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## PROFESSIONAL UPHOLSTERERS' ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA

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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 annual summer picnic was held at Ernest & Gina Mejias outdoor patio in Ramsey, Mn. With Santos Tovar manning the grill, we were all satiated with delicious burgers, hot dogs & spare rib cutlets, along with many savory dishes provided by our members.

Thank you to all who attended this social event. Our monthly meetings at members shops, our social events and field trips/tours to regional manufacturers (like Future Foam) are all great opportunities to increase your knowledge & understanding of our industry, develop contacts, resources and relationships with colleagues whom you can learn from and share your knowledge & experience with.

PUAM is committed to providing our members with relevant educational opportunities to help you be successful and grow your upholstery business.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Recovering Room next month.

Your President, Paul Henly

### GENERAL MEETING

(You need not be a member to attend)

**When:** Thursday, October 12th, 2023

**Time:** 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**Location:** Recovering Room Uphol.  
4205 East 54th ST  
Mpls MN 55417  
Hosted by Mavis Nelson

**Phone:** 612-270-8306

**Directions:** Your GPS will get you there. If you need help call Mavis.

### Meeting Schedule

**6:00 – 7:00 pm** Dinner, Refreshments, Social hour

**7:00 – 8:00 pm** Presentation 7pm sharp!

**8:15 - 9:00 pm** Business Meeting  
Reports, Old and New Business  
Open Forum & Q&A

### PRESENTATION

#### French Mattress and all things cushions

Our very own Sarah Sanna is going to give us a demo on French Mattress. There has been numerous requests for this since the first one she did was 6 years ago in 2017. Have you ever produced a French Mattress?

We will also be sharing tips and tricks on all other types of cushions so please bring yours with for a very informative evening.

## 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:

Oct 12	French Mattress and All things Cushions - Recovering Room
Nov 9	Invisible Zipper and Tips - Lakes Upholstery
Dec 14	Christmas Dinner Party
Jan 11, 2024	Charlotte Fabrics - New location Tour
Feb 8	A-1 Foam & Upholstery Colorist/Artist Daniele Oelschlager

## **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

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!

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

## **TIP**



Front and back of channels using zippers on the back side for ease of stuffing.  
Thanks to Diana Peltier of Lakes Upholstery for shaing with us.



President Paul Henly with new member Andrine Lemieux and hubby Clay of Ernie's Daughter Upholstery in Tower MN.

**Professional Upholstery Association of Minnesota  
Board Meeting Minutes Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup>  
2023**

**By Co-Secretary Angela Henly**

The afternoon started off with the annual picnic with Santos at the grill, delicious salads, snacks, cookies, beverages and Zoule's fabulous dessert!

In attendance were:

Anna Thiel-Anna's Alterations, Restorations & Upholstery, Mavis Nelson-Recovering Room, Zoule VonWald-Bloomington Custom Upholstery, Diana & Terry Guenther-Shroyer Custom Upholstery, Gina Mejia-Twin Cities Upholstery & TW Sender, Ernest Mejia-Charlotte Fabrics, Paul & Angela Henly-Regal Design Custom Upholstery, Crystal & Daniel Keenum-Twin Cities Upholstery, Santos & Samantha Tovar, Lauren & TJ Freeman, Bonnie Nelson-Superior Upholstery, Andrine & Clyde Lemieux-Ernie's Daughter Upholstery.

Under a pop up canope with cloudy skies at the Mejia Homestead, the board meeting was called to order by President Paul Henly at 5:02 p.m.

\*1<sup>st</sup> order of business-review a new application submitted by Nicole Barnes with Nikki Barnes Upholstery in Sleep Eye.

Ernie shared a bit about Nicole's shop. She has been in business 10 years, specializing in residential, marine and automotive upholstery. Nicole is applying as a Standard full membership.

Unfortunately, she was not able to attend the picnic as I recently spoke with her; but looks forward to being a member and helping her shop grow in it's knowledge.

Diana made a motion to present this application to the General Membership.

Anna 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor of accepting the application and presenting it at the October meeting held at the Recovering Room.

\*2<sup>nd</sup> order of business was the Christmas party. Angela brought up the question as to having the party at Jimmy's Food & Drink Restaurant & Event Center this year. Ernest made a motion to accept having the party at Jimmy's. Diana 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

3<sup>rd</sup> item-Ernest stated that Charlotte Fabrics has completed their move to the new building and would

like to host a PUAM meeting in the near future. Mavis will speak to Diana Peltier; who is in charge of scheduling meetings/locations; about getting Charlotte on the calendar of events. AND will also check with Diana about Kevin Southwick's presentation/class schedule.

Motion to adjourn was made by Diana, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Angela, All in favor. Motion passed to adjourn at 5:12 p.m. (One of the shortest, quickest board meetings ever! )

Andrine & Clyde drove down from Duluth to attend the picnic and meet other PUAM members.

We are so glad they made the trip enabling members to meet them in person and look forward to seeing them at future meetings. A HUGE thank you to Gina & Ernest Mejia for hosting the annual picnic at their home. The sky threatened rain so they were prepared with canope tents. We did get a bit of rain but the picnic went on as planned, with great attendance, delicious food, time to visit and meet new members...even celebrate an anniversary! A wonderful time was had by all.



Our hero Santos who manned the grill for the PUAM Annual Picnic in the rain.





4 of 9 kiddos in attendance.  
Sofia, Kayden, Elena, Ashton, Grayson, Kayden  
Selena, Jaxon, & Mila



Clay, Andrine, Anna, and Diana -Cheers!



Champagne to celebrate  
Santo & Samantha's Anniversary!



Crystal and Meennas



Santos with Mom Manuela and Daniel Keenum



Paul Henly and guest Bonnie Nelson of Superior  
Upholstery.





Santos and Manuela cooking up a storm.

### PUAM ANNUAL PICNIC

A great time was had by all at the PUAM Annual Picnic despite the occasional rain sprinkles.

All in attendance:

9 grandchildren of Ernest and Gina previously mentioned.

Gina and Ernest Mejia and fur baby Meena

Zoule VonWald and fur baby Freda May

Mavis Nelson

Anna Thiel

Paul and Angela Henly

Diana and Terry Guenther

Crystal and Daniel Keenum

Andrine and Clay Lemieux

Bonnie Nelson

Santos and Samantha Tovar

Manuela Tovar

Lauren and TJ Freeman

A total of 19 adults, 9 children, and 2 fur babies.

### FYI

Mavis Nelson of Recovering Room Upholstery was very pleased with the in house sewing machine service she received from Chuck White. Mavis asked to share this info with ya'll.

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who puts expensive fabrics  
on their furniture?



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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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## Inclement Weather

Now that we are in the **server 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 we may move to Zoom or postpone to another date. \*Watch for Zoom instructions and date changes in your emails.

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