



# Newsletter

March 2017

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 the area of woodworking.

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## Greetings Woodworkers

February sure raised the bar on our monthly meetings! I am glad so many of you could make it out the St. John's Abbey Woodshop! I truly enjoyed seeing everything they had there. I did not know they built so many items for the school and for purchase. My favorite piece was the Saint John's Bible Cabinet, this history and the story behind it all really make it memorable. I would like to thank Mike Ross and his work in getting this meeting set up for us. If any of you are interested in any more information about the woodshop and what they do or the St. John's Bible here is the respective links to their websites [sjawood.org](http://sjawood.org) and [saintjohnsbible.org](http://saintjohnsbible.org).

March's meeting we will take a little break from all the excitement and come back to our own shop for the presentation. I plan on doing a demo on Project Planning, Layouts, Cutlists, Bill of Materials, Drawings, and CAD. We've all heard the saying "Measure Twice, Cut Once" and I'd like to take that to the next level with this presentation. When I start a new project I always like to do my drawings in CAD. It can be extremely beneficial to have a clear plan on what to do; it helps eliminate costly errors and helps get your concept nailed down before you even power up the table saw. A few free programs are available for download if any of you would like to start playing around with them before the meeting, then if you have any questions I can answer them.

### Free CAD Software Links

2D Software DraftSight

3D Software SketchUp Make

A few other things to keep in mind coming up mid-April we will be having our annual Woodshow. We plan on having lots of hands-on activities this year for both kids and adults- a little bit of education and fun for everyone! In order to make this the best it can be we will need volunteers not only for setup and tear-down, but we also need people to help out during the day. There will also be a display area for people to show off their work, much like last year. If you have something to bring please do, the more pieces we have the more interest it stirs among the general public.

At the March meeting Kurt will have our 2017 CMWA Membership Cards ready for pickup.

As always, please bring items for show & tell.

Devin Middendorf  
President, the CMWA

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## 2017 Schedule:

1/18/2017	Elections of 2017 Board Members
2/15/2017	Tour of the St. Johns Abby Woodshop
3/15/2017	Project Planning, Layouts, Cultists, Bill of Materials, Drawings and CAD
4/19/2017	Bent Lamination Active Demonstration, Mark Voigt
5/17/2017	Hollow Chisel Mortising, Rollie Johnson
6/21/2017	Marquetry and Veneering, Don Peterson
7/19/2017	Yearly Picnic and a Topic
8/16/2017	Panel Glue Up, Charlie Gunderson
9/20/2017	From Picture to Plan To Project, Shawn Jarvis and Mark Voigt
10/18/2017	Router Workshop
11/15/2017	Safety Mark Voigt
12/20/2017	Potluck Party and Yearly Elections Round Table Discussion

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