

December Meeting

Our December meetings have traditionally been reserved for a social gathering with members and spouses. It was nice to see some of the members and spouses that we haven't seen for a while. This year was another nice evening. Food and beverages were pot luck and good fellowship was shared by all. Conversations included projects that we have completed throughout 2007 and the new projects that we intend to tackle in the year to come. We also shared many of our own personal project successes and failures and other hilarious highlights of the year. There were numerous door prizes were given out this month by our game-show host Tom Homan. Apparently he was feeling generous due to the Christmas spirit. Almost everyone at the table in the back right hand corner of this photo received a door prize while those of us seated at the table on the left were mostly spectators to the door prizes. We still



Haven't figured out how the guys in the back did it. The following members were lucky winners of some pretty nice door prizes. John Wilson, John Kenning, Ed Och, Cy Valerius, Brad Knowles, Cindy Johnson and Scott Randall.

December is the month in which officer elections occur. The results of this years elections can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

Show and Tell

Remember to bring in your projects for the rest of us to see. All work, weather it's completed or in progress, will inspire the rest of us. I started a mirror frame yesterday and will bring the frame and the photo that inspired the project to Wednesday's meeting.

CMWA Patches

There are still CMWA patches available for those who would like them. The patches will be sold during the Wood Expo next month so if you want one, it would be a good time to purchase it (\$5) before they are sold out.

It's that time of year again

CMWA Membership Dues are now due for the upcoming year. Dues are \$25.00. Please see that your membership is current as soon as possible. Newsletters will be discontinued to those individuals whose memberships have lapsed.

Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Tom Homan is collecting pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please Collect your pop tabs and bring them to a future meeting.

Thank You to All

We wanted to say thank you to all that have helped in so many ways throughout the year. From Officers, to Student outreach teachers, program presenters, Wood Expo volunteers, and many others. It is only with your efforts that we are able to make this organization a success. Thank you very much!

Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 16th at the Sauk Rapids/Rice Middle School Wood shop.

Central Minnesota Woodworker's Association

The CMWA is a group of men and women from around the St. Cloud Minnesota area who share a common interest in the art and business of woodworking. We meet monthly in Sauk Rapids and share information, techniques and topics of interest in the area of woodworking.

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Next Meeting: Jan. 16th at 7:00 PM at **Sauk Rapids**
 – **Rice Middle School** Map page 4.

Board Meeting: Jan. 16th at 6:00 PM at Coborn's in
 Sauk Rapids.

Student Outreach Program

The CMWA, in partnership with the Sauk Rapids Community Education Program, teaches a group of young woodworkers each Spring and Fall. The goal is to teach basic woodworking skills to youth and initiate interest and insight into woodworking.

Student Outreach Chairman John Wilson reports that the four evening Fall Student Outreach Program has now finished. Each student completed a shoebox sized Treasure Box with brass hardware. Some of the basic skills that the students experienced included: gluing and clamping, driving and setting nails, putty or filler application, surface preparation, staining and finishing and hardware installation.

The students were very pleased with their boxes and they personalized each box by burning their names in the top of them.

Our next student outreach program is scheduled for April of this year. We are always looking for volunteers. Please contact one of the officers listed above if you are interested.

A special thanks to club member John Kirchoff for donating his cabinet shop as well as his services re-sawing the Basswood used in making the 14 students Treasure Boxes.

Also, many thanks to club members Bob Burnett, Alan Mendel, Fred Haack, Brad Knowles, Tom Homan, Dave Schwanke, Alex Neusendorfer, John Caye and Scott Randall for their time and talent in making this essential semi-annual program a great success.



WOOD EXPO

Mark your Calendars!

The CMWA has assembled what promises to be a very exciting event for woodworkers in the St. Cloud area. The EXPO will be held on Saturday, February 23rd at the St. Cloud National Guard armory.

The following retailers will be presenting their products and services at their respective booths:

Woodcraft
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Other vendors such as wood sales, crafts, artisans, millwork, antiques, tools, etc.. are being added to the show over the next month.

Woodworking demonstrations will be giving on the hour every hour. Turning, Carving, Laser Engraving, Rust Removal by Electrolysis, Plane Craft and Scroll Saw Intarsia are some of the demos already on the schedule.

Door prizes will be given out on the hour there will also be a show GRAND PRIZE. It will be announced in next months newsletter.

Food and beverages will be served by the Boy Scouts of America.

Brad Knowles, the EXPO chairman, reports that the event will be advertised on our website, in the St. Cloud Times, in other clubs newsletters, through show mailings, a billboard, and possibly radio. Please pass the word about the show. It sounds like it's going to be a good one.

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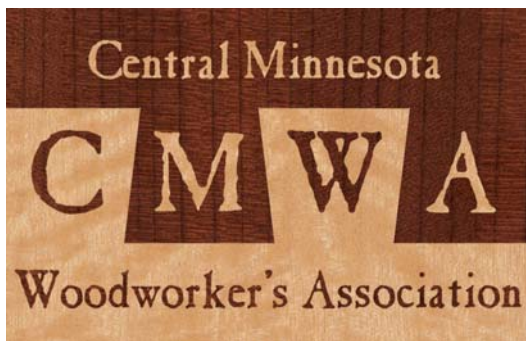
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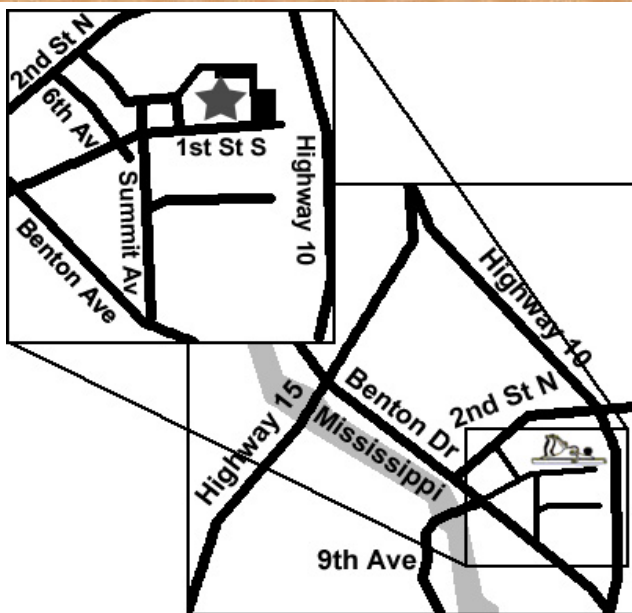
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