



Newsletter

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AGAINST THE GRAIN

By Rollie Johnson

And again, thank you

Another year come and gone and I would like to thank a bunch of folks who have made this past year a big success for the CMWA.



President Rollie Johnson

I want to start by thanking Gary Mrozek for all the tireless work he does for the Wood Turner's Group and the CMWA. If you haven't been to a Wood Turner's meeting you really need to attend one. The seminars are interesting and always well executed. The advantages of having shops where hands-on demos can be effectively done lend a lot of excitement to the meetings. Gary has also brought video technology to the club and his videos have been getting consistently better throughout the year. Making and editing video content is a big job and the time involved is substantial. Thanks Gary.

Brad Knowles has been a real mover and shaker with the club the past few years. Brad has been instrumental in getting the Wood Expo on course, doing a very effective job of organizing, cajoling and generally guiding the ship through troubled waters. This year should be a very good year for the Expo. He has also been a very hard working Vice President. Brad will now take the helm of the CMWA and I'm sure we will see a year filled with interesting seminars, well-organized events, and constant forward progress for the club.

Cy Valerius has been dogged in his pursuit of sponsors for the club. Cy's marketing and sales knowledge is extensive and will help secure a more solid financial footing for our club, plus he's such a likable guy how can a potential advertiser say no!

Kurt Zniewski has been keeping us solvent by simply refusing to let us spend more than we bring in, almost. Kurt is incredibly organized and does a great job of counting our pennies and keeping track of the membership stats.

John Wilson has been the club Secretary for five years and has been a great scribe for the club. John keeps track of our meetings and events and has always been ready to volunteer for our extra-curricular activities.

Darren McKeever and Scott Randall have done a great job of keeping us informed about club activities, meetings, and have given us a place to show off our projects. Scott has been our newsletter editor for several years and has always filled the pages with interesting articles and has gotten the newsletter into our mailboxes on time, always. Darren has been instrumental in getting the newsletter printed, along with some help from Ron McKeever, his dad, and has also done a tremendous job with our website. Darren overhauled our website last year and through a ton of effort turned our website into a first-rate, easily accessed website that will be a real boon to the membership.

John Kenning, Jay Eggebrecht and Albert Keppers have been very involved board members, offering good advice and helping guide the club. Thanks guys.



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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Next Meeting: Dec 16th at 6:15 PM at Sauk Rapids Middle School

Board Meeting: None

Turners Meeting: No December Woodturners meeting. Next meeting: January 23rd, at Dick Beumer's at 9:00AM.

It takes a bunch of good folks to keep a club organized and motivated. It also takes a lot of work, so the next time you talk to one of these folks, who have given so much of their time and effort for your benefit, thank them. They deserve all the thanks we can give them.

Finally I would like to thank all the members for their support of the CMWA. Thanks for coming to the meetings, participating in the programs, and generally offering friendship and camaraderie. I am so proud of what this club has become. Thank you.

See you down the road.

Rollie

December's Meeting Topic: Happy Holidays!

Pot Luck Dinner

There will not be a specific meeting topic this month. Instead we will celebrate the past year with a pot luck dinner. Please bring your significant other and join us for a celebration of friendship and cheer. The doors of the school will open around 6:15 and we will plan on starting the buffet line about 6:30. Bring a dish to share and join us for a fun evening. We will have a show-and-tell session. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Plates, Cups, Glasses and silverware will be provided. Coffee and bottled water will be supplied. If you would prefer beverages other than these, please feel free to bring your own.

October CMWA Meeting Recap

Club President, Rollie Johnson, was our speaker yet again with another topic of interest. This time around it was “SPOKESHAVES, INSHAVES AND TRAVISHERS”.

Shokeshave's, Inshave's and Travisher's were tools commonly used by chair component makers of yesteryear. Inshave's were most often used for scooping out chair seats, shaped much like a drawknife with the ends turned upward to create a handy tool for scooping out depressions in things such as chair seats. They were usually followed up by a Travisher, a tool which was nice for any curves needed such as the perimeter edges of a seat or any other curved woodwork. A Spokeshave was and still is used frequently today. They were often used in earlier times to hand craft chair components or any other part shaped like a spoke, thus the name. Spokeshaves come in many sizes, shapes, and materials still today. They're a great tool for finer handiwork and no good craftsman should be without one.....or several. Rollie says that the best Spokeshave's are the ones with an adjustable mouth. If you buy a cast iron one be sure to flatten the inner blade rest portion of the tool with a file to prevent the blade from chattering during use. Rollie ended his presentation by mentioning that a common drawknife is also a great tool to own. It's best used for cutting end grain.

Thanks for sharing Rollie.



Top left: Rollie demonstrates that the draw knife can be used to remove large amounts of material or very small amounts of material, depending on the angle of attack.

Top right: Rollie explains the history of the inshave and how it is used to scoop out material on chair seats.

