

# Newsletter

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## September's Meeting: "The Tailgate Party"

First, We'd all like to offer a special thanks to Kurt Zniewski for his hard work preparing, and serving Sloppy Joe's with all the fixin's for the club's tailgating party, also thank you to those of you who added chips, pickles and refreshments for the get together as well. It appears that everyone who attended the occasion had a good time swapping stories, tips and tricks about woodworking. We signed up five additional members as well. We had about thirty people turn out for the occasion.

Please welcome the following new members: Dylan Kelly, Ken Peterson, Dave Blenkush, Bill Larson and Bruce Fuchs.

Upper left: Kurt Zniewski working the BBQ's  
Above: The CMWA group enjoying the food and conversation.  
Left: Items produced by Brad Knowles on his ornamental mill.



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### \*\*\*\*\*October's Meeting Topic:\*\*\*\*\*

#### **Brad Knowles Demonstrates His Ornamental Mill**

The October CMWA club meeting will feature a demonstration by Brad Knowles using his turning mill to make decorative candlesticks and other items. We will meet at our usual Sauk Rapids/Rice Middle School woodshop At 7:00 PM.



**Central Minnesota Woodworker’s Association**

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 in Sauk Rapids and share information, techniques and topics of interest in the area of woodworking.

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**October 2008**

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**Next Meeting:** Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at **Sauk Rapids – Rice Middle School** Map page 4.

**Board Meeting:** Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Coborn’s in Sauk Rapids.

**STUDENT OUTREACH PROGRAM:**

The Fall Student Outreach program has been cancelled by the school. Our club is now seeking a volunteer Chairperson for the Spring 2009 session. It requires four 1-1/2 hr evenings to teach the class at the Sauk Rapids/Rice Middle School. The classes have historically been held on four consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at our usual middle school woodshop meeting place.

The school is withdrawing their consent to use their power tools, such as drill presses’ belt sanders, scroll saws etc. and because of this Rollie Johnson feels all board members should seek a “fixer upper” location for club meetings if we are to continue to teach kids woodworking.

**CMWA WOOD EXPO & SALE:**

Mark your calendars! The tentative date for the CMWA Wood Expo has been set for February 21<sup>st</sup> and Brad Knowles, this year’s Wood Expo Chairman, is seeking energetic volunteers for the upcoming event. Please let Brad if you can help out. It takes so little of your time to volunteer, and it makes such a difference to the success of the event.

**POP TABS FOR THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE:**

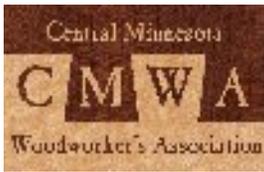
Tom Homan is collecting pop can tabsFor the Ronald McDonald House. Please Collect your pop tabs and bring them to a future meeting.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR POSITION:**

I will be giving up the position of newsletter editor in December. If anyone is interested in taking it on, please let one of our officers know.

**THE AVON ARTS GROUP:**

This group will be hosting a breakfast for those interested in what the local area has to offer artists and art lovers this month. Details will be announced at the October meeting.



## The CMWA Woodturner's Group Marches On

Sandpaper was the topic of discussion at the last CMWA Woodturners Group gathering. The group met at Gary Mrozek's shop Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion was generated by Gary handing out different pieces of literature to the group ranging from the different types of sandpaper and their characteristics. One type of sandpaper that was highlighted in the literature was No-Fil Magnum A275, which is made by Norton. Highlighted in the literature was that this type of sandpaper is un-dyed, which allows for the abrasive grains to better adhere to it and also eliminates the possibility that any color will be transferred to the work. For more information on this sandpaper feel free to visit the website, [http://www.woodworking.com/Turning\\_Vendors/More\\_New\\_and\\_Hot.html](http://www.woodworking.com/Turning_Vendors/More_New_and_Hot.html).

The final piece of literature that was handed out to the group was talking about the different types of potentially toxic woods. Black Walnut seems to be a popular wood that many in the group like to turn and is also a wood that was mentioned as a potentially toxic wood. Gary discussed the importance of ventilation and dust control in your shop, especially while sanding.

