

# Newsletter

April 2018

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

March for the CMWA was an eventful month with many exciting activities taking place. As we move into April it marks the one year anniversary at the Tech Center. What a year it has been; I never imagined that in less than a year we would be able to invite Lie Neilson to our shop for their Hand Tool Show. This would not have been possible without all of our members first cleaning then helping build the containment, moving the tools, painting, and finally building the workbenches. When we started holding classes we had multiple volunteers that not only prepped material, but also helped out in the class. It has been a lot of work but thank you to all who helped.

Even with all of that, there is still more work to be done. Our workbenches are in need of some repair. Some of the tops are splitting and warped and they need a fresh coat of finish. We also want to build a handicap accessible bench and fix up Cys old bench. Also, since the Tech Center is a multi-use space there will be painters in there later this month to paint some stage sets. In order to protect all of our tools in the containment area we need to build a simple roll down curtain to cover them up. If you would like to come out and help there will be more details posted when we get the dates set.

Mark did an excellent job at the March meeting presenting an overview of his Basic Woodworking class he instructed earlier that month. It is rewarding to know that our organization can help teach people the basics of the craft. There is so much to learn and building a small box is a great way to get started. Our April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting is a good next step. Charlie Meyer will be presenting the topic Fast Fabulous Finish for Fine Furniture. I am sure we all have experienced completing a project only to dread the next step—finishing. It can be a challenge to get it right especially when you start to brush it on and it shows every glue squeeze out or the wonderful swirls of the random orbit sander. Not to mention when it is all done and it just doesn't look as good as you pictured. It will be intriguing to learn Charlies take on this topic.

If you have a little something you recently made, please bring it in and tell us about it. We all can 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.

Devin Middendorf  
President, the CMWA



## Made By Members

Mike Ross showed us a table.



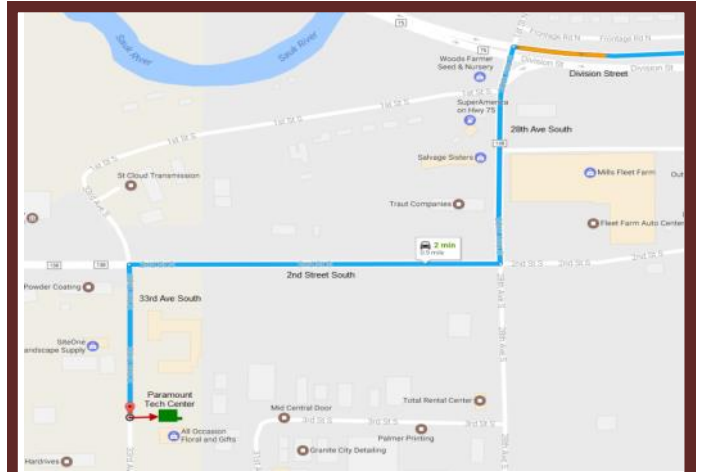
Mark Voigt brought in a clock and a fishing spear.



Eddie Och showed us a series of bandsawn boxes.



## 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.

## 2018 CMWA Board:

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<b>Meeting Hosts</b>	Eddie Och and Angelo Gambrino		



## March Meeting Program

The March meeting program was about basic woodworking. Mark Voigt described the just completed basic woodworking class. We looked at the keepsake box the class built. Mark reviewed the materials used, the design, and the construction methods. He demonstrated the various jigs and techniques used on the machines. Safe machine operation is also an important topic that was covered extensively in the class.

Mark also reviewed the feedback we received about the class. The class was well received and there is interest in additional classes like this.



## Introduction to Basic Woodworking Class finished Tuesday March 20

Twelve students graduated from the basic woodworking class taught by Mark Voigt. All students completed the class project over the course of three lessons.

The class project was a keepsake box assembled with keyed miter joints. It included a lift off lid and an internal tray. The box material was hickory and the interior tray was built with cedar.

All the participants felt the class was a success and were very proud of their accomplishments.

Thanks to Shawn Jarvis, Don Peterson, and Mike Ross for acting as helpers during the class.





## Explore the Basics of Marquetry

The Basics of Marquetry class was held April 7 and 8. Taught by Don Peterson with assistance from his brother Wayne. After a brief introduction the class got right to work selecting veneers, transferring their design, and using the window method to cut the design pieces. The individual pieces were shaded using hot sand and the picture was assembled piece by piece. Everyone finished in time for glue up. Sunday morning we pulled the projects out of the clamps, removed tape, leveled the veneer, and applied a finish. Everyone was able to start a second piece of their choice.



## CMWA 2018 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Time</u>
12/20/2017	Pot Luck dinner, Silent auction		7p.m.
1/17/2018	Leaded glass	Michael Lauer	7p.m.
2/21/2018	Hand Tool Information and Exercise	Tim DuBois & Don Peterson	
3/21/2018	Basic Woodworking	Mark Voigt	7p.m.
4/18/2018	Fast Fabulous Finish for Fine Furniture	Charlie Meyer	7p.m.
5/16/2018	Brace & Bit	Jim Preusser & Rollie Johnson	
6/20/2018	Hammer Veneer	Rollie Johnson	7p.m.
7/18/2018	Picnic		7p.m.
8/15/2018	Router Workshop	Mark Voigt & Rollie Johnson	7p.m.
9/19/2018	Fieldtrip	Possibly Urban Boatbuilders	
10/17/2018	Design	To Be Determined	7p.m.
11/15/2018	Safety, Board Nominations	Mark Voigt & Don Peterson	7p.m.
12/19/2018	Potluck, Yearly Election, auction	Roundtable discussion	7p.m.

CMWA monthly meetings are held at the Tech Center. Address and map on page 2. September 2018 meeting is scheduled as a field trip. Field trip details will be provided as they are worked out.

## Class and Event Schedule

Registration is open for classes listed through May on the Paramount web site.

[Click here or enter this address in your browser to register](#)

[https://paramountarts.secure.force.com/ticket/#details\\_a0So0000002pKJaEAM](https://paramountarts.secure.force.com/ticket/#details_a0So0000002pKJaEAM)

### **Bandsawn Boxes**

September 17 through 21, 2018, 5 days, 9am to 5pm

Tech Center, Waite Park

Instructor—Michael Cullen

Fee: \$895

In this class Michael will take students through all the steps to build bandsawn boxes. They are quick to make, requiring little measuring or joinery. He will also cover surface treatments and finishes.





## Lie Nielsen Hand Tool Event

The Lie Nielsen Hand Tool Event was held Friday and Saturday March 16 & 17. All the tools, benches, and display tables were shipped in the massive crate pictured below on the left. After a quick set-up Thursday the doors opened to a large crowd Friday. Attendance surpassed our expectations. Mike Siemsen with the Mike Siemsen School of Woodworking demonstrated both days. He made a pair of sawhorses, several moxon vises and a Sea Chest. The CMWA also had a table set up and passed out membership information. Club members Don Peterson and Wayne Peterson demonstrated marquetry and inlay. This was an event that provided the CMWA national exposure. We are already looking forward to next year.





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