



# Newsletter

November 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 woodworking.

[www.thecmwa.com](http://www.thecmwa.com)

## Greetings Woodworkers

With the passing of October and all of the fall work complete we can now take shelter in our shops for the winter. Before we know it the holidays will be here for us to enjoy. That means we get to start thinking about gifts to make for our loved ones. Just about every woodworking magazine has ideas for things to make, I have a couple of unique gifts in mind myself that I hope to get done in time. The best part of a hand-made gift is when they open it up with the look of joy on their face.

At our October meeting I received a very special gift from my co-board members. I would like to say thank you to all of you for the wonderful custom-made granite plaque. I could not have done it this year without your support and guidance. This year has been a big year for the CMWA and it is awesome to see the progress that we have made! I cannot wait to see what next year brings for us. We have a few little things to clean up yet at the Tech Center and then we have many classes lined up for next year.

A special thanks to Rollie Johnson for the presentation of how to build a shooting board. It was a fun little class and I think we all learned a lot. Maybe next time we do it we will have to start a little sooner so it doesn't get too late! Thanks to those who brought materials along for others to build with; it really helps as we would not have been able to process all of the materials in the short time we had. If any of you missed the last meeting and still would like to build a shooting board, let one of us know and we can show you all of the steps to put one together.

Our next meeting will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and it will be all about safety! Now safety may seem like a topic that we just want to quickly glance over like an owner's manual of a brand new tool, but much like reading the owner's manual after the tool is wrecked we don't want to find out what we did was wrong after we have gotten hurt. This safety meeting will be the official kickoff for the safety program at the Tech Center. Going forward, in order to operate any equipment you will need to pass the safety test - no worries it is an open book test, and with a little bit of common sense you will be able to pass no problem.

If you have a little something you recently made, please bring it in and tell us about it. We all can 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.

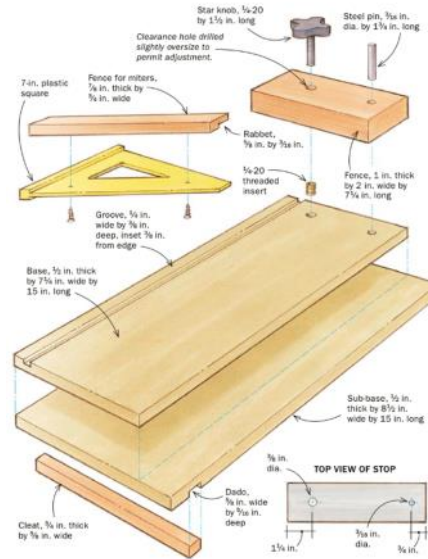


Devin Middendorf  
President, the CMWA

# October Meeting Program

## Shooting Board

For the October meeting program we had a short discussion about shooting boards. After briefly covering how they are made, what they are used for, and construction methods for building them, we went to work building ten shooting boards for the shop. We followed a Mike Peckovitch design published in Fine Woodworking magazine. It was a shooting board free-for-all as everyone jumped in and helped where they could. We completed the ten units. We still need to test and adjust them for use. Thanks to everyone who helped.



Completed Shooting Board



## Made By Members

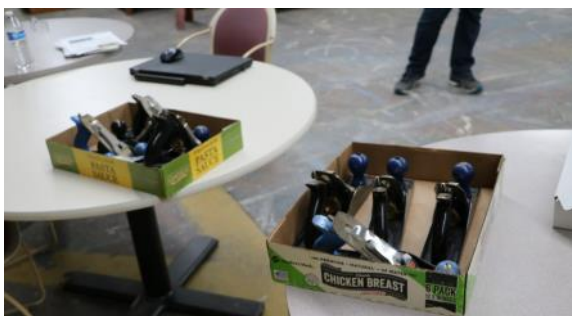
Bring a project to share at the next meeting and we will cover it in an upcoming newsletter.



Don Peterson showed a jewelry box with marquetry he made at a recent class taught by Paul Schurch.



New member, Brad Ferguson, showed a wine table and described his construction technique.



Mike Lauer donated five #5 and four #3 Stanley handplanes he picked up at an auction.



John Wilson brought in a piece of buckthorn to show us what a beautiful wood it could be.

## Upcoming events

**November 15—Our regular CMWA meeting at the Tech Center.**

### Safety

Shop safety will be the November meeting topic. We will review safety information applicable to our home shops. We will also consider safety as it applies to our new shop facility at the Tech Center.

**November 18**

### Carved Piercing Embellishment

**with Mark Laub**

Adding thoughtful, original details can turn your work from ordinary to extraordinary. By developing your own approach to embellishment, you can add your own personal signature to your work making it singularly your own.

In this class we will explore one such embellishment: carved piercing. This technique will enable you to add significant visual interest and appeal to your work. It will enable you to use contrasting woods and see-through transparency to both large cabinet casework or small box interiors. Piercing also creates “negative space” which adds an organic and light feel to your work .

In this class we will create a “tree of life” panel, starting with design and pattern preparation, continuing through all the drilling, scrolling, and carving steps. We’ll conclude with detailing and finishing options.

The class will consist of lively lecture, demo, and discussion and lots of hands on practice. Each participant will work on their own panel. All tools will be provided so the only thing you will need to bring are: (in order of importance): enthusiasm, curiosity and a notebook.

Enroll and begin your journey to making your work both original and artful! This will be a hands on class held at the Tech Center

Visit the link below to sign up for this class:

[https://paramountarts.secure.force.com/ticket/#sections\\_a0F1N00000nHHarUAG](https://paramountarts.secure.force.com/ticket/#sections_a0F1N00000nHHarUAG)

Read about Mark Laub and see more of his work at [www.marklaub.com](http://www.marklaub.com).

### 2018 Schedule

2018 is going to be a big year for the CMWA. The Board is currently developing meeting topics for 2018. A number of great classes and events are already lined up. We will have an Introduction to Cabinetry with George Vondriska, a three week Basic Woodworking class taught by Mark Voigt, a Green & Green style bookcase taught by Gary Rogowski, Bandsawn Boxes taught by Michael Cullen, and a Lie Nielsen Hand Tool Event held in March. The 2018 schedule will be published in the December CMWA newsletter.

### 2017 Schedule

10/18/2017	Shooting Board
11/15/2017	Safety
12/20/2017	Potluck Party and Yearly Elections Round Table Discussion



## Thank You Devin -

Rollie Johnson presented Devin Middendorf with an engraved plaque from the club in thanks for his ongoing service as Club President.



## Where to find us -

**Tech center Address:**  
 248 33rd Ave South  
 Waite Park, MN 56387

All meetings are now held at the Paramount Tech Center

Above is a map and the street address for the Tech Center. It is near Mills Fleet Farm in Waite Park.

## 2017 CMWA Board:

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<b>Vice President</b>	Don Peterson	<b>Director at Large (2 year term)</b>	Shawn Jarvis
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<b>Librarians</b>	Eddie Och		
<b>Meeting Hosts</b>	Eddie Och and Angelo Gambrino		



## November 3 Art Crawl

The CMWA participated in the November 3 Art Crawl.

Thanks to Tim DuBois, Rollie Johnson, Don Peterson, and Mike Ross for helping out.



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