Hello Everyone,

We are finalizing a few of our Masonry Heater workshops for this summer and I am including links and listings for 2 of them so that they can be posted on the MHA website and in the chat groups.

We will be presenting (2) 1 hour presentations on masonry heating and then a 3 hour workshop dry stacking a core system with cast concrete facing at both of these 2 shows.

We have a few other 4-5 day workshops in the works for this summer also. Email me if you would like to be put on our future workshops list.

Thanks for listing these.

Eric

Midwest Renewable Energy Fair
https://www.midwestrenew.org/fairworkshops#EW

West Bend, Wis. | Washington County Fair Park | Aug. 8-9, 2015

3000 Pleasant Valley Rd
West Bend, Wis. 53095

Saturday Fair hours: 9:00 AM-7:00 PM
Sunday Fair hours: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Eric Moshier
Solid Rock Masonry
HI Eric,

Just a F.Y.I. MHA years ago discussed putting workshops on the MHA website without having idea what will be taught, safety conditions, liability, etc. The board created a form that needs to be filled out and sent in. By doing so it protects MHA from advertising something that may or may not be in the best interests of MHA.

You can put whatever you want on the Chat list because that is not controlled by or administered by MHA. Marge Padgon owns the Yahoo Chat.

I have attached the form for you to fill out if you would like MHA to place your classes on the MHA website and be included in future Newsletters.

Certainly phone me if you have any questions.

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Thanks, Dick -- I had forgotten about that. Igor Kuznetsov contacted me a few weeks ago and asked me to publish an announcement about a workshop of his in MHA News. MHA News reports on all kinds of stuff going on, not just MHA stuff, so I could use some guidance if there is anything that you or the Board feel should not be included..................

Thanks......................Norbert

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I remember this on the board.
No problem, I think that there should be a form to fill out so that the MHA is not “endorsing” something they should not be. I don’t remember ever seeing any requests come thru in the last 4 years on the board but maybe there is just not that many or any workshops on heater going on outside of WA
I will get it taken care of. E

Norbert Senf <norbert.senf@gmail.com>  
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Or, are we just talking about things that go on MHA’s official calendar?

Thanks......................Norbert

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To: Eric Moshier <eric@solidrockmasonry.com>, Norbert Senf <norbert.senf@gmail.com>  
Cc: Dan Givens <stonecastle@gci.net>
Thanks Norbert. This whole issue becomes more sticky as one thinks about it. On one hand we need to protect MHA on the other hand we don’t critique what is posted in MHA News. And probably, promoting workshops is different than just posting on the News page.

Myself and the board will turn to you for guidance and you’re asking for guidance. And is this even an issue? In this case you and I both know that Eric does workshops at the North House Folk School and does a great job. It is very safe to say there is no problem if MHA promotes his workshops. This policy may be good but it does place me in a situation of telling Eric he has to jump through some hoops for MHA to help promote his workshops. I’m really happy to see he understands.

However, it doesn’t answer your question about guidance. And who knows who will be administering the MHA News page in the future. So with all the rambling above, do you want to formally ask the board for guidance? And if so, are you willing to help establish those guidelines?

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From: Eric Moshier [mailto:eric@solidrockmasonry.com]
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Subject: Re: Masonry Heater Workshop listings

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To: Norbert Senf <norbert.senf@gmail.com>  

Thu, May 14, 2015 at 9:27 AM

Sorry Norbert hadn't seen your latest email.

Maybe just the title News and a statement of some sort as a disclaimer? That would/should take MHA out of the picture, I assume. This would eliminate your need to “analysis” content.

However, it still doesn't answer MHA promoting workshops via newsletters, calendar, etc.

Here's my opinion. Take MHA off and just have News on the website title. Add a subtitle of some sort that is a disclaimer and MHA does not endorse or whatever. This allows you to add anything you feel is news worthy. As far as MHA promoting workshops by other venues, I think we should still demand the Instructor Profile and Course Description to submitted.

I certainly would like to hear your thoughts and you'll notice I've included Dan in the email.

Dick

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Thanks.................Norbert
Eric Moshier <eric@solidrockmasonry.com>  Thu, May 14, 2015 at 11:17 AM
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Norbert posts things on the MHA NEWS page. I don’t think that is the same as being sponsored by the MHA. It is just NEWS. I think there are probably a few things that have been done on their that are “questionable” but it is just news.
Ask the board or maybe just put one of those disclaimers at the front of the MHA News page stating something like “this is just news and information and it is not necessary the opinion of the MHA nor is this endorsed by the MHA” or something like that? Obviously, whoever is running the MHA news needs to use some discretion as to the content but put a disclaimer on the site to “wash our hands”?

I think that if we want an “MHA Sponsored” listing that you should jump through hoops. I have no problem with that.
Thanks again for all your work on this Norbert.
Eric

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thanks for the feedback, guys..................a disclaimer sounds like a reasonable solution...........N