After the discussion, group members had an opportunity to ask questions as well as show off some different sanding techniques. Gary provided some stock and invited members to come up and demonstrate their different sanding techniques. There were a couple of great suggestions. Rollie Johnson demonstrated how he likes to hold the sandpaper with three fingers under the stock (see photo). Another good idea provided by Les Sova, was to wrap your piece of sandpaper around a chalkboard eraser. This prevents burning your fingers as the lathe is spinning at very high revolutions per minute (rpm's). Dick Beumer brought some Porter-Cable sticky-back paper he likes to use and some Klingspor paper that he didn't like.

As members continued to try different types of sandpaper and grits, John Caye shared with the group his simple "on the lathe" finish. The mixture consists of half boiled linseed oil and half shellac. John brought some with him to the meeting and applied a little to a piece of stock and it gave a beautiful finish showing off the grain of the wood. It's applied with a saturated cloth at low rpm's and immediately buffed to a gloss finish with a clean cloth at high rpm's. The gloss can be knocked down to a satin finish with a final buffing with 0000 steel wool.

Other topics of discussion were the introduction to the wood turners' library. Gary has various sources of information that may be checked out. These include magazines, books and videos (DVDs).

A new challenge was discussed amongst the group. The group has decided to go along with the "GO GREEN" theme by taking a piece of previously used wood, "turning" it into something new. An example could be an old post, beam or bookcase that the neighbor is going to throw away and turn it into a bowl, vase or other turned items! This will be our January challenge. Before and after photos are encouraged.

Our next meeting is 9:00AM October 18<sup>th</sup> at the home of Dick Beumer, 3750 15<sup>th</sup> St. NE, Sauk Rapids. The topic will be lidded boxes.

See Photographs on the following page.



The Woodturners keep it going round this week by discussing their sandpaper experiences.



Hello to all at CMWA !!

I just wanted to drop a note to say sorry we won't be able to make the tailgating party. I didn't know exactly who to send the note to - so I sent it to all of you! Dean has been so busy with his latest project - we would have loved to share it with you - but short notice and anxious customers don't make a good combination! Therefore I thought I'd send you our flyer that has been keeping us hopping down here by Hector ! We started building our own - in an effort to further utilize what God gave us - and voila! - we've been blessed with 11 additional orders so far (in 4 weeks time!) . This is one of the neatest things to come out of the Ain't She Dusty Woodworking shop, and all the lumber is out of our Cowboy's Sawmill and Kiln Dry. All the lumber is from right here in Minnesota, and any metalwork not done here on site, is done by a local blacksmith. We're trying hard to keep it local and keep it MADE in the USA! Have a great time tonight - and hopefully we'll catch you next time! God Bless, Dean and Debbie Hurning

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Above: More work displayed at the September meeting.

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- Red Oak \$1.35/bd ft
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- Walnut \$3-\$4/bd ft

Rollie Johnson has a 1-1/2 year old 6.2 megapixel Nikon D70 digital SLR camera with 18-70 mm lens for sale. He's asking \$500. He paid \$1200 for it.

Gary Mrozek would like to know if there are others interested in making vase hollowing tools such as the one he made for his lathe and demonstrated at his home last year, let him know if you're interested

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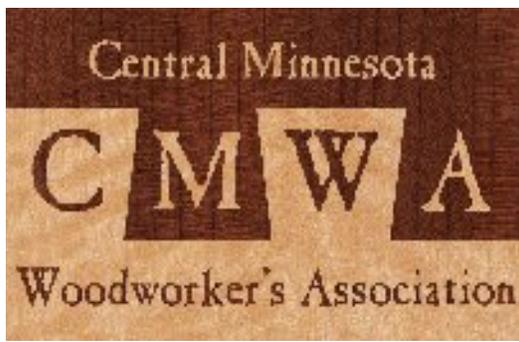
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