



Newsletter

November 2019

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

Greetings Woodworkers

At our November meeting we had a guest speaker from Osmo Finishes. He told us all about the many different products his company offers, both interior and exterior finishes. Their products are made from rapidly renewable, natural vegetable oils; Osmo is an environmentally friendly alternative to other wood finishes. Unlike a common polyurethane Osmo Polyx Oils do not form a thick film that cannot be repaired, it both soaks in and forms a microporous surface; protecting the wood from outside and in. For more information about Osmo you can visit their website at osmocolorusa.com. They have many data sheets available there that allow you to learn exactly how to apply one of their finishes to your project.

Our next meeting will be held on November 20 and we will be having our annual safety meeting. Safety is one of those things that we can never learn too much about. At our shop we are acquiring more and more tools and it has been made evermore apparent that we need to cover our general rules and guidelines to ensure that we all are working safely. Don Peterson will be presenting this very important topic. Hope to see you there!

In addition to our safety meeting the board and I would also like to present ideas for monthly meetings next year. We would like to get your take on what we all do at The CMWA and try to learn what you want and what we could do better. Please bring your ideas to this meeting so we can learn how to serve you better.

Our next Open Shop Event will be held on Thursday December 5th at 6 P.M. All are welcome to bring a project of your own to work on. Hope to see you there!

If you have something you recently made, please bring it in and tell us about it. We can all learn from each other, and having a good conversation starter really spurs quite a bit of interest. You will also get some bragging rights and will be featured in our Made by Members section of our newsletter.

Happy Woodworking,
Devin Middendorf
President, the CMWA

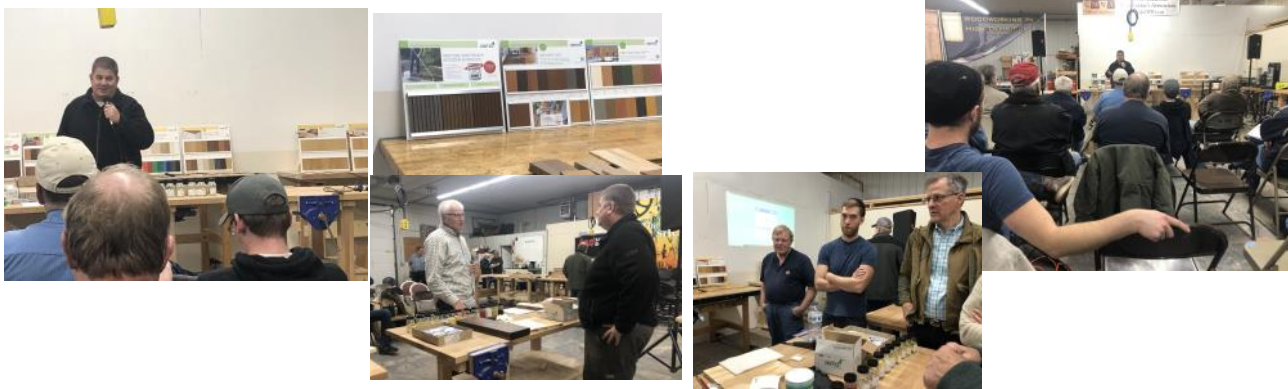
Open Shop

The November open shop activities included using the planer on some wide maple boards, building a table saw sled, cataloging shop tools, dowel making, and discussing the recent class. Our shop setup has evolved and we now have most of the large equipment out on the floor ready to go. This makes it easy to walk in and get right to work.

Our next open shop will be held Thursday, December 5, 6pm to 9pm.

October Meeting

Our October meeting presentation was all about Osmo finishes. Jamie Jackson, area representative for OSMO, talked about the products and demonstrated their use. We were also able to split up into groups and try the finishes ourselves. The most applicable product for our use is Polyx Oil. It is a hard wax oil product that is a low VOC and is very easy to apply.



Meeting Schedule 2019

All meetings held at the Paramount Tech Site Building, 248 - 33rd Ave So, Waite Park, MN 56387 unless otherwise noted.

November 20 Safety with Don Peterson and Mark Voigt.

December 18 6PM start Pot Luck.

2019 CMWA Board:

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Mike Pekovich Kumiko Wall Cabinet Class

Twelve students completed the 5 day Wall Cabinet class taught by Mike Pekovich. The cabinet was built with quarter sawn white oak and featured a Kumiko panel in the door. Mike is an excellent teacher that not only took the class step by step through construction, but explained the reasoning behind his methods. We learned many techniques that will be applicable on other projects.

Thanks to all the club members who helped make this class a success. We should all feel proud that our club can successfully host and support a week long class of this caliber.



Education

Class and Event 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/art-classes/>

The Fundamentals of Finishing with Kevin Southwick

Sunday, November 24, 9am to 4pm

Instructor—Kevin Southwick

Fee: \$120

Experience Level: Beginner, no prior experience necessary

The finishing process can make or break your project and choosing the best method for coloring and protecting your project can be difficult. Oil or water based? What does the word "varnish" actually mean? Let Kevin Southwick, a nationally renowned finishing expert and contributing editor for *American Woodworker* magazine, remove the mystery and provide the knowledge you need to apply a successful finish. When you know the fundamentals of finishing, you can achieve the best results with the least amount of effort.

Register here: <https://paramountarts.org/event/the-fundamentals-of-finishing-with-kevin-southwick-11-24/>

Decorative Veneering

Saturday, Sunday 12/7—12/8, 9am to 4pm

Techcenter, Waite Park

Instructor—Joe Morgan

Fee: \$175

The class will focus on decorative veneering techniques: including 4 way bookmatching, radial patterns with border and edge details. Students will have the opportunity to learn how to cut marquetry with a scroll saw. Theories will be discussed about the techniques of combining marquetry with decorative veneer work. Class is open to beginner and intermediate skill levels.

Register here: <https://paramountarts.org/event/decorative-veneering-12-7-12-8/>



Build a Small Sea Chest with Mike Siemsen

Saturday and Sunday, January 18-19, 9am to 4pm

Instructor—Mike Siemsen

Fee: \$175

Woodworker Mike Siemsen will lead the group through building a small "Sea Chest" with tapered ends. The finished chest will be about 12×12×24 with angled dovetailed corners. Make your family's future heirloom in this class designed for beginners with absolutely no experience, but can be enjoyed by people of all skill levels!

Register here: <https://paramountarts.org/event/create-a-beautiful-sea-chest-jan-2020/>



Beyond the Basics of Woodworking with Mark Voigt

Four Tuesdays January 28, February 4–18, , 6pm to 9pm

Instructor—Mark Voigt

Fee: \$130

Build a nightstand organizer. Participants should have basic woodworking skills and will develop more advanced skills during the class.

Register here: <https://paramountarts.org/event/create-a-nightstand-organizer-1-28-2-18/>





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