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Sawdust from the Prez...

Chuck Haas, President

I hope everyone is enjoying a great Iowa fall. My wife did her part and made some “great” caramel apples. They are delicious. It’s November 1st and my slate is blank as far as Christmas projects go. I like to, at least,

have the gifts figured out by now. Good ideas would always be welcome.

We have almost three of our “skill building” classes under our belt and they seem to be a great success. Three of the four were full. Phil Huber is teaching all the classes and I’ve been impressed at how well prepared he is and teaches in a very professional manner. We’d like to come up with a spring slate of classes that everyone wants. How about you? What would you like to see? Please let Tom Brumback know if you have some thoughts. I would also like to ask anyone to step forward and lead a class. It’s easier than you think.

See you all Tuesday night.

Club Meeting Program for November

Ron Hilliard, Program Committee Chair

Our November meeting program will be presented by Peter Kasper, who is a member of our club and member of the Program Committee. Peter grew up in Iowa and recognized early his passion for woodworking. He graduated from Iowa State University and operates his own furniture business in his shop near Norwalk. Peter has been particularly interested in using urban trees and creating “one-of-a-kind” pieces. He presented a program for the club last year on designing studio furniture and will focus this presentation on new water-based finishing products available through the General Finishes Company. We look forward to Peter’s presentation.



News from the Education Committee

Tom Brumback, Education Committee Chair

A good number of folks have taken advantage of our woodworking classes this fall. This is a great opportunity to develop some skills and at the same time make some fun projects. Phil Huber (Woodsmith Magazine) has been a great instructor. Stay tuned for more classes this Spring.

Kathy Carmen shows off her bench she made in the Power Tool Essentials class.

Phil Huber demonstrates how to use the router to cut a miter for the Gift Box class as Seenu Paladi, Larry Hylbak, Kathy Carmen, Patrick



Rupe and Mark Matthes observe his technique.

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Club Calendar - Meetings and Events

Woodsmith Store Seminar: Pen Turning

Thursday, November 8, 2018 – 6:30 pm
Woodsmith Store

DM Woodturners Club

Saturday, November 10, 2018 – 1:00 pm
Woodsmith Store

Club General Meeting

Tuesday, November 13, 2018 – 7:00 pm
Woodsmith Store

Woodsmith Store Seminar: Router Table Basics

Thursday, November 15, 2018 – 6:30 pm
Woodsmith Store

SIG - Furniture Making

Saturday, November 17, 2018 – 9:30 am
John Twedt's Shop, Ankeny, IA

Woodsmith Store Seminar: Scrollsaw Christmas Ornaments

Thursday, November 29, 2018 – 6:30 pm
Woodsmith Store

Woodsmith Store Seminar: Sharpening Bench Chisels

Thursday, December 6, 2018 – 6:30 pm
Woodsmith Store

Woodsmith Store Seminar: Bowl Turning Basics

Thursday, December 13, 2018 – 6:30 pm
Woodsmith Store



Membership

Current Membership: 394

Membership a year ago: 396

New

Members

Rick Place, Pella

October 2018 Meeting Notes

Gary Weeks, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Tom Brumback, in the absence of our President Chuck Haas. New members and guests were introduced. Tom explained that the name tags had changed colors. White badges are for members with the club two years or less. Members with greater longevity are encouraged to introduce themselves to the new members.

Reports:

-Ron Hilliard reported that the Christmas party format was changing. It will be held December 11th at Woodsmith Store meeting room and would be a desert potluck. Spouses were encouraged to attend. The program will be to encourage show and tell projects. Only members that brought a show and tell project would be eligible for the door prizes. Donations for the food pantry would be accepted at the party. November's program will be by club member Peter Kasper on general finishes and water based stains.

-Eugene Harms, Librarian, urged members to take advantage of the library search engine on the club's website for finding books and articles within the library.

-John Twedt said the furniture SIG would meet Saturday, October 13th at 9:30AM. The topic would be the making of his M&M machine.

-The finishing SIG was scheduled to meet Thursday at 1 PM.

-Jamie Spellman reported that the community service program with the Cub Scouts took place this past weekend. Club members assisted the Cubs with three wood working projects; birdhouse, tool tote and bird feeder.

