

Newsletter

August 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.

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Greetings Woodworkers

I hope this newsletter finds you well with everything going on in our world right now. I hope that any projects you have been working on have been going well and you have been able to enjoy the nice weather.

The board and I recently met for the first time in many months to discuss how to proceed with our current situation. We are certainly disappointed that COVID has impacted us as long as it has, and appears it will continue. Unfortunately due to these uncertain circumstances we have decided to forgo our monthly meetings until things become a little more stabilized. With that being said, the board and I also spoke about a possibility of doing an electronic online type monthly meeting or presentation. In order to proceed with an online meeting we need additional resources and expertise. If any of you have experience with You Tube Live, Zoom or Google and are interested in helping, send us an email and let us know. We certainly appreciate any help as we try to out our new style of meetings. It will be a great way to learn a few new ideas and stay connected.

The board and I also decided that membership paid in 2020 will be extended into 2021 since we have not had our regular meetings this year. Perhaps the best part for the membership is we also chose to freeze the board positions again. Unless someone would like to volunteer to be President, I would be okay with that.

Since we still cannot be together for our monthly meeting I sent a request to our members to send in pictures of projects that they are working on. This is a great way for us to come together and see what others in our community are working on while in quarantine. Thank you to those who sent in contributions to make this possible.

If anyone else has projects that would like to submit to our next newsletter, please send them to me. We enjoy seeing them.

Devin Middendorf

President CWMA

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Meeting Schedule 2020

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

Until further notice CMWA will not be hosting any meetings.

As soon as conditions permit we will let you know. Thank you for your patience.

If you would like to stay updated on the Paramount's events during COVID-19 you can visit their website here:

<https://paramountarts.org/communityhealthfirst/>

Open Shop

All open shop events have been canceled until further notice. We look forward to having you back. Until then, hopefully you will be able to enjoy time in your own shops.

Announcement: Saint John's Abbey - Opening in Abbey Woodworking

Michael Roske, long term employee of Saint John's Abbey Woodworking, has announced his retirement effective October 31, 2020. Michael is skilled in the woodworking craft and has served in different capacities throughout his years of employment, including craftsman, foreman, and Abbey Woodworking Manager. Please extend your congratulations to Michael on his upcoming retirement.

A search process to fill the vacant position of Shop Foreman in Abbey Woodworking will commence on Tuesday, September 8th (the day after Labor Day). For your reference, attached is the job description for the Shop Foreman position.

If you have any questions regarding this position or the upcoming hiring process, please feel free to contact Br. Benedict at your convenience at 320-363-3167 or bleuthner@csbsju.edu, or Fr. Lew at 320-363-3305 or lmgrobe@csbsju.edu.

2020 CMWA Board:

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Mark Voigt

The Covid 19 pandemic has been an opportunity to get some projects done that I never had TIME to do before.

After completing my latest shop project (a custom designed dining buffet/table/wine rack), (pictured to the left) I began reflecting on these past six months and I was amazed at the number of shop projects I got done.

The pandemic has been good for my woodshop productivity, but I am ready to get back to normal and have a good old fashioned C.M.W.A. in person meeting again!



Created a shelf unit with sharpening and charging station



Refurbished my 26-year-old wood strip canoe



Made a "usable scrap wood storage box for my workshop



Made a decorative corner shelf for my hunting cabin bedroom

Built a storage box for the hunting cabin meat grinder/sausage stuffer.

(no pic)



Built Wren houses for family and friends



Built Bluebird houses for family and friends



Made a spalted maple spear handle



Built a garden box with a hinged deer and rabbit proof cover

Scott Lenzen

The cutting boards are just basic not a whole lot to say there. The toys were fun. I think the cars and trucks turned out well. I really like the crayon holders I think kids will love them and I left them unfinished so the kids could color them if they wanted to make them thier own. I included another pic of the bunk beds, this one shows the blanket and pillow that goes with each one. It was all just fun to do and keeps me busy.



Rollie Johnson



How I spent my summer vacation. All organized with clean end cuts and species/length noted on end. Sure makes it easy to find what I want. That is an air conditioner in the center bay, it's been a hot and humid summer.

Don Peterson



I recently finished this counter height children's step stool for my 2 year old granddaughter. Now she can help Mom & Dad cook. Based on a plan from the Wood Whisperer, it is made out of vertical grain fir and finished with a wipe on varnish.

Don Wade

I was asked to make some covid screens for a local preschool. I used maple from a tree that I cut down in the same neighborhood as the preschool and dried in my solar kiln.

The stands were all engraved with a picture of a butterfly as that is a theme at the school. I used the Shaper Origin to do the engraving and even got my 12 year old son in on the job. He engraved 14 of the butterflies.

I then sealed each piece with shellac, painted the butterflies (with my daughters help), then sanded to remove the paint and shellac layers, followed by a quick coating of lacquer. I used a dab of Roo Glue to adhere the plexiglass.

I always joke that "I'm not real good, but I sure am slow". Each unit took about 2.5 hours to complete starting with rough sawn lumber.

Donald Wade



Devin Middendorf

Here a few projects that I completed in the past month.

I built four shadow boxes for the St. Rose of Lima Church in St. Rosa. These boxes were built to help preserve the old banners.

The two large boxes are 75x49"
The two small boxes are 68x43"

Below is a double sided cribbage board. One side has Cribbage and the opposite side is Mancala. On each edge there is storage for the pegs and tokens for the game play.



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