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P.U.A.M. MISSION STATEMENT

The Professional Upholsterers' Association of Minnesota is an organization of individuals and firms, joined together to advance, support, and promote the field of Upholstery.

Presidents Corner

Thank you to everyone who attended our January PUAM meeting which was held at Bloomington Custom Upholstery with our hostess, Zoule VonWald who provided pulled pork sliders, a hearty soup, hors d'oeuvres and an assortment of deserts and beverages to quell our appetites while marveling at some of the customer projects displayed throughout her shop. Our focus for the evening was on the most challenging or unusual customer projects done in 2023 which inspired interesting discussions and provoked valuable input from each members perspectives on everything from upholstery techniques, tools, business practices & policies, to handling difficult customers.

We are starting off this new year with a renewed commitment to expand our membership reach throughout Minnesota and to offer more opportunities to our members to increase their knowledge & understanding of our industry. Many thanks to Diana Peltier, our education Chairperson, who has been diligently working on plans that will include field trip tours of regional furniture manufacturers and upholstery suppliers, upholstery shops in out-state Minnesota, as well as our ongoing educational presentations at our monthly meetings. I am so thankful for the many experienced and talented members who make up this organization and I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on Feb 8th at A-1 Foam & Upholstery, 8811 Lyndale Ave. in Bloomington, Mn.

Your President, Paul Henly

GENERAL MEETING

(You need not be a member to attend)

When: Thursday, February 8th, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: **A-1 Foam & Upholstery**
8811 Lyndale Ave
Bloomington MN 55420

Hosted by: Jen Oelsclager

Phone: **952-253-1972**

Direction: Your GPS will get you there. If you need help call above #.

Meeting Schedule

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| 6:00 – 7:00 pm | Social hour
Snack & beverages provided |
| 7:00 – 8:00 pm | Presentation |
| 8:00 - 9:00 pm | Business Meeting
Reports, Old and New Business
Open Forum & Q&A |

Presentation

Please come and join us to learn about color from colorist/Artist Daniele Oelschlager. Daniele will have hand outs to give us so we can learn about color coordination.

If you work with designers and clients and are aware of the current color trends, Daniele's presentation may help to give us tips on what colors to recommend to blend the color scheme you're working with.

If you have any color questions or tips to share, now is the opportunity to do so.

UPCOMING MEETING INFO

The Professional Upholsterers Association of Minnesota's Education Committee will have some exciting programs at the membership meetings in 2023. The following meeting locations are:

Feb 8	A-1 Foam & Upholstery Colorist/Artist Daniele Oelschlager
March 14	Charlotte Fabrics
April 11	TBD
April	Furniture Manufacturer Tour
May 9	TW Senders
June 13	Regal Design

The PUAM meetings are monthly meetings to support each other and to share upholstery knowledge. If you have a topic or location that we can use, please contact Diana Peltier at 651-257-2706. Any suggestions will be greatly appreciated. Thank you! *All dates and locations are subject to change so watch the newsletter each month for any unforeseen changes. Thanks!

TIME STANDARD PICTURES AND HOURS

Please continue to send before and after pictures and the hours it took to do the project. Share as much detail as possible. Send to Angela Henly who has compiled around 42 projects so far.

651-592-4008

REFINISHING & WOOD REPAIR ARTICLES

In October 2016 we had a Presentation by Kevin Southwick whom specializes in conservation and restoration of antiques and in custom wood finishes. Kevin also teaches furniture repair techniques that save lots of time. You can purchase copies of 16 of his articles about refinishing and wood repair. If you didn't get the opportunity to purchase his articles, we have plenty of sets for sale. \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. This is a discounted amount from what he was selling them for. One of the PUAM perks!

2022-2024 PUAM MEETING PRESENTATIONS

Upholstery History
Front end/Order Process
Channel Back Demo
Diamond Tufting
Foam Sculpting
PUAM Picnic
Business Liability Insurance
Tool Library
Annual Christmas Dinner Party
A-1 Foam & Upholstery Tour
Charlotte Fabrics
Time Standards
Retying Springs from the Bottom
Fabric-Ology
Future Foam Tour
French Mattress
All things Zippers
2023 Unique Projects

DVD SET OF UPHOLSTERY INSTRUCTION CLASSES

There are copies of the Upholstery Instructional classes available on DVD. A set of 5 for \$25.00.

SET INCLUDES:

Introduction to Upholstery - A home Course

The Main Art of Refinishing

Upholstery - Planning, Sewing, and Application

Upholstery Sewing Machine Cleaning & Oiling

Upholstery - Skirts, Layout & Application

If you'd like just 1 or 2 or this set that could be arranged also.

