



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

Well, the Wood Expo is behind us, and we can all relax a little and think about spring.

First I'd like to announce the winner of our Grand Prize, the Grizzly Bench Top Spindle Sander. The winner was Trevor Hoheisel, 912 2nd Ave N, Sauk Rapids MN.

The winner of the Fine Woodworking Archive DVD was Dori Demark, 3346 W. Saint Germain, Saint Cloud MN. Congratulations to the both of you.

I'd like to offer a special thanks to our Wood Expo Co-Chairs, Brad Knowles, and Denny Myers for all of their hard work making our Expo the great success it was. They did a wonderful job, and it showed in the resultant show. I'd also like to personally thank each and every one of you who attended the many committee meetings and dedicated so much of your time to support Brad and Denny in their endeavor. Also, I'd like to thank those who helped to work at the show to aid and assist the vendors at the show. My thanks as well to those who presented at the show, as well as those who donated their unique hand crafted items as door prizes.

Speaking of spring, I can't remember a winter quite this warm, and with its early departure, we're all enjoying one of the earliest arrivals of spring on record. I've decided to take advantage of its early arrival and begin cleaning my shop. When my shop is cluttered, my mind feels cluttered, so it's time to raise the overhead door, start up the air compressor, dawn my dust mask and goggles, and blow all of the dust from the nooks and crannies throughout my shop. Then I can focus once again.

Start your engines everyone! It looks like our club has finally found a permanent home. On March 27th I was notified that the Paramount Arts District has just approved our request for a dedicated meeting space in the lower level of their building. We've been asked to share this space with the Mid-Minnesota Association of Woodturners (MMAW). We'll also be working in concert with the MMAW, under the direction of their President Bill Baker, to make this happen. Melissa Gohmann, Director of the Paramount Arts District, said they'd like to see our two clubs get started with remodeling by early June if at all possible. With the help of the Paramount Arts District, our Vice President, Denny Myers, MMAW President Bill Baker, and a construction consultant or two, we'll soon begin developing plans, as well as a timeline, and a budget to reconfigure and finish this portion of the Paramount's basement area adjacent to the old boiler room. We've got some serious planning to do, demolition to take care of, a few walls to build, a storage room to relocate, a door or two to create for easier access and a dropped ceiling to cover the existing plumbing, electrical conduits, ductwork, etc. We'll also be relocating some storage space for the Paramount as well as building some secured storage for the use of our two clubs. Oh yea, and we'll want to make a couple of work benches for presentations. Anyone willing to help can contact me at 320 253-3432 or Denny Myers at 360-0784, or Bill Baker at 685-3492.



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