-Brenda Rekenthaler reported that the deadline for making Christmas tree ornaments was November 11th. As an incentive, with three submitted ornaments you would be entitled to a chance in a drawing for tickets to the event.

-Tom Brumback announce there were still several openings for the fall classes being taught by Phil Huber. You can register on our web-site.

-Craig Ruegsegger said that members that had show and tell project that are too big to bring in could bring in a thumb drive with project on it and the project would shown on our AV equipment. Craig

is also the VP for Tools for Opportunity. The organization is planning a trip to El Salvador to deliver tools, hold three days of classes and have time to tour this November. There is still time to become a member of this travel group.

Program:

Bob Hunter, Tools Editor for Wood Magazine,



gave us insight as to what is new in wood working tools. Several well-known tool manufacturers have either merged or been purchased. Festool has acquired Sawstop. Hitachi has separated from its parent corporation is now

known as Metabo HPT. Craftsman brand has been acquired by Stanley Black and Decker. The trend for power tools is toward battery power. This is where the dollars are being spent on innovation. Batteries ultimately wear out and will need to be replaced.

Battery powered tools he reviewed were:

-Bosch's 12 volt trim router

-Circular saw by Worx

-Ryobi LED light with adjustable color range

-Milwaukee's 8", 18 volt bench saw

-Makita's sliding miter saw with vac, linked via blue tooth.

Non-battery tools

-Bessey Klamp with its handle around the bar. Good for tight spots.

-Infinity has new compression router bits and adjustable slot cutting bits.

-Lee Valley has new adjustable shooting board.

-Grizzly introduced a portable spindle sander.

-Rockler released a Corner Key Dowling jig.

-Kreg has an adjustable, metal saw horse with clamping capabilities.

-Powermatic introduced a quiet ambient air cleaner with an electrostatic filter good to 0.1 micron.

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The Bulletin Board

Ads that you want e-mailed to Members should be emailed to Jodi Alberts at email@dmwoodworkers.com. Be sure to include a price for each item plus your full name and telephone number. Be sure to double check your spelling – especially your email address.

The Club receives a small commission on purchases you make on the WOOD Store Website provided you access this Website from the Main Menu > Resources of the Club's Website.

Skill Development Classes are a real bargain. You pay for project supplies and in some cases a small instructor fee. Sign up for classes at a Club meeting or contact the instructor. E-mail Tom Brumback at education@dmwoodworkers.com for class information. Do you have a friend who is interested in woodworking? Bring them as a guest to the next meeting.

If you are receiving this Newsletter via the Post Office and have Internet access, change to Website delivery and save the Club \$10 a year on postage and printing. We notify Members by e-mail when a new Newsletter has been posted to the Website. To make the change, e-mail the Club at data@dmwoodworkers.com

If you have extra tools you no longer use, consider donating them to Tools for Opportunity, an Iowa-based non-profit that is helping deserving woodworkers in El Salvador and Honduras make their businesses more profitable. To learn more or become involved, call 515-292-8154, visit www.ToolsforOpportunity.org, or email coordinator@toolsforopportunity.org.

Anyone who knows of the passing of a Club Member is asked to notify a Board Member.

Furniture Repair/Finishing SIG

Ron Stookey, SIG Chair

Ron is putting the Furniture Repair/Finishing SIG group meetings on hold for the time being. If there are questions about refinishing or repair, feel free to email Ron at repairsig@dmwoodworkers.com



October 2018 Meeting Notes

Gary Weeks, Secretary

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The shop video this month featured the shop of Bob Ibbotson.

Show and tell:

- Sue: Hammer Dulcimer.
 - Brad Preston: Frame for Cub's score card.
 - Dave Campbell: Two crosses for a son's wedding.
 - Tom Brumback: Case for sharpening system.
- The winner of the show and tell drawing was Brad Preston.

The door prize drawing winners were: John Terry, Ted Hradek, Dave Campbell, Tom O'Rourke, and Tom Vanhon.

The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Furniture Makers SIG News

John Twedt, SIG Chair

The October meeting of the Saturday Morning Furniture Makers Group featured John Twedt who presented his project of an M&M machine. Plans were made available and problems encountered during construction were talked about. Members present had many good questions and learned some new tricks on the table saw.

Full scale plans for the marble machine were made available so that the members of the group could construct the toy with more precision. I still have some of the plans and will make them available at \$4 each.

