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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

Our November PUAM meeting was held at Lakes Upholstery in their new facility in Wyoming, Mn. with our host Diana Peltier, who provided a festive spread of food and refreshments for everyone. I was impressed with Diana's new building design & features appear to be well thought out.

We started off the evening with a presentation about zippers given by Anna Thiel who delved into the many different types of zippers & their respective slides and their uses. Her demonstration of how to sew a hidden or invisible zipper was informative and inspired many questions and discussion about sewing technique, uses of different sewing feet, and she also shared some zipper history and technology. Thank you Anna for sharing your knowledge & experience with our members.

I want to encourage everyone to plan on attending our annual Christmas Party next month on Dec. 7 at Jimmy's in Vadnais Heights. Please RSVP to Geneva Erdman or Angela Henly. I look forward to seeing everyone there for a fun evening.

Your President, Paul Henly



PLEASE ATTENND OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

**Spouses and employees are welcome.
You need not be a member to attend.**

When: Thursday, December 7th, 2023
Time: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Social Gathering
6:00 pm Dinner

Location: Jimmy's Event Center
3565 Labore Road
Vadnais Heights MN 55110

(Our Room is behind the bar and restaurant area so if you ask the hostess she will point you in the right direction)

Phone: 651-482-1100

Directions: Your GPS will get you there.

Dressy or Casual Attire!

White Elephant gift game and more social time after dinner. (for the White Elephant, bring a wrapped gift which can be something fun or funky)
Donation of hats, mittens, and gloves will be taken.

MUST RSVP BY NOVEMBER 20TH PLEASE.

Please RSVP by November 20th to Geneva at 651-464-7861, genevaerdman@yahoo.com or Angela at 612-592-4008
paulhenly@regaldesignstudio.com.

Looking forward to seeing everyone and getting a chance to visit and catch up.

UPCOMING MEETING INFO

The Professional Upholsterers Association of Minnesota's Education Committee will have some exciting programs at the membership meetings in 2024. The following meeting locations are:

Dec 7	Christmas Dinner Party
Jan 11, 2024	Charlotte Fabrics - New location Tour
Feb 8	A-1 Foam & Upholstery Colorist/Artist Danielle Oelschlager

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

2022-2023 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



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 (3 hrs)
The Maine Art of Refinishing (1.5 hrs)
Upholstery- Planning, Sewing, and Application (1.5)
Uphol. Sewing Machine Cleaning & Oiling (1 hr)
Upholstery - Skirts, Layout & Application (1.5 hrs)

If you'd like just 1 or 2 of this set that could be arranged also. Believe me, you will learn a trick or two to help produce a fine product!

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

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!

Professional Upholstery Association of Minnesota
General meeting minutes of November 9th, 2023
Co-Secretary-Angela Henly

Hosted by: Diana Peltier-Lakes Upholstery in her beautiful new shop!

In Attendance: Gina Mejia-Twin Cities Upholstery & TW Senders, Ernest Mejia-Charlotte Fabrics, Geneva Erdman-Erdman's "Pro-Sew", Anna Thiel-Anna's Alterations, Restorations, & Upholstery, Sarah Sanna-Everafter Upholstery, Mavis Nelson-Recovering Room, Diana S. Guenther-Shroyer Custom Upholstery, Zoule VonWald-Bloomington Custom Upholstery, Paul & Angela Henly-Regal Design Studio Custom Upholstery

Presentation: Anna gave a wonderful presentation on zippers, how to sew them into throw pillows so they are practically undetectable. How to put slides on from the top or the bottom of the zipper as well. Do you think you know everything about zippers and their installation? I think NOT. Anna had some new and interesting information on zippers, even the history from way back when about how they came into being in the first place. AND a bit of trivia!! Do you know why zippers are on opposite sides for women's clothes than men's? Years ago zippers were mostly in wealthy people's clothes, many women had "dressers" who assisted them in getting dressed for the day. Most "dressers" were right handed and it was easier for the zippers to be on the opposite side as the garment faced the "dresser"! Also, you can specify the width of the tape when ordering zippers from your supplier, if need be. Thank you Anna for the great educational informative presentation.

After a brief intermission the business part of the meeting was called to order at 8:30 by President Paul Henly. Everyone in attendance stayed for the business part of the meeting.

Secretary Minutes: After a brief discussion, Diana S made a motion to accept the minutes, Mavis 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion passed to accept the minutes from the October meeting as written.

Treasurers' Report: Anna reviewed and gave handouts of the financial report, with expenses taken out and itemized. After a brief discussion, Angela made a motion to accept the Treasurers report, Geneva 2nd the motion, All in favor. Motion passed to accept the Treasurers report as given.

Education: Diana P had contacted Dan from Marshfield Furniture in Marshfield Wisconsin about touring the manufacturing plant. Dan said Fridays work

well. Discussion was had about scheduling a tour sometime in April. They can take a max of 15 people on the tour, which will take about 1 ½ hours. Marshfield is a three hour drive, so it was suggested going early, doing the tour and making it an overnight as we did for the foam tour recently.

