

Newsletter

November 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.

www.thecmwa.com

Greetings Woodworkers

At our October meeting Merle Sykora did an excellent presentation on design. I know I can apply a few of the points Merle made to my work. The first was association with an edge, particularly on an inlay or other engravings on the top of a box. Starting the design from an edge gives the design a place of anchor and it makes it feel properly placed, not just hanging out in open space. A second point was terminations. For example, when designing a box the lid and the sides will associate with each other through a termination. This helps define the difference between the top and the sides. A termination does not necessarily have to be an overhang or a reveal (but if it is ensure that the amount is proportionate to the material thickness) it can be a different color wood, like in a breadboard end.

Our November meeting will be held a week later than normal, November 28th at 7pm. Don Peterson and Mark Voight will be doing a presentation on safety. Since last year we did safety on individual tools in the shop. This year we are going to change it up a bit and do a training on what to do in an accident situation. We thought this would be helpful because now we are doing more hands on activities at the Tech Center. An accident can happen at any time and we need to be prepared for it.

Our first Open Shop Event was on October 23rd and I would like to thank all of those who came out to make it a reality. Please bring your thoughts and ideas on how to improve open shop events to our November meeting.

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.

Hope you all have a happy and safe Thanksgiving!
Devin Middendorf
President, the CMWA



Upcoming class update

Our marquetry class with Joe Morgan is scheduled for November 16 through the 18th.

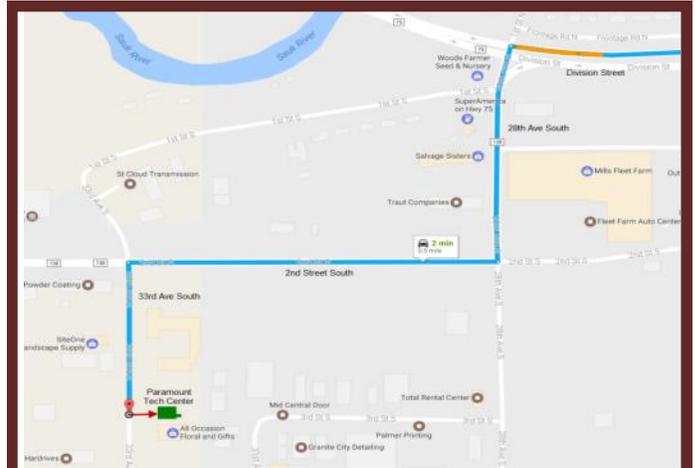
December 1 is a one day class with Don Peterson and his brother Wayne on basic inlay technique. Learn a method to add inlay to your next project.

Start next year with a class taught by Mike Siemsen on January 19 & 20. We will be making tools including a Moxon vise, a mallet, a marking gauge, and a marking knife.

The Mark Laub class scheduled for next spring has been cancelled due to a conflict for Mark. We will work on rescheduling the embellishments class Mark was planning to teach.

Class sign-up details start on page 4 of this newsletter.

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.

Meeting Schedule 2018

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

11/28/2018 7p.m. Safety, Board Nominations Mark Voigt & Don Peterson

12/19/2018 7p.m. Potluck, Yearly Election, Auction, Roundtable discussion

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		

Introduction to Woodworking

This introductory level workshop started Tuesday night, October 2. Students built a keepsake box over the course of three lessons. The box features miter joints, a lift off lid, and an internal cedar tray. Everyone completed their box. Mark Voigt was the instructor with assistance from Tim DuBois, Don Peterson, and Mike Ross. Mark covered the construction of the box in addition to operational and safety instruction on all the tools used. Don Peterson guided the students through the application of a quick shellac finish on the last night of class.



October Meeting

We were lucky to have Merle Sykora talk to us about design at the October meeting. Merle is a retired professor from St. Cloud State University, where he taught and chaired in the Department of Art. He is a nationally recognized textile artist; a number of his works are included in the St. Cloud Arts Commission permanent collection.

Merle asked us to bring in some of our current projects for him to critique. He used the pieces we brought in to guide his design presentation. It was educational and not as intimidating as it sounds. A few highlights include:

- Creative ability starts with manual competency. When you have fully developed manual competency you no longer need to think about the process. You can be creative and inventive. The process no longer gets between you and the final product.
- When adding embellishments or features to a project relate them to an edge. Don't just center it.
- If you are making a pair of items don't make them exactly the same.
- Take care of "terminations". Where one part meets another, don't stay in the same plane. Use a small offset, or reveal, to define the transition. For example, where a table apron meets the table leg.
- Look at your design from all sides. Don't ignore the back. Assume it will be set in the middle of the room.
- The finish on a project is important for the looks, but the feel of the finish is equally important.



Class and Event Schedule

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.

<http://www.paramountarts.org/classes/>

All classes are held at the Paramount Tech Site Building. 248 - 33rd Ave So, Waite Park, MN 56387.

Basic Inlay with Don Peterson

Saturday, December 1, 10am to 4pm

Tech Center, Waite Park

Instructor—Don Peterson

Fee: \$75

The class will consist of a straight “border” type in-lay in the corner of a board and a 5-point star in the middle of the board (the star and border will be provided). The focus will be on hand work but some routing will be done for the bulk of the excavation.



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Tool Making Workshop with Mike Siemsen

Saturday and Sunday, January 19-20, 9am to 4pm

Tech Center, Waite Park

Instructor—Mike Siemsen

Fee: \$225

We will be making a traditional double screw vise as shown in Randal Holme and Moxon. Also a mallet, a marking gauge, and a marking knife. You will use hand tools to make these four very useful items for your shop and gain the ability to make more of them as needed.



Visit the link below to sign up:

https://paramountarts.secure.force.com/ticket/#sections_a0F1N00000pPM6nUAG

Beyond the Basics of Woodworking with Mark Voigt

Tuesdays February 12– 26, , 6pm to 9pm

Techcenter, Waite Park

Instructor—Mark Voigt

Fee: \$125

Get ready for spring and warm sunshine by building your own cedar Adirondack style lawn chair. Participants should have basic woodworking skills and will develop more advanced skills during the class. Visit the link below to sign up:

https://paramountarts.secure.force.com/ticket/#sections_a0F1N00000pPND5UAO

Lie Nielsen Hand Tool Event

March 15, 2019, 10am to 6pm

March 16, 2019, 10am to 5pm

Tech Center, Waite Park

Fee: \$FREE



Lie-Nielsen Toolworks Returning to St. Cloud, MN

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. For more information about this event, please contact Jared Patch at (800) 327-2520, email marketing@lie-nielsen.com, or visit www.lie-nielsen.com/hand-tool-events

Open Shop

Tuesday, October 23, we held our first open shop event. Most of the attendees built a tool tote based on a design from Charlie Meyer. It was a guided build directed by Tim DuBois. Five people finished their tool totes. Others of us worked on sharpening, machine tool maintenance, or shop organization. We felt it was a successful night and plan to do it again.



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