The November meeting of the Saturday Morning Furniture Makers Group will be held at John Twedt's

shop, 2546 NW 84th Ave., Ankeny, IA. I spent some time going around to the group at the September meeting and got some suggestions for topics. The topics that will be demonstrated/discussed will be:

- Miter joint on the shaper
- Miter joint on the table saw
- The box joint on the table saw
- Line and berry, mostly line
- Steps needed to install the keyway like in Nakashima furniture.

Please join us November 17th at 9:30 AM. If you need to leave early then try to arrive late. There is a big driveway and room to park on the lawn. Hope to see you then!

Club Community Service

On Saturday October 6th, members Eugene Harms, Frank Waterman and Jamie Spellman traveled to Camp Mitigwa, a Boy Scout camp 40 miles Northwest of Des Moines. There were various activities for Cub Scouts throughout the day. Eugene, Frank and Jamie helped with the woodworking event.

Outside a covered tent was set up over 4 picnic tables. The cub scouts with their parents could pick from one of 3 projects to complete. The projects were a bird house, a tool tote and a bird feeder. The projects and tools were supplied by the camp. The event kicked off at 9AM and at 9:10 every available seat at the picnic tables was full and stayed that way until the event ended at 4 pm.

Eventually the supplies for the birdhouse and tool tote were exhausted but the supplies for the bird feeders held out. All parts were precut and the Cub Scouts with their parents had to figure out how the parts went together and nail them. At times there were three dozen or so hammers all pounding at the same time. The weather was a cool and a damp 50 degrees, but the Cub Scouts were universally excited about the projects and very patient. Many of them were holding a hammer for the first time. One small girl (Cub Scouts are both boys and girls) after successfully hammering a nail yelled "I LOVE TO BUILD THINGS!" The woodworking members returned safely to Des Moines even though at least one of the members had a thumb that was a little flatter then the start of the day.



Brad Preston



Susan Sevedge

Library News

Eugene Harms, Librarian

The Des Moines Woodworkers Association on-line library catalog is now accessible from the members section of the website. From the DMWW website, click on the Member tab, then select Library. Follow the instructions to search and discover all that the library has to offer, including books, DVDs, Shop Tours and General Meeting videos. Instructions are also included on how to place a Hold. The item will be ready for pickup at the next general meeting. The library will be open to members during the general meetings.

Time is running short to finish all the projects for the coming holiday presents. And having tools in top shape makes the project easier and more fun. Check out the following DVD to guide you through the process.



Super-Tune a Handplane by Christopher Schwarz An excellent, visual, detailed instruction how to restore a vintage Stanley/Record hand plane. The author also goes over set up hints for newer high quality planes from Veritas and Lie Nielsen.



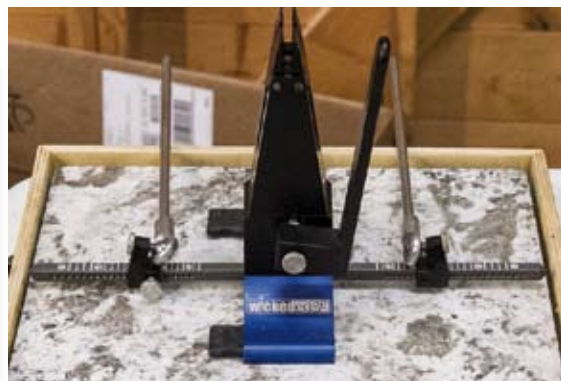
The Woodwright's Shop: A Practical Guide to Traditional Woodcraft by Roy Underhill More than 330 photographs illustrate historical information on traditional woodworking and detailed introductions to specific tasks, projects, and techniques, from tree felling to timberframe construction. Underhill is a very good

writer. He's descriptive, clear & concise whether he's describing a bark pattern or a how-to project. Yet, at the same time, he takes time to go beyond the necessities & provide tidbits that made me want to read beyond his books. Often these are historical (e.g. Thomas Jefferson's carpenter) or alternate methods to try. This book is a good reference for any carpenter, history buff or writer. For the carpenter today, with all the power tools, it shows methods that are still valid & often forgotten in the mass of machines & paint-by-number instructions. Historically, he's a gold mine. He helped rebuild Colonial Williamsburg & is well known for his attention to authenticity. Writers can learn how it was really done before the invention of electricity and what kind of trees and wood were available in an old growth forest. Most get it wrong. There are a number of projects outlined in this book, both practical & fun. It assumes you have some knowledge of woodworking, but not a lot of tools are needed.

