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Hand-applied Finishes

Demonstration by Scott Beattie

Scott Beattie offered a nice presentation on hand-applied finishes. His demonstration showed his preferred method of preparing surfaces prior to application of various finishes, some of which include Bullseye Shellac, Water based polycrylic finish by MinWax and one of his favorite home recipe paste waxes made of carnauba wax and bees wax to give his pieces that warm look.



He prefers a superfine steel wool, recently available from WoodCraft, for hand rubbing some of his finishes, cheesecloth for other applications, and good quality brushes when recommended. Scott stressed the importance of using high quality brushes versus cheap disposable ones. He noted that at times he prefers to use more than one type of finish to complete a piece of fine furniture, such as shellac with a wax finish.

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CMWA Meeting Recap

Sauk Rapids-Rice Middle School on February 21, 2007 at 7PM. Recap adapted from secretary's meeting minutes

Glues

Scott Beattie delivered an informative demonstration on hand-applied finishes.

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CMWA Student Outreach

John Wilson has volunteered to Chair the Spring Student Outreach program, which begins Tuesday, April 6th – 27th for four consecutive Tuesday evenings. Classes are from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. The project, chosen by the Board of Directors, will be a Cedar Bluebird House. Please consider helping John with this event by volunteering. It takes just a total of six hours of your time.

Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Tom Homan is collecting pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please collect your pop tabs and bring them to a future meeting.



Monthly Door Prizes

New member Bill Ruhr was the lucky winner of the monthly door prize, selected door number two to win a Little Wizard Metal Detector as well as a Router Mat Bill you luck dog!

Next Meeting

Our March meeting will be held at **Tom Homan's shop in St. Joseph**. The topic of discussion is routers.

Annual CMWA Dues

Membership dues are due by the January 1st. 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.

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Next Meeting: March. 21st at 7:00 PM at Tom Homan's shop. Map page 4.

Board Meeting: March. 21st at 6:00 PM also at Tom Homan's shop in St. Joseph.

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 March meeting will be held at **Tom Homan's shop** in St. Joseph. The topic of discussion is routers. See the map on page 4 for directions to Tom's place.

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In closing, Scott recommended reading "Understanding Wood Finishing" by Bob Flexner, Rodale Press (\$29.95 at Barnes & Noble) to learn more about finishing, or refinishing, fine furniture with good results.

Surface preparation is an important part of the finishing process. Scott planes many of his projects with his hand plane to get the best finishing results.



Thank you for your presentation Scott. You inspire those of us around you to try our hand at hand-applied finishes that may be new to us.



After planing a piece, Scott will use his scraper to bring the wood to a smooth surface. Using this technique can provide a great starting point for many finishes; no sanding required.

Projects on Display



John Wilson displayed a Red Cedar Peterson Blue Bird house that he built as an example for the upcoming April



Usable lumber doesn't always come from the lumber yard. John Skalla salvages wooden packaging from shipments his company receives. Thank you, Scott, for sharing this great idea.



Alex Neusendorfer showed off a decorative hand carved wall plaque.



Scott Beattie brought in this vintage, hand-crafted wood plane.



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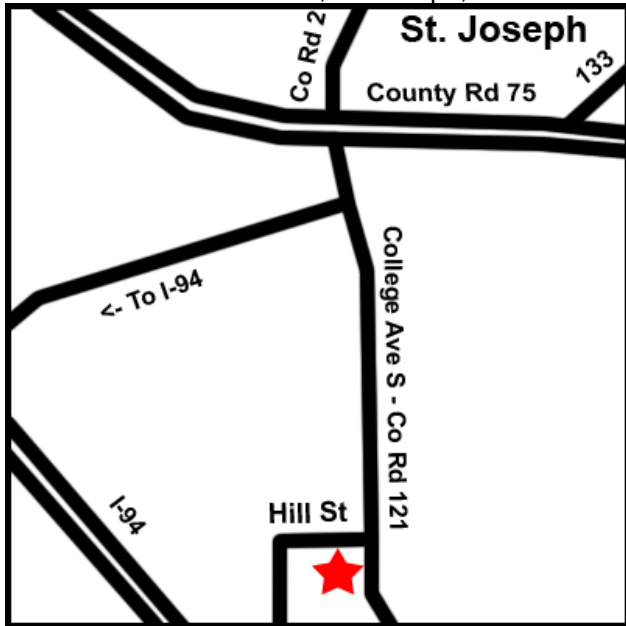


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