Contact Angela if you are interested in having your very own copy for reference, or if you ordered them and have not yet received them.

Angela 612-592-4008

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**Professional Upholstery Association of Minnesota
General meeting minutes of January 11th 2024
Co-Secretary Angela Henly**

Hosted by: Zoule VonWald-Bloomington Custom Upholstery

In Attendance: Zoule & David VonWald-Bloomington Custom Upholstery, Diana Peltier-Lakes Upholstery, Gina Mejia-Twin Cities Upholstery & TW Senders, Mavis Nelson-Recovering Room, Jen Oelschlager-A-1 Foam & Upholstery, Anna Thiel-Anna's Alterations, Restorations & Upholstery, Paul & Angela Henly-Regal Design Studio Custom Upholstery.

Meeting was called to order at 7:39 p.m. after social hour and a delicious meal prepared by Zoule of a warm winter soup, pulled pork, slaw, appetizers, beverages and dessert. The late start due to conversations already starting about helpful hints and upholstery jobs.

Secretary Minutes: After a brief discussion about the minutes from the November meeting; December was the Christmas party with no minutes; Zoule made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Angela 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion passed to accept minutes as written.

Treasurer's Report: Anna passed out a summary of finances. Discussion was had concerning categories and how they are defined for the purpose of bookkeeping. Anna explained them, and it was discussed to have Paul and Anna meet to tweak the categories. Angela made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The P & L from last year: Income \$3600.69, Expenses \$3703.91 showing a loss last year of \$103.22. Mavis 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Education: Diana Peltier is checking into taking a tour of Marshfield Furniture and Wolf Craft Furniture; both in Marshfield, Wisconsin; either the weekend of April 21-22, or April 28-29. This is after tax season and would be in addition to the monthly meeting, after some discussion,

Monthly meeting schedule:

February 8th A-1 Foam & Upholstery,

March 14th Charlotte Fabrics

April 11th pending

May 8th TW Senders

June 13th Regal Design Studio.

Membership: Thank you, Ernest, for keeping in touch with all outlying shops encouraging participation in PUAM, so that PUAM as a group can make a difference in these shops, to grow and expand in knowledge in the upholstery field.

Newsletter: Diana S. Guenther continues to work on the Newsletter for PUAM; even though she is basking in the warm sunshine of South Padre Island; she continues to work hard on getting the newsletter out on time for the association. If you have any advertising, news or helpful hints that you would like in the newsletter, send them to Diana at dlsguenth@gmail.com, she will be glad to hear from you.

Social: Geneva has nothing new to add currently for social events, though Diana Peltier is working on tours.

Old News: Nothing. Just a reminder to send photos of completed projects to Lindsay Orwig so she can put them on the PUAM facebook page. We know you are all working hard and have tons of projects to show off. Just shoot a picture and email or text to Lindsay with your shop name.

Lindsay@achickandachair.com 612-293-9465.

Open Forum: Wow, tons of good discussion on short cuts, helpful hints, new and who knows what tools.

Great helpful hints and discussion.

*How to get hot glue out of fabric? An iron and a piece of cotton fabric over the glue, just not on velvet. Test the iron on an inconspicuous spot first.

*Glue sticks come in different temps, so make sure you know what you need when ordering your glue sticks.

*Mavis showed her slick new cordless rotary cutter, which can cut up to 10 layers.... of cotton fabric, but is unwavering in comparison to electric scissors which can sometimes veer off line. Easy to handle and saves your hands. Available locally at Harbor Freight, some suppliers may also have them. 2 thumbs up from those who did a test run with the cutter.

*Diana clamps dining room chair seats to her work station with bar clamps to make it easier to remove staples, without the seat creeping across the work station or running the staple remover into her arm. Most stability.

*Foam cutters-the bottom plate comes off with the turn of a screw to make sculpting foam easier.

*Shiv leather to thin it out to make buttons, pound vinyl to thin it out for button making or spray WD40 into the button mold to make release easier.

*Anna brought a tool-see photo- that stumped some. Seems the final consensus is the tool is for cleaning Velcro!

Some great door prizes were donated by Geneva, Gina, Zoule and Angela and everyone went home with something.

Gina-Chocolate candies & candle, Mavis-Olive Oil, Diana-Hot Coco pods, Anna-Snowman Garden sign, Jen-Candle, David-Candle, & Angela-travel mug & olive oil

Anna made a motion to adjourn: at 9:05 p.m. Jen 2nd the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. Thank you Zoule and David for the great food and beverages, served up in your super-duper clean and bright shop.

