



Newsletter

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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 and share information, techniques and topics of interest in the area of woodworking.

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Greetings from the CMWA President's Chair. By John Wilson

First let me apologize for not writing this letter in January when it was due. It's taken me this long to get my bearings, and take my first few steps in my new role as president. It would certainly be helpful if I had another eight hours in each day to meet all of my present commitments, until then I'll just have to wing it. It's now quite apparent to me that I've had, and still have, a few too many plates spinning on sticks in my life. It was inevitable that a plate or two would hit the floor. I'm not in over my head, just well over my nose. First I'd like to begin my Presidency on the right foot by thanking those board members who've offered to extend their stay well into the 2012 year, and continue their support of this club, until new members step forward to take over their various roles. That includes, Brad Knowles, Tom Harlander, Kurt Zniwski, Albert Keppers, Cy Valerius, and Darren McKeever, all long time members and seasoned veterans of this club. I'd like to offer special thanks to our Wood Expo Chairman Brad Knowles, our 2012 Vice President, Denny Myers and all of the committee members who are working diligently to make this year's Wood Expo a huge success, as I'm sure it will be. It's because of their efforts that this club will continue to thrive, grow, and continue to nurture the minds and expand the skills of the CMWA and all who love woodworking.



As your new President, I've been busy participating in Brad & Denny's Wood Expo Committee Meetings, lining up speaker topics for upcoming CMWA meetings, preparing a Five Year Plan for the club under the leadership of our Vice-President, Denny Myers, and working hand-in-hand with Melissa Gohmann of the Paramount Arts District to secure a permanent, and compatible, meeting place for our club to grow into, not to mention the day-to-day activities this position involves.

I've got positive news regarding the Paramount Arts District CMWA Meeting Space, which our club is working hard to secure, but I'm going to save that for a future Newsletter when things are a bit more solidified. Meanwhile I hope you're all enjoying your winter, enjoying vacations in warmer climates and making time for yourself in the shop. My shop is getting a good cleaning this month in preparation for the ductwork that will complete my dust collection system (now five years in the making). Boy how time flies when you're having fun!

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