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Woodworker's Association

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER
2023



OCTOBER MEETING—

Wednesday, October 18TH, 2023, 7pm.

Paramount Tech Site Building. 248 - 33rd Ave S, Waite Park

MEETING AGENDA

THE OCTOBER MEETING PROGRAM INCLUDES:

Show and Tell - Please bring in a project to share with the group.

STEAM BENDING DEMONSTRATION by Steve Schwartz

Have you thought of steam bending wood? I will discuss what woods work best, what you need to look for in selecting the wood. A steam source and steam box. Bending forms and how to get the bend set. I will demonstrate how to successfully steam and bend wood.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S BENCH

Don Peterson
CMWA President

Much has happened since our last meeting. We finished the framing class that extended to one additional night to include mounting the artwork and having a finished product, ready to hang. The finishing class with Charlie Kocourek was great. I took the class and picked up many useful tips. A real plus of taking these classes is the opportunity to talk to your fellow classmates and be focused on the class topic. We are in the middle of Mark Voigt's Joy of Woodworking class. We are making a desktop organizer that is a very ambitious project to complete in three nights. I am happy to report it is right on schedule.

Our October meeting will feature a steam bending demo by Steve Schwartz. Those of you who were at the last meeting saw Steve's chair in person. A very beautiful piece of work that incorporated many bent parts. If you weren't at the meeting check out the pictures in this newsletter.

Our November meeting will feature a talk by Rob Johnstone. Rob has been the editor in chief for Woodworker's Journal for more than 20 years (since 1997). He is also the publisher.

The December meeting will be about safety and shop orientation.

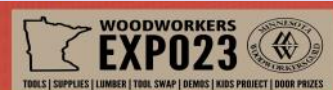
See you at the October meeting.

Stay safe,
Don Peterson

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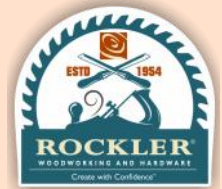
WOODWORKERS EXPO23

The Minnesota Woodworkers Guild is sponsoring this woodworking exposition this Saturday, October 14, from 9am to 3pm. There will be over 70 exhibitors including our own CMWA table.



ROCKLER DISCOUNT

Thanks to Charlie Meyer for working out a deal with Rockler for a 10% discount at their stores. Come to the meeting to pick up a discount card and get the details.



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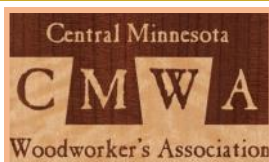
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The CMWA is a group of men and women from around the St. Cloud, MN area who share a common interest in the art and business of woodworking.

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

www.thecmwa.com

SEPTEMBER MEETING

DIGITAL MARKETING with Michelle Henderson

Our September meeting featured a talk on digital marketing by Michelle Henderson of BadCat Digital Marketing. Michelle started BadCat Digital Marketing 7 years ago and has a wealth of experience to share about all aspects of marketing.

Her talk centered around 10 questions you never knew to ask about digital marketing. Some of the highlights of her talk included:

Be sure you understand why you are doing the activity you are promoting.

Define what success will look like for you.

Ask yourself if you have more time or more money.

Nothing is free, you will spend your time or money to accomplish the goal. What you produce can be cheap, fast, or good. You can only have two of these at a time.

Don't think software tools are a solution in themselves. It is the people that use the tools and how they use them, that provide the solutions.

In digital marketing, you are in a race for an audience's time and attention. Pick a race you can win and one that you are willing to invest your time or money into.

Know who owns your digital marketing platform (website, Instagram, Facebook, etc.) Is it owned by you or the application platform you are working on. If you work (time and money) to build an audience, and Facebook decides to

change the rules, you most likely will lose your audience and the time and money you spent building it up.

Michelle also talked about the latest trends, artificial intelligence like Chat GTP, and how to look for results.

It was a very interesting talk and applicable beyond digital marketing. Many of the questions can be applied to our own CMWA organization or any other business endeavor.



CMWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Are you interested in joining the CMWA Board of Directors? We meet once a month to take care of club business. There are opportunities to help with meeting programs, education, communication, equipment maintenance, shop supervision, and shop improvements. If you are interested please contact me Don Peterson at don@sugarlakemn.net or talk to me at a meeting.

