

# Newsletter

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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 and/or woodturning. We meet monthly and share information, techniques and topics of interest in the area of woodworking and/or woodturning.

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## Offcuts — Brad Knowles

Well here we go with a brand new year and a new board of directors. There is a problem however, as one person (named TBD) is holding down several positions! (VP, Secretary, 2 board members at large). In addition, Kurt would like his position to be divided into 2 positions; one for Treasurer and one for membership. He is willing to continue with either one but not both. None of these positions require a great deal of time or effort, but they are essential to a smooth running club. If you have been a member for a few years and

haven't taken a turn on the board, this is a good time to volunteer. Those who have been board members and have "retired," perhaps you could help us out with a 2nd term.

Our "renew your membership by mail" campaign seems to have been a great success. Kurt informs me that over 70 renewals have come in so far. Of course you can still pay at the meeting. Remember, if you don't join or renew by January 31, you will not be eligible for some of the discounts offered by the catalog mail order houses. Some of them

require us to send updated membership lists to them each year and the cutoff date for this list is January 31. If you have not renewed yet, be sure to bring your dues to the next meeting.

Once a new board is established, I plan to have a planning meeting to determine the meeting topics for the coming year. The schedule is filling up fast; only 2 months are still open. If you have an idea for a topic or know of someone that would be willing to give a presentation to the club, please contact me soon.

## 2010 CMWA Officers

President:	Brad Knowles
Vice President:	Unfilled
Treasurer:	Kurt Zniewski
Secretary:	Unfilled
Board of Directors:	Unfilled
Membership:	Scott Randall
Marketing Director:	Cy Valerius
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## Membership Information

Dues: \$30  
Mail to: CMWA  
PO Box 1955  
St. Cloud, MN 56302-1955

### Benefits:

- Informational monthly program including seminars, guest speakers, demonstrations and hands-on sessions
- Instructive monthly newsletters
- Card entitling you to discounts at the following suppliers: Acme Tools, Youngblood Lumber, Renneberg Lumber...

Current Membership: 71

## Welcome New Members!

Michael Borka of St. Joseph

Robert Fors of Waite Park

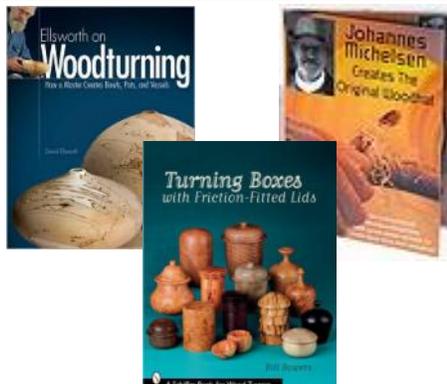
Dennis Myers of Little Falls

Rob Morse of Shoreview

## Woodturners' Library

The Woodturners have a growing list of books and electronic media that members may check out. They recently added three items shown to the right. Check out items through Gary Mrozek. You are reminded to return items you checked out as soon as possible. Gary's email is:

([gmmrozek@charter.net](mailto:gmmrozek@charter.net))



## Annual Holiday Potluck

Approximately 30 woodturners and guests kicked off the holiday spirit on December 12th by sharing holiday treats at Gary Mrozek's home. A few days later on December 16th, the festivities continued as approximately 50 CMWA members and guests attended the annual holiday potluck dinner at Sauk Rapids-Rice Middle School.

*Right: Past president, Rollie Johnson, is giddy about his new "AC powered scraper" from Jim Preusser as a token of thanks for his fine service this past year.*

*Below: Good food and company was had by all at the annual CMWA potluck.*



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### Member Classifieds

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1. brief description of item
2. price (if selling)
3. your name
4. your contact information (phone number and/or email)

### Editor's Note

Email or call (253-4038) Glenn if you would like to contribute an article for one of the upcoming newsletters.

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# “Empty Bowls” Fundraiser

The woodturners are helping to raise money for Lutheran Social Services and Place of Hope at this year’s “Empty Bowls” charity event being held on March 21st at the Paramount Arts Center. The woodturners will be donating 100 wooden bowls.

To meet the 100 bowl goal, anyone interested in turning bowls or just watching the action are invited to Gary Mrozek’s on February 6th starting at 10 am. Bring your portable lathe and join in on the fun. Bring or donate bowl blanks or seasoned logs if

you like. Otherwise, prior to April 6th you may pick up a green log at Dick Beumer’s home that Greg Pont has generously donated.

Contact Gary at gmrozek@charter.net or 252-2764 so arrangements can be made to mount and power your lathe.



*“Bring your portable lathe and join in on the fun.”*

## Upcoming Events

- January 20, Wednesday, 7 pm, CMWA Monthly Meeting (Shaded Inlay and Inlaying String Demonstration), Sauk Rapids-Rice Middle School.
- January 23, Saturday, 9 am, Woodturners’ Monthly Meeting (Making Lidded Boxes), Dick Beumer’s.
- March 13, Saturday, 9 am—3:30 pm, CMWA Wood Expo and Sale, National Guard Armory, 1710 8th Street North, St. Cloud.
- March 21, Sunday, Empty Bowls Fundraiser, Paramount Arts Center, W. St. Germain, St. Cloud.

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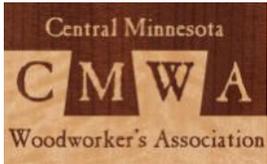
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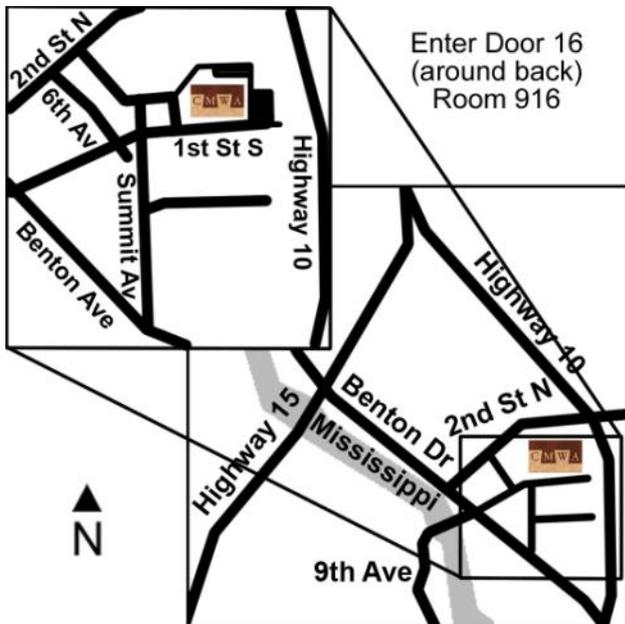


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## Upcoming Meetings

### Woodworkers

Shaded Inlay and Inlaying String, Wednesday, January 20, 7 pm, Sauk Rapids-Rice Middle School. **Bring items for auction to raise money for the club.**



### Woodturners

Making Lidded Boxes, Saturday, January 23, 9 am, Dick Beumer's, 3750 15th Street NE, Sauk Rapids.

