

Central Minnesota

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Woodworker's Association

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2022

JOINERY-PUTTING THINGS TOGETHER

Our next membership meeting will be all about joining boards.

Charlie Gunderson will be showing us the construction of mortice and tenon joints using a biscuit joiner for panel glue ups, and also the Kreg jig system for pocket hole screws. Charlie Meyer will discuss and demonstrate dowel assembly, and Rollie Johnson will show us the Domino tool and its use in wood joinery. We may have some remaining time to discuss nails, screws, and glue.



Joinery is a such a big topic and one that is too much for one meeting. So, we are planning another meeting to concentrate on and demonstrating dove-tails, finger

joints, and rabbets. We can all look forward to another joinery review at a future meeting.

This month of May has two open shops. The first was May 5th, and the second will be on May 10th. We are hoping to keep ramping up the time the shop is open.

So, [join](#) us on [Wednesday, May 18th, 2022](#) for an exciting wood joinery meeting!

Paramount Tech Site Building
248 - 33rd Ave South
Waite Park, MN 56387
Meeting: 7 to 9 pm

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S BENCH



Greetings Woodworkers,

Looks like we are going from record lows to record highs! What happened to spring? My woodworking has been pretty limited this last month. The transition to outdoor activities has taken precedence. It is safe to put away snow blowing equipment, isn't it?

Thanks again to Mark and John Voigt for all their work on the slab flattening system from TruTrac. They milled the entire walnut log that has been strapped together in the back of the shop as they worked through getting the system up and running.

Six of us attended the Northern Woods show at the Eden Prairie Mall. Put on by the Minnesota Woodworkers Guild, this annual event showcases woodworking talent from all over the state. Our own Charlie Gunderson showed a bench. It was a great show with plenty of inspiration for all of us. Let's plan to see more Central Minnesota Woodworkers enter in the show next year.

Thanks to Tom Rosga for editing the newsletter and a big thanks to Linda Saehr-Miller and Cal Miller for the work they are doing on our website.

Work is starting this week on the display walls we are building for the Paramount Art Gallery. We may have one together to see at the meeting next week.

Planning for classes in the second half of 2022 has started. If you have any requests or suggestions, please talk to me at the meeting or email me at don@sugarlakemn.net. Looking forward to seeing you at the May 18 meeting,

Don Peterson - CMWA President

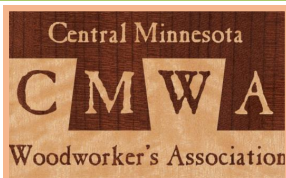
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The CMWA is a group of men and women from around the St. Cloud, MN area who share a common interest in the art and business of woodworking.

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

www.thecmwa.com



MAY 18th 2022

Joinery

How to fasten things:

-  Dowels
-  Biscuit joiner
-  Kreg jig
-  Domino machine
-  Mortising machine



UPCOMING MEETINGS

June 15

Routers

Loose tenons, pattern template routing, assorted bits, Keller jigs, and the use of a router table.



July 20

Annual Picnic



Open Shop

Regular open shop time is available. Held at the Paramount Tech Site Building, 248 - 33rd 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 10th, June 2, July 7.

All meetings and workshop sessions are held at the Paramount Tech Site Building, 248 - 33rd 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."

APRIL'S SHOW & TELL

Made by our Members



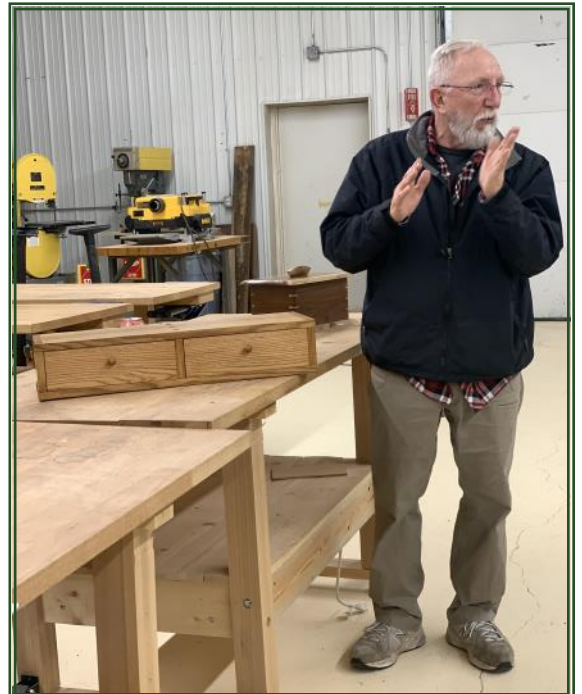
Mark Voigt showed two projects he made for his wife: a jewelry box and a “forever Valentine” tray. The jewelry box was Mark’s first “live edge” piece, made out of walnut, with maple keys. All corner cuts are at $22\frac{1}{2}^\circ$, resulting in small 45° wedges for the corners. The technique allows for continuous grain pattern around the entire box. Corners are reinforced with decorative 8° dovetails instead of simple splines. It has three insert trays out of vertical grain fir and a lacquer finish. The top of the box is a piece Mark almost threw out—one more reason to squirrel things away for a project. The box relied on techniques Mark learned in class with Mike Pekovich.



