



Newsletter

March 2013

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 Denny Myers

I've enjoyed the last several snow storms we've had. Hope you did as well. Reminds me of the years I lived in a small cabin northeast of Ely. Hope everyone was safe.

Our February meeting was well attended and sharpening with the Tormek sharpening system and hand sharpening with Japanese water stones raised lots of questions and some hands-on after the demonstration. My thanks to Brad for once again stepping up. After getting over some nervousness I really enjoy doing the demonstrations. If you haven't done one, just jump right in and have fun.

A reminder, the Paramount Art Crawl is March 15th, 4pm to 9 pm. Barring bad weather, Bill Sampson will be presenting Scroll Saw/fret work. We still need a couple of people to help Bill set up, take down and represent the club. I will be there with camera in hand to record this fun event and provide some photos for our web-site. Just a reminder, CMWA's participation at the Art Crawls is our obligation to the Paramount Visual Arts Center. Please don't let the club down.

During the February meeting I mentioned the Paramount is presenting an "Art in Nature" summer camp for 2013 and asked that CMWA to participate. Melissa doesn't have all the information for us – soon! If you have some interesting yet simple bird house plans, please bring them to the club meeting.

I met with Melissa on March 4th to review the photo lab project. As soon as she receives approval from her Board we can get to work. The conversion of the photo lab will require moving two switches, a thermostat and removal of a dark-room light. The Paramount will be responsible for this. We will need to remove a wall which will open the area considerably. There are three photo lab work stations Melissa indicated she wanted to keep for stained glass storage. I suggested constructing drawers and cabinets as a more efficient solution. I should have more information soon. This space would be shared with the MMAW. We now have approval to bring our other work benches. I'll reach out for help with that. Lots of good things will come from having this storage space. It is not a shop but will go a long way to help the club with monthly demonstrations, safe storage for tools and supplies and our library.

I did get some feedback about the club information I shared during our last meeting and was informed that I need to slow down. Jeez! Ok!

On a personal note, I am making some progress on spray application of finishes with the help of our more experienced wood workers. I do well hand applying a finish but not so much with a spray system. This sharing information and skills is an important aspect of membership in the CMWA. Ask questions.

The Wood Expo on March 30th is coming rapidly. We need items for our show table in the lobby of the Armory. All three clubs will showcase their crafts.

Our next meeting will be John demonstrating "Tuning up your Chisels and Plane Blades" with the Work Sharp system and Rollie demonstrating the same with sandpaper. Hope to see you there.

Denny Myers

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