



A Word from the Coordinator

by Frank Benish
 Coordinator/Training Director



Winter brings the holiday season, rain, snow and shorter days. Holiday cheer doesn't always mix well with slick roads and nighttime driving. Enjoy the holiday festivities but please observe basic common sense. We want you to be safe and sound. Winter classes for Plasterer Apprentices begin in December. Classes for Cement Mason Apprentices begin in early January. (See next page for class schedules.) At least one month before the start of class, we will send you a letter with information about your winter class. Be sure to note down the dates and let your employer know when you will be in class. If you have any conflicts that may prevent you from attending class, please contact us ASAP. **Attending class is a requirement.** Enjoy a safe, sane holiday season.

Out of Work List Refresher

The Out of Work List is critical to getting you back to work once a job has ended. It is a list of apprentices and journeymen who are currently waiting to be dispatched to a job. Here are a few refreshers about the Out of Work List:

- People are dispatched to jobs in the order of the list. Placement on the list is first come, first served. So don't wait too long after getting laid off to put yourself on the list.
- You can put yourself on the list by either calling Dispatch at (206) 441-9386 ext 1172, or by using the Out of Work List link on www.opcmialocal528.org. If Dispatch is not available, be sure to leave a message.
- You will need to provide your full name, a phone number where you can be reached, and whether you are an Apprentice Cement Mason or an Apprentice Plasterer.
- In order to keep your name on the list, you must check in with Dispatch every nine days. We recommend calling once a week – it's easier to remember.
- You can continue to solicit work from Signatory Contractors and Sub-Contractors while you're on the Out of Work List.

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Local Matters

by John Kearns
 Business Manager
 OPCMIA Local 528



We are in the final design phase on our new building and expect permits soon. Once we have the permits, we can begin the process of selecting our General Contractor. Go by and take a look at the "before" structure! 6362 6th Ave S, Seattle. Witness history in the making for Local 528. Never before have we owned our own Union Hall.



Plasterers Tips

by Matt Markham
 Plasterers Education Director

Hello all. I want to remind all you plasterer apprentices to get your progress reports in on time. If you get laid off, please give me a call after you get on the out of work list. The more shops you work with, the better tradesperson you will become. I want all of our members to enjoy the holidays. Remember, whatever you do, do it well and do it with class. To all the journeymen, thanks for the work you're doing with the apprentices. They are our future.

Congratulations to our Trainer/Mentor & Apprentices of the Year 2011!

Alexander Reinke, Trainer/Mentor
Benjamin Lewis
First Year Apprentice
Seth Beatty
Second Year Apprentice
Steve Scharff
Third Year Apprentice

Out of Work List (continued from first page)

- Be sure to call Dispatch if you get a job. **THIS IS A REQUIREMENT EVEN IF THE JOB IS ONLY FOR ONE DAY.**
 - You must have your name on the Out of Work List while claiming unemployment.
- For more complete instructions about the Out of Work list, call the Office at (206) 762-9286 and we can send you a copy of our Dispatch FAQs.

Apprentice Winter Classes

CEMENT MASONS

PLASTERERS

1st Year	Jan 7-18	1st Year	Dec 3-5, 7
2nd Year	Jan 21-Feb 1	2-3 Years	Jan 14-17
3rd Year	Feb 18-Mar 1	Makeup	Feb 11-14

Check Out the Cement Masons Classroom in Concrete Decor Magazine

This article by Clark Branum features a photograph of the classroom floor polished by Frank Benish and Clark Branum: <http://www.concretedecor.net/decorativeconcretearticles/vol-12-no-5-july-2012/important-measurements-for-ground-and-polished-concrete/>



Seth Beatty Attends ANEW Apprenticeship Academy

Apprentice Seth Beatty was selected to represent the Cement Masons & Plasterers at ANEW's first annual Apprenticeship Academy. The Apprenticeship Academy provides an opportunity for apprentices to meet fellow emerging leaders from other trades, form professional networks, and bring creative ideas and solutions to our community.

Seth enjoyed the opportunity to meet apprentices from other trades, and to work in teams on projects to help current and future apprentices. As a final project, the Academy participants will appear before the State Labor Council to request funding for future programs to benefit apprentices. Seth created a poster about apprenticeship that will be part of the presentation.

Seth's biggest takeaway from the Academy is the realization that apprenticeship is just the first step in a career that can stretch far beyond journeying out. It was an eye opener for Seth that "a lot of the Labor Council started in the Trades." He feels that it is important for apprentices to "get involved in the Union and with the Apprenticeship. Getting active helps you achieve your goals." Seth hopes to become a member of a panel that is an outgrowth of the Academy and will assist with the planning of future academies.

