

Newsletter

March 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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Tom Rosga

We are very sad to report that our former newsletter editor, Tom Rosga, passed away Tuesday, March 12. Tom fought a long hard battle with cancer. He edited the CMWA newsletter for the last two years. Tom made many great improvements to the newsletter and most recently joined the Board of Directors. He did all this in between difficult treatments.

He was a real fighter and will be missed. Click here to see [the full obituary](#).

Woodworking Classes for 2024

We have a preliminary list of classes for 2024. The list isn't finalized, but here's what we have so far. Registration for the fall classes opens in June.

If you have suggestions for classes this year, please send them to [Don](#).

Build a Shaker Oval Box

May 8 & 9, 6pm to 9pm
Tech Center, Waite Park
Instructor—CMWA Staff
Fee: \$92 materials to build two boxes included
Experience Level: Beginner, no prior experience needed.

This box is based on one the Shakers made. They were in wide use in the 1800's as utility boxes to store everyday items. In this two-night class we will build 2 boxes. We will be bending 1/16 inch thick material into the oval shape of the box and crafting a custom fit top and bottom. Learn to safely use the bandsaw, sanders, and hand tools.

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Classes for 2024

March 2024 Meeting featuring Clark Bremer and Timber-framing

February Tour of SJU Woodshop/Organ Facility

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/>

Woodworking Classes 2024 Continued

Build a Shaker Oval Box II

September 17 & 19, 6pm to 9pm

Instructor—CMWA Staff

Fee: \$92 materials to build two boxes included

Experience Level: Beginner, no prior experience needed.

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Introduction to the Shaper Origin handheld CNC Router

Section 1, September 27, 9am to 4pm

Section 2, September 28, 9am to 4pm

Section 2 is a repeat of section 1.

Tech Center, Waite Park

Instructor—Roland Johnson

Fee: \$84

In this one day class learn the basics of using the Shaper Origin. The Origin is a cross between a handheld router and a CNC. In addition to learning the basics of using the Origin we will put what we learn to use building a small box. There will also be an overview of the Shaper Studio design program. There's more information about the Shaper Origin online:

<https://www.shapertools.com/en-us/>



The Joy of Woodworking : Build a Keepsake Box

Three Mondays September 30, October 7 & 14, 2024, 6pm to 9pm

Instructor—Mark Voigt

Fee: \$118

Experience Level: Beginner, no prior experience needed

Students will build a keepsake box over the course of three lessons. Students will build a keepsake box over the course of three lessons. The box will feature miter joints, and a lift off lid. Constructing the box will provide an application of lessons on shop and machine safety, machine operation, wood selection, joinery, gluing and clamping, and finishing.



All materials to create one keepsake box included in the cost of tuition

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From the Vice President's Bench

Don Peterson

I am filling in for Mike this month while he is out of town. I hope you all are enjoying our early spring! For me it will mean a little more time outside and a little less in the shop.

We have had a busy month. The open shops have been well attended. I want to thank everyone who helped with the shop reorganization. We added shelving and were able to start organizing tools and supplies. More remains to be done but it is looking better.

I was sorry to hear about the passing of Tom Rosga this month. He did a great job on our newsletter all while dealing with a tough treatment schedule. He will be missed.

Happily, Bob Filipczak has stepped up and offered to edit the newsletter. Bob has been taking care of our social media including [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Thanks Bob!

We have a full schedule of classes developed for the second half of 2024. There is preliminary information in this newsletter. The classes won't be available for registration until June. We are scheduling a Shaker Box class in May. We will send out a notice when that is available for registration.

Be sure to join us for the March meeting. Clark Bremer with the Avon Hills Folk School will be talking about timber framing. Woodwork on a large scale! See you there.

