



Newsletter

October 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

At our September meeting we had a hands on presentation by Mike Ross and Rollie Johnson. Mike started the meeting by inviting everyone up to the benches to select a board to sand up to different grits on each side. We then took some stain and saw how the efforts of our sanding paid off. The better we sanded the better the results were. Rollie also had a table set up where he showed us how easy it can be to sharpen card scrapers. Rollie also showed us the many benefits of card scrapers; with one being how quickly one can take a rough surface and get it very smooth with little effort. These are all good skills that we can learn and apply in our own shops.

The next meeting will be held on October 16. In a slight change of plans, we have a guest presenter this month. We will be joined by the Area Rep for Osmo finishes. Osmo is a German manufacturer of woodfinishing products know as *hardwax oils*. The finishes have become popular in the US in the last few years. They are easy to apply, environmentally friendly, provide a nice finish. It will be interesting to hear about them and participate in a hands on demonstration.

Our next Open Shop Event will be held on Thursday November 7 at 6 P.M. All are welcome to bring a project of your own to work on. 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 the card box he made for his recent wedding.



Open Shop

Our October open shop time was spent working on tools acquired from Spring Lake Park and shop organization to fit those tools into our space.

Our next open shop will be held Thursday, November 7, 6pm to 9pm.

Upcoming Event You May be Interested In

What: Twin Cities Tool Swap and Expo presented by Minnesota Woodworkers Guild and Family Handyman

- Seminars
- Guild sponsors and vendor displays
- Tool Swap
- Kids Activity

When: Saturday, October 19, 2019, 10 am - 4 pm

Where: Bloomington Armory, 3300 W 98th St., Bloomington

Meeting Schedule 2019

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

October 16 Put a finish on a project.

November 20 Safety with Don Peterson and Mark Voigt.

December 18 6PM start Pot Luck.

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September Meeting

Our September meeting presentation was all about preparation for finishing. Mike Ross led the group in exploring sanding and how the level of sanding affects the final finish. Mike provided sample boards and finish for a hands on experience. Rollie Johnson led a hands on demonstration of card scraper sharpening.



Education

Class and Event Schedule

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

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.

<https://paramountarts.org/art-classes/>

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*.

Register here: <https://paramountarts.org/event/kumiko-wall-cabinet-10-21-10-25/>



The Fundamentals of Finishing with Kevin Southwick

Sunday, November 24, 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.

Register here: <https://paramountarts.org/event/the-fundamentals-of-finishing-with-kevin-southwick-11-24/>

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 bookmatching, 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.

Register here: <https://paramountarts.org/event/decorative-veneering-12-7-12-8/>



Build a Small Sea Chest with Mike Siemsen

Saturday and Sunday, January 18-19, 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!

Register here: <https://paramountarts.org/event/create-a-beautiful-sea-chest-jan-2020/>



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.

Register here: <https://paramountarts.org/event/create-a-nightstand-organizer-1-28-2-18/>





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