



Newsletter

December 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

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! This is the time of year in which we should step back for a moment and reflect on all of the blessings in our lives that we are thankful for, family, friends, our freedom, good neighbors, and community. It's also that time of year in which we get caught up in all of the hustle and bustle of the oncoming Christmas holiday season. I'd like to urge each and every one of you to be sure to share your blessings of time, talent and treasure with those around you less fortunate.

December is also that time of year in which we set aside our usual club meeting format and instead celebrate the holiday season with our annual CMWA pot-luck dinner. Please be aware that the celebration starts a little earlier, at 6:00 pm, instead of the usual time, but is still held at our usual meeting space at the Paramount Theatre and Visual Arts Center lower level. For those of you who can make it, please plan on bringing a dish to share with everyone. The club will provide the necessary paper and plastic ware as well as refreshments. Start planning now for what you'll be bringing.

Looking ahead just a bit, January's CMWA club meeting, if our incoming president, Denny Myers, approves, will consist of a viewing of "Kitchen Cabinets Make Simple" by Gregory Paolini. This is a great video to watch if you're thinking about making your own kitchen, bathroom, laundry, or workshop cabinets. It covers all the basics you'll need to know. If time permits, we'll once again try to fit in 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 once the shop is finished.

Regarding our future Paramount woodshop, the Paramount Theatre and Visual Arts Center has agreed to set up the necessary 501(c)3 holding fund for those of us who would like to make that tax deductible pledge toward the workshop construction. Once we get the necessary details of the agreement out of the way the Paramount can (Continued...)



December's CMWA Meeting will consist of the Annual CMWA Potluck Dinner. Please join us with your significant other and bring a dish to share on Wednesday, Nov 21st at **6pm** at the Paramount, St. Cloud (an hour earlier than normal meetings).

begin accepting contributions. Having a fire rated access door installed is one of the first steps that will be taken. When that's done we can begin relocating the Paramount's record storage room to a new area followed by the planning and execution of our demolition stage.

Well it's getting late and I need to get started working on Santa's Christmas list before all the store shelves are empty.

Your CMWA President,

John Wilson

Incoming CMWA President's Greetings. By Denny Myers

Holiday and New Year greetings to all. As I am about to assume the responsibilities as CMWA President in January, I thought it would be prudent to introduce myself.

I retired from the military some time ago and three years past from county government. The last ten years of employment was.... However, my goal – finds a building and furnish a woodshop kept me focused. This may be somewhat similar to CMWA's goal.

I took a second job; put in the sweat equity and money with a generous portion of good fortune now have a great shop. Having a shop does not make this character a fine wood worker. In fact describing myself a wood worker might be a stretch when I look at the skills of Rollie, Brad and John. I'm not daunted by this, rather am inspired. Hope my eyes are not bigger than my tummy.

I'm not sure how Shaker furniture piqued my interest but it did as did other areas of woodworking. I tried my hand at carving – am really bad at it but admire the end product of accomplished carvers. I gave wood turning a try: bought a lathe; bought another lathe then another one with the requisite goodies. This venture resulted in several gallery shows and a few sold items. Regardless, I kept returning to Shaker furniture. Strong joinery and the appeal of unadorned but in my opinion an elegant form kept bringing me back to the Shaker style. I have the carcass of a Shaker side table on the bench and hope to see something come from it soon.

As you may know, our club is approaching some interesting challenges, none of which I will discuss now. I do encourage you to attend our January open meeting to give voice to our common goals.



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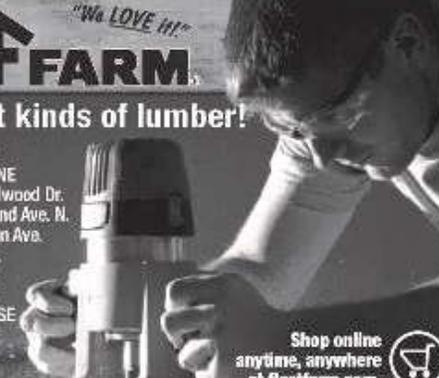
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