



Newsletter

December 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

With December already here it is time to prepare for Christmas and New Year's! I was able to do a little bit of hand tool wood working when Christine and I went to a tree farm and picked out our Christmas Tree. Although it wasn't a Lie Nielsen, the bow saw they gave us still got the job done. After we got it home and put it up we found out the lights we bought only covered half the tree. So we had two options, cut the tree in half our buy more lights... not long later we were shopping for lights. The holidays have proven to be quite busy but I hope you can stop out at our next meeting for our Christmas party.

Our next meeting will be held on December 18th at 6pm and we will be celebrating the end of the year with a potluck party. Everyone and their significant other or guest is invited to join in the fun. Please bring a dish to share. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our January Open Shop Event will be canceled due to it being the day after New Years. Open shop will begin again in February.

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.

Merry Christmas,
Devin Middendorf
President, the CMWA



Open Shop

The December open shop was a very busy place. Activities included squaring up some large oak for a table top, planing and sanding cutting boards, kumiko panel work, stock glue up for bedposts, and prep for the Joe Morgan veneer class.

No open shop is scheduled for January. Our next open shop will be held Thursday, February 6, 6pm to 9pm.

November Meeting

Our November meeting topic was safety. Don Peterson gave a short safety presentation. We reviewed accident procedures and general shop safety rules. We also took a survey to help direct our meeting topics for the next year.

Made by Members

Don Peterson shared the wall cabinet he made in the recent Mike Pekovich class.



Jerome Swensen shared a cane he made for his Father in law. It is a walnut cane with the Air Force Emblem inlaid in the center. Jerome got the idea from Canes For Heroes.

Meeting Schedule 2019

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

December 18 6PM start Pot Luck.

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Kevin Southwick Class

Kevin Southwick joined us November 24 for a one day class on The Fundamentals of Finishing. We learned how to read confusing finishing product labels, where to look for better information, the differences between shellac, water, and oil based finishes, solvents, and mixing finishes and solvents. Rub on—wipe off and film finishes were compared. Kevin also covered surface prep, and techniques for both applying and layering finishes. There were samples available to look at demonstrating finishes and the steps in applying them. It was a very informative class.



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 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/>



Joe Morgan Class

Joe Morgan was at our shop for a two day decorative veneer class December 7 and 8. The main class focus was on doing a radial match of 6, 8, 10, or 12 pieces. Joe brought several choices of veneer. We learned how to select an area of the veneer flitch for our match using mirrors. Using the appropriate angled pattern we cut the veneer segments, joined them and learned to place them in various radial arrangements. After making a backer veneer we all used a vacuum press to glue the veneer panels to a substrate. Joe covered edge treatments and how to make the tools we used at ourselves. Finally we learned Joes method for cutting our tabletops to size.





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