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paper towel or a link-free rag. The first coat, a seal coat, has more turpentine (5 parts). Roland floods the work surface until it does not absorb any more finish. He then

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Wiping Finish

Demonstration by Roland Johnson

Roland Johnson provided a detailed demonstration on a custom-created wiping finish that is both durable and easy to apply. He mixes his own finish which gives him the flexibility to control the finish's properties and adjust the consistency for the different steps in the process. Roland's recipe consists of:

10 parts Pratt & Lambert 38 Clear Alkyd Gloss Varnish (Hirshfields)
10 parts 100% Pure Tung Oil (Woodcraft)
2 parts Japan Dryer (Home Depot)
2-5 parts turpentine

While Roland typically likes to spray his projects with lacquer because of the speed of application and durability, certain projects require a hand worked finish. He starts by preparing the wood surface with a combination of hand planes and card scrapers. He then sands the project to 240P and cleans the surface with a tack cloth.

It's important that the finish is applied with a quality



Roland Johnson starts the finishing process by properly preparing the wood's surface.

CMWA Meeting Recap

Sauk Rapids-Rice Middle School on October 17th, 2007 at 7PM. Recap adapted from meeting minutes.

Finishing Demonstration

Roland Johnson delivered an informative demonstration on a custom wipe-on finish.

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CMWA Student Outreach

The CMWA has again agreed to offer the Student Outreach program this late fall to 11 to 15 year old students at the Sauk Rapids/Rice Middle School workshop (our usual meeting place). John Wilson has once again agreed to chair the fall session, and is seeking volunteers to assist him. Classes will be held for four consecutive Tuesdays on November 13th, 20th, 27th, and December 4th, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Please contact John Wilson at 320 253-3432 if you can find the time to help. Even one or two nights can make a big difference.

This seasons project will be a treasure box (about the size of a shoebox), with a hinged cover.

CMWA Wood Expo & Sale

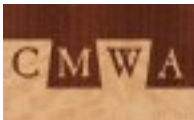
The Central Minnesota Woodworker's Association will once again be holding the annual swap meet, this year renamed the CMWA Wood Expo & Sale. The even will be held on Saturday, February 23rd from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM at the National Guard Armory in St. Cloud. Please contact Brad Knowles at 320-252-8138 if you have any questions regarding the event.

Monthly Door Prizes

Eddy Och won this month's door prize, which consisted of a book, a sanding mat and two tack cloths.

Next Meeting

Our November meeting will be held at Gary Mrozek's shop in St. Cloud and will provide a discussion on wood turning. See map on page 4.



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.

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Next Meeting:

Nov 14th at 7:00PM at Gary Mrozek's Shop

Board Meeting:

Nov 14th at 6:30PM at Gary's Shop

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wipes the excess finish off with a clean rag.

The first application can also be used as a grain-filling coat. Roland floods the surface, like the seal coat, but before wiping off the excess, he sands in the finish to create a slurry of finish and sawdust. He then carefully wipes the excess against the grain.

After 2-3 hours, the finish is dry enough to start another coat. Roland sands the first coat with 400 grit sandpaper and wipes it clean with a tack cloth. He handles the subsequent coats the same way, wiping on full strength finish (2 parts turpentine), allowing the finish to dry and sanding with #0000 steel wool.

After 3-9 coats, depending on how much use the project will get, to really bring out the luster of the finish, Roland likes to apply a light coat of wax. He uses a small amount of Briwax in a rag to put a thin coat of wax over the entire surface. After the wax dries for 15 to 45 minutes, he buffs it out with a rag.



Roland gently rubs the finish smooth with #0000 steel wool between coats.


Projects on Display

John Kenning displayed 2 post office box piggy banks. John purchased a block of 108 post office box fronts and has made about 55 piggy banks.



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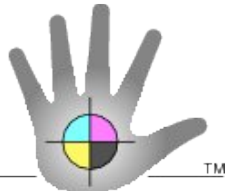
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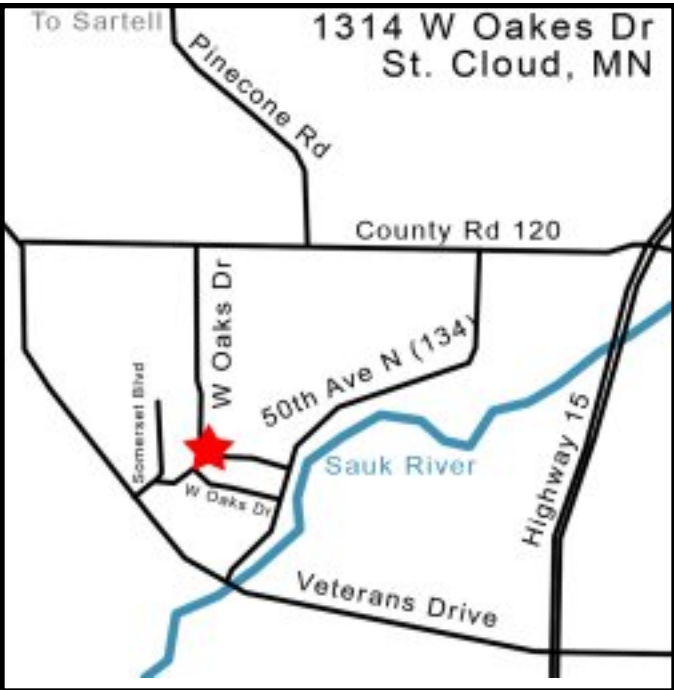


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Note: Next meeting in NW St. Cloud.
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 Wednesday, November 21st at 7:00PM
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