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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.



From the Editors Desk

This summers heat and drought have no doubt effected all of us. My cucumbers plants loved the early heat and produced well but my tomato plants have produced small tomatoes that are late to ripen. Our water bill is going to be a doozy for this summer.

We had a wonderful tour of the Future Foam Plant in Middleton, Wisconsin. 12 of us went in 2 vans, thanks Paul and Ernest, on Sunday for the Monday am tour. Brett and Scott, our tour guides did a fabulous job showing us the many stages that are involved in producing foam. What was especially impressive was the great job they do at recycling scrape foam products from their customers and from the fall off from their own production. As you all know, I hope, you can bring any new scrap foam from your shops back to Fabric Supply and they bale it and return it to Future Foam to be reused in their "Rebond Foam" that is used for carpet pad. It was truly a highlight of my summer to finally be able to tour the Future Foam Plant and see foam production. (Pictures inside)

Hope to see ya'll at the annual PUAM Picnic!

Diana Shroyer Guenther

Filling in for President Paul Henly who is up at the Brainerd Raceway for some R&R.

Annual PUAM Picnic

(All invited, need not be a member to attend)

MARK YOUR CALENDER

Date: Saturday, September 9, 2023

Time: 3pm - 7pm

Location: Mejia homestead
6780 Green Valley Road NW
Ramsey MN 55302

Hosts: Gina and Ernest Mejia

Phone: 763-300-9576

Provided: Hamburgers, hotdogs, water, condiments, and paper products.

Bring: Something to share and your own beverage.

Also bring a lawn chair and if you have it, a pop up canopy to provide shade or shelter.

Do you have any lawn games? Outdoor Jenga, Bocce ball game, Corn hole game - (also know as bags)?

If you haven't been to one of our PUAM picnics, I hope you will join the fun and camaraderie.

P.S. Pray for good weather!

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:

Sept 9	Annual Picnic
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	Woodworking, Repairs & Finishes

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

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

TIP



If you've ever had to take off or replace platform rocker springs, you know what a pain it can be to stretch the springs to get the holes to line up when reattaching them. Here's a tip using a couple of small pieces of 1/4" plywood, H-1 5/8" W-1 3/8" to spread the springs before reattaching them to get the screws back in easily.

Jim sometimes screws the spring unit to the platform then uses a screwdriver to lift the top to place the wood piece to hold the spread for ease of screwing to the chair bottom.

Thanks to Jim Carlson of JC Carlson Upholstery Inc. in Duluth for sharing with us.

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!



Gina Mejia, Anna Theil, Sarah Sanna, Zoule VonWald, Diana Shroyer Guenther, Diana Peiltier, Ernie Mejia, Angela Henly, Paul Henly, Mavis Nelson, Geneva Erdman, and Mathias Henly.

FUTURE FOAM TOUR

July 10th, 2023



Brett and Scott gave us the tour of the plant and explained how the foam process works.



Tour



Monk's Bar and Grill in Middleton WI
for Sunday Dinner



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.

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Thank goodness. Last I heard, he was only in staple condition

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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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