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Sawdust from the Prez...

Ken Rummer, President

One day in my early teens, I got into a big argument with my parents. At the dinner table. At Grandpa and Grandma's house. Sure that I was in the right, I wasn't letting it go.

Before the situation escalated to the launching of nuclear weapons, my grandfather intervened, inviting me to come with him to his shop in the basement. To do a little sawing. He drew a cut line on a two-by-four, squeezed it in his vise, and offered me his big handsaw. Then he gave me the go-ahead to cut off the board.

The vise was a little high for sawing, so I stood on a box. Full of righteous energy, I went to sawing at top speed. The blade bound and jammed from time to time, but I pressed on. Grandpa calmly started offering pointers.

"Long strokes ... easy pressure ... let the saw do the work."

Somewhere in the middle of the second cut through the two-by-four, I ran out of wrath. Also, my arm was burning and my muscles had turned to spaghetti. Grandpa started speaking about stuff that went with being my age. It went something like this:

"You're getting to the age when your body is going to be going through some changes. You're going to notice some strong feelings and emotions. All that is part of growing up."

"Try not to take it out on your parents. They love you, you know."

"Now go tell them you're sorry."



Grandpa's saw lives in my shop now. Twenty-four inch plate. Ten teeth per inch. Cross-cut filing (He resharpenered it himself). "Warranted Superior" on the medallion.

Every time I wrap my fingers around the handle, I remember "doing a little sawing" with Grandpa. And I am reminded that shaping wood is not the only thing happening in the shop. Sometimes, we are shaping people, too. Even ourselves.

Club Meeting Program

Craig Ruegsegger, Program Committee Chair

Join us for the January Des Moines Woodworkers General Members Meeting! January 18th at 7 pm, we invite all members to a presentation from Dennis Kennedy. The January program will be a demonstration and Q&A session about epoxy pours with Dennis Kennedy of the Woodsmith Store. Dennis has been a commercial photographer for 40 years and counting. He's photographed for Woodsmith, Shopnotes and Workbench magazines, as well as other titles. And he worked behind the scenes on The Woodsmith Shop TV show.

The past 5 years he's been working at the Woodsmith Store. He's been a woodworker since 1973 as a senior in high school. But he didn't really get going until 1990 when we bought his first house, and then even more so in 2004 when he started at August Home Publishing. Dennis will be giving away some epoxy-related prizes as well!

Stay around after the presentation for Show and Tell. 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 (January 18st) 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, both in person and on Zoom.

7:00pm - Welcome!

7:05pm – Annual Meeting

7:15pm - Introduction of Tonight's Guest Presenter

7:50pm - Question and Answer with presenter

8:05pm - 5 Minute Break

8:10pm - Show and Tell

8:30pm - Meeting Adjourn

Membership

Current Membership: 236

Membership a year ago: 309

New Members

Jacob Demars - Des Moines, IA

Greg Livingston - Ankeny, IA

Club Calendar – Meetings and Events

Club General Meeting:

January 18th, 2023 – 7:00 PM

Fred Maytag Scout Center and on Zoom

6123 Scout Trail

Des Moines, IA 50321

SIG – Furniture Making:

Will not be held in January

News from the Education Committee:

Tom Brumback, Education Committee Chair

New Skill Classes Coming Soon...

The Education Committee is currently planning for our Spring Class schedule. If you have some ideas for a class, just let me know. (Tom Brumback, Tbonediver@gmail.com.) So, be on the watch for upcoming class schedules.

December 2023 Meeting Notes

Mark Schillerstrom, Secretary

Des Moines Woodworkers Association
December 21st, 2023
Scout Center

Members gathered at the Scout Center for the monthly meeting.

After snacks, there was a short program by Ken Rummer and Mark Schillerstrom, followed by Show and Tell.

The club collected 3 dozen canned goods and can openers and \$57.00 for local food pantry.

Time to Update Your Membership Information:

Ramona Messenger, 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!

The Bulletin Board:

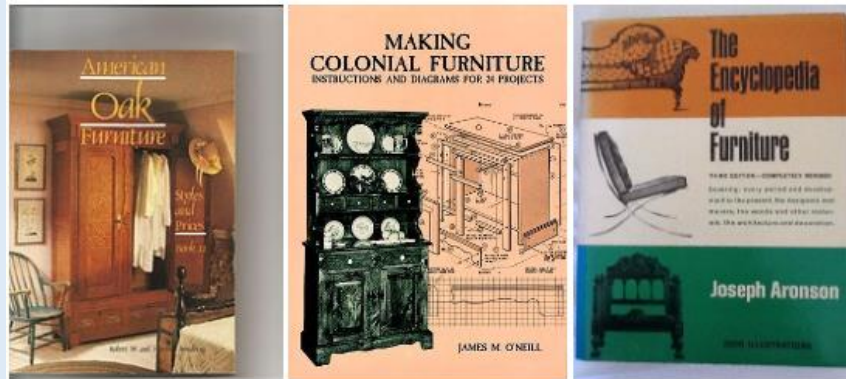
- Ads that you want e-mailed to Members should be emailed to email@dmwoodworkers.org. Be sure to include price for each item plus your full name and telephone number. Be sure to double check your spelling – especially your email address.
- The Club receives a small commission on purchases you make on 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.

Library News:

Shawn Brown, Librarian

Now that the holidays are behind us, and the weather outside is turning even colder, many of us head into our shops to start that project that will take us through the spring. If it is a furniture project you are looking at designing, starting or continuing, check out this month's selection of books.

If you are looking for inspiration of a specific style of furniture, we have recently added “American Oak Furniture”, “Making Colonial Furniture”, Encyclopedia of French Period Furniture” and the all-encompassing “The Encyclopedia of Furniture”



If you're looking for an actual furniture project, take a look at the project related books we have added as well. These would include, “Pine Furniture Projects for the Home”, “Making Bent Willow Furniture”, “Kevin Ley’s Furniture Projects”, “Terrific 2x4 Furniture” or “Furniture Projects by Better Homes and Gardens.



Stop by the library table at the monthly meeting and check them out, or find these and many other books online by following the below instructions.

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.

Membership Dues:

Eugene Harms, VP

Our membership peaked in 2013 at 462 people, and has been fading since then. Our last increased year was in 2017 to 424, and we've been falling since then to today's count of 245.

Do you know a friend or family member outside of the Association with an interest in woodworking? Bring them along as your guest sometime! Membership dues are our primary source of funding for most of the things we do as an organization.

Are your dues expiring soon? Did you just notice that they expired months ago? Dues are \$35 per year for new and returning members. You can rejoin any time. 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 top of the email in the blue section to find your renewal date (here is an example):

Your membership is current through
(example)
(Last updated October 19, 2023)
Need to renew? Visit
<https://dmwoodworkers.org/online-payment/> for instructions or to pay online

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

Woodworking Announcements:

Club Members

An update from Ken Rummer from the last Club Board Meeting:

Highlights From the January Board Meeting

- Expenses exceeded revenue by \$3700 in 2023.
- Budget set for 2024
- Raised class fees to \$30 per class hour for spring classes
- Class instructors will receive one year complimentary membership
- Reaching out to members who have not yet renewed.

Next Board meeting: February 1 at 6:30 PM on ZOOM.

Preferred Suppliers:

Eugene Harms, VP

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

Club Officers:

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Eugene Harms

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Mark Schillerstom

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Greg Albers

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Craig Ruegsegger

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