



# Newsletter

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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 to share information, techniques and topics of interest.

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## Offcuts... by Brad Knowles



Due to lack of participation, the club had to drop out of "The Woodworking Show" this month at Canterbury Downs. We only had about half the number of people signed up to man the booth that we needed. Maybe next year we can pull it back together.

It's that time of year again when we will be electing our 2011 officers and board members. We will have several positions to fill. If you are interested in perhaps fill-

ing one of the open positions, contact a current board member for more information. Rollie, our current VP, will move up again to the President's position and will be heading up the nominating committee also.

Our annual business meeting will take place at the January meeting. We will be having elections of officers and revisions of the club bylaws at that meeting.

## November Meeting (gs)

We would like to thank Darren McKeever for his well organized presentation on Google Sketchup. He kept it simple for most of us who know little to nothing about the free drawing software. He covered many of the basic skills needed to use Sketchup, followed by a few examples of drawings he created while building bunk beds and a wine rack. If you are interested in downloading the free software and trying it out, visit the CMWA website for a link.

## December Meeting (gs)

Our annual holiday potluck will be held on Wednesday, December 15 at **6:30** pm at the Sauk Rapids-Rice Middle School. Please invite your spouse to join us for the festivities. The club will provide plates, utensils and drinks. Members should bring a salad, hot dish, dessert or other food of their choice. See page 4 for more details.

There will be no Board Meeting this month.

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### Renew your Membership Dues

It is that time of year again. Please pay your 2011 dues (\$30) at the January or February meeting, or send them to the CMWA address above.

***If I install a central dust collector, would you recommend I install it in my heated and well insulated shop or in the attached, unheated garage?***

A dust collector moves a lot of air, and in the middle of a Minnesota winter that will be a lot of heated air. A collector installed outside the shop in your unheated garage, will simply move a lot of heat from your shop to your unheated garage, an expensive proposition. If you install the collector inside your shop, you will keep that heat in your shop but you also have to put up with the noise and loss of space. A good compromise, especially with a cyclone type collector, is to place the

collector outside the heated shop but route the exhaust air back into the shop saving all that precious heat. If the collector is a bag type, you can always build a small room to house the collector and bags and provide access ports for the air to move back into the heated workshop. With either system, some means of remote monitoring of the dust level in the collection drum or bag is necessary. Oneida's new Dust Sentry uses infrared sensing technology combined with a bright strobe light for monitoring sawdust levels in drums (available for \$129.00 from [www.oneida-air.com](http://www.oneida-air.com)). With a bit of ingenuity, the Dust Sentry could be adapted for bag type collectors too.  
 — Rollie



### Editor's Note

Email ([newsletter@thecmwa.com](mailto:newsletter@thecmwa.com)), mail (Glenn Street, 1806 Danielle Drive, St. Cloud, MN 56301) or call Glenn (253-4038) if you have a question for Rollie.

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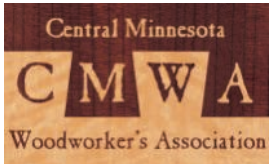
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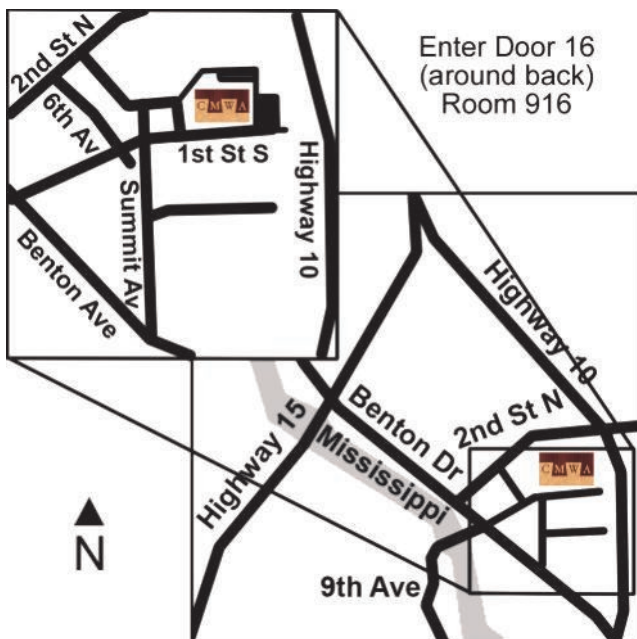


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## Upcoming Meeting

### Holiday Potluck

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