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### MORTAR BOARD BULLETIN

January, 2008

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Dear Member,

You are invited to come to MHA's annual meeting at Wildacres in Little Switzerland, North Carolina. The dates are April 11th - 17th. This year will feature a whole new agenda with multiple seminars and "hands-on" projects.

Our featured speaker will be Igor Kuznetsov from Russia. He will be detail his "Free Gas Movement" system of heater design. Tom Stroud will also be with us. Tom is a past president and presently is Manager of Codes, and Standards with the Hearth, Patio and Barbecue Association.

This is an opportunity to refresh old friendships, meet new members, learn what MHA is doing, and continue your masonry heater education. All the above, plus lodging and meals for 6 days for only \$350

For those who have difficulty reading this email, you can find the complete bulletin on the MHA website at :

[www.mha-net.org/docs/temp/2008MHANewsletter2.pdf](http://www.mha-net.org/docs/temp/2008MHANewsletter2.pdf)

### Annual Agenda

The proposed agenda is available on the [MHA Website](#). Open it up and look it over. You'll see numerous items of interest. The 6 day long meeting is basically divided into two parts, business and education.

MHA's committee's have been busy. They'll give complete reports at the meeting and will give you the opportunity to ask questions. Doug Hargrave has a complete report and will share where MHA is financially.

Igor Kuznetsov, from Russia, will be joining us and talking about "Free Gas Movement (FGM)". He will then build a Double Bell Heater with Alex Chernov. William Davenport will be building a ContraFlow Heater from core to final burning and Scott Helms will be offering a seminar on brick laying skills (perfect for our new masonry heater members who are starting to build heaters). Of course we have to have a bake oven for our pizza party, so Norbert Senf will be leading a

workshop to build a Southern Italian Oven.

In the past we have sold out of available rooms. Reservations have been coming in and we still have space available. The reservation form is available using this link [MHA Annual Mtg. Reservation Form](#) or go to the [MHA Website](#) and scroll down the home page.

Remember only members can attend. Are you a member? If not, why not join. MHA is the association of choice concerning Masonry Heaters.

### **Where & When**

April 11th - 17th, 2008

[Wildacres Retreat](#)

Little Switzerland, NC

## Dues and Membership

Great News on MHA memberships! By the first of the year MHA membership has grown by 6 new full voting members. Compared to previous years at this time, memberships are up with many inquiries about membership coming in regularly.

Last year we saw our membership increase 19% from 77 to 92 This year we hope membership will break the 100 mark. MHA is on the move, we hope you'll be part of it.

As a friendly reminder to our past members, please remember it's time to renew your dues. And to those of you who are thinking about joining, come on aboard the MHA train. You can find a membership application form at [MHA Website](#).

We'd like to welcome the following new full voting members:

<b>Jim Frisch</b>	<b>Western Masonry</b>	<b>Woodinville, WA</b>
<b>Kim Kepchar</b>	<b>Kepchar Services</b>	<b>Charlottesville, VA</b>
<b>Fred Pevey</b>	<b>Alberene Soapstone</b>	<b>Shuylar, VA</b>
<b>Patrick Rokas</b>	<b>L'Ambiance Pelles et Cheminees</b>	<b>Hemmingord, QC</b>
<b>Frederick Schukal</b>	<b>Sleepy Hollow Chimney Supply</b>	<b>Brentwood, NY</b>
<b>Thomas Tindira</b>	<b>Artisan Masonry</b>	<b>Cleveland</b>

## Marketing

MHA will be at the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Associations Expo in Atlanta, GA from Feb.28- March 1st,2008. MHA is in booth #2944 and will be marketing masonry heaters. As a member, you will be represented by the Executive Director, Richard Smith using the MHA brochure as hand-outs. If you're attending the Expo, make sure to stop and say Hi.

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The Marketing Committee of MHA is looking at how, when and where to market masonry heaters. A number of trade shows and other advertising venues are being researched. If you have any idea's or would like to volunteer to help in Atlanta please contact our MHA Executive Director. Richard can be contacted at (520)883-0191 or [rsmith@boreal.org](mailto:rsmith@boreal.org)

### **Where & When**

Hearth, Patio % Barbecue Expo  
Feb. 28th - March 1st, 2008

Atlanta, GA  
9:00AM - 5:00PM

## Technical Committee Update:

The Technical Committee will have a Mortar Board Bulletin emailed to all the MHA members in the next couple of weeks.

Dedicated MHA members have worked hard and long. It's exciting and informational. Watch your emails.



**Once again we'd like to welcome our members to submit articles. Let me know of any workshops, events, or projects you would like to share with the rest of the MHA membership.**

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