

Newsletter

January 2020



The CMWA is a group of men and women from around the St. Cloud, Minnesota area who share a common interest in the art and business of woodworking. We meet monthly and share information, techniques, and topics of interest in woodworking.

www.thecmwa.com

Greetings Woodworkers

With January being the start of a New Year and decade I am looking forward to seeing the new opportunities Central Minnesota Woodworks will encounter. 2019 was a very successful year as we were able to grow significantly in our members and had the chance to learn a few new techniques for our own woodworking projects. I believe that we will again have many new learning experiences in 2020.

We are kicking off the year with a trip up to Grant Kaihois Shop. Grant agreed to give us a tour and presentation of how he creates live edge tables. The meeting starts 7PM at his shop: 10266 40th Ave Northeast, Sauk Rapids, MN. If you are using GPS to get to there, please make sure to type out "Northeast". If you abbreviate it to "NE" the GPS will take you to the wrong place. Grant's shop is about 5 miles east of Sauk Rapids on Little Rock Rd (east of Mayhew Lake) and north a few hundred yards on 40th Avenue. Please park out front. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thanks to all who came out for our December pot luck. It was great catching up and sharing our favorite dishes with each other. It was one of our best attended pot lucks yet.

Our next Open Shop Event will be held on Thursday February 6th at 6 P.M. All are welcome to bring a project of your own to work on. Hope to see you there!

If you have something you recently made, please bring it in and tell us about it. We can all learn from each other, and having a good conversation starter really spurs quite a bit of interest. You will also get some bragging rights and will be featured in our Made by Members section of our newsletter.

Happy New Year,

Devin Middendorf

President, the CMWA



Meeting Schedule 2020

All meetings held at the Paramount Tech Site Building, 248 - 33rd Ave So, Waite Park, MN 56387 unless otherwise noted.

January, 15th

February, 19th

March, 18th

April, 15th

May, 20th

June, 17th

July, 15th Picnic, 6PM start

August, 19st

September, 16th

October, 21th

November, 18th

December, 16th 6PM start Pot Luck.

January 15, 2020 Meeting

Our January 15, 2020 meeting will take place at the shop of our new CMWA member Grant Kaihoi. Grant will present on live edge woodworking and give us a tour of his shop where he does that work. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

Address for the shop: 10266 40th Ave Northeast, Sauk Rapids, MN. If you are using GPS to get to the shop, please make sure to type out "Northeast." Apparently if you abbreviate, GPS takes people to the wrong place. It works when the NE is not abbreviated. Also Grant's shop is about 5 miles east on Little Rock Rd (east of Mayhew Lake) and north a few hundred yards on 40th Avenue. Park out front.

2019 CMWA Board:

President	Devin Middendorf	Director at Large (2 year term)	Mike Ross
Vice President	Don Peterson	Director at Large (2 year term)	Shawn Jarvis
Secretary	Tim DuBois	Director at Large (1 year term)	Rollie Johnson
Treasurer	Kurt Zniwski	Director at Large (1 year term)	Mark Voigt
Marketing Director	Mike Ross		
Website Manager	Darren McKeever		
Librarians	Eddie Och		
Meeting Hosts	Eddie Och and Angelo Gambrino		

2019 Retrospective

By Shawn Jarvis

It's interesting to do a retrospective on 2019 for the CMWA. If you'd haul out all your newsletters from last year, you, too, could see how much we have accomplished as a club and what kinds of things we hope might be ahead in 2020. The Board and the club members are always open to ideas and suggestions on where you would like to see us continue to grow and expand our programming, so please feel free as a member to offer your advice.

We started out with an ambitious plan to link all the meetings by a common theme, *the humble box*, and had hoped to take the first "box" through to a finished project (maybe a piece of furniture) by the end of the year. Our thought was that individual members would bring their projects every month as they evolved and progressed, based on the cycle of the meetings. I think this year the Board learned something: it is very difficult to stick with a themed approach because there just too many variables, like the weather (February's meeting was rescheduled due to a snowstorm), technological impediments (iPads and the club projector refused to wed for Rollie's presentation) and the fact that the plan to see evolving projects from meeting to meeting did not materialize.

We have relied on the expertise/knowledge/sense of responsibility of the Board members to present over half the programming. January: Shawn and Kurt (the humble box); February: Mark Voigt and Devin (creating plans); March, Rollie Johnson (creating a cut list); May: Charlie Gunderson (four-square lumber); June: Don Peterson (making a drawer with dovetails); September: Mike Ross (prepping for finish) and Rollie Johnson (sharpening card scrapers); November: repeat offender Don Peterson (the annual safety presentation). Another three meetings brought in other presenters (April with member Tim Ziegler on buying lumber, a guest presenter in October on German Osmo finishing products and the August "outing" to the Barrel Factory in Avon). July and December are always reserved for the club party time, picnicking and celebrating the holidays, and they were well attended. Going into 2020, we hope more members will share their expertise and knowledge for the meetings; we know there is lots of untapped expertise in the club. That's why we're starting out 2020 with a visit to a new member's shop to see how Grant Haikoi works with live edge materials and hope that other members will step forward to make 2020 a truly member-driven year.

