

Newsletter

February 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

Greetings Woodworkers

Thank you to all who came to the January meeting. Kurt Zniewski and Shawn Jarvis did a very good job kicking off the Monthly Project Series with *The Start*. It is easy to get caught up in the anticipation of what the finished project will look like and overlook the many details that can be a challenge to overcome mid project. Kurt and Shawn's take on the start of a new project gave us some good details to reflect upon. I hope we can apply what we have learned when starting our next project.

February's Open Shop Event was held on the 7th. Thank you to those that braved the weather and made this first event a success. We would like to continue to host these events every month. With that said, the tentative date for March is the 7th from 6-9pm. The confirmed date will be announced at our next meeting. Also, like our Facebook page for current updates. All are welcome to attend!

Our February meeting will be held on February 20th at 7pm and Rollie Johnson, Mark Voigt, and I will be presenting the second installment of our Monthly Project Series called *The Plan*. Starting off with a well-defined plan will greatly increase the odds of success on your next project! We will be covering the basics of design: proportions and balance. Then we will move into different methods of creating a set of plans, from hand drawing to CAD. Finally, we will cover how drawings help you create a materials list and save time by problem solving before anything is cut.

If you have a little something you recently made, please bring it in and tell us about it. We can all 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 Woodworking,
Devin Middendorf
President, the CMWA



Made By Members

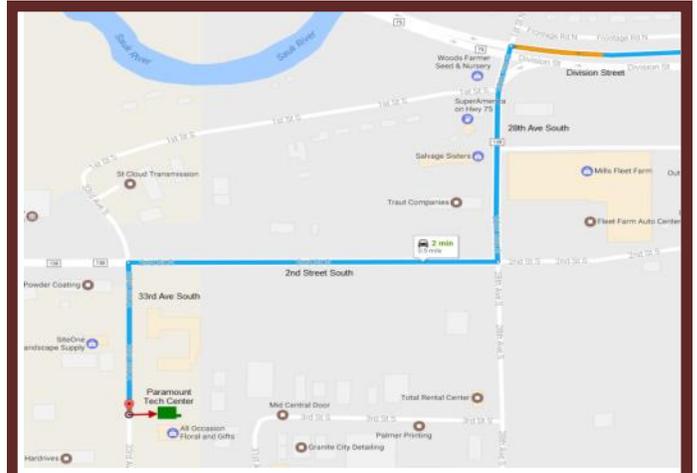
Devin Middendorf shared a lantern he is developing for an upcoming wedding. It is made of oak. He discussed joinery options.



Mark Voigt demonstrated a portable workbench that provides a solid worksurface but folds up for easy transport.



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.

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2019 CMWA Meetings

Dates for the monthly meetings are listed below. 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 - 33rd Ave So, Waite Park, MN 56387 unless otherwise noted.

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.

January Meeting

Kurt Zniwski and Shawn Jarvis were our presenters at the January meeting. The meetings this year are a series that cover a project from beginning to end. The “project” is the simple box in all its forms. This month the topic was *The Start*.

First we have to decide what to make. Questions to answer include: who is it for, do I have plans or pictures, do I know dimensions, did I choose the project or did it choose me, is it going to be fun, or do you have reservations.

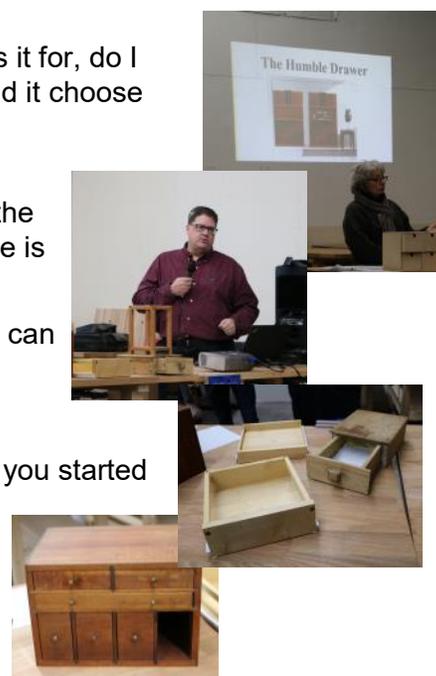
Once we know what we want to make the next considerations include: do I have the skills, the tools, the materials, money for the tools and materials, the time, the space, a home for the finished piece. If the answer to any of these is no, the project may not be successful.

If we are trying new techniques we will need to find instruction or help. We can look at books, magazines, the internet, or ask friends.

Answering all these questions will help insure a successful project.

Challenge—Build something and bring it to the next meeting. Explain how you started the project and answered some of the questions we discussed.

The February meeting will be about developing *The Plan*.



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.

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

Our first open shop event was held Thursday, February 7. Bad weather made it a challenge to get there. Six of us showed up for what turned out to be a great night. We prepped machinery and techniques for the upcoming "Beyond the Basics Class," set up two router tables, worked on the band saw, operated the drum sander and generally gave the shop a good workout. The next open shop is planned for March 7, 6 to 9 p.m. We will send out an email update.

Mid West Tool Collectors Association

The MWTCA Area A held their annual "Cabin Fever" tool event Sunday, Feb 10, at the Medina Entertainment Center. CMWA members Don Peterson and Tim DuBois attended—and picked up a couple tool bargains. Jim Pruesser is active in the MWTCA and had a sale table. This is a great event to see a large number of vintage hand tools for sale, tool displays, and talk to knowledgeable people about hand tools. If you have any questions talk to Tim, Don, or Jim.



Mike Siemsen Toolmaking Class

The CMWA hosted a two day toolmaking class with Mike Siemsen January 20 and 21. The class made a Moxon vise, a marking knife, a knife type marking gauge, and a mallet. The tools were all made using hand tools. Students learned to tap and cut threads for the vise, chop several mortices by hand, turn a handle for the marking knife, glue up and shape the mallet, and harden and sharpen the steel for the marking knife and gauge. Everyone finished their projects.

Thanks to Tim DuBois and Mike Ross for helping out with the class.



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