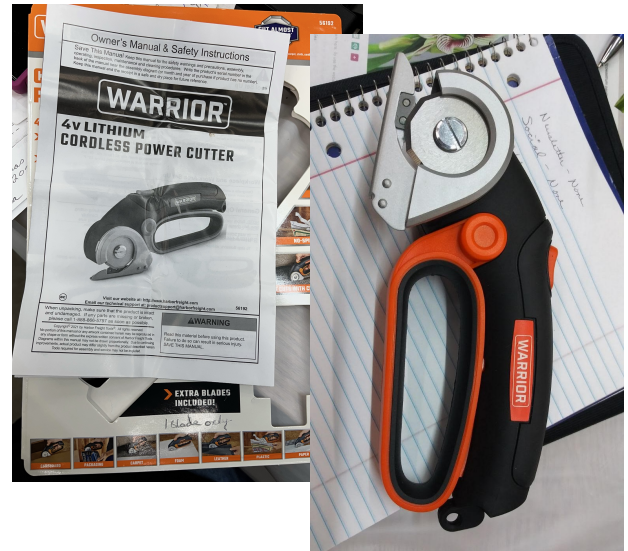
Looking forward to seeing everyone February 8th at A-1 Foam & Upholstery. 6-9 p.m.



Bloomington Custom Upholstery Shop



Diana P and Mavis wishing President Paul all the best in the new year.



After seeing this Power Cutter in the December newsletter, Mavis put it on her Christmas list and was delighted when she found it under her tree.



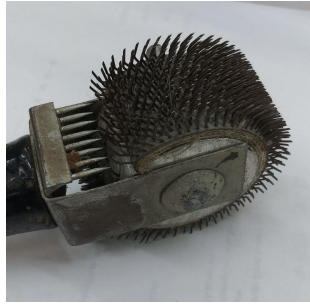
Checking out the fantastic rotary cutter that Mavis loves using for cutting layers of welt cord strips.



Zoule, Paul, Mavis, and Diana

A pair of old Proshear scissors that Zoule swears by as her standby pair.





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TIPS

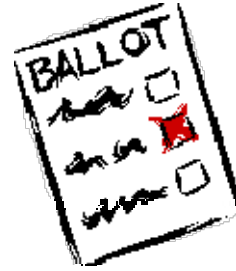


Jim of J Carlson Upholstery in Duluth sent in this tip. He places newspaper under the leather when he sews leather cushions to prevent the leather sticking to the machine table. The newspaper tears off easily after sewing is complete.



When having an open backed chair, Jim hand sews the boxing on the bottom in the welt with a diamond head needle going in and out of the sewing machine holes from sewing the welt to the bottom panel.

*It's ELECTION
TIME SOON*



SLATE FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Nominations taken until March Meeting Vote time)

PUAM BOARD FOR 2023-2024

- PRESIDENT: ☐ Paul Henly
☐ _____
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- CO-SECRETARIES: ☐ _____
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☐ Zoule VonWald
☐ _____
- TREASURE ☐ Anna Theil
☐ _____
- AT LARGE
 (15 are allowed) ☐ Mavis Nelson
☐ Geneva Erdman
☐ Sarah Sanna
☐ Ernest Mejia
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Please consider serving as an officer or board member for the PUAM. All Positions are open yearly and we especially need people to step up to serve as President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

. Please consider serving!!

Thanks, current officers for all the years of service!



PUAM CLASSIFIED ADS

Any member may place a free Ad here. Non-members fee is \$10.00 a month. Help wanted equipment for sale, etc.

Contact Diana Guenther, 763-755-9317 dlsguenth@gmail.com

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

Randy's Booth Co. is a custom hospitality Furnishing Company located in Crystal, MN that is seeking a full time or part time person with experience in Commercial sewing and cutting willing to train if they have some experience.

Email: bert@randysboothco.com or
call (612) 229-4330 for more info

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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

PUAM Newsletter with free classified Ads
Listing on the PUAM website
Networking Opportunities
Educational Presentation
Resource list of services
Swap and Sell Meets
Group Marketing
Discount group buys
Trade Show Participation
Expand your business and network with other industry professionals by becoming a member of the Professional Upholsterers Association of Minnesota. PUAM was started in 1989 and has members through out the state in all facets of the upholstery industry. Come check us out!



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The Professional Upholsterers' Association of Minnesota is an organization of individuals and firms, joined together to advance, support, and promote the field of Upholstery.

Want to join us? We would love to have you! To receive a membership application, call, go to our web site, write or e-mail us today:

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Inclement Weather

Now that we are in the cold winter **weather** months, this is a reminder that in the case of inclement weather we will not have in person meetings if any of the Twin City areas are under severe weather warnings. We may move to Zoom or postpone to another date. *Watch for Zoom instructions and date changes in your emails.

What helps one of us, helps all of us. We are stronger when we work together, help each other, and share ideas.

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