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Woodworker's Association

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2023

## MAY MEETING—FIELD TRIP



Our May meeting will be a field trip to see a Wood Mizer sawmill in action at St John's. Thanks to Michael Roske and Michael Ross for making this happen. The sawmill is owned by Jeff Thompson and he will be sawing some oak and pine for St John's.

Jeff Thompson is a semi-retired Certified Public Accountant who has found his true calling in life, as a woodworker! He is an accomplished husband, father, and home builder who has had time to create some one-of-a-kind pieces of unique woodworking projects. Among his many talents, he will be demonstrating his Wood Mizer sawmill for us next Wednesday at Saint John's. And no, his machine is not for hire!

When arriving on campus, take a left at the four-way stop and follow it to the Prep School parking lot. Attendants will instruct you from there. Demonstration begins at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you there.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S BENCH

Don Peterson  
*CMWA President*

The 80-degree temperatures lately make it feel like we slammed right into summer. Once again, all my woodworking has been garden related. I put a couple raised beds together. Not fine woodworking, but satisfying and I am looking forward to what comes out of those beds later this summer.

We have had a couple great open shops since last month. I would encourage you to stop by for one and check it out.

The technology upgrade at the shop is complete. I am looking forward to using the camera and monitor set-up for a future meeting. We will also have the ability to record and stream meetings and demonstrations.

Our meeting this month was scheduled to be on table saw jigs. Instead we were offered an opportunity to see a Wood Mizer sawmill in action at St John's. Field trip! We will pick back up on the jigs for our June meeting.

Stay safe,  
Don Peterson

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We meet monthly and share information, techniques, and topics of interest in woodworking.

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## APRIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The theme of the April meeting was “hand tools”. Members got a chance to see and use various tools commonly used in everyday wood-working projects.



Don Peterson brought in all manner of chisels, including a current set of Stanley 750 chisels and a vintage set of 750s to compare. Don also had a set of bench chisels from Lee Valley that use their proprietary PMV-11 steel. Additionally, Don had a set of vintage Buck chisels, a set of Lie Nielsen bench chisels, a set of Japanese chisels, as well as mortice chisels, a swan neck chisel, and a set of small width Blue Spruce chisels. Don collects some of the vintage chisels listed.

With that variety it was easy to compare several currently available chisels for quality and feel. Much time was spent talking about sharpening. Don described his method and demonstrated with a piece of basswood how to tell if they are sharp.



Kurt Zniwski assembled various bevel down hand planes including vintage Stanley and current Lie Nielsen brands. He also had several wooden planes including a jointer, jack, and smoothing plane. Members were able to try the planes and discuss the models Kurt had as well as talk about their own planes.

## APRIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS -(CONTINUED)

Rollie Johnson showed planes that are called bevel-up planes because the plane is mounted in the body with the bevel up instead of down as in traditional Stanley type planes. Rollie has a good collection of Lee Valley bevel up planes. Members were able to discuss and compare the two types of planes. The bevel up planes offer flexibility in changing the bevel angle to accomplish different tasks: a high bevel angle plane, for example, works more like a scraper, allowing work on figured or difficult woods.



Shawn Jarvis and Tim DuBois brought all sorts of handsaws, including a coping saw, a fret saw, a veneer saw, several back saws, a dovetail saw, and Japanese saws. Members got a chance to saw sample boards with them. The big hit of the evening was Tim DuBois' dovetail saw he has had in a drawer for years, but he's going to start using it now! Many people decided they wanted to buy a Japanese saw as their next purchase.

It was a very interactive meeting with members moving in 15-minute intervals between the various stations. It was a great opportunity to talk with people we might not always get a one-on-one with. The presenters got a chance to learn about the hand tools members use and lots of ideas got exchanged about hand tool use.

**Thanks to the presenters and participants who made this a fun and engaging evening.**

## SHOW AND TELL -CURVED INLAY TABLE & DESK ORGANIZER

Charlie Gunderson brought in a maple table with inlay and explained how he had created the “inlay.” He first cut the curve he wanted in the top and lower piece, then, rather than bending the wood for the inlay, he simply cut narrow strips and forced the sides together, using lots of Titebond II and clamping.



Mark Voigt’s show-n-tell was a desk organizer he is considering for the next “The Joy of Woodworking” class. It is made of walnut and Mark described how he made the pieces for the pulls at the top of the sections.

## TECHNOLOGY UPDATE GRANT

We are pleased to announce work has been completed on the Technology Update. This grant is a Legacy Fund grant from the Central Minnesota Arts Board.

Work has included large screen monitors at the front of the room, video cameras, a computer, software, lighting, and many other infrastructure changes. This new equipment allows us to show the presenter and a close-up of the work that is being demonstrated. It also allows recording and streaming of the demonstration.

We are looking forward to using the equipment and improving our capabilities. The MMAW, CMWA, and the CMWC all thank the Central Minnesota Arts Board for making available the funds used to make these upgrades.

See the poster acknowledging this grant below and look for it on the wall close to the monitors.

Technology update is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Central MN Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.



# CMWA—2023 PLANNED EVENT SCHEDULE

[May 17 - Meeting](#)  
 Jun 1 - Open shop  
 June 13 - Open shop  
[June 21 - Meeting](#)  
 July 6 - Open shop  
 July 11 - Open shop  
[July 19 - Meeting](#)  
 August 3 - Open shop  
 August 8 - Open shop  
[August 16—Meeting](#)  
 September 7 - Open shop

September 12 - Open shop  
[September 20 - Meeting](#)  
 October 5 - Open shop  
 October 10 - Open shop  
[October 18 - Meeting](#)  
 November 2 - Open shop  
 November 14 - Open shop  
[November 15 - Meeting](#)  
 December 7 - Open shop  
 December 12 - Open shop

## FALL 2023 PROPOSED CLASS SCHEDULE

We have been working on our fall class line-up. Here is a list of what is planned so far. More details on each class will be available by next month.

Class	Instructor	Days	Date
Intro to Woodworking: Picture Frame 8x10	<i>TBD</i>		Wed .& Mon. 9/6/23
Finishing Workshop with Charlie Kocourek	Charlie Kocourek		Fri, Sat, Sun. 9/22/23
The Joy of Woodworking: An Introduction	Mark Voigt	Mon.	10/2/23
It's About Time: Clock Workshop	Michael Cullen	Mon-Fri.	10/23/23
Woodworking 101: Building a Mitered Box	<i>TBD</i>		Tues, Wed. 11/7/23

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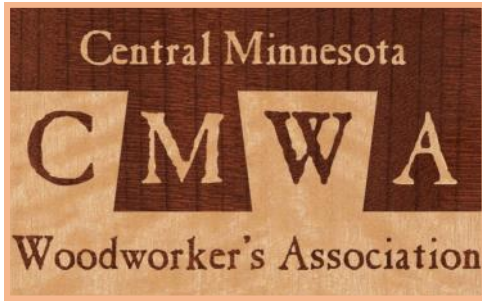
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**2023 Dues Renewal: \$30**

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