SEPTEMBER SHOW AND TELL

Shawn Jarvis shared a small rocking horse music box based on one she purchased in Germany. It has mortice and tenon joinery and the music movement incorporates a shaft driving a triangle that makes the horse rock and slowly turn in a circle as the music plays.



SEPTEMBER SHOW AND TELL

Mark Voigt shared a large framed map of the Superior Hiking Trail. He made the frame with spalted maple and walnut with mitered corners and a lacquer finish.



SEPTEMBER SHOW AND TELL

Steve Schwartz shared a chair based on the Michael Fortune #1 chair. It featured steam bent walnut, silver and abalone inlay, and a hand-woven seat by Kelly Marshall. The chair has a lacquer finish. It won “Best First Time in Show” at the 2023 Northern Woods exhibit.

Steve also shared a bookmatched hexagon end table. The veneers used included Carpathian elm, walnut, and gum. The top is a 12-piece radial bookmatch, the pedestal is a 6-piece bookmatch, and the base is a 6-piece radial bookmatch. The table is finished with polyurethane. The table won the “Most Technically Accomplished” award at the 2023 Northern Woods exhibit.



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
[December 20-Meeting](#)

The Central Minnesota Woodworker's Association

in Partnership with the
Paramount Center for the Arts
is offering the following classes
in 2023

Class Schedule

All classes and events held at the

Paramount Tech Center

248 33rd Ave South

Waite Park, MN 56387

Registration is open for classes listed on the Paramount web site. If you follow the link below you will be on a page that lists all upcoming Paramount classes organized by month.

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

[Class information is also available at - www.thecmwa.com](http://www.thecmwa.com)

BUILD A MITERED BOX

November 7 & 8 6pm to 9pm

Tech Center, Waite Park

Instructor—Don Peterson, Tim DuBois

Fee: \$70 materials to build one box included



In this two-evening class make a beautiful, mitered box. Learn basic woodworking skills needed to cut, mill, and assemble the box. We will use the table saw, router, and various hand tools. No experience necessary.

Register here: https://paramountarts.org/event/miteredbox_112023/

WOOD FINISHING FUNDAMENTALS WITH CHARLIE KOCOUREK

Four students completed the three day finishing class held September 22 through the 24. Charlie covered everything from sanding, prep, grain filling, and different application methods. We worked with dyes and stains, water based finish, oil based finishes, hard wax oil, and shellac. Along the way we also worked with ebonizing, layering color, and polishing finishes. In order to compare all these products and finishes we created sample boards that documented each step in the finishing process. It was a very thorough class and Charlie was a great instructor.



SEPTEMBER CLASSES

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BUILD A PICTURE FRAME CLASS

Three students completed the Picture Frame class held **September 6 and 11**. The inner frame is made of birch with mitered and splined corners. The outer frame is cherry with mitered corners. We added a third night to the class to cut mats and mount the artwork in the frames. The frames were finished with spray on lacquer. Instructors were Don Peterson and Tim DuBois.



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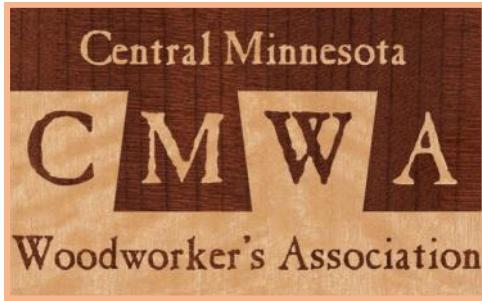
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2023 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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

- ◆ Monthly Educational Meetings
- ◆ Networking with area woodworking enthusiasts
- ◆ Guest Speakers and Seminars
- ◆ Discounts at retailers & mail catalogs
- ◆ Our monthly newsletter by email
- ◆ An ability to ask questions of members through the CMWA web Site

Existing Member Name: Name _____

Any changes to Address, Phone or Email ? _____

New Member Name: _____

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2023 Dues Renewal: \$30

Donations: (Any amount is appreciated) \$ _____

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

www.TheCMWA.com