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Fellow Woodworkers – Cindy Faye Johnson, Board Member

By Ron McKeever



Like other CMWA members profiled in previous newsletters, Cindy Faye Johnson developed her interest in woodworking from her father. Cindy's father, a taconite mine employee, had a shop in the garage where he would build beautiful kitchen cabinets in the evenings and on weekends. It was primarily Cindy's brothers who got the "privilege" of helping Dad after school, but Cindy developed an interest when she would occasionally be recruited to sand and varnish cabinet doors. The shop was heated by an old barrel stove and one of Cindy's jobs, besides sweeping the floor and stacking wood was to keep the stove going. Cindy learned a lot from watching her father and older brothers.

In high school wood shop class Cindy built a deacon's bench—from planing the rough stock to applying the varnish—it was a labor of love.

Cindy grew up with three brothers and one sister in Silver Bay, Minnesota. After graduating from St. Cloud State University with a degree in Mass Communications—Specialty in Photojournalism—Cindy worked briefly in Minneapolis at an audio visual production studio before moving back to St. Cloud. Cindy has been a Financial Advisor for Piper Jaffray for 23 years. With her busy job it is difficult to find the time for woodworking or quilt making, Cindy's other passion. Cindy and her husband, Tom Moore (also a member of CMWA) spend as much time as they can at their island cabin on Lake Vermilion, where they have completed a few small woodworking projects.

It wasn't until approximately 10 years ago that Cindy began collecting tools and forging a rough workshop in the basement of her St. Cloud home. Her long-term goal is to have a "real workshop" in a separate building with plenty of room and plenty of sunlight!

February CMWA Meeting Recap

Sauk Rapids Middle School February 18, 2004 at 7PM
Recap taken from secretary's meeting minutes

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Member items Displayed:** March's Meeting highlighted a raised panel toy box by Marc Hackett, and a set of three lathe-turned vases by Dick Beumer. Nice work guys. Members please continue to bring in samples of your handy-work. If pieces are too large to bring in, photos would be a great alternative. I'm sure we've all got a few things we're proud of.
- **Items for Sale:** Dick Beumer has a nice 12" CMT Miter Saw Blade for sale.
- **Speakers:** Our March speaker was Dave Blenkush. Dave gave a great demonstration on creating Mortise and Tenon Joints. His demonstration was both informative and easy to follow. Dave did a fantastic job of once again educating the group, and brought in ten great samples of his handy work, as well as creating a mortise and Tenon joint by hand in the group's presence. His handy work shows a lot of experience. Dave also brought in a Power Mortising Machine to show and a Table Saw accessory for making tenons. **Thanks, Dave** for your great contribution to the CMWA.
- **Monthly Door Prize:** March's Door Prize was won by member Gredo Goldenstein. Congratulations, Gredo!

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday February 18th, 7 PM AT
MISSISSIPPI HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Next Meeting: April 21st at 7:00 PM at Mississippi Heights Middle School

Board Meeting: April 21st at 6:00 PM at Coborn's in SR

April Meeting

CMWA will host member John Caye. John will speak on jigs and their usefulness in the shop. Members are encouraged to bring a shop jig to the meeting.

Northern Woods Exhibition

The MN Woodworkers Guild invites you to enter the 24th annual exhibition at Southdale Center in Edina, MN, April 29 – May 2, 2004. For more information please visit www.minnesotawoodworkersguild.com. Cash prizes and gift certificates awarded in thirteen categories. Entry forms due March 16th. For an entry form, go online or contact cpitschka@mn.rr.com.

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Projects on Display



Dick Beumer created these "inside outside" lathe turnings by turning both the inside of the project, cutting the project in quadrants, gluing it together, then turning the outside.



Marc Hackett created this raised panel toy box for his living room. Marc made the box from cherry and was able to get the beautiful finish by using wiping stain, water based polyurethane and Johnson's floor wax.

Mortise and Tenon

by Darren McKeever

Our March meeting featured a mortise and tenon demonstration by Dave Blankush. Dave educated the group on the various types of mortise and tenons and demonstrated making them by hand.

The CMWA would like to give a big Thank You to Dave.



Dave explains the differences between the types of mortise and tenons and their uses.



Photo A: Tenon



Photo B: Mortise

Dave first lays out his tenon and cuts it to size as seen in Photo A. He then uses a chisel to form the mortise (Photo B). Once the majority of the work is complete, the fitting process begins.

The process of creating the mortise and tenon is fairly straight forward, however, getting them to fit together perfectly takes patience and practice.

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