

# Newsletter

January 2019

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 ringing in of the New Year it makes us reflect back on 2018 and look forward to what 2019 could bring us. At our December Planning Meeting the board had that in mind. We asked ourselves the question; "What can we do to continually improve what we are doing with the CMWA?" As within many areas of our life it is easy to just continue to do things "the way we have always done them" and then find ourselves wondering why we are not getting more out of it. With that being said we are starting a whole new program with the CMWA. One of the first things that you will find changing is our monthly meetings. We will be starting a Monthly Project Series. At each meeting we will have a topic that will first begin with discussion and then move into a hands on lesson. The hands on portion will also be different than what we have done in years past. We will be building an actual physical project so throughout the year we will continue to build on what we have learned from the last month. But if you miss one of the meetings don't worry because each month's topic by itself can be a stand alone lesson so there will always be something to learn.

The Monthly Project Series also helps another motive that we have had for a long time; Open Shop Events. Throughout 2019 we will be working towards providing at least a once a month opportunity to host an open shop. As a member this will be free for you to attend. We just ask that you bring a plan of what you want to work on that evening. It will also give you time to catch up on our Monthly Project Series project. We will keep you posted on these events.

Our January meeting will be held on January 16 at 6pm and Kurt Zniewski and Shawn Jarvis will be kicking off our Monthly Project Series with the first installment called *The Start*. Here is a brief look into what it will be about: *Starting a new project is always exciting but the anticipation of the completed project can sometimes obscure the efforts needed to make the project a reality. In this first-of-a-series seminar we will discuss the joys and pitfalls of creating the most basic of furniture forms: the box. Almost all of the furniture we build relies on basic boxes to create volume, strength and utility, but even a basic box can be a frustrating challenge if a person is not prepared for the demands of the project. Let's look at what decisions we need to make before we start down the project trail.*

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.

Happy New Year,  
Devin Middendorf  
President, the CMWA

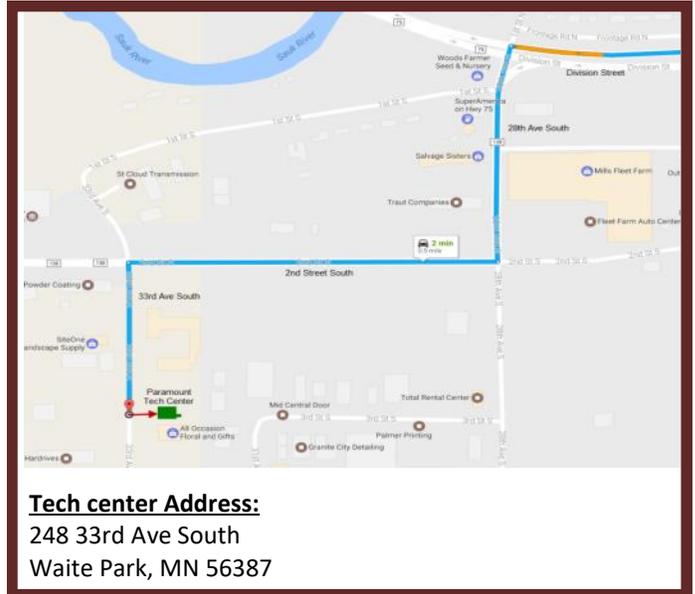
### Upcoming class update

Start the 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



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:

|                           |                                |  |                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|----------------|
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## 2019 CMWA Meetings

Dates for the monthly meetings are listed below. As Devin mentioned on page one, the meetings are a monthly project series with a common theme. The meetings will stand alone, but taken together they will guide you through a project from development to finishing.

### Meeting Schedule 2019

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

**January 16** The Start. How to decide on a project, based on your tools and capabilities.

**February 20** How to make a plan.

**March 20** How to develop a cut list.

**April 17** Learn how to buy lumber.

**May 15** Four Square lumber and glue up, Biscuit joints, Domino joints.

**June 19** Make a Drawer. Don Peterson will be demonstrating dovetails.

**July 17** Picnic, 6PM start CMWA provide the burgers, brats, buns, condiments, plates, silverware, soft drinks, and water

**August 21** Field trip to The Barrel Factory in Avon. Meet at the Tech Center at 6PM and then carpool to Avon. Or meet there at 6:30. *(To be confirmed as we get closer to this date)*

**September 18** How to prep the project for finishing.

**October 16** Put a finish on a project.

**November 20** Safety with Don Peterson and Mark Voigt.

**December 18** 6PM start Pot Luck.

## **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 - 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave So, Waite Park, MN 56387.

### **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](https://paramountarts.secure.force.com/ticket/#sections_a0F1N00000pPM6nUAG)

### **Beyond the Basics of Woodworking with Mark Voigt**

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

Tech Center, 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](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](mailto:marketing@lie-nielsen.com), or visit [www.lie-nielsen.com/hand-tool-events](http://www.lie-nielsen.com/hand-tool-events)

**2109 Membership Renewal**

Please fill out the form below and send it in along with your check for \$30.

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| <b>Central Minnesota Woodworkers Association</b>  | <b>PO Box 1955 St. Cloud MN 56302</b>  |
| <b>Annual Membership Renewal</b>  | <b>\$ 30                      2019</b> |
| <p><b>Benefits:</b>            Networking with area woodworking enthusiasts – Educational Meetings – Guest Speakers and Seminars<br/>                 Discounts at retailers &amp; mail catalogs – An on line monthly newsletter with the ability to ask questions of members through the web Site.</p> |  |
| <p>Name _____</p>   |  |
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| <p><u>Reminder we are a volunteer driven club -- A little help from all makes it all easier</u></p>   |  |

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