

Newsletter

February 2020

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

We kicked this year off with a trip up to Grant Kaihois Shop. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. It was a great turnout despite the weather. Grant gave us a tour of his shop and explained how he creates his live edge tables. We also had the opportunity to see a few pieces he was working on and learned about the process and timeline it takes to complete one live edge piece. A highlight for me was when he explained how the Alaskan Sawmill works. I have never seen one before and it was fun to learn how versatile of a tool it can be. Whenever we get the chance to see other members shops it is always a good opportunity for us to learn from each other. Special thanks to Grant for allowing us into his shop and giving us the tour!

This month's meeting will be held February 19th at 7pm. Michael Roske will be joining us as a guest speaker from the St. Johns Abbey Woodshop. Michael will be giving us a presentation on sustainable woodworking. At the Abbey Woodshop all of the oak they use is locally sourced with much of it coming from their 1,205 acres of oak and northern hardwood trees. Thinking about the next generations of woodworkers, the Abbey has worked to develop processes to replenish the trees that they harvest and protect the new trees. This will be a great opportunity to gain a better insight of how the Abbey plans to keep their woodshop sustainable for many years to come. If you would like to learn more visit their website sjawood.org and click on This Month in The Shop.

Our next Open Shop Event will be held on Thursday March 5th 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



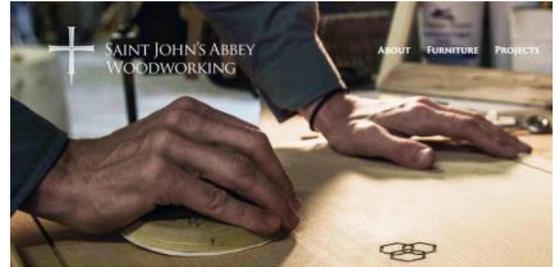
Meeting Schedule 2020

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

February, 19th St Johns presentation
March, 18th Mortise and tenon joint. Domino.
April, 15th Hand Tools
May, 20th Finishing
June, 17th Hand Tool Olympics
July, 15th Picnic, 6PM start
August, 19st Table saw and table saw jigs
September, 16th Pattern and template routing
October, 21th Slab sawing and flattening
November, 18th Safety, Saw Stop demo
December, 16th 6PM start Pot Luck.

February 19, 2020 Meeting

Our speaker this month will be Michael Roske, manager of the St John's Abbey woodshop. He will talk about sustainable wood-working from trees to final product. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.



Open Shop

The next open shop will be Thursday, March 5th 6 to 9pm.

2020 CMWA Board:

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Build a Small Sea Chest with Mike Siemsen

This class, postponed for weather in January, was held February 8 & 9. Seven students took the class taught by Mike Siemsen. Mike Ross and Don Peterson assisted. This is the second time we have offered this class. The Sea Chest class was the first class we offered in our current shop facility. It was held September 9, 2017. The chest is built from a home center 1 X 12, 10 foot long pine board. No machines were used in building the chest. All work was done by hand. Everyone got an immediate warm-up sawing the pieces with hand saws.

The challenging part of the build is the angled dovetails. Mike expertly guided everyone through that. We were able to give the shop hand tools a good workout. I am happy to report the Narex chisels, mallets, the Veritas saws and marking gauges all performed very well.



Lie Nielsen Tool Show returns to The CMWA on April 17 and 18, 2020

Lie Nielsen Hand Tool Event

April 17, 2020, 10am to 6pm

April 18, 2020, 10am to 5pm

Paramount Tech Center
248 33rd Ave South
Waite Park, MN 56387

Fee: FREE



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.

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/>

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/>

January Meeting

For the January meeting, we visited Grant Kaihoi's workshop. He gave a detailed presentation on live-edge woodworking, including the definition of "live-edge" (the outer edge of the tree perpendicular to the flat plane or surface); 2) sourcing the wood (Grant collects some "in the wild" and other pieces he buys as slabs that can cost as much as \$2,000 and more); 3) sawing logs on a bandsaw; 4) method for drying wood right after cutting to control moisture loss. (Grant treats his boards with Pentacryl (available at Amazon), then sticks them every 12", until they have reached 10% moisture); 5) flattening boards (he does this with routers and leveling bits; 6) design (the sky's the limit; Grant is inspired by the relationships between live edges and flat surfaces; 7) finishing: Grant uses Odie's Oil (www.odiesoil.com), a "non-toxic, food safe, one coat, naturally effective wood finish and stabilizer". We had great attendance and lots of questions. Thanks to Grant for sharing his workshop and expertise with us.

Grant's web address is grantkaihoi.com





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