



# Monthly Messenger

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## President's Message

This will be my last President's message. It has been exciting to see the growth of our organization, and I am leaving with some regret. I have been surprised at the amount of planning it takes to come up with an exciting program each month. I apologize for the months the program has been less than exciting, and I thank those of you that have put on some incredible programs this year as well.

Our outreach program this year was very successful. My thanks to all of you who helped out, and especially to Rollie Johnson for his leadership in this endeavor. Thanks to Tom Homan and Alex Neussendorfer for volunteering to chair a session of our outreach programs for next year. I am sure that most of us will be willing to help out with this important and fulfilling program.

I have come to realize that each member has their own reasons for belonging...perhaps it's just the fun of meeting each month with others with the same love of woodworking, or the ability to call someone who can help if they have a particular question about woodworking. Whatever the reason, each of us contributes something special to this group.

Please join me in thanking Marty Mahwold, Ted Stevens, and Alex Neussendorfer for their contributions to the CMWA these past few years even though they will not be continuing as board members, and officers.

Thanks to Bob Burnet and Rick Schroeder for volunteering to keep the pop and cookies filled each meeting this year.

Be sure to join us in December for our election of officers and our second annual holiday social. See you there!

John Caye

## Resource Guide

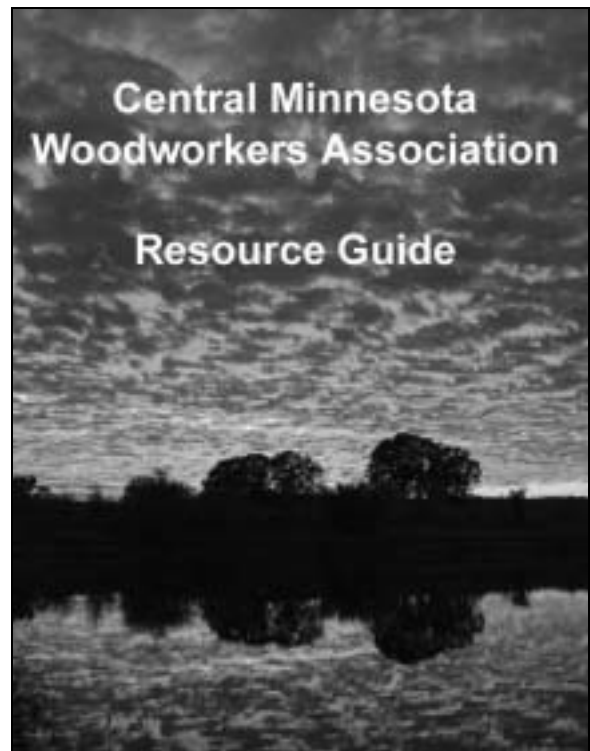
The long-awaited CMWA Resource Guide is available in hardcopy for all CMWA members. The Resource Guide has two main parts, a list of suppliers serving the woodworking community and a list of present and past members of the CMWA.

The list of suppliers is available on the CMWA web site: [www.thecmwa.com](http://www.thecmwa.com). Just click the link on the bottom of the home page and type in this username & password:

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Any additions to the list of suppliers or corrections to the member list can be either mailed to the CMWA PO Box or emailed to [newsletter@thecmwa.com](mailto:newsletter@thecmwa.com).



## November 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 CMWA	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

**Next Meeting:** December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Mississippi Heights Middle School

**Board Meeting:** Dec 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM at Coborn's in SR

### November Meeting

Holiday Get Together

### Future Meetings

Meetings to be announced early next year.

### Mississippi Heights Middle School



### Wood Dust Linked to Cancer

The federal government's list of compounds either "known" or "reasonably anticipated" to cause cancer in humans was updated in December of 2002, and now officially includes wood dust as a known human carcinogen.

The study shows that as a general rule hardwoods are more hazardous to human health than softwoods, but OSHA says there are exceptions-in particular Western red cedar, a softwood, is identified of one of the most hazardous to human health.

We all should take precautions when sanding and cutting wood in our shops. We need to pay particular attention to safety measures such as wearing a mask, keeping our work areas clean, collecting as much dust as possible at the source, etc.

The OSHA web site has links to safety and health guidelines, a wood dust exposure standard, lists of hazards and precautions, and a list of toxic woods at: <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/wooddust/index.html>.

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## **2004 Slate of Officers Nominated**

Can you believe another year has passed and it is again time to elect new officers for the new year?

This years proposed slate of officers is:

Ron McKeever, President  
Roland Johnson, Vice President  
Dan Ibergm, Treasurer  
Jon Wilson, Secretary

Cindy Johnson, Darren McKeever and Scott Schroeder, Board of directors

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## **December meeting to Feature Holiday Party!**



We hope to see all of you at our December meeting for a great opportunity to visit with fellow woodworkers, have some nice holiday treats, and see projects on display.

Please bring a treat for others to enjoy as well as examples of some of your favorite woodworking projects.



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