A new initiative in 2019 was the monthly "open shop night" the first Thursday of every month. The club's ability to open the shop for general club use is thanks to the commitment of Board members to supervise them and assist members with their projects. We were also helped greatly by the purchase of shop equipment from Spring Lake HS and a shaper and dust collection equipment, so that, as Devin said in one of his letters, it "makes it easy to walk in and get right to work". After a slow start (and a misstep commandeering the time to finish up a project for the August Art Crawl), by November, open shop activities included using the planer on some wide maple boards, building a table saw sled, and dowel making; in December people squared up large oak planks for a table top, planed and sanded cutting boards for holiday gifts, glued up stock for bedposts and prepared materials the upcoming Joe Morgan veneer class. We hope to see more members taking advantage of the open shop nights: at the first meeting this year, we will be handing out liability waivers for using the shop and hope in the near future to be certifying members to use all the power equipment in the shop.

In the "show and tell" parts of the meetings, we got to see the evergreen appeal of a cribbage board (Marlin Eich and Mike Ross brought theirs in); a chest of drawers with drawer faces made out of single board across the front Charlie Gunderson made; Lenny Merdan showed off his very cool fruit bowl; Eddy Och showed us a turned candle holder and Faust Gertz shared a washer toss game. Tim Dubois explained his small tabletop bench for handwork and Jerome Swensen brought in a walnut cane with the Air Force Emblem inlaid he made for his father-in-law. Devin Middendorf got us all ready for his upcoming nuptials with a lantern and a wedding card box. We also got to see the products of some of the workshops and classes we've been offering: Don Peterson showed the wall cabinet he made at the Mike Pekovich class.

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2019 Retrospective Continued

This year CMWA brought in regionally and nationally known woodworkers to share their expertise: Kevin Southwick came for a one-day class on the Fundamentals of Finishing; Joe Morgan spent two days here teaching about decorative veneering and Mike Pekovich spent five days taking participants through the construction of a Kumiko wall cabinet. Mike Siemsen led us through a weekend making a Moxon-type vise, a mallet, marking gauge and marking knife. And our own Mark Voigt once again taught an intermediate basic woodworking class. We are well on our way to becoming a place people come to expand their woodworking horizons. And don't forget that we hosted the Lie Nielsen tool event! They were so pleased with the attendance that they have agreed to return this year.

The CMWA is more than the sum of its parts: monthly meetings, open shop nights, classes, art crawl appearances and networking; it's a place where woodworkers join to celebrate their common passion for the art and joy of woodworking. Thank you for adding your voice and talents to our shared endeavor and we look forward to seeing you at the meetings in 2020!

Lie Nielsen Tool Show returns to The CMWA on April 17 and 18, 2020

Lie Nielsen Hand Tool Event

April 17, 2020, 10am to 6pm

April 18, 2020, 10am to 5pm

Paramount Tech Center
248 33rd Ave South
Waite Park, MN 56387

Fee: FREE



Woodworking Hand Tool Event with Central Minnesota Woodworker's Association

Lie-Nielsen Toolworks(R), the premier US manufacturer of heirloom quality woodworking tools, is bringing its popular Hand Tool Event(R) to St. Cloud, MN, on March 15-16, 2019, with the Central Minnesota Woodworker's Association. This event is part of the company's ongoing international program to expose woodworkers of all ages and skill levels to the benefits of traditional hand tools and techniques, and is a rare opportunity for the public to receive first-hand instruction directly from the toolmakers.

Lie-Nielsen Toolworks makes heirloom quality, woodworking hand tools in Warren, Maine, and takes pride in providing exceptional support to their customers. Lie-Nielsen Hand Tool Events travel to cities around the country to promote woodworking education in the use of hand tools. Lie-Nielsen also offers weekend workshops, instructional videos, and encourages visitors to tour their showroom and shop in Maine.

Education

Class and Event Schedule

All classes and events held at the
Paramount Tech Center
248 33rd Ave South
Waite Park, MN 56387

Registration is open for classes listed on the Paramount web site. If you follow the link below you will be on a page that lists all upcoming Paramount classes organized by month.

<https://paramountarts.org/art-classes/>

Build a Small Sea Chest with Mike Siemsen

Saturday and Sunday, January 18-19, 9am to 4pm

Instructor—Mike Siemsen

Fee: \$175

Woodworker Mike Siemsen will lead the group through building a small "Sea Chest" with tapered ends. The finished chest will be about 12×12×24 with angled dovetailed corners. Make your family's future heirloom in this class designed for beginners with absolutely no experience, but can be enjoyed by people of all skill levels!

Register here: <https://paramountarts.org/event/create-a-beautiful-sea-chest-jan-2020/>



Beyond the Basics of Woodworking with Mark Voigt

Four Tuesdays January 28, February 4–18, , 6pm to 9pm

Instructor—Mark Voigt

Fee: \$130

Build a nightstand organizer. Participants should have basic woodworking skills and will develop more advanced skills during the class.

Register here: <https://paramountarts.org/event/create-a-nightstand-organizer-1-28-2-18/>





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