



Newsletter

January 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.

www.thecmwa.com

From the President's Workbench

Mike Ross

January is a chance to focus on something different in your life. The same is true for the CMWA. The Board has worked hard the past several years to provide programs for the monthly meetings that were more interactive, giving members the chance to do some hands on activities for most of the meetings. We have continued to also talk about safety and power tool maintenance. We will try to continue with that type of programming without being too repetitive. To do that we need ideas to come from a wider base than just the Board. So as you are working in your shop and come upon a problem you don't know a good way to solve, drop us a note. We will probably ask you to come to one of the Open Shop nights to talk about it and help you to find a solution which you can then share with the rest of the group at our meetings. If you know someone who could bring something to us and present at a meeting, let us know.

I have found that the more I work with others in the group, the more I find my woodworking improves and the more confident I become with projects I work on. There is much more we can do and so I am going to try to set up some Committees as a way you can get directly involved. More will be forthcoming on these opportunities.

Looking ahead to the next couple of months, this month we had our annual potluck. February will be a visit to the new Saint John's Woodshop and Organ Shop. March we will have a presentation on Timber Framing.

Newsletter

Yes, the newsletter looks a little different!

Our editor, Tom Rosga, is on what I hope is a short break. So 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.

CMWA 2024 Board of Directors

Thanks to all of you who participated in our election held at the November meeting.

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

Tom Rosga will continue to edit the newsletter.

Upcoming Events

February 1	Open Shop
February 13	Open Shop
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

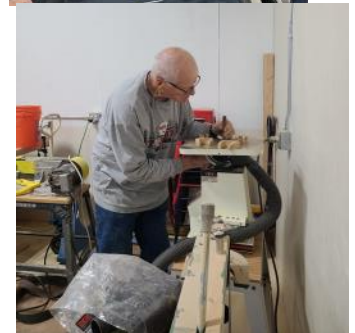
December 2023

Holiday Stocking Stuffer Workshop

In December we used all our open shop and meeting time to work on holiday stocking stuffers. The projects were a cell phone holder, reindeer, and tongs. The work was split up and everyone contributed to complete the projects. All the material was provided by the club and club members.



All three workshop nights were a success with a good turnout and a lot of fun working together.



November 2023 Meeting recap

Our speaker for the November meeting was Rob Johnstone. Rob was the editor of Woodworker's Journal magazine for 30 years.

After talking about his own background in woodworking, Bob talked about Rockler, Woodworker's Journal, and his opinions and observations on woodworking today and in the future.

Here are some of the topics covered.

- Rockler has 50 stores now. We have 3 in Minnesota.
- Rockler is continuously adding to their own line of tools. Look for more tools in the future that are adaptive in nature with an emphasis on qualities like vision and grip. Bob shared a recent Rockler tool that is a 3 in 1 cabinet scraper sharpening tool. (pictured below) It is an interesting tool and priced reasonably. He left one for us to try out. You can see it at Rockler in this link <https://www.rockler.com/rockler-3-in-1-cabinet-scraper-sharpening-tool>
- Magazine article ideas come from internal submissions, external requests, and focus groups. Each magazine typically includes an easy, intermediate, and difficult project. CAD drawings are done for all the projects and mock-ups, and complete projects are built to ensure an accurate article.
- Expect to see more CNC content in the magazine. CNC is now taught in all high school programs and is very much becoming a mainstream woodworking tool. Of particular note is the Shaper Origin CNC system. Products like Shaper provide a new path into woodworking.



November 2023 CMWA meeting

Show & Tell

Tom Dosch showed his business card holders. They were made out of walnut, maple, khaya (African mahogany), and jatoba (Brazilian cherry). The finish was a warm satin spray poly.



Greg Kraning brought in his painter's bench of reclaimed vertical grain Douglas fir. It has an elliptical arch stretcher. Greg finished the bench with sprayed shellac; the top was finished with "I Can't Believe it's Not Lacquer" and two coats of shellac wax.



Susan Holley shared two items: a laminated cutting board she made of walnut, maple, padauk, and purple heart. It was finished with mineral oil. Her second project was a laminated top for a Red Wing crock that she made of padauk, walnut and purple heart. The underside of the top has a centering cross attached with stainless steel screws.



Charlie Gunderson brought in a Civil War Era shaving kit. {Do you have his summary?}



Tom Rosga passed around a sample of Koa wood used to build the table he showed last month



Shaker Oval Boxes

A group of us, Greg Kraning, Tim DuBois, Charlie Meyer, Shawn Jarvis, and Don Peterson, were interested in exploring how to make Shaker oval boxes. We ordered kits and materials from <https://www.shakerovalbox.com/> and built the necessary tooling to try it out. Over the course of several open shops we were all successful in completing several boxes.

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. A February workshop is planned to run through the process again to be followed by a class later in 2024.



January Potluck

The January potluck was a real success with 35 guests attending. There was plenty of good food and a lot of time to catch up with people. Thank you all for attending and making this event a success.

