



# NEWSLETTER

## April 2022

### COMING UP AT THIS MONTH'S MEETING

We have a new tool to show you. We're going to demonstrate our **TrueTrac Router Gantry System**. This slab flattening router mill system is all set up and ready to go. It is mounted on a torsion box table and uses our Freud router.

While you're here, take a walk through the rest of our club shop. We will look at the machinery, dust collection systems, electrical power supply, and our other woodworking supplies.

We still have some oak and fir available but it's going fast!

So, join us on Wednesday, April 20th, 2022 for an exciting meeting!




Paramount Tech Site Building

248 - 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave South

Waite Park, MN 56387

Meeting: 7 to 9 pm

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S BENCH

**Greetings Woodworkers,**

Feels great to be approaching spring. Time to wrap some of the woodworking projects and get ready for outside work.

I want to introduce you to Tom Rosga who is editing this newsletter. Tom volunteered to help with the our publication. We have been working out the details and I believe we are looking forward to a better newsletter. Thanks Tom! We missed the February issue so we will cover a couple months in the March edition.

Things are really ramping up for the CMWA. We have rescheduled the Bob Van Dyke class, we are continuing to improve the shop, in person meetings and open shops are happening. The slab flattening system from True Trac is up and running. The dust collection details have been worked out and are performing very well. Look forward to a demo of the True Trac at our April Meeting. Lighting and additional shelving has been added to the tool storage area.

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**Remember we still have vertical grain fir and red oak for sale at \$1 / board foot.**

Our April 20 meeting will include a demo of the True Trac system and a walk through of the shop. We will get an overview of the equipment we have in the shop, how it is powered, and how the dust collection system is set up.

Thanks to Guy Shafer for a great turning demo at the March meeting.

See you at the April 20, 2022 meeting,  
Don Peterson-CMWA President



The CMWA is a group of men and women from around the St. Cloud, MN 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](http://www.thecmwa.com)

## Meeting Schedule 2022

### April 20

**Topic:** Shop orientation and slab flattening demo.

**May 18 - Topic:** How to fasten things together: biscuit joiner, Kreg jig, domino, mortising machine, dowels

**June 15 -Topic:** router: loose tenon, pattern template routing, different bits, Keller jig, router table

**July 20-** Annual Picnic

### Open Shop

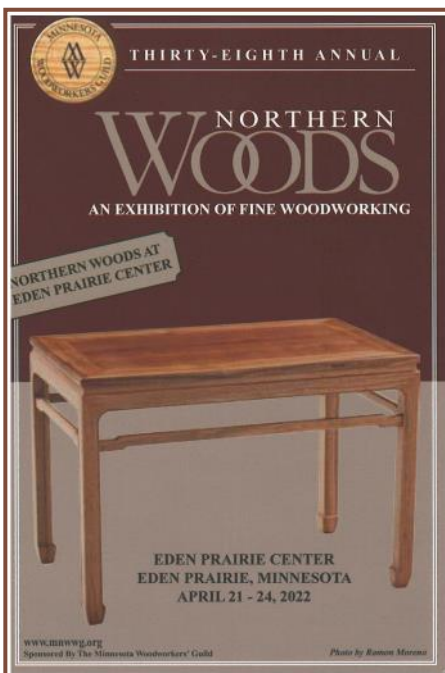
Regular open shop time is available. Held at the Paramount Tech Site Building, 248 - 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave So, Waite Park, MN 56387 from 6 to 9 pm the first Thursday of each month. Use shop equipment, get some advice, and connect with fellow woodworkers.

### Open shop 2022 schedule

May 5, June 2, July 7.

All meetings and workshop sessions are held at the Paramount Tech Site Building, 248 - 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave So, Waite Park, MN 56387 unless otherwise noted.

- We are not offering a Zoom option.
- The Paramount Center for the Arts no longer requires masks and vaccines or a recent negative test in all their facilities. Out of concern for those who may be immunocompromised or have underlying health concerns, the mask requirement will be changed to "Masks Strongly Recommended."



The 38th annual Northern Woods Exposition will be held again The Minnesota Woodworker's Guild this year at the Eden Prairie Shopping Center on Thursday, April 21st and continuing through Sunday, April 24th from 11AM to 7PM.

