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MHA Annual Meeting Registration Opens **BONUS for Early Registrations**

It's that time of year when we start the registrations for the annual meeting. Below is a draft of the proposed schedule of workshops and a New Design Contest. Don't forget to check out the bonus for registering early. More seminars and workshops may be added in the near future.

Full voting members can begin registering now. Affiliate/Associate membership can begin registering on Jan. 15, 2019.

DATES FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING:
Monday, April 8th to Sunday, April 14th.

Costs: \$450 for members only

You can register on the home-page of the MHA website for both the annual meeting and the Basics and Theory Class or use this link: [2019 Annual Meeting Registration](#)

WORKSHOPS & CLINICS

Seminars:

" Building masonry heaters with air-gap system in North America"

Part of the Austrian team presenting our workshop this year will be Martin Kummer - a master stove builder with very interesting work. Recently, Martin had a book outlining 30 years of his stove building career published. The book is work of our good friend Stefan Polatschek. Stefan and Martin would like to show Martin's work to MHA and illustrate the air-gap Austrian way of building, and show how far one can get with creativity.

" Chimney venting and safety"



EARLY REGISTRATION BONUS

Register before Jan.1, 2019 and you can request which lodge building and which floor you would like to have your room.*

by C.S.I.A.(Chimney Sweep Institute of America)
A proposed seminar.

Workshops:

" Building masonry heaters with air-gap system in North America" Presentation and hands-on workshop on building a masonry heater of a complex shape powered by a bell-style core. The heater will be built using only common materials of North American origin. Workshop is presented by the international Austrian - Canadian team: Alex Chernov (Canada), Stefan Polatschek, Martin Kummer and David Perzl (Austria).

"36 inch Oval Squirrel Tail Oven" by Eric Moshier. We will be building a 36" inside diameter round squirrel tail oven with hammer cut firebrick and lime and sand mortar. This is a very fast and functional oven that is easy to build in a day with minimal tools. This design has been in use for 100's of years historically so it has passed the test of time. We will use sawdust as the arch form. The oven will be insulated with Roxul mineral wool and finished with lime and sand stucco reinforced with chicken wire.

"Kachelofen Workshop" with Jessica Steinhäuser. The Kacheln that were made two years ago in the "Kacheln 101" workshop have been fired and glazed. We will use those Kacheln to build a small Kachelofen.

"Design and Construction of a Firebrick Built, Vaulted Arch, Wood Fired Oven"

by Pat Manley. Workshop will begin with an introduction to all of the various materials (firebricks, insulations, forms, hardware, etc) we will use to build our oven, along with where they are used in the oven and why. Over the course of a few days we will build the oven, with ongoing discussions daily of how the oven is used, understanding thermal mass, etc, and then fire it up to use for our fiesta de pizza at the end of the week. We will build the oven with clay and sand "mortar", for easy deconstruction and clean up the next morning.

Masonry Skills by Derrick Kowalchuk.

The workshop is open to all skill levels and will have several different stations each focusing on different aspects of bricklaying situations."

Mini Workshops: Door install, Chimney connection, plus more.

"Beginner's Level Masonry Heater Workshop"

by Jason Temple. A small and simple masonry heater to give beginners an opportunity to learn, practice and put the basic skills of the stove building all together.

*The guest cabin and lower level of the south lodge does not qualify. Requests are on a first come first serve basis and if available.

SIGN UP FOR "BASICS AND THEORY CLASS' and you can register early.

If you register for the HMED's "Basics and Theory Class" prior to Jan.1, 2018, you can register to attend as an affiliate member and also get to choose which lodge you'd like to stay in.

The cost is \$600 dollars (normally \$800). It will comprise of approx. 32 hours of instruction. Approx. 12 hours of classroom and 20 hours of hands-on building of a masonry heater core.

Class size is limited to 12 and is on a first come first serve reservation basis. This class can be used towards certification and continued education credits.

Here is a link which further describes the class. ["Basics and Theory Class"](#)



NEW DESIGN CONTEST
FREE

Last year's design contest was not run properly to say the least. The board of director's decided that the contest should continue provided there is interest and it has to be made easier and more professional.

The board decided that for the 2019 Design Contest there will be **NO charge** for entry. In addition, other areas were made to make it easier to enter. Here is a summary of the changes to the design contest:

- 1.The contest will be administered by the PR Committee overseen by the board.
- 2.The contest will be held at the annual

“Tinytube, The “DIY-Assembly-kit”

Stove” by Jim Schmitz. Firetube’s new product, the Tinytube, is developed to achieve a very low price by offering an assembly-kit among other things. The Idea was wished for by our new generation Jim & Tom to spread our wings and reach new customer niches. We will showcase the assembling and integrate the Tinytube to a warm masonry bench with cooking options.

"Test Heater "by Technical Committee The testing this years will again demonstrate the Condar sampler for measuring particulate (PM) emissions. A second goal is to demonstrate an example of a prefabricated heater core that is ready for laboratory (potential) EPA certification testing without requiring a facing or other finishing work. The core we'll use again this year is the Solid Rock Masonry's SR-13TVV. A top vent 5 run with firebrick firebox. We'll discuss last year's results and possible improvements that can be made, particularly for startup with a long bench and short chimney.

meeting from start to finish.

- 3. Contestants must submit their entry(s) by dinner the second day.
- 4. An entry may have a minimum of one photo. However, it must be in a digital and printed format. More photos maybe submitted and is recommended.
- 5. Cost to enter is **FREE**.
- 6. Winners have a designated page on the MHA website.
- 7. Judging will be done with a minimum of 4 judges.
- 8. Category submission cannot be changed.
- 9. Winner need not be present to win, however, shipping the trophy to the winner is the responsibility of the winner.
- 10. All photos become the property of MHA which can be used in Public Relation work.

More information and entry forms to follow shortly.



Jeff Owens, First Place Masonry Heater



Jeff Owens, First Place Masonry



John Rousseau, First Place Bake Oven

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