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Dear MHA Memeber:

As we enter the holiday season, on behalf of the Board of Directors, our president - Dan Givens and myself, we'd like to wish the membership of MHA a great and blessed Holiday Season.

Please take the time to look over this newsletter. It will have the tentative schedule of seminars and workshops for the 2014 annual meeting. Registration will begin after Jan.1st. It will also update you on the revision of the MHA color brochure and let you know about the new membership renewal schedule.



The MHA committees and sub-committees are active and there's alot going on. MHA is running on all cylinders and staying progressive. Budgets for 2014 are being formulated and 2014 looks to be a great year for MHA.

Richard Smith
Executive Director

2014 MHA Annual Meeting

APRIL 14 - 20, 2014

Cost: \$425 per person

(Includes lodging, meals, seminars & workshops. Not included: HMED class and NFI Certification Class)

The 2014 annual meeting is still a work in progress and not a final schedule. However, here is a summary of the of some of the events planned:

- Business meeting with committee updates, including N.S.P.S.

- Jerry Frisch Award

- Seminars:

The Kachelofen - It's History, Functionality and Construction by

Jessica Steinhauser and Mario Zauner.

Domestic Hot Water Installation by Joe Copeland

A Most Unique & Challenging Heater Build" by Jerry Frisch

Masons On A Mission" by Pat Manley

Plus other seminars still being worked on

- Educational Classes:

Masonry Heater Basics and Theory - HMED class

National Fireplace Institute Certification in Wood Fired Appliances

Basic and Advanced Sketchup Classes

- Workshops:

Bricklaying Clinic

Construction of a pizza bake oven

Kachelofen Construction

Masonry heater with domestic water & testing

Finnish Contraflow construction for the beginner

Mini Clinics:

Door install

Damper installs

Castables

Chimney connections

Finishes - Brick and Stucco

- **Annual Auction**
- **Fiesta de Pizza (pizza party)**
- **Design contest for masonry heaters, bake ovens and masonry projects**

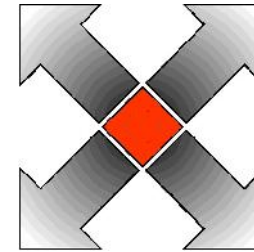
More information and additions will be made shortly.
Registration will begin January 1st.

2014 Membership Information and Renewal Information

MHA Changes When Dues Are Collected.

As previously mentioned in a newsletter, there will be a major change in when membership dues will be collected.

Beginning in 2014 we will make a transition from collecting dues at the beginning of the calendar year. Starting this year, you will only pay 50% of your MHA dues in January. Then on July 1st, full annual dues will be collected. Dues will remain the same as last year: \$300/full voting & \$150/Affiliate.



This move was made to aid MHA membership with cash flow allowing membership dues to be paid during the construction season not the holiday season. It also makes financial bookkeeping and administration a lot easier.

Shortly you will receive an invoice for membership renewal in the postal mail. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the MHA office.

MHA's Color Brochure Revision - Are You In It?

The Public Relations Committee is actively reviewing photo's to change out in the present MHA color brochure. The committee is reaching out to the membership for pictures that depict a finished masonry heater.

The best photos will represent a broad range of heaters.

They will also show a variety of different surface treatments, such as brick, stone, plaster, soapstone/Tulikivi.

Other basic requirements:

- lines of heater or oven are straight, or proportionally correct (e.g., an arch)
- fire in the firebox
- furnished house (not construction photos)
- file formats: jpg, in high resolution (600 dpi or greater)

Photos for the brochure should be submitted in a digital format, as an e-mail attachment or web submission, or on a compact disk.

A judging form is also being worked on for the selection of photo's that will be used to promote masonry heaters and the Masonry Heater Association of North America. Full credit will be given to the member who's picture is selected in the brochure.

The brochure is handed out at trade shows, bookstore orders, expo's and any time MHA has a demonstration or promotes heaters. This will be a major marketing opportunity for the members that have their photo's selected.

When is the deadline? The Public Relations Committee has not set a date as of yet, but best bets will be the end of the year or mid January.

If you have a photo or two or three, send them to the MHA office. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

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