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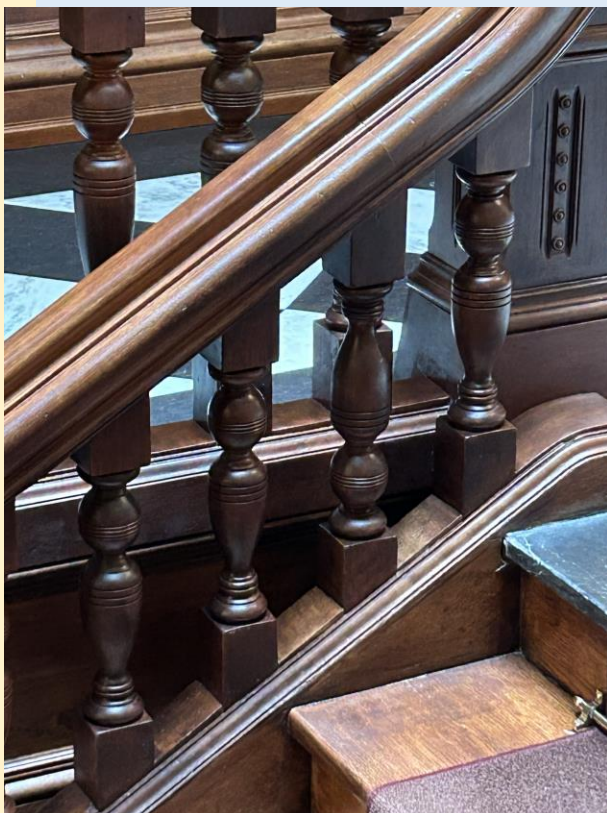
Sawdust from the Prez...

Ken Rummer, President

Ever make a mistake woodworking? I'm raising my hand. A gappy joint, a saggy finish, a carefully measured cut that ends up exactly one inch too short? Count me a member in the brave company of imperfect woodworkers.

On a recent tour of the State Capitol in Cheyenne, Wyoming, the visitor information pointed me to a staircase leading up to the Senate chambers where a close look revealed that the second to the topmost baluster was installed ... upside down. Oops.

When asked about it, the carpenter in charge reportedly said, "Only God is perfect." Was this an inadvertent error? Or a conscious act of humility, like the ancient Greek artisans who feared human perfection would be an affront to the gods and so they added one on- purpose mistake to their projects as a bit of insurance against thunderbolts.



Either way, I have to say the woodworking on display in the Wyoming Capitol, turnings and carvings and doors and casework, in beech and walnut and cherry, all stained to match – it was gorgeous.

My takeaway: our woodworking can shine, even with a mistake or two. And if anyone has the bad manners to notice, we can just say, "Lightning insurance."

Club Calendar – Meetings and Events

Club General Meeting:

September 21st, 2023 – 7:00 PM
Fred Maytag Scout Center and on Zoom
6123 Scout Trail
Des Moines, IA 50321

SIG – Furniture Making: Coffee @ Chuck's

September 23rd, 2023 – 9:30 AM
175 S 9th St, Unit #430
West Des Moines, IA 50265

Club Meeting Program

Program Committee Chair

Club President, Ken Rummer, will be presenting the program on a furniture project he built with his wife during COVID: a pair of matching nightstands in black walnut. Thoughts on design, the usefulness of mockups, working with Soss hinges, keeping track of multiple parts, a no-catch door latch from rare earth magnets, “floating” joints from machine screws and copper tubing, and more. Come for the pictures. Stay to see the nightstands up close.

Show and Tell is always a highlight. Bring a project and get entered in the gift certificate drawing. And of course, there will be cookies to go with the coffee.

Featured books and DVDs from the club library will be available for checkout. Our go online to the club website (www.dmwoodworkers.com) to reserve items in advance for pickup at the meeting.

The meeting will take place on our usual third Thursday date (September 21st) at 7Pm in the beautiful Fred Maytag II Scout Center, 6123 Scout Trail, Des Moines. If you are not able to join us at the Scout Center then you can join through Zoom, see the Club email for Zoom access information.