Fifty dollar door prizes went to Susan Holley, Alex Ziegler, and Diane Frommelt. We also drew names for extra phone holders and reindeer left from the stocking stuffer workshop. Winners included Tom Dosch ,Charlie Gunderson, Tim DuBois, Scott Lenzen, Glenn Street, Jim Preusser, Michael Lauer. Sorry if I missed anyone.



Mike Ross shared the Illuminaries pictured. They were made with Kumiko panels and Cherry frames. Used WiFi LED to provide a selection of colors.



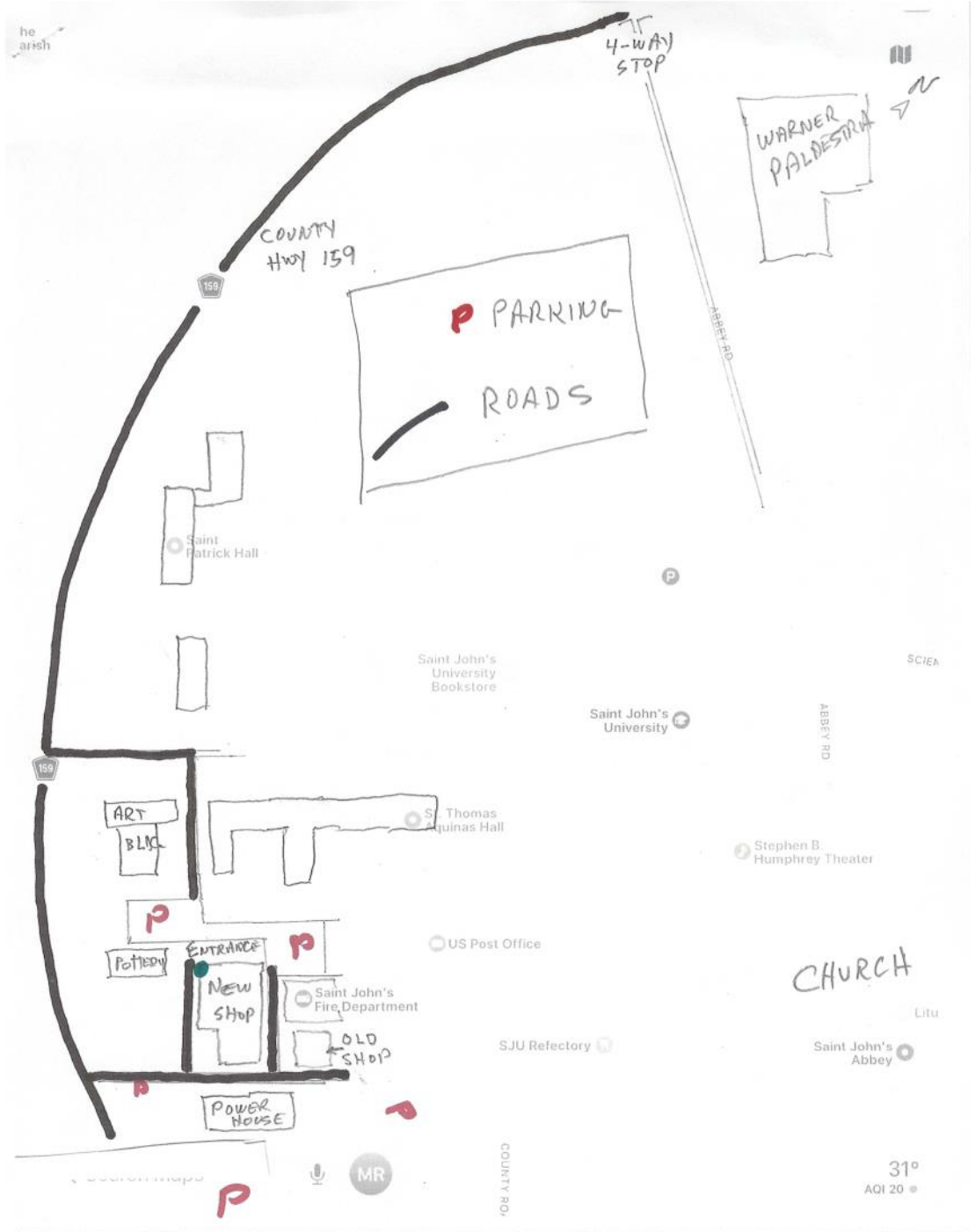
February Field Trip

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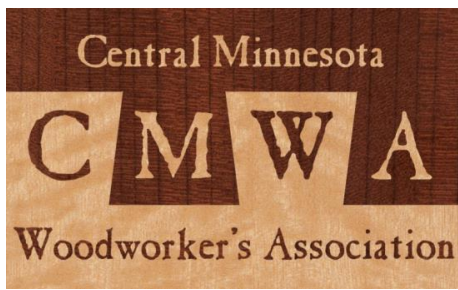
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- Monthly Educational Meetings
- Networking with area woodworking enthusiasts
- Guest Speakers and Seminars
- Discounts at retailers & mail catalogs
- Our monthly newsletter by email
- An ability to ask questions of members through the CMWA web Site

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2024 Dues Renewal: \$30

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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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