

Newsletter

May 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

Most of the snow is gone around the shop and the ice is out on the river. Not that I'm complaining but with the nice weather the list of spring/summer projects becomes a priority (for some) and seems longer than last year. Those projects just don't generate much sawdust or shavings.

I hope you enjoyed Rollie's demo on plane rebuilds and were able to take some new information back to your shop. I did! Thanks Rollie. I started work tuning up my Bailey's No.6. It's not a collector plane but solid and without debilitating defects. After using the tune-up techniques Rollie demonstrated, I found the darn thing works pretty well. Lots better than it did before. My next project was the Bailey's No. 4 ½. It is in fair shape except for the blade which was beyond bad. No wonder I had so much trouble with it. If you are like me and have a difficult time remembering things, there is an excellent article in Fine Wood Working Magazine "Tools & Shops" Winter 2010/11 No. 216 by Rollie titled "Make a Bargain-Basement Plane Perform Like Royalty". This is an excellent guide.

Several of us attended the 13th annual Northern Woods Exhibition of Fine Woodworking at the Eden Prairie Center hosted by the Minnesota Woodworkers Guild. WOW! There was some very nice work on display. I will have the Guild's exhibition magazine and a slide show on my lap top for our May meeting. If you didn't have an opportunity to attend this event, be sure to put it on your To-Do list for next year.

I'm always looking for something I haven't done before in wood working (pretty much everything) and of course if it involves more tools, so much the better. Thought I'd try a bit of carving. Trust me on this, the carving tools you find at a big box store are and always be blunt instruments. There are some really nice carving tools around. One of our vendor's at the Wood Expo was able to steer me in the right direction. I now own a good starter set of carving tools. Notice I said own and not operate. Our club has some multi-talented members if you are interested in embellishing your wood working projects and of course there is the Wood Carver's club with lots of information for the novice and experienced wood worker as well. I just recently attended an introduction to chip carving class with hopes that I may be able to add a few things to a quilt rack for my youngest daughter. Hmmm! May need to practice a bit. (Continued...)

We are about to be the grateful recipient of a book case for our library. Eddy was able to work out a deal and fix-up a book case for us. Thank you Eddy. If I recall correctly, this book case will be available for stocking at the May meeting.

Our May meeting demo will show cases Rollie's skills once again with "Roughing and Dimensioning a Board with a Hand Plane". Hope you are ready to learn or fine tune your techniques.

Don't forget "Show n Tell". Bring a completed, almost completed project, jig or tool you would like to share with the membership.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next club meeting on May 15th.

Denny Myers

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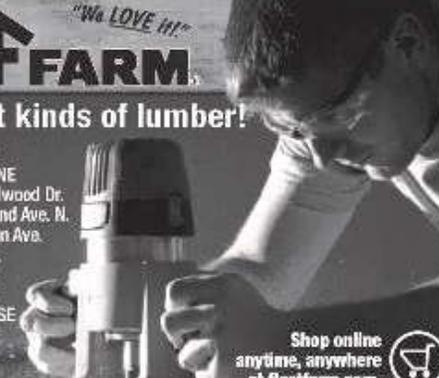
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