Meeting Agenda:

- 6:45pm - Doors open
- 7:00pm - Welcome! and hopefully jokes
- 7:05pm - Introduction of Tonight's Guest Presenter
- 7:10pm - Presentation
- 7:45pm - Question and Answer with presenter
- 8:05pm - 5 Minute Break
- 8:10pm - Show and Tell
- 8:30pm - Meeting Adjourn



News from the Education Committee:

Tom Brumback, Education Committee Chair

The education committee is working to organize fall classes. So, if you have a great idea (okay, it doesn't have to be GREAT), just send your thoughts to EDUCATION@DMWOODWORKERS.ORG. It takes quite a bit of time to develop a class and the earlier we start, the better.

Membership

Current Membership: 235
 Membership a year ago: 312

New Members

- Tim Nelligan Clive
- Tony Chambers Mitchellville
- Ted Redenius Urbandale
- Zach Murphy Redfield
- Ed Claussen Granger
- Bruce Stephens Clive
- Dawna Deakins Maxwell

From the Vice-President:

Ramona Messenger, VP & Data Manager

Greetings, members! I took on the “data manager” role (membership management and a few other tasks) 6 years ago, and during Covid I took over managing our email service, our website, and then the vice president’s position.

I’m really proud of the programming that our DMWA has been accomplishing lately, and how we were able to navigate losing our longtime venue at the Woodsmith Store, and I want to keep helping out in some ways, but I find that need a break from all of this for a while. I haven’t been able to give my best in these roles for some time, and I’m feeling a pull to work on other causes that are close to my heart, and still have time to relax and make sawdust too.

We will be holding elections in November, and I don’t intend to stay in any of these positions after the end of 2023. I’ll remain part of the membership and will be available to assist the new person or people who can step up to take these things on.

Please contact me at data@dmwoodworkers.org if you’re interested in getting involved, or if you’re just curious to find out if you want to try any of these things.

Thank you all for your kindness these last years as I figured out how to do things, and your patience when it’s taken me a while to get back to you. Work safely and make beautiful things!

-Ramona Messenger

May Meeting 2023 Meeting Notes

Mark Schillerstom, Secretary

Meetings convened at 7:00 pm.

Tom Bromback asked for ideas for classes in the fall.

Shawn had new books from the library.

There was no Treasurer's Report.

The Special Interest Groups will convene in the Fall.

Program: Andy Klindt demonstrated Kitchen Carving.

Meeting adjourned.

For more details, please log onto the website and watch the video.

Club Website News:

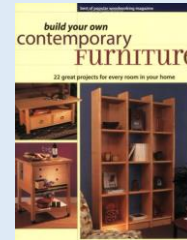
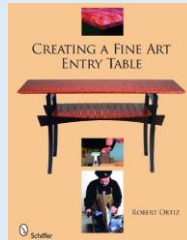
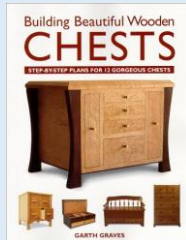
Ramona Messenger, VP & Data Manager

If you’re a member reading this on the website, and you haven’t been receiving our email for a while, please contact Ramona at data@dmwoodworkers.org. We’d like to get our messages to you! Our new sending address is announce@dmwoodworkers.org, for a more reliable delivery please add us to your email contacts and you your spam “allow” list if you have one.

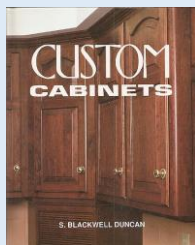
Library News:

Shawn Brown, Librarian

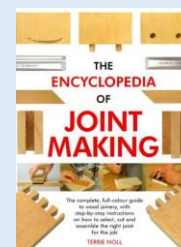
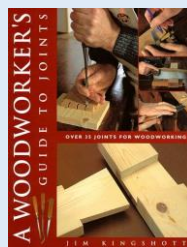
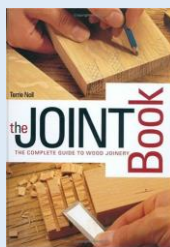
With Summer coming to end, many of us are returning to our shops and looking for that next project. In keeping with this month's program, we have some new books available, around similar topics to nightstands and furniture. Maybe that next project is a blanket chest, a lingerie chest, a coffee table, an entry table, or some other contemporary furniture. Check out new books on "Building Beautiful Wooden Chest", "Creating Coffee Tables" or "Build Your Own Contemporary Furniture".