Diana P made a motion to present to The Board; having PUAM pay for gas for the trip. Diana SG 2nd the motion. All in favor of Paul presenting it to The Board at a meeting. Motion passed to present it to the board.

Ernest brought up the topic again of having a Meet & Greet meeting with out state shops. It was discussed having a weekend Meet & Greet meeting in the northern area-Cushing Minnesota with some of the area shops in April, the 13th, the southern area May 11th or 18th and June 15th another area. Ernest will organize with the shops and report back to PUAM. Thank you Ernest for keeping in touch with all the outlying shops encouraging the Meet & Greets and helping them be a part of PUAM.

Membership: Diana SG handed out an updated membership list. If you would like one, please reach out to Diana and she will get one to you. Diana reported that a plaque was ordered and it was presented to the newest member, Nikki Barnes Upholstery by Ernest Mejia. Also Sara Carlson stopped by Shroyer Custom Upholstery to pick up all Stinson fabric books from Diana, so she presented Sara with the Stinson plaque.

Newsletter: Jokes, Tips & Tricks are coming in, adding a lot to the newsletters. If you have any send them to Diana SG, by replying to her email.

Social: Geneva reported on the upcoming Christmas Party, which will be held at Jimmy's Event Center in Vadnais Heights on Thursday evening December 7th.

Social hour 5-6, Dinner 6 p.m. We will be doing a charitable contribution for kids! Hats, Mittens and scarfs, so start collecting them now to bring to the Christmas party. We are also doing the White Elephant gift exchange again as in the past, so bring a fun wrapped gift if you would like too participate. Last year gifts ranged from lottery tickets, to a tiara, vikings wear and a toaster! Lots of fun and laughs.

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Old Business: There are copies of the Upholstery Instructional classes available on DVD. A set of 5 for \$25.00. 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. Octobers meeting Mavis asked about the 3M double sided tape she had. It was for the Scotch ATG 799 Adhesive Applicator that Mavis did not have. Diana SG brought hers and did a demonstration on how it works. Diana showed how well it works to lay down the seams on leather before double top stitching. Many of us received one of these applicators at a PUAM meeting we had at R.S Hughes Co. many years ago.

TIP from Diana P: Steve, her partner in crime, made extensions for her bar clamps. Ever have problems with the bar clamps not being long enough? Well, Steve solved that problem by welding extensions for Diana. Slick as ever! He has also made or redesigned a few other tools to make them more efficient and user friendly. You missed out on seeing first hand some very cool redesigned tools!

Diana gave us a tour of Steve's metal and wood shops as well as her own. She has great storage with plenty of very organized work space, lots of natural light and easy access for moving/removing furniture.

Thank you Diana for hosting the meeting, the delicious food and drink AND the great tips and tricks you always have to share.

Adjournment: Angela made a motion to adjourn. Ernest 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion passed to end the fun meeting at 9:30 p.m.

The meeting went a bit long as there was outside discussion, but so much good information was shared. Until next time, Be Well and Have a safe blessed Happy Thanksgiving!. Angela & Paul Henly

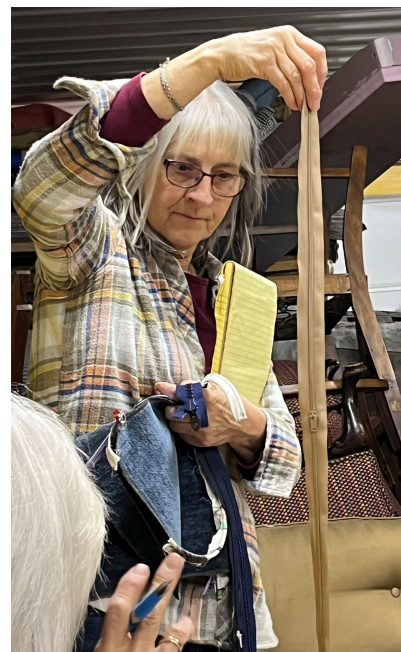
Anna's Zipper Presentation at Lakes Upholstery in Wyoming MN.



Sharing the history of zippers



Checking different machine feet for sewing zippers



**Anna showing
different zipper
teeth.**



Diana P's new spacious shop.

TIPS

If you want to try a handheld power cutter, Jim Carlson of J Carlson Upholstery in Duluth recommends this one from Harbor Freight. Jim thought he'd try it and is impressed with its ability. He has been cutting cloth, vinyl, and this felt carpet pad he uses over springs under the deck cloth. Thanks Jim!



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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!



Who Are We?

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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Now that we are in the **cold 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 cancel schools or after school activities. We may move to Zoom or postpone to another date.
*Watch for Zoom instructions and date changes in your emails.

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