



# Monthly Messenger

Central Minnesota Woodworker's Association

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## CMWA Outreach Program

The dates have been set for the winter outreach program. The program consists of 4 Tuesdays, **February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>**. (Notice there is no class on March 7<sup>th</sup>.) Please consider donating your time to this four evening program. It's a small price to pay for what you'll get out of helping a child. Please contact John Kirchoff at the next meeting.

## Apron Making Class

Cindy Johnson tried to make tailors out of a bunch of woodworkers when she hosted a class on how to make an apron. Thank you Cindy for sharing your talents.



CMWA President Dan Iburg irons his apron strap.



Alex Neussendorfer (left) sews his apron strap.

The morning class shows off their brand new aprons.

## CMWA Meeting Recap

Sauk Rapids – Rice Middle School Shop. January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 7PM Recap adapted from secretary's meeting minutes

### Surface Preparation Demonstration

Scott Randall shared his insight into his preferred method for preparing wood surfaces for finishing. His method includes a few extra steps that typical cabinet shops do not take the time to do. The results allow the wood surface to reflect more light resulting in a more brilliant finish.

See **Surface Preparation** page 3

### Want Ads

- **For sale:** Oak lumber, air dried. Contact Duke Stillwell @ 251-4571
- **Free:** 2 Bi-Fold Doors--size 3-0 for a six foot opening pre-finished. Free--just pick up. Call Al Schreifels at 253-2122

### Next Meeting

- Our next meeting will be at Woodcraft Industries, Inc. in east St. Cloud. We will be meeting at 7:00 PM at the Cabinet Door Plant, which is on the Shopko East side of the street

### Annual CMWA Dues

- Membership dues are due by the January 1<sup>st</sup>. Membership is still just \$25.00 per year. Please keep your membership paid up if you'd like to keep our newsletter coming to your mailbox.



## February 2006

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

**Next Meeting:** February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at **Woodcraft Industries, Inc.** Map page 4.

**Board Meeting:** February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Coborn's in Sauk Rapids

### Central Minnesota Woodworker's Assoc.

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 in Sauk Rapids and share information, techniques and topics of interest in the area of woodworking.

### February Meeting

Our next meeting will be at **Woodcraft Industries, Inc.** in east St. Cloud. We will be meeting at 7:00 PM at the Cabinet Door Plant, which is on the Shopko East side of the street (522 Lincoln Ave SE, St. Cloud – See map page 4). We will enter the side door to begin the tour. After the tour at the Cabinet Door Plant, we will cross the street to tour the Component Plant.

We will need safety glasses for the tour, so if possible, please bring a pair of safety glasses with you.

### Central Minnesota Woodworker's Assoc.

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## Surface Preparation

### Demonstration by Scott Randall

Scott Randall gave an informative presentation on Surface Preparation. He demonstrated his preferred method to smooth and finish many of his projects.



First, Scott hand planes the surfaces of his lumber, prior to sawing, using a smoothing plane to remove the compressed surface commonly left by the thickness planing (the process of planing rough lumber to a final thickness).



Which is followed by the use of a card scraper to create a smooth even surface. He then progressively sands his work step-by-step, using consecutive grits of sandpaper, from 120 grit, through 400 grit. Scott recommends raising the wood grain, with a damp cloth, between each sanding. He lets the wood dry before proceeding to the next grit of sand paper, which helps him achieve a very smooth surface.



Secondly, he uses a Veritas #80 cabinet scraper.

To finish his work, Scott first applies a coat of Lacquer, followed by light sanding, and then at least one or more additional coats of Lacquer. Once he has built up the desired lacquer finish, Scott hand rubs the Lacquer finish with a paste he creates with a mixture of Paraffin Oil and Pumice, followed by an additional paste application he creates using Paraffin Oil and Rottenstone. This helps Scott achieve the glass-smooth finish he's after.

Thanks for sharing with us Scott.



A few more steps goes a long way (right).



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