

Newsletter

June 2018

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.

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Greetings Woodworkers

Since Memorial Day has come and gone the summer months have officially kicked off! The calendar is filling up quickly with many things to do. Hopefully we have some time to sneak in a little vacation to a cabin up north somewhere. It is so relaxing getting up early and going down to the lake with a cup of coffee and watching the sunrise.

Thanks to all of those who came out on May 16th to help with work at the Tech Center. It was a successful day and we got just about all of the things done on the to-do list. The work benches are in a much better state now; flattened, vices re-aligned, power strips attached, and refinished. We also came up with a plan to make two handicap accessible benches that will double as a bench for shorter people. These benches share a design with a trestle table but with a steel tubing frame. We will then attach the two leftover oak panels from our bench build last year for the tops. It will be great to have this as an option for those in a wheelchair. We also went through the containment area and cleaned it up and reorganized things in a way that made them easier to find. All of these little things add up and it is great to get them crossed off the list so we can keep running smoothly.

Last month's meeting was an exciting one. I did not know that there was so much history in braces and bits, from its simple beginning of an all wood construction, to ones that are very ornate -made from bronze with ebony accents. Imagine showing up on the job site in those days with a fancy brace like that! Also, learning about the influence the industrial revolution had on this tool was fascinating. Jim Preusser did a good job educating us all. Rollie's hands-on portion was fun as well, it is crazy how fast you can bore a hole by hand, even with a large diameter bit.

Our monthly meeting will held on June 20th and Rollie Johnson will be doing a presentation of Hammer Veneering. I do not have any experience with this technique but I am excited to learn how it is done. Knowing Rollie, I am sure there will be some liquid hide glue involved! I have not used that glue yet either but there are quite a few benefits to it and Rollie will be more than willing to share.

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



Made By Members

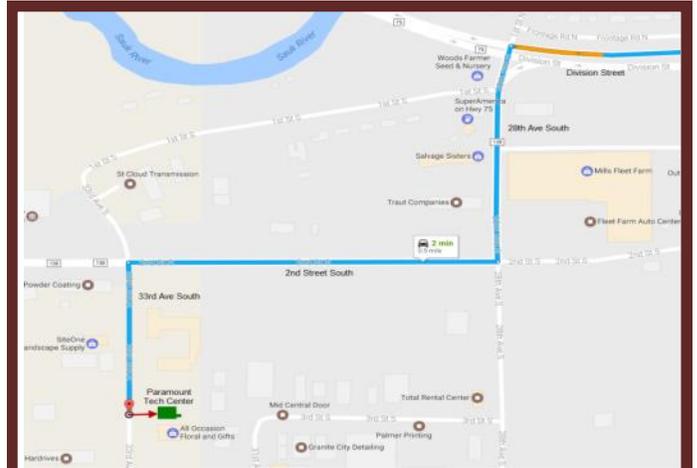


Jerry Koltus showed a jewelry box he will gift to a graduating family member.



Charlie Gunderson showed a fixture he made for a client and described how it was made.

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.

2018 CMWA Board:

President	Devin Middendorf	Director at Large (2 year term)	Mike Ross
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Meeting Hosts	Eddie Och and Angelo Gambrino		

April Meeting Program

The April meeting program was about Braces and Bits

Jim Preusser, the presenter, set out three tables of vises and drills. The first table had historical pieces from all around the Western world (Scandinavia, Holland, Germany, France, England); most of those pieces dated from the 18th century and were handmade by the craftspeople. Some had brass/metal ornamentation and interesting bits (spoon bits, etc.). The second table contained many American pieces from the late 18th and 19th century, including some mass produced items. The third table included bits, historical, and contemporary mass produced items. Overall, Jim gave a history of braces and drills and their development over three centuries.

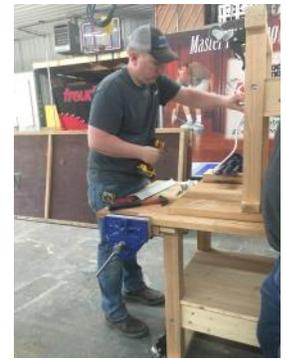
Rollie Johnson finished the evening with a demonstration of braces and discussed their versatility and usefulness in the shop. He also gave some tips on what to look for when you buy braces/drills and bits on line.



Shop Work Day

Tim DuBois, Shawn Jarvis, Rollie Johnson, Devin Middendorf, Jerry Koltes, Mike Ross, and Scott Lenzen met at 10:00 and repaired cracks in the benches, redrilled holes to account for wood movement of the tops, lowered the vises so they would be lower than the bench tops, flattened surfaces, and applied finish to all the bottoms and half of the tops. Devin installed power strips and wire clamps on all the benches. Jerry and Scott made and attached braces on the clamp tree to make it less wobbly and Devin sorted and labeled all the miscellaneous hardware (screws, nails, etc). We also discussed plans for a handicap/short person bench that Tim DuBois found. He will be making those bases and we will work on the other two benches as that project progresses.

Thanks to these volunteers for improving our shop environment.



Class Schedule through June 2019

We have settled on our class dates and instructors through June of 2019. We are working on filling in additional information that will be published in the next newsletter and be available on our web site. All classes are held at the Paramount Tech Site Building. 248 - 33rd Ave So, Waite Park, MN 56387. On line sign-up will be available in early July. As more information is available it will be posted at www.thecmwa.com

September 17-21	9am to 4pm	Michael Cullen Bandsawn Boxes.
October 2 -16 (Tuesdays)	6pm to 9pm	Mark Voigt Beginning Woodworking.
November 3	9am to 4pm	George Vondriska 1 day CNC.
November 16 -18	9am to 4pm	Joe Morgan Marquetry. Packet cut marquetry using scroll saw.
December 1	10am to 4pm	Don Peterson Christmas oriented 1 day project.
January 19 -20	9am to 4pm	Mike Siemsen 2 day subject to be determined.
February 12 -26 (Tuesdays)	6pm to 9pm	Mark Voigt Beyond the Basics of Woodworking
March 15 -16	10am to 6pm	Friday Lie Nielsen Hand Tool Event
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April 6 -7	9am to 4 pm	Mark Laub Embellishments.
May	Open	
June	Steve Latta	

Meeting Schedule 2018

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

6/20/2018	7p.m.	Hammer Veneer	Rollie Johnson
7/18/2018	7p.m.	Picnic	
8/15/2018	7p.m.	Router Workshop	Mark Voigt & Rollie Johnson
9/19/2018		Fieldtrip.	Possibly Urban Boatbuilders
10/17/2018	7p.m.	Design	To Be Determined
11/15/2018	7p.m.	Safety, Board Nominations	Mark Voigt & Don Peterson
12/19/2018	7p.m.	Potluck, Yearly Election, Auction, Roundtable discussion	

CMWA monthly meetings are held at the Tech Center. Address and map on page 2. September 2018 meeting is scheduled as a field trip. Field trip details will be provided as they are worked out.

Art Crawl

The CMWA participated in the June 8, 2018 Art Crawl in St Cloud. Charlie Meyer, Rollie Johnson, and Don Peterson set up shop in Studio C in the basement of the Paramount. Rollie demonstrated brace and bit techniques. Don and Charlie both demonstrated dovetails. We showed several examples of furniture made by club members, passed out club literature, and talked to people about our upcoming meeting and education schedule.

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