Left: For very little expense and with a little practice, these few tools will add a special touch to that otherwise “square and boxy” pieces of furniture.



Al Ernst cut out these beautiful Christmas ornaments with a scroll saw. Al has shown some really nice scroll saw work. If you're looking to get started, he would be a good source of information.



John Caye brought in a table he built for his wife. Notice the Krenov style legs. He is shown here explaining the method used to attach the skirt to the table top. John finished the table with lacquer.



Jim Preusser shows of a set of spokeshaves. The fact that they are behind glass indicates how rare this set is.



This is just a small portion of Jim's collection of woodworking tools. Jim has collected and traded tools over the last two decades.



Election of Club Officers

The following positions still need volunteers or nominees:

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer or Membership Coordinator

2 Directors for our Board

These are all very important positions that our club desperately needs filled. The success of our club depends on the membership to contribute toward that success. Please, if you have a bit of time you can dedicate to the club step up and help this club continue to be a successful, enjoyable organization.

Wood Turners Meeting Recap

The Woodturners Group met at John Caye's shop in Sartell on Saturday, November 21st. The presentation was an overview of three different sharpening systems.

Tru-Grind

Dick Beumer demonstrated the Woodcut Tru-Grind system. Dick likes this system because of its simplicity. The tool holder is easily adjusted to perform a verity of profiles with accurate repeatability. Retail value is \$130.

Wolverine

Gary Mrozek demonstrated the Oneway Wolverine system. Oneway Manufacturing continues to set the bar in woodturning. From their lathes to the many supporting accessories, they design and produce solid products. The Wolverine system is no exception. The basic system comes with two mounting bases, an oversized platform rest and a V-arm attachment. This basic package is a bargain for around \$88. Where the Wolverine system stands out among all others is in the many innovative attachments available for the basic system. A skew attachment mounts to the V-arm to at maintaining the angle grind on both sides of the chisel. The Vari-Grind attachment is used with the V-arm to produce fingernail grinds and is available in two sizes to accommodate large tools. Oneway has recently introduced the Vari-Grind 2 attachment that mounts directly into the Wolverine mounting base. There is also a diamond dressing attachment that mounts to the same base to flatten the grinding wheel squarely in relation to the base. All accessories are can be purchased separately or in a Master system for about \$200

Tormek

John Caye demonstrated the Tormek system. This slow speed wet grinder that produces a mirror-like finish to the cutting edge. It's an extremely versatile machine that is capable of sharpening a razor blade to an ax...with the proper jig...sold separately. The Tormek with provide the sharpest edge but takes much longer to achieve then the Tru-Grind or the Wolverine systems. The basic T-7 system will cost you close to \$600. By the time you purchase all the jigs you need for your woodworking tools, you can easily have \$1,000 invested. But for the serious craftsmen, it's an investment you will likely not regret.

The January meeting will be at Dick Beumer's shop 3750 15th Street NE Sauk Rapids, Saturday January 23rd at 9:00AM.

Wood Turners Meeting Recap (cont)



Dick is shown sharpening a turning tool .



John Caye demonstrates the Tormek sharpening system.



CMWA has booth at the Minnesota Woodworker's Show in Minneapolis.

The booth was manned by volunteers on Friday through Sunday, the 4th – 6th. Our guys gave seminars on installing inlays and tuning hand planes.

Shown in the photo:

Back row from left to right: Brad Knowles, Kurt Zniewski, John Caye.
Front row: Tom Homan and his wife Rose.

STUDENT OUTREACH PROGRAM:

The fall Student Outreach program was canceled due to the lack of a chairperson for the term. We need to be teaching a spring program. It's not that difficult. It requires four 1-1/2 hr Tuesday evenings teaching the class at the Sauk Rapids/Rice Middle School. The project will be a blue bird house.

We have 6 volunteers to mentor the eighteen expected enrollee's. We are still looking for a chairperson. The Outreach program is considered our contribution to the school and in return we are able to use the school for meetings. We really need a Chairperson.

To volunteer, call Rollie at 320 968-7194.

ITEMS FOR SALE:

Tom Homan has CMT Bit Cleaner for sale, He's asking \$8.60 per bottle.

Scott Randall has for sale:

1 - 3"x8"x8" block of spalted maple for sale. It was purchased from Rockler for \$29. Asking \$10. It's covered in wax to prevent it from drying out.

2 sets of 14" dynaslide (accuride knockoff) full extension drawer slides. They are new in plastic. \$5 takes both sets.

1 - Ryobi electric detail sander with oscillating head. \$5.

2- hand planes. One small block plane and one Jack plane. Cheaper brand from Home Depot but work ok. \$5 for both.

Rollie has asked club members to please consider bring old cast off shop tools, lumber or supplies to auction off at our monthly meetings to help raise money for the club.

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