happenings at the Georgia Concrete & Products Association.

Come early and join us for social time in the lobby bar area!

Don't forget to RSVP by email or phone as soon as you get this!

January Meeting Recap

What an EXCELLENT turnout for our “Kick Off” meeting! We had **32 companies represented** and **over 60 attendees.** It was an opportunity for members to reconnect and make NEW connections.

This was also an opportunity for our president, Karen Swords, to recognize and thank those members who volunteered in 2008 and swear in the 2009 board of directors.

We recognize the need for socializing and networking, and we want our meetings to be **THE PLACE YOU WANT TO BE** to see other masonry professionals in the industry.

The MAG Board is working on an exciting new idea (thanks to Curt Bibler) for the website that will enable members to have a space to buy/sell “leftover” materials and/or equipment. A portion of the proceeds would benefit the apprenticeship program. We call that a WIN-WIN! Would YOUR company participate??

ATTN: Board Members!

We will meet on Thursday, February 5, at **4:30 pm** at the Georgia Tech Hotel & Conference Center.

If you are unable to attend, please notify Michèle as soon as possible.



2009

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

February 5th - dinner meeting

March 5th - dinner meeting

April 16th - general meeting at 2009 Expo/SkillsUSA

May 7th - CRAFTSMANSHIP AWARDS

May 15 - Wall Raiser Golf Tournament at Woodmont Golf Club

June/July - no dinner meeting

Please check the calendar on the website for the most up-to-the-minute information on the activities of the association!

MASONRY ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA, INC.

“WATCH US GROW!”

2009 APPRENTICESHIP FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

The Finance committee has already laid the groundwork for our 2009 campaign by obtaining substantial commitments from our Founder's Club. Now, they will be calling on you for your company's support.

MAG has worked very hard to produce a program you can be proud of. The hiring of a full-time Apprenticeship Training Director and establishing our own training center were key components that have taken us to the next level. The money you have contributed is used to fund a first class training program that is the lifeblood of our industry here in Georgia. We must have new, properly trained and qualified individuals to sustain the level of quality on which our industry relies. If your company was unable to participate in 2008, we hope that you will consider a contribution in 2009.

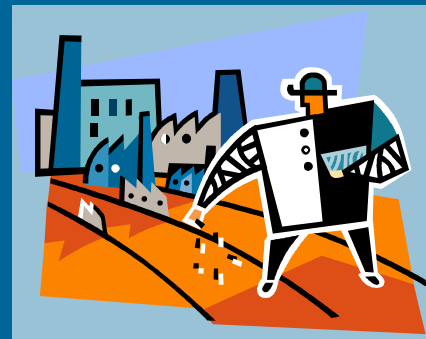
Our apprenticeship class has dedicated, focused young people who are eager to train and work in the masonry industry. In addition, Jamie Buck, Apprenticeship Training Director, is exploring new ways to recruit quality students into the program. The MAG Masonry Academy is a prime example. A grant from NCMA has helped to make this possible along with generous materials donations from our members.

We are also planning to partner with local technical schools this year, and we will continue to be an active participant in the CEFGA Construction Career Expo. These are excellent opportunities to prepare future masons.

GET ON BOARD AND HELP US BUILD A FIRM FOUNDATION!



On Friday, April 17th, the floor of the Expo will be filled with the SkillsUSA competitions in various trade areas. Come back out and watch the best young craftsmen that Georgia has to offer!



2009 EXPO/SKILLS USA April 16-17, 2009

Once again, we are partnering with CEFGA to help promote the construction industry to more than 5000 middle school, high school and college students. We have moved to a new venue this year—the Georgia International Convention Center (GICC) just south of downtown Atlanta, and we'll need your help to make the WORLD OF MASONRY a success.

There will be over 20 “worlds” represented, and we want ours to continue to draw the biggest crowds with a **Fastest Trowel contest** and other hands-on opportunities. Ryan Coyne (Quikrete) and Scott Currie (Concrete & Masonry Supply) volunteered to organize the Fastest Trowel contest, so watch for more details coming soon on this exciting event!

We will hold our **April meeting on Thursday, April 16th from 4:30 - 7:00 pm** to coincide with other construction industry associations at the Expo. This will be an informal Cocktail Mixer with hors d'oeuvres on the floor of the Expo, and in addition to viewing the exhibits, we will be rubbing elbows with members of other associations such as:

- Associated General Contractors
- Independent Electrical Contractors
- Mechanical Contractors
- Council of Educational Facility Planners

We hope you will plan to join us on April 16th at the Expo!

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“Every apprentice has the potential to become a master craftsman. Help them achieve it. Volunteer!”

MATERIAL DONATIONS IN DEC/JAN

- Alley Casetty Brick
Block USA
Boral Brick
DeKalb County Schools
Georgia Masonry Supply
General Shale Brick
Holcim
Laser Development
National Cement
NCMA Foundation
North Georgia Brick
Pyramid Masonry
Trowel Trades
Up Scaffolding



Pictures from a recent visit by Warren Tech students. Ray Wirth demonstrated techniques.

Many thanks to Michael Shepherd and Dale Lomax for attending the MAG meeting and bringing their students to the Training Center on Jan. 13!



STUDENT ENROLLMENT UPDATE

15 students in Apprenticeship Tuesday class (13 returning – 2 New)
13 passed Stage Testing at the end of semester December 2008

Thanks to Bryan Light, Harry Galloway & Kenneth Cook for judging! You guys are the BEST!