The Minnesota Woodworker's Guild uses this show as an event where members are able to expose local woodworking skills to the general public. By hosting this event they are able to provide a great place to socialize, compare notes with other woodworkers and learn new ideas and techniques. By Interacting with the public who stop by to view their work they help the general public appreciate fine woodworking and is a big part of the experience.

## SHOW & TELL

Made by our Members—Shared at the March Meeting



**Tim DuBois** showed a live edge bench he made out of a walnut tree from his own property. He discussed the joinery and finish. He used Waterlox and explained his reservations about the finish.

**Don Peterson** showed a lovely “brush” box he created out of white oak. He made mitered dovetails.



**John Wilson** showed a blanket ladder he created out of red oak. It gets used for guests and also for Christmas decorations!



**John Caye** brought in a bent-wood frame for a fishing net he'd made. He described his bending process and explained why air-dried rather than kiln-dried wood is necessary for successful bending in this project.



## WOODTURNING WITH GUY SHAFER



The March meeting featured a demonstration by Guy Shafer introducing members to woodturning. Guy gave a brief overview of the wood lathe suggesting that beginning turners should immediately consider a variable speed lathe. He also added that a keyless Jacob's Chuck should be used for turning small items. There are six basic turning tools, and experienced turners prefer high speed steel tools over carbide tipped tools. An adequate starter lathe can be purchased for \$700-\$800.

Guy began the demonstration by sharpening some steel turning chisels and gouges.

He incorporated turning safety into his demonstration of turning a bottle stopper and a wooden top. One of Guy's top tips is: "Always cut downhill". He mentioned the ABCs of turning, meaning, **"Anchor Bevel and Cut"**



Guy is a member of the Mid Minnesota Association of Woodturners. The [MMAW](#) is frequently offering classes through the Paramount and are always willing to share their knowledge and skill with the CMWA members.

# THE JOY OF WOODWORKING

Mark Voigt-Instructor

This beginning woodworking class wrapped up after four sessions. The four students all finished the class project, a jewelry/ keepsake box with a drop in- tray. Thanks to Don Peterson for assisting with class instruction. The box was made with walnut and featured mitered/ splined corners. The drop in tray was made from vertical grain fir with mitered corners.



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## Education—Class and Event Schedule

All classes and events held at the  
**Paramount Tech Center**  
248 33rd Ave South

### Build a Bluebird House

This class, originally scheduled for April 12 & 13th *has been postponed.*

### Build a Miter Fold & Veneered Box with Bob Van Dyke- 3 days

October 24, 25, & 26, 2022

Instructor—Bob VanDyke

Fee: \$450 + materials

If you have ever done any re-sawing then you know how cool a book matched panel can be. When you incorporate veneers into your work the possibilities for creating spectacular patterns are almost endless! Book-matching is the simple one- but what about radial matching or “book & butt”? In this hands-on class students will each make a small “Miter Fold” box out of walnut and while doing that we will explore the endless possibilities of working with veneer to create a striking top for the box.



### Making Tablesaw Jigs & Fixtures with Bob Van Dyke—3 days

October 27, 28, & 29, 2022

Instructor—Bob VanDyke

Fee: \$450 + materials

The idea of making jigs and fixtures for the tablesaw is always one that creates a lot of debate. Some people insist that they are not worth it and “just do it by hand” while other people love coming up with intricate fixtures that do a specific job really well. Bob’s approach is somewhere in the middle- will the jig be useful enough to be used over & over again and is it better than one that can be easily purchased? This class is Not a beginning tablesaw class.

Participants must have some working experience with tablesaws & routers. Note: because of the design of the jigs for the table saw you must have a table saw with a Biessemyer type fence (i.e., Sawstop, Jet, Powermatic). Bench top or “Job site” saws will not work with these jigs. Specify type of saw you own when registering.



# WE MISSED YOU AT THE MARCH MEETING!



## RED OAK FOR SALE

We have 2000 board feet of red oak for resale to club members and club use. The oak is available to members for \$1 board foot at all events.

## Vertical Grain Fir

The club has acquired a pallet of beautifully clear 2" thick Vertical Grain Fir. Prices are: four ft. boards-\$4 and two foot boards-\$2. It will be available for sale at all upcoming meetings and events.





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**Annual Membership Renewal**

**\$ 30**

**2022**

**Benefits:** Networking with area woodworking enthusiasts – Educational Meetings –  
Guest Speakers and Seminars  
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tions of members through the web Site.

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Reminder we are a volunteer driven club -- A little help from all makes it all easier

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