Maybe the time has come to finally remodel the kitchen or office, or build some shop cabinets. Check out several new additions to library on building cabinets, including "Custom Cabinets", "Solid Wood Cabinet Construction" and "Built-In Furniture, A Gallery of Design Ideas"



And with all of that building going on, maybe you're looking for some guidance on making a strong connection between the pieces. Take a look at the books we have on Joint Making, including "The Joint Book", "A Woodworkers Guide to Joints" and "The Encyclopedia of Joint Making"



Stop by the library table at the monthly meeting and check them out, or find these and other books online by following the below instructions. To place a hold on any item in the library:

1. Open a browser and go to: <https://dmwoodworkers.org/>
2. Click on the LOGIN tab and enter your username and password
3. Click on the MEMBER tab and select Library
4. Follow the instructions on the page to search the library catalog and place a hold.

Contact the librarian by email to make arrangements to check out your book.

librarian@dmwoodworkers.org

The library will accept any donations of woodworking and related books, DVDs, or tools that you think others in the club would find useful.

Volunteers Needed:

DMWA Board

Community Service Chair: Our Community Service Chair has been open for 20 months, and it would be great for the Association if you, reader, would consider volunteering to get it going again! An important part of our nonprofit mission is to serve the community at large, and we have a long history of giving back to the Des Moines area.

From our handbook: For many years the Association has provided service that benefits the community by donating materials and skills for appropriate activities. The Community Service Chair will:

- Chair the Community Service Committee, which reviews requests based on our project guidelines.
- Propose community service projects to the Board for approval.
- Publicize projects among the membership and to the public.
- Find volunteers to perform community service projects when necessary.
- Send thank you letters to donors.

If you can step up and help us, there's no shortage of requests for help and past project ideas in our history. We have several projects already proposed and waiting to hear back from us, including:

- Kristkindle Market booth assembly
- Help with a hands-on activity at Bright Sparks 4-H Club
- Staff a trick-or-treat display at DSM Botanical Garden
- Pinewood Derby mentoring with various Scout troops in midwinter

Past project ideas:

- Festival of Trees and Lights project with Turners and Carvers
- Collect member-made art and furniture for other nonprofits to auction as fundraisers
- Toy building projects for charity
- Coordinate volunteers with Tools for Opportunity
- Food bank donation drive

Furniture Makers SIG News:

John Twedt, SIG Chair

John will not be able to lead the Saturday Morning Furniture Makers Group this fall and hopes to have more structured meetings starting back up in January. John hopes that everyone has a great Fall and great Holidays.

In the meantime, Chuck Hass has opened up his shop at the same time for Coffee At Chuck's. Bring a question or a project or just hang out with other folks who are into woodworking. Coffee At Chuck's will be the Saturday following the Club meeting, September 23rd, at 9:30 AM at 175 S 9th, West Des Moines, Unit #430.

Woodworking Announcements:

Club Members

An update from Ken Rummer from the last Club Board Meeting:
Gift Certificates for Show and Tell drawings this year will be \$40 each.
Membership renewals seem to be lagging this year.
Renewals come up on a member's anniversary of joining the club.
Have you checked to see if you are up to date?

Program plans for Fall:

September 21: The Nightstand Project -- Ken Rummer

October 19: Finding and Refurbishing Old Tools -- Logan Witmer

November 16: Handsaw Restoration -- Randy Willey

December 21: Christmas Party featuring an all-Club program of Show and Tell

Classes are in the works for the fall season. Stay tuned for details.

The Furniture Special Interest Group is on hold through the end of the year. In its time slot (Saturday following the Club meeting at 9:30 AM) we are offering Coffee At Chuck's. Bring a question or a project or just hang out with other folks who are into woodworking at 175 S 9th, West Des Moines, Unit #430.

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.org.