Call Jamie at 678-518-1104 to volunteer for the Apprenticeship Program.

CRAFTSMANSHIP AWARDS SUBMISSION FORMS SENT TO ALL CONTRACTOR MEMBERS

The Masonry Association of Georgia, Inc. will recognize its outstanding masonry projects at the Craftsmanship Awards banquet on May 7, 2009. Our association will honor those individuals and firms within our membership who have excelled in the design and construction of masonry projects in 2008. We highly encourage EVERY masonry contractor member to submit at least one project this year. If you have several projects that deserve consideration, please submit them all!

In an effort to insure a fair and impartial judging of the CRAFTSMANSHIP of each submitted project, a comprehensive, objective (scale of 1-10) list of criteria has been compiled into judging forms. The panel of judges will do a “hands-on” examination of each project to determine the

most excellent craftsmanship on each project in each category as well as an Award of Merit. Each masonry contractor winner will receive a plaque honoring this achievement. In addition, the Award of Excellence will also recognize and award a plaque to the Architect and General Contractor on the project. The Foreman is also recognized.

The deadline for submissions is February 6, 2009 to give the awards committee ample time to judge each project. Materials suppliers—if you have provided material on a contractor member’s job that you think deserves recognition, call and ask them if they filled out the form and sent it in!

MASONRY ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA, INC.

**NEW
Mission
Statement!**

The new Masonry Association of Georgia, Inc. Mission Statement was unveiled at the January 8 meeting.



MAG MISSION STATEMENT

"The Masonry Association of Georgia, Inc., is committed to education, integrity, and fine craftsmanship. By providing instruction and proper training, we support quality, longevity and cooperation among those in the masonry industry."

It's Dues Renewal Time again...your company should have received an invoice for 2009 dues last month. If you are not the decision maker in your company, please make it a point to follow up on your membership status.

Your company's involvement is imperative to the continued sustenance and growth of the association. and we look forward to seeing you at our next regular dinner meeting in February. Let's continue what we started in January! Now is the time to network with others in our industry.

Please review the list below to determine whether or not your company has renewed. *This information is current as of January 28, 2009.*

COMPANY	CATEGORY	COMPANY	CATEGORY
Atlanta JCB	Associate	B & M Masonry	Contractor
Cast-Crete	Associate	Bermic Construction	Contractor
Leavitt Group, The	Associate	Bibler Masonry, Inc.	Contractor
Michael Welch, Attorney	Associate	Cordale, Inc.	Contractor
Owens Corning	Associate	Cornerstone Masonry	Contractor
Sand-Stone, Inc.	Associate	Galloway's Masonry	Contractor
Sunbelt Rentals	Associate	GA Masonry Contractors	Contractor
ThyssenKrupp Safway	Associate	Halloran Masonry, Inc.	Contractor
TNT Equipment Co.	Associate	J.A. Loden Masonry	Contractor
Wire-Bond	Associate	Jollay Masonry	Contractor
Big River Industries	Block	Laser Development	Contractor
Block USA	Block	Logan Masonry Co.	Contractor
GCPA	Block	Mann's Masonry	Contractor
Georgia Masonry Supply	Block	Nix-Fowler Constructors	Contractor
Alley-Cassetty Brick	Brick	Pyramid Masonry	Contractor
Boral Bricks, Inc.	Brick	S & W Masonry	Contractor
Cherokee Brick & Tile	Brick		
General Shale	Brick		
Hanson Brick	Brick		
North GA Brick	Brick		
Lehigh Cement Co.	Cement		
National Cement Co.	Cement		
Quikrete	Cement		

Welcome New Member!

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*Pat Williams
with TNT
Equipment.*

If you have any news of interest you would like to see in this newsletter and on the website, please contact Michele at 770-271-8250. Add www.masonryassocga.com to your "Favorites" list and visit it frequently to stay in touch with what's happening.

Click on the "KEEP ME UPDATED" button on the front page of the website to be notified any time the website is changed.

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"Masonry for the Future"



Why you should renew your 2009 membership in MAG:

APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING-This is a primary purpose of the association. With our core program in Atlanta, your association is addressing a very real need for qualified masons to install masonry products, and we are succeeding! Your response as contractors and associates continues to be supportive and generous. *Thank you!*

FRIENDSHIP/NETWORKING -Your association's members are people who have many of the same concerns, needs and interests as you. They're the kind of people you enjoy seeing. And they're the kind of people who will probably end up as your friends. Association events, meetings, membership directory and information exchanges make networking a reality for you and your peers.

GIVE AND TAKE-Your association provides members with the opportunity to discuss mutual problems...probe new directions...share and criticize each other's thoughts...all with a high degree of candor.

PUBLICITY-Your association produces a monthly newsletter filled with information about meeting programs, members, industry trend news, etc. as well as maintains a frequently updated website. Also, an annual membership directory is published and distributed to architects and others in the industry.

LEADERSHIP-Our industry needs leaders - people who can actively mobilize you and your peers toward industry-wide action and who can chart the association's future. An association produces *voluntary leadership that can make a difference.*

QUALITY-The degree to which you are able to sustain high standards of *quality and customer service* will strongly influence your ability to grow. We can provide you with examples of firms "doing things right" and give you the chance to learn from them.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM, CONTACT:

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