



Newsletter

May 2012

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 I'd like to thank our April speaker, Rolland Johnson, for the great presentation he delivered at our April 18th CMWA meeting on the subject of Band Saw Tune-ups. His knowledge on the subject of Band Saw Tune-ups was quite evident, as well as impressive, as he shared his wisdom on the subject. Rolland has also published a book on the subject, Complete Illustrated Guide to Band Saws, available at Taunton Press, Amazon.com or Barnes & Noble Book Stores. Thanks for your contribution to the club Rolland.

Second I'd like to mention the subject of our next meeting on Wednesday, May 16th held in the lower level of the Paramount Theatre and Visual Arts Center as usual. May's topic will be Repairing Furniture, with Bob Flexner, an 85 minute video, in which you'll learn how to: Safely disassemble furniture, Repair and build out joints, Make special clamping jigs, Repair veneer, Work with hide glue, and Repair Broken parts.

I am pleased to announce that our club is about to join hands with the Mid-Minnesota Association of Woodturners (MMAW), in a large undertaking to renovate approximately fifteen hundred square feet of space in the lower level of the Paramount Theatre and Visual Arts Center, just a few steps from where we presently meet. Currently we meet in one of two rooms made available for our use from month to month courtesy of the Paramount Theatre and Visual Arts Center, but it's only temporary. Our new space will be dedicated to the use of our CMWA and MMAW. As part of this renovation we'll be removing a few walls, relocating some present storage space, adding a drop ceiling, upgrading the present wall finishes. We'll also be adding a bit of paint to make it feel more like home, and adding improved lighting as well as more compatible electric wiring. We'll also be adding a doorway to create a more convenient access to the area. Immediately following the completion of the renovation, we'll be adding work benches, secured tool storage, and storage for our growing library. When the time is right, we'll also be adding dust collection, followed by power tools as fast quickly as we acquire them. This week selected representatives from our two clubs' will be meeting with Paramount officials as well as the Saint Cloud HRA which owns this space. Together we'll be laying the groundwork for this project, and within a few weeks we'll be appealing to our members to step forward to lend a hand with the various tasks associated with each phase of this project. I have every confidence in our club that we can each contribute in one or more ways to this endeavor, and together we'll create a warm, comfortable, and permanent meeting space for our two clubs. Please consider volunteering when called upon to aid in this important project. We'll soon be sending out an email regarding this project.



Anyone willing to help can contact me at 320 253-3432 or Denny Myers at 320 360-0784, or Bill Baker at 320 685-3492

Your CMWA President,

John Wilson

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