Time to Update Your Membership Information:

Ramona Messenger, VP & Data Manager

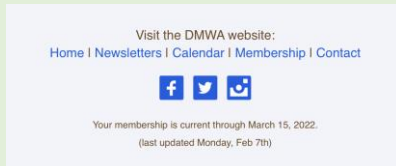
Have you moved? Changed your email address? Gave up your land line, or switched carriers and lost your old phone number? If it's time to update your contact information, all you need to do is send Ramona an email at data@dmwoodworkers.org. Thanks for helping us stay in touch with you!

Membership Dues:

Ramona Messenger, VP & Data Manager

Thanks to all of you who renewed your membership on the new date over the last year! Renewals have been running behind this year compared to past years, so check your membership expiration and add a reminder to your calendar to renew. Dues are now \$35 for the year for new and returning members.

You can find your “Renew By” date on the front of your member card. If you’re reading this from our email service, look at the bottom of the email to find your renewal data (here is an example):



To be sure you get a new card before your old one expires, please send in your dues online at least 3 weeks before your expiration date, or 4 week if paying by check in the mail. If you have moved in the last two years, please let us know your new address so we can get your card to you.

You can renew any time online with your credit card, debit card, or Paypal account. Visit www.dmwoodworkers.org and select the Online Payment menu.

You can also renew in person at our monthly meetings with cash or check, or send a check made out to Des Moines Woodworkers Association to:

Des Moines Woodworkers Association

3311 100th St. Unit 3564

Urbandale IA 50323-3855

The Bulletin Board:

- Ads that you want e-mailed to Members should be emailed to email@dmwoodworkers.org. Be sure to include 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.org for class information.
- Do you have a friend who is interested in woodworking? Bring them as a guest to the next meeting.
- Newsletters are sent to Members via the Club Website, we notify Members by e-mail when a new Newsletter has been posted to the Website. Post Office mailed Newsletters have been discontinued. If we do not have your current email address, send it to us at: data@dmwoodworkers.org
- 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 Members is asked to notify a Board Member.

Preferred Suppliers:

Ramona Messenger, VP & Data Manager

We hope you're patronizing the Preferred Suppliers listed on our club website and using your DMWWA membership discount at those businesses. We know from past experience that DMWWA members frequently use their club discount at local hardware stores, but not all the local hardware stores are on our Preferred Suppliers list. If your local hardware store is NOT one of our Preferred Suppliers, be sure to ask them why not and whether they're interested in getting on our list and getting more business from you and our other 300+ members. Email me (vp@dmwoodworkers.org) with contact information for your local hardware store (owner/manager name and phone number) and I'll contact them about becoming a Preferred Supplier. Thanks for your help!

These preferred local suppliers support us through Member discounts & assistance with association projects, so please support them. Be sure to ask about an item's discount and show your current Membership card before you make a purchase. Check the Club's Website for more information.

Acme Tools

629 SW 9th St, DM

Ankeny Ace Hardware

3020 SW Oralabor Rd, Ankeny

Bradley Tool & Fastener

6250 NW Beaver Dr, Johnston

Hutcheson Lumber & Millwork

2169 180th St, Marshalltown

Johnston Ace Hardware

5800 Merle Hay Rd, Johnston

Kryger Glass

10440 Hickman Rd, Clive

O'Donnell Ace Hardware

4808 University, DM

O'Donnell Ace Hardware

5715 Hickman Rd, DM

O'Donnell Ace Hardware

2727 Beaver Ave, DM

Park Fair Ace Hardware

100 E. Euclid Ave, Des Moines

Sharpening Solutions

2615 east Douglas Ave, Des Moines

Sherwin Williams Co.

Multiple Central IA locations

True Value Hardware

100 Grand Ave, WDM

White Cap Construction Supply

1631 2nd Ave, Des Moines

Woodhaven

501 West 1st Ave, Durant, IA

800-344-6657

Woodsmith Store

New Location Coming

These out-of-state suppliers also offer Members discounts:

Hartville Tool,

800-345-2396

Fintech Abrasives

888-223-8769

Klingspor's Woodworking Shop

800-228-0000

Woodcraft

Lenexa, KS, 913-599-2800

Woodworker's Supply

800-321-9841

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