Mark also showed a tray with a heart-shaped image in the wood. After resawing the board, he glued up the pieces to create the heart shape.

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Tim DuBois showed a drawered wall shelf that also relied on techniques and design aspects from Mike Pekovich’s class. Tim used proud dovetails (to hide errors in the shadows created, as Pekovich suggested). The drawers have Shaker peg pulls and walnut dowels Tim made. He finished it with 4-6 coats of shellac, then used a paste wax thinned slightly to rub out the shine. He is considering hanging the shelf with a French cleat or screwing it directly onto the wall.



APRIL MEETING—SLAB FLATTENING



We had a great turnout at the April meeting. After a short business meeting we got right into the demo for the night. Mark and John Voigt (cousins) demonstrated the TrueTrac router gantry system for flattening slabs. This system has been under construction and in testing in our shop since late last year. Thanks to Mark and John Voigt for seeing it through to completion.

Mark described the set up in our shop and passed along what has been learned about operating it. The gantry system is mounted on a torsion box skinned in Baltic birch plywood. The router in use is a Freud. A bit with replaceable blades handles the actual cutting. One of the portable Oneida dust collectors does a great job keeping the dust at bay.

If you are interested in more information about the TrueTrac system click this link:

truetracsaw.com



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APRIL MEETING (CONTINUED) –SHOP TOUR



The second topic for the April meeting was a shop tour.

Rollie Johnson led us through the woodshop and described the CMWA equipment that we have operating in the shop including the new dust collection system and the electrical power supply. We also took a look at our hand tool inventory that is available for use.

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We have many more chairs in case you'd like to attend our next meeting!

Education—Class and Event Schedule

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

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! Bookmatching 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 Biesse Meyer 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.



Build a Bluebird House

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

MEET YOUR NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Hello everybody: You may have seen me a few times in the past few years and wondered, "Who's that guy"? I'll have to admit, I've not been to very many meetings as I live 60 miles away in Hinckley. Ya, everyone knows about Tobies, and now, the casino. In 10 years we've gone from a small town to one with 5 stoplights.



TOM ROSGA

My father started his water well drilling business in 1963 and I would work with him during summers when I was in junior high school. Simultaneously, I worked at Tobies starting as a busboy and finished as first chef 3 years later. I then went on to obtain a degree in Restaurant Management. Realizing that I really liked vigorous outside work I joined Rosga Well Drilling, Inc. , full time, right after graduation, took over as President in 1985 and retired 30 years later.

I learned how to turn 2" square redwood billets when I was about a dozen years old with a simple lath given to my father. He then started giving me drills, saber saws , and sanders for Christmas. I bought my first table saw in 1976 and slowly amassed my tool inventory ever since, thinking I'd have everything I'd need when I finally retired. And armed with knowledge gained from schools and seminars both in state and around the country, I'm at that sweet spot in my woodworking life knowing how to do most things I need to know for my type of woodworking.

You can call yourself a wood butcher, a wood craftsman, and or a wood artist. I find the common trait among woodworkers is an innate attention to design, detail, and their perseverance in performing their task to their final satisfaction. Then they can look back and smile at their creation.

Many people don't get that reward in their everyday life. No wonder woodworkers are inherently happy people!

I met your President, Don Peterson last winter and found he has been your editor here and also at a lake association. Wow- what a parallel universe—I also have been a lake association president and am still the editor for our association's newsletter where I live during the summer. Then I "cocoon" back in town for the winter where I have an apartment and my wood shop both within a larger shed . I've expanded it 6 times when I found myself running out of room for new machinery. It may be many rooms but everything is in its dedicated space!

I hope you like the new format of this newsletter. Starting next month you'll see a **'BUY-SELL-TRADE** page. You could list anything you need, or anything you need to get rid of, pictures included! You may privately sell, or list what's available for sale, then bring the item (s) to the next meeting. This is a free benefit and approved for use by all members, compliments of your board of directors.

Due to a semi-monthly Wednesday conflict of mine, you may not see me at all meetings, but be sure to introduce yourselves when I'm there. Woodworker's have this great ability to make friends almost instantly so I look forward to finding some new ones in St. Cloud!



BUY-SELL-TRADE

A place for CMWA members to find new stuff and trade the old stuff!

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By becoming a member of The Central Minnesota Woodworkers Association, you can take advantage of these benefits!

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2022 Dues Renewal: \$30

We are a volunteer club.
A little help from all of us makes it all easier!

Check out our Web Site for Club Meetings and topics

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