



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 the late change regarding September's meeting topic. I always strive to notify our members as soon as we've established the upcoming month's topic, but in September's instance I made a last minute change when it was pointed out to me that the topic I had selected, "Traditional Design" with George Walker, was previously shown just 18 months earlier by our past president, Brad Knowles. I made an executive decision and opted to show another video I had waiting in the wings, "Essential Woodworking Techniques" with George VonDriska. As it turns out, those attending the meeting enjoyed the presentation. It covered case making for cabinets and furniture. Unfortunately, we had to wrap things up by 9:00 pm, as we've always agreed to, and ran out of time to show George's lengthy video in its entirety, so in all fairness we're going to be showing the remaining 55 minutes of George's video at the start of October's meeting. The remaining chapters we'll see are Rail and Stile Doors, Mounting Doors, adding Crown Molding, and even a few tips on Finishing. The remaining half hour of our meeting will consist of a working demonstration of the Work Sharp Sharpening System that Work Sharp so generously donated to our club last month. We'll see a short five minute video introducing it first, and then see a hands-on demonstration of its broad sharpening capabilities.



November's CMWA club meeting will consist of a viewing of "Refinishing Furniture Made Simple" by Jeff Jewitt. Jeff is an excellent presenter, and his videos are always fast moving, up to date, and very informative. If time permits, we'll also be offering a hands-on demonstration of the Drill Doctor Sharpening System that was recently donated to our club by Work Sharp. It will become a permanent part of our woodshop when we get that far.

Speaking of club woodshop, by now our membership, as well as the membership of the MMAW, should have received a pledge letter in the mail urging members to be as generous as they can, by making a pledge towards our new woodshop within the Paramount Visual Arts Center. We'd like to get started on this project this winter, and the funding is an important and integral part of this endeavor. For those who make pledges, please try to have them mailed in by no later than the first week of October. This would give us enough time to tally the pledges and report the sum to the members at our next meeting.

Now that I've finished this letter I can go outside, take a nice long walk down the nearby country road and enjoy all the beauty that fall has to offer before the weather turns cold and I begin hibernation in the woodshop for the winter.

Your CMWA President,

John Wilson

October's CMWA Meeting will be a continuation of George VonDriska's DVD titled "Essential Woodworking Techniques". Join us on Wednesday, October 17th at 7pm at the Paramount, St. Cloud.



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