Help improve the club's Library! The library will take any woodworking books and DVD's that are not already in our library collection. Members wishing to make contributions to the library should contact the Librarian. Upon request, a label bearing the donor's name can be placed on the donated items. If you have suggestions on items to add to the Library and Resource Center, contact the Librarian.



Tom Brumback



New Phone Number for Club

Doug Rasmussen, Communication Manager

The Club has a new phone number, 515-650-6559. This is the Club's own number. In the past my personal number has been used as the Club number. The new number is supported by an Internet phone service called Phone.com.

When calling the Club's new number, the caller hears the greeting "You have reached the Des Moines Woodworkers Club". The caller is then presented a menu list

of reasons for their call and ask to enter the number of their call reason. They are then redirected to the voice mail of the appropriate Club Officer or Volunteer. Phone.com then sends an email to the Club Officer or Volunteer that includes an audio file of the voice mail.

The new phone service should expedite the Clubs response to phone calls by getting the caller to the right person sooner. It should also help reduce the time it takes to deal with computer generate robo calls.

Club Membership Renewal

Fall is here, and now is a great time to think about renewing your membership for 2019. **As a current member, you can save \$5 on next year's dues** if you renew by December 31st, 2018. You'll also receive a 2019 Preferred Supplier Discount card before your 2018 card expires January 15th.

You can renew in just a few minutes by using PayPal or your Credit Card. Just visit our website and select **Online Payment** from the main menu, or enter the follow-

ing address to go directly there:

<https://www.dmwoodworkers.org/online-payment>

If you prefer, you can send a check for \$25.00, payable to Des Moines Woodworkers Association to:
Des Moines Woodworkers Association
3311 100th St Unit 3564
Urbandale IA 50323-3855

Thank you for supporting your Des Moines Woodworkers Association!

Club Member Renewal Dues Changes

The Club Board has updated the member dues renewal deadline policy. The new policy is to help simplify the renewal membership process. The new policy is as follows:

New Member Dues (\$30): If you join from January through May, your membership will expire at the end of the current year. If you join from June through December, your membership will expire at the end of the following year.

2019 Renewal Dues for Current 2018 Members (\$25): If paid before December 31st, 2018. Renewing your dues before the end of the year extends your membership through the end of 2019, and saves you \$5. You will also receive your new Member Discount Card before your current card expires January 15th.

Reinstatement Dues (\$30): For 2018 Members who do not renew during the Renewal Dues Discount Period ending 12/31/2018 and pre 2018 Members who did not renew for 2018. 2019 dues are the same as New Member Dues shown to the left.

New Mailing Address Woodworkers

The Des Moines Woodworkers Association has a new general mailing address:

Des Moines Woodworkers Association
3311 100th St Unit 3564
Urbandale, IA 50323-3855

Please send checks (for dues and classes), new member applications, and any other correspondence to this address and we will get it to the right volunteers!

2018 Des Moines' Festival of Trees and Lights...

Mary Voss,

Wow I can't believe that it is already November!

Thank you again for your commitment to helping fund programs at the Blank Children's Hospital through the 2018 Festival of Trees & Lights. I may be biased, but I believe that the wonderful, handcrafted, one of a kind items that adorn our Christmas tree make it the most beautiful one there!

Please remember that it takes hundreds of ornaments to fill a 7 1/2' tree, so please be generous when considering how many that you will be able to provide.

NEW THIS YEAR.... A DRAWING FOR TICKETS TO 2018 Festival of Trees & Lights! Enter

your name once for every 3 ornaments that you provide. We will draw 2 names at each of our 3 clubs. Winners will receive 2 tickets to the event.

Dates to remember:

November 11 Deadline for ornaments.

*Can be left at the Woodsmith Store or call Mary Voss 515-577-0070 to arrange meeting time and place.

November 21-25 Festival at Veterans Memorial Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center.

Questions? Please call Mary Voss 515-577-0070 or e-mail marandter@yahoo.com



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