



Monthly Messenger

Central Minnesota Woodworker's Association

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Fellow Woodworkers

Darren McKeever, Board Member
By Ron McKeever

This month I will highlight board member Darren McKeever. I didn't have to set up a special meeting with this woodworker, because as some of you might know, Darren is my son. I recruited him shortly after the club started, and I would like to thank him for his significant contributions. As editor of the newsletter combined with his hobby of photography, he has added interest and variety to the newsletter.



Darren grew up on the Mississippi south of Rice, attended St. John's University, and is currently working as a business analyst for ING. He lives in Sauk Rapids with his wife, Sara, and they are expecting their first child in August. His life is about to drastically change!

Darren has been interested in woodworking since his early years. I taught him everything I knew, and he kept on learning. He learned many more tricks of the trade when he worked at Ron's Cabinets during the summer after high school. With a workshop in his garage, Darren has completed many projects in the last couple of years. He is currently building a computer desk. The desk will be big enough to house both his and Sara's computers. We will encourage him to show us pictures when he is finished.



The panty Darren created for the kitchen.

May CMWA Meeting Recap

Sauk Rapids Middle School May 19, 2004 at 7PM
Recap taken from secretary's meeting minutes

- **HDL Tour:** Our tour was hosted by HDL owner Ervin Sauer, and was guided by Bob Spicer and Joe Wolf. Bob and Joe demonstrated their knowledge of woodworking hardware and gave an informative tour of their newly expanded facility located in the Sauk Rapids industrial park. The CMWA would like to thank Bob and Joe for their hospitality.
- **Items for Sale:**
 - Dick Beumer has a nice 12" – 96 tooth CMT Miter Saw Blade for sale.
 - Tom Homan is selling a Stablemate Miter saw stand and asking \$100.00

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday June 16th, 7 PM AT
MISSISSIPPI HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Newsletter via Email

With email becoming a very popular way to communicate, the CMWA will be setting up an email distribution list that will allow members to be reminded of the upcoming meetings. The email will also inform members when the newsletter is available for online viewing.

To sign up for email notifications, send an email to newsletter@thecmwa.com with your name and a message letting us know that you would like email updates. If you do not wish to receive the newsletter in the US Mail each month, please let us know as well.

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

Next Meeting: June 16th at 7:00 PM at Mississippi Heights Middle School

Board Meeting: June 16th at 6:00 PM at Coborn's in SR

June Meeting

The CMWA will be touring Trimpac. We will be meeting at the Mississippi Heights Middle School as usual and leaving from there. "As Millwork and Hardware specialists we are prepared to meet your every need. Established in 1983, we have developed a reputation in the building industry for providing high quality service at competitive prices." —www.trimpaconline.com

Our Permanent Home

The CMWA board of directors is still looking for a permanent home for meetings. With the renovation of the Mississippi Heights Middle School, we will need to find a new location to hold meetings. If you know of a suitable location, please contact any board member or Ron McKeever.

Thank you.

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Woodworker's Hardware by Darren McKeever

The CMWA toured Hardware Distributors Limited (HDL) / Woodworker's Hardware in Sauk Rapids. HDL is a wholesale hardware supplier to the cabinet manufacturing industry in the central United States. Woodworker's Hardware is a retail hardware supplier providing products to customers across the US via national marketing, catalog sales and the internet. Together, HDL and Woodworker's Hardware have approximately 80 employees in 3 locations and supply over 8000 products. Blum is one of their main vendors.

They will allow many of their products to be ordered in partial cases, a benefit many of their competitors do not offer. This means they must repackage many of their products to meet their customers' needs.

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



The lower level of the two-tier picking area.



They maintain an inventory of the vast majority of all the products they offer, ready to ship immediately.



Shipments ready to be delivered in the morning.



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Mississippi Heights Middle School



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at Mississippi Heights Middle School

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