Stay safe,

Don Peterson

In The News

[SawStop To Dedicate Key U.S. Patent To The Public Upon The Effective Date Of A Rule Requiring Safety Technology On All Table Saws](#)

[40th Annual Northern Woods Exhibition](#)

April 25-28

Eden Prairie Center

Upcoming Events 2024

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
Aug. 1	Open Shop
Aug. 13	Open Shop
Aug. 21	Meeting
Sept. 5	Open Shop
Sept. 10	Open Shop
Sept. 18	Meeting
Oct. 3	Open Shop
Oct. 8	Open Shop
Oct. 16	Meeting
Nov. 7	Open Shop
Nov. 12	Open Shop
Nov. 20	Meeting
Dec. 5	Open Shop
Dec. 10	Open Shop
Dec. 18	Meeting

March 20 Meeting

Our guest speaker for this month is Clark Bremer. Clark teaches one or two timber framing classes a year at Avon Hills Folk School. He has taught at the North House Folk School in Grand Marais as well.

He started timber framing in 1997 and has worked both domestically and overseas. Some of his international work was in Japan working on temples.

He employs a wild array of modern and ancient tools, and he's a great storyteller.



[This structure](#) was built by the 2022 class, and it now resides on the Lake Wobegon Trail in Albany. It's a bike shelter.

February 2024 Field Trip to Saint John's

Our regular February meeting was a field trip to Saint John's new woodworking facility, home to Saint John's Abbey Woodworking and Abbey Organ Builders. We were fortunate to have the organ builder, Martin Pasi, as our tour guide. The hundreds of parts required to build an organ are all made on site. The craftsmanship and skill set to make everything -- from the metal pipes, wooden pipes, internal mechanisms, keyboards, and countless other parts -- is breathtaking. The tin and lead metals for the pipes are smelted and poured into sheets on site, then precisely shaped to make the organ pipes. The woodworking crafts range from the structural elements of the organ, to carving and fine woodworking for the casework.

It is a very impressive facility. Thanks to Michael Roske, Mike Ross, Fr. Lew, and our guide Martin Pasi for a very thorough and interesting tour.



Woodworking Classes 2024 Continued

Make a Dovetailed Tea Chest with Michael Pekovich

October 21 through 25, 9am to 4pm

Tech Center, Waite Park

Instructor—Michael Pekovich

Fee: \$890 Material included.

Experience Level: Beginner, no prior experience needed.

Sharing a cup of tea with friends is a nice way to spend an afternoon or end a meal. The experience is made even better by serving up tea selections in a handmade chest. This useful and quietly elegant chest offers a variety of woodworking challenges in a small project. You can put the skills you'll learn in this class to use on any number of other projects as well. The class will cover tips for fast, accurate dovetails when building the case. Mitered liners are a powerful solution when dividing a space for contents. You'll learn how to fine-tune the fit of miters with a hand plane for seamless joints. You'll also come away with a novel strategy for adding a lid to a box. The lid hinges open and slides side-to-side to reveal the contents without having to remove it. Kumiko panels decorate the lid and wound-cord handles finish off the chest.



- Learn a fast, accurate way to cut dovetails
- Break up space with mitered partitions
- Create tight-fitting miters with a hand plane
- Build and fit a hinged sliding door
- Make kumiko panels
- Create hand-wound hemp cord handles
- Learn how subtle details can enliven a design

Build a Garden Tote

November 5 & 6, 6pm to 9pm

Tech Center, Waite Park

Instructor—CMWA Staff

Fee: \$97 materials to build one box included

Experience Level: Beginner, no prior experience needed.



Make this simple garden tool carrier and learn basic woodworking skills. Learn to safely use the tablesaw, bandsaw, and drill press as well as hand tools. You will leave this class with a functional tool tote.



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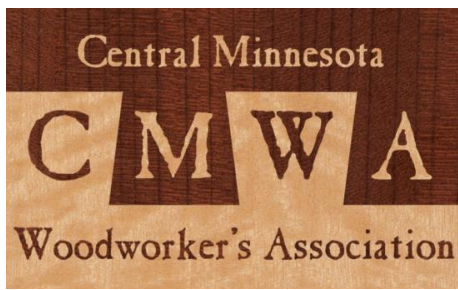
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2024 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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

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2024 Dues Renewal: \$30

Donations: (Any amount is appreciated) \$ _____

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A little help from all of us makes it all easier!

Check out our Web Site for Club Meetings and topics.

www.TheCMWA.com