



# 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.

Visit us at: [www.thecmwa.com](http://www.thecmwa.com)

## Offcuts... by Brad Knowles

Another Wood Expo is history and by all measures, a success. We finally got our attendance up to where we were more than "break-even" financially. We made \$483 (complete financial statement will be available at the meeting for anyone interested). Two new members joined and five lapsed members renewed (total membership is now at 99). We had 277 door prize entries, 40 working club members, and 17 booths giving a total attendance of over 350.

The Saint Cloud Times had a nice write-up on the front page of their Sunday edition (<http://www.sctimes.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2010103140046> for those who missed it). Also Gary Mrozek video taped a 4 minute walk-around tour of the show floor. It can be seen at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A2R4lDPOzE4>.

I was especially pleased with the support from the club members. We had 40 members show up for floor work the

day of the show to help in setting up, tearing down, and club promotion. That's a great turnout! I would like to thank the members of the Expo committee for their work in planning and preparing for the show: Lou Czarnewski, Tom Doom, Dale Gabrielson, Rollie Johnson, John Kenning, Albert Keppers, Gary Mrozek, Cy Valerius, and Kurt Zniewski. Extra special thanks to Cy and Kurt for the many hours they put in.

### 2010 CMWA Officers

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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: 99

### Welcome New Members!

- Leal Bennett of Becker
- Brian Border of Columbia Heights
- Douglas Carey of Big Lake
- Allan Castle of Little Falls
- Eberhard Scheffers of St. Joe

## Twins Theme a "Hit" at the Expo (gm)

The woodturners had a popular booth at this year's Wood Expo. In the spirit of their booth's Minnesota Twins theme, three volunteers at lathes turned and handed out over 40 miniature bats to kids and kids-at-heart who often had to wait in line to receive their free mementos.



## Woodworkers' March Meeting (gs)

Dave Oman, shown to the right, led a discussion on tool maintenance and repair. Dave worked for Porter Cable for 12 years and more recently in the Mathew Hall tool repair shop. He now runs a repair service out of his residence should you need his expertise.



### Dave's Service & Repair

David V. Oman  
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### CLEANLINESS

Dave's first advice was to keep your tools clean. Many service calls he has seen over the years were due to lack of routine cleaning. Examples of tools that need to be cleaned periodically include:

- Saw blades—clean pitch off blades for cleaner cuts and reduced current draw. Use paste wax to help keep them free of pitch.
- Jack Screws—Clean jack screws on such tools as planers and sanders to improve their smooth function and longevity.
- Motors—blow out motors a few times a year to remove dust so that they run cooler.
- Motor Brushes—blow out the brush holders so that the brushes slide freely.

### MISCELLANEOUS

- Vibration—power tool vibration is usually due to a loose pulley or a belt that has developed a set.

### Motor Brushes

When you remove brushes to clean the holders, be sure to reinstall them exactly as removed: same holder and in the same direction so its worn surface mates appropriately with the commutator.

A fine, even line of light should appear where the brush contacts the commutator when the motor is running.

Thomas Tool and Electric Motor Service of St. Cloud have a good selection of replacement brushes.

Tighten the pulley if loose. If the belt has a set, remove tension when not in use or install a linked belt.

- Oiling Pneumatic Tools—Dave highly recommended oiling pneu-

matic tools with non-detergent 10W oil before putting them away.

- Air Compressor— before turning off the compressor at the end of each day, close turn-off valve at the compressor so the tank's charge is maintained. Change compressor oil as needed and keep it at the right level so it splashes (lubricates) the internal parts appropriately. Maintain manufacturer recommended clearance to prevent overheating.

### TIDBITS

Quality Hand Tools: Hiltel, Festool,

Best Value Hand Tool: Ryobi

Excellent Cast Iron Tool Website:  
 OWWM.Net



# Making Garden Mushrooms (gm)

This month Gary Mrozek will share highlights about information he learned at a seminar he attended at the University of Minnesota sponsored by the Minnesota Woodturners Association ([www.mnwoodturners.com](http://www.mnwoodturners.com)). The meeting topic was about turning winged bowls by Jamie Donaldson, a professional turner from Georgetown, KY.

Gary will also demonstrate how to turn “natural edges garden mushrooms” as shown below. There will be black walnut branches available for purchase at the meeting. These walnut branches make attractive mushrooms.



## Upcoming Events

- April 21, Wednesday, 6:15 pm, CMWA Board Meeting, Sauk Rapids-Rice Middle School.
- April 21, Wednesday, 7 pm, CMWA Monthly Meeting (Refurbishing Wooden Boats-David Watts), Sauk Rapids-Rice Middle School.
- April 24, Saturday, 9 am, Woodturners Monthly Meeting (Turning Winged Bowls— Gary Mrozek), 1314 West Oakes Drive, St. Cloud.
- May 15, Saturday, 9 am—4 pm, Woodturners Monthly Meeting (Lidded Boxes, Natural Edge and Bowl Enhancements—Dr. Kip Christensen), Location TBD. Note: There is a \$25 fee, contact Gary Mrozek about attending.
- May 19, Wednesday, 7 pm, CMWA Monthly Meeting (Photographing Your Work—Rollie Johnson), Sauk Rapids-Rice Middle School.

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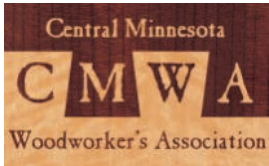
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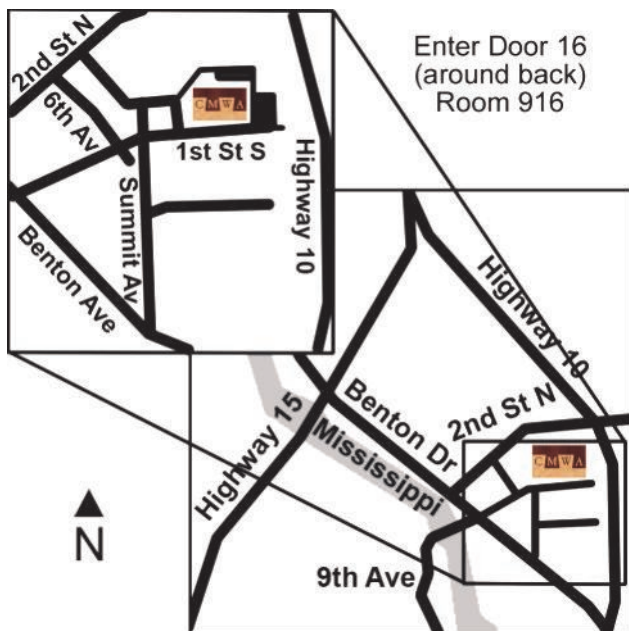


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### Woodworkers

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