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AWI ARCHITECTURAL
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Washington Chapter
"Chapter of the Year 2018"

AWI Washington Newsletter

A Successful 2018!

This past year was filled with changes for our chapter. Changes that have helped to grow our membership and re-engage our members. In 2018, I took on the responsibility of leading the chapter as it's president and I am proud of the hard work that was done by all.

Our wins this year were many and they culminated with us winning the coveted Chapter of the Year award from AWI National. We started out the year by building our leadership team and then with that team fully in place, we were able to tackle many goals.

We created a new Vision & Mission statement for our chapter that is shown on our new website, which was also created this year. We grew our membership by more than 10% this year and are working to increase it even further by bringing in Oregon companies with the hope of helping them restart an Oregon chapter soon.

In September we took a big step toward our goal of reaching out to the next generation of woodworkers by partnering up with North Salem High School's woodworking program to host an open house to bring in area businesses and woodworking companies to learn about their woodworking program. Several students and their teacher joined us for the Supplier Table Top Night in November, which was huge success in it's own right. We exceeded our goals for the table top night. We planned for 10 tables and 60 attendees. We achieved 11 tables and 70 attendees! It was possibly the biggest one we have ever had.

The chapter is growing beautifully and we have a very bright future ahead of us!

Dallas Lemon
- AWI Washington Chapter President

Upcoming Dates:

Feb. 28—Mar 1, 2019
AWI National
Advanced
Estimating
Seminar @ FloForm

April—May, 2019
Shop Tour TBD

August—Sept 2019
Shop Tour TBD

Nov. 7, 2019
Supplier Table Top
Night @ Cedarbrook
Lodge Seatac



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Washington Wins Chapter of the Year!

The Washington Chapter won Distinguished Chapter of the Year in 2018! Congratulations to all on being Distinguished AND Chapter of the Year! It took a lot of planning and hard work to achieve this, but it couldn't have been without an amazing team effort. We are very proud of what our team was able to achieve this year. We have seen a reinvigorated chapter this year and we hope we continue this momentum into next year and beyond! Dallas was at the AWI National Convention in Naples, FL in October to accept the award on behalf of the chapter. Congratulations to all!



Dallas Lemon of Custom Source Woodworking and President of the AWI Washington Chapter accepts the Chapter of the Year Award from AWI President Bruce Spitz. The AWI Washington Chapter reclaimed the title it last won in 2003.



Open House At North Salem High School

In September, we were invited by Andy Chidwick at North Salem High School to visit their woodworking program called Viking Woods Manufacturing for an open house. At this event, Andy presented to the group about their current and future programs. We were introduced to several students and were able to learn about the skills that the students learn in this program. They also talked about their new Career Kickstart Training Academy program that helps to launch students into the workforce after high school.



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Supplier Table Top Night At Cedarbrook Lodge

In November, we had our Annual Supplier Table Top Night at Cedarbrook Lodge in Seattle and it was a hit! Our typical attendance is about 40-50 people and we sell on average 8-10 tables. This year, the room was packed! We sold 11 tables and had over 70 people attend. The food was amazing and the presenters were wonderful. Andy Chidwick and several students made the trip up from Salem, OR to present to the chapter about their program and ways for our members to get involved. Dallas Lemon and Bob McGowan gave a recap of their trip to AWI National in Naples, FL and shared what they learned. This is a great annual event to attend and we already have next year booked for November 7th. We hope to see you all there!

