



# Newsletter

February 2024

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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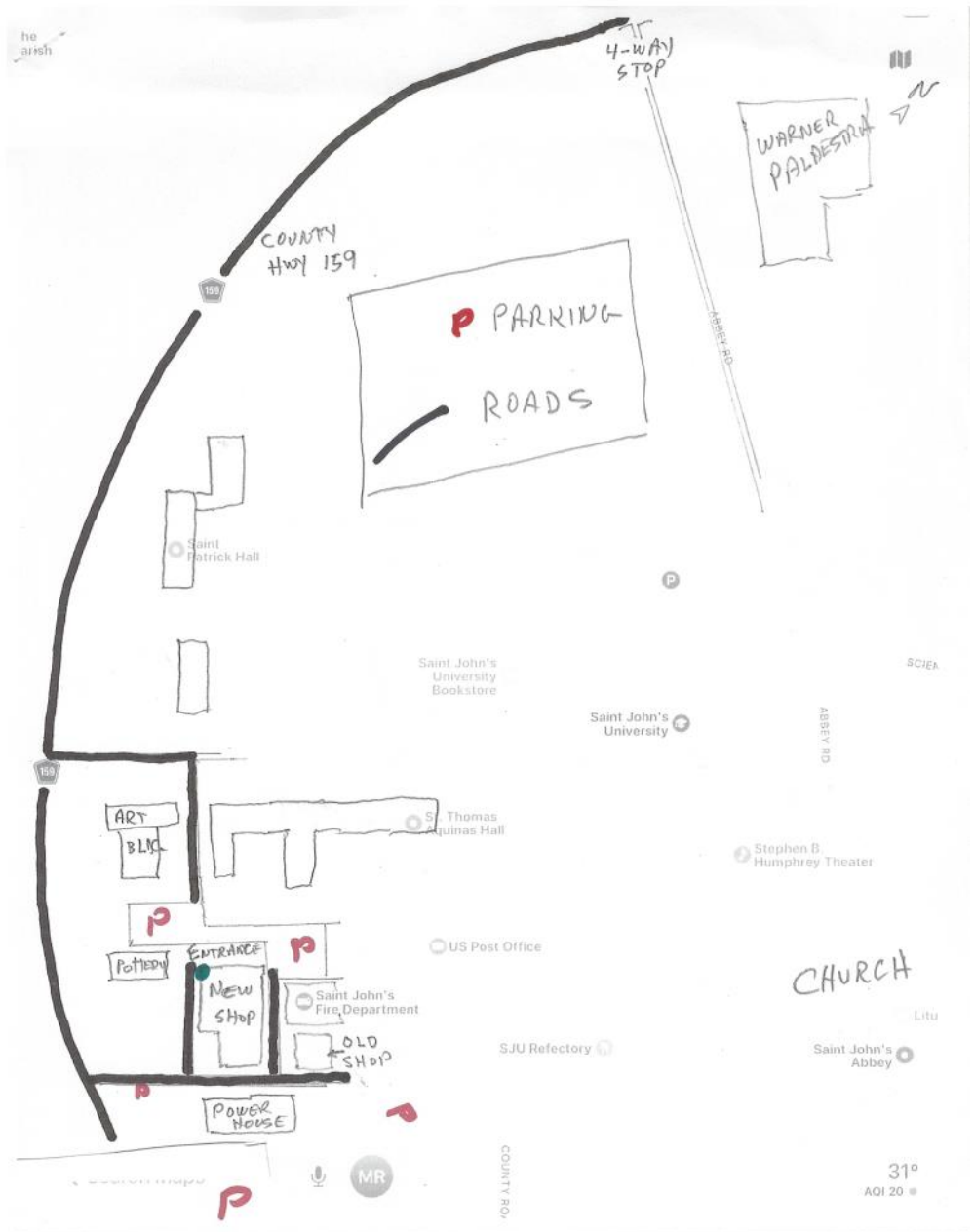
## February Field Trip

For over 150 years, Saint John's Abbey Woodworking has crafted furniture in much the same way. Utilizing wood from their own forest and traditional woodworking techniques, generations of monks and local craftsmen have designed and created custom furniture that is distinct and made to last.

In the Fall 2022 Saint John's Abbey formally approved the construction of a new facility to serve as the future home of Saint John's Abbey Woodworking and Abbey Organ Builders. This expanded center for fine woodworking and pipe organ construction makes a generational commitment to the trade and art of both traditions, while also developing technology and educational programming that ensures these methods carry into the future.

CMWA will be given a tour of this new facility by Michael Roske who was very instrumental in the planning and construction of the building.

**Date: February 21**  
**Time: 7:00 pm.**  
**Carpooling will take place from the Tech Center at 6:15pm.**



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*Bob Filipczak will continue taking care of the website and social media.*

## Upcoming Events

February 21	Meeting—Field trip to Saint John's new Woodshop
March 7	Open Shop
March 12	Open Shop
March 20	Meeting
April 4	Open Shop
April 9	Open shop
April 17	Meeting
May 2	Open Shop
May 14	Open Shop
May 15	Meeting
June 6	Open Shop
June 11	Open Shop
June 19	Meeting

## Shop Orientation



### Shop Orientation Class Offering

**Date: February 22**

**Time: The class will be repeated that day - The first session 3 to 5pm, and the second session 6 to 8pm. You only need to take one of the sessions.**

This class will cover the safe use of shop equipment with a presentation followed by a tour of the shop and a discussion about each piece of equipment.

If you are interested please send an email to [cmwa.member@gmail.com](mailto:cmwa.member@gmail.com)

## Newsletter

Yes, the newsletter looks a little different!

Tom Rosga is not going to be able to continue as newsletter editor. We need a new newsletter editor. Are you interested in editing the monthly newsletter? If so, please contact me at the email below.

I, Don Peterson, am going to fill in for the time being. The newsletter is not going to look as polished as it was with Tom as the editor, but I will get all the necessary information out. If you have any news or article ideas for the newsletter please contact me at [don@sugarlakemn.net](mailto:don@sugarlakemn.net).

## Shaker Oval Boxes

We wrapped up a two-day Shaker oval box workshop held February 6 and 13. A primary goal of the workshop was to develop a class we could offer through the Paramount. The workshop was a complete success. Everyone finished two boxes and started on a third. We will be offering this as a two-night class in the near future.

The materials and methods are based on information from <https://www.shakerovalbox.com/>.

The boxes are primarily 1/16 inch thick cherry for the bands and 1/4 inch thick cherry for the tops and bottoms. The thin bands are heated in 180 degree plus water for about 20 minutes, then bent around a form and tacked together with copper tacks. Drying forms hold the box shape for assembly a couple days later.





The Class

Rollie Johnson, Dan Steffens, Mark Voigt, John Voigt, Gail Ivers, Gary Mrozak, Bill Baker

The Instructors

Charlie Meyers, Don Peterson, Shawn Jarvis, Tim DuBois, Greg Kranning



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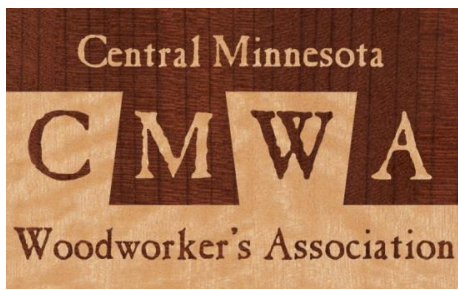
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By becoming a member of The Central Minnesota Woodworkers Association, you can take advantage of these benefits!

- 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

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2024 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.

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