

Newsletter

July 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.

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Greetings Woodworkers

Last month Don Peterson gave a presentation on how to make a drawer. Although a drawer in its most basic form is just a box, there are many different ways that we can join the boards together. Don started off by sharing with us a few examples from some of his projects and some basic things that we should keep in mind when we are working through joinery. We then moved into the hands on challenge of the night; a hand cut dovetail. Don began the challenge by showing us all of the steps to follow, and then gave us all a pair of boards to test our skills. It was fun for all learning this valuable skill. Even though there are many machines and commercially available jigs to create a dovetail, I feel as though learning how to cut one by hand brings us back to our woodworking roots and gives us a greater appreciation for the time it takes to create this joint.

Our next meeting will be held on July 17th at 6 P.M. and it is our annual picnic. It is a great time for us to get together and socialize with other woodworkers and their families. The CMWA will be providing hotdogs, hamburgers, potato salad, beans, and drinks. You are welcome to bring along a spouse or a friend. I hope you all can come out for this fun night!

Also, every year the Paramount hosts an Art Crawl and the CMWA has an opportunity to showcase and promote our organization. This year at the August Art Crawl we decided that we will build and sell picture frames. These will help show people a little bit about what we do and help raise some funds for other events.

Our next Open Shop Event will be held on July 11th at 6 P.M. All are welcome to bring a project of your own to work on. If you do not have your own project to work on we will be applying finish to the picture frames that we will be selling at the August Art Crawl. Hope to see you there!

If you have 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

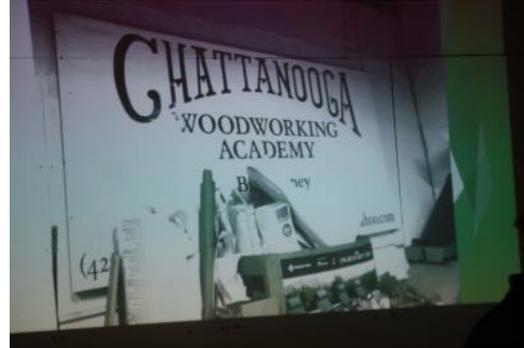


Made by Members

Devin Middendorf shared a Wedding Card Box he is working on



Mark Voigt shared details of a recent trip he made that included a visit to the Chattanooga Woodworking Academy.



Meeting Schedule 2019

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

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.

2019 CMWA Board:

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June Meeting

The meeting topic in June was on drawers with a hand cut dovetail demonstration presented by Don Peterson.

This subject is part of our “box” theme for 2019.

Don shared a short PowerPoint on drawers. We reviewed the parts of a drawer, drawer types, slides or drawer supports, and the many options for drawer joinery.

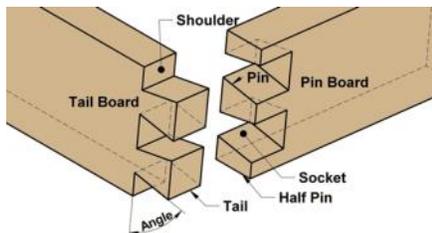
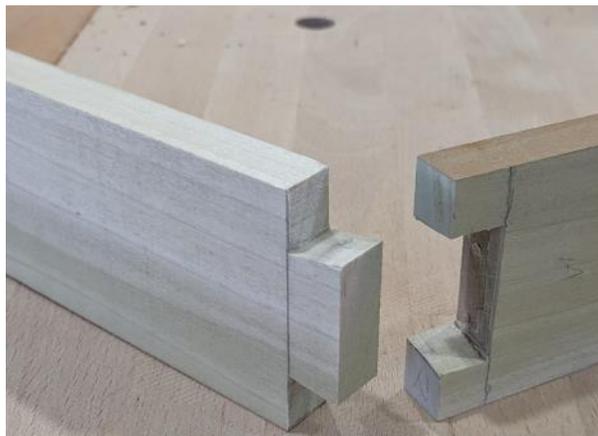
We looked at dovetail joints in detail. Dovetails can be hand cut, router cut, table or bandsaw cut, or combinations involving part machine and part hand cut. Types of dovetails include full, half blind, and hidden.

Some people cut pins first, but Don starts with the tails then uses the tail board to mark the pins. After a quick demo of cutting a joint, everyone who wanted to cut a practice joint at one of the workstations set up in the shop.

The procedure we used to cut the joint is listed below.

Hand Cut Dovetails

- Starting with tails
- Mark the depth line on both boards
- Identify the corners to match them later
- Mark waste areas
- Cut tails with dovetail saw
- Remove waste with coping saw and chisel
- Check for flat and square surfaces
- Mark the pins using the tail board
- Cut pins with the dovetail saw
- Remove waste using coping saw and chisel
- Check for flat and square surfaces
- Slightly relieve inside of the tails and assemble the joint



Picture Frame Project

We held another work night for the picture frame project. We are building the picture frames as shown to the right. Our plan is to sell these frames at the August Art Crawl. This work session included sanding and assembling the frames. Our next step will be finishing. Finishing work is planned for the next open shop night Thursday, July 11, 6 to 9pm. Thanks to all who attended and helped with this project.



Education

Class and Event Schedule

All classes and events held at the
Paramount Tech Center
248 33rd Ave South
Waite Park, MN 56387

Registration will open for all classes the week of July 8, 2019. Look for registration information at thecmwa.com and watch for an announcement email.

Introduction to Woodworking

September 24, October 1, October 8, 2019, 6pm to 9pm

Instructor—Mark Voigt

Fee: \$115

Dive into the world of woodworking in this introductory level workshop, where students will build a keepsake box over the course of three lessons. The box will feature miter joints and a lift off lid. Constructing the box will provide an application of lessons on shop and machine safety, machine operation, wood selection, joinery, gluing and clamping, and finishing.



Build a Kumiko Wall Cabinet with Mike Pekovich

October 21, Through October 25, 2019, 9am to 5pm

Instructor—Mike Pekovich

Fee: \$750

Join Mike Pekovich and make a beautiful wall cabinet in this five-day class. Dovetails and through-tenons give the case a lot of strength and some nice visual interest. Mike has some great tips for cutting accurate, stress-free joinery. The frame-and-panel door gives the cabinet its personality and offers some solid lessons in cabinet making. You'll learn how to make, fit, and hang a traditional door. In addition, you'll finish it off with a kumiko panel. This traditional Japanese latticework technique is a lot of fun and can brighten up just about any project. We'll finish off the case with a traditional dovetailed drawer. Mike, a long-time woodworker and instructor, is the creative director at Fine Woodworking magazine and the author of *The Why and How of Woodworking*.



Education continued

The Fundamentals of Finishing with Kevin Southwick

Sunday, November 23, 9am to 4pm

Instructor—Kevin Southwick

Fee: \$120

Experience Level: Beginner, no prior experience necessary

The finishing process can make or break your project and choosing the best method for coloring and protecting your project can be difficult. Oil or water based? What does the word "varnish" actually mean? Let Kevin Southwick, a nationally renowned finishing expert and contributing editor for *American Woodworker* magazine, remove the mystery and provide the knowledge you need to apply a successful finish. When you know the fundamentals of finishing, you can achieve the best results with the least amount of effort.

Decorative Veneering

Saturday, Sunday 12/7—12/8, 9am to 4pm

Techcenter, Waite Park

Instructor—Joe Morgan

Fee: \$175

The class will focus on decorative veneering techniques: including 4 way book-matching, radial patterns with border and edge details. Students will have the opportunity to learn how to cut marquetry with a scroll saw. Theories will be discussed about the techniques of combining marquetry with decorative veneer work. Class is open to beginner and intermediate skill levels.



Build a Small Sea Chest with Mike Siemsen

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

Instructor—Mike Siemsen

Fee: \$175

Woodworker Mike Siemsen will lead the group through building a small "Sea Chest" with tapered ends. The finished chest will be about 12×12×24 with angled dovetailed corners. Make your family's future heirloom in this class designed for beginners with absolutely no experience, but can be enjoyed by people of all skill levels!



Beyond the Basics of Woodworking with Mark Voigt

Four Tuesdays January 28, February 4–18, , 6pm to 9pm

Instructor—Mark Voigt

Fee: \$130

Build a nightstand organizer. Participants should have basic woodworking skills and will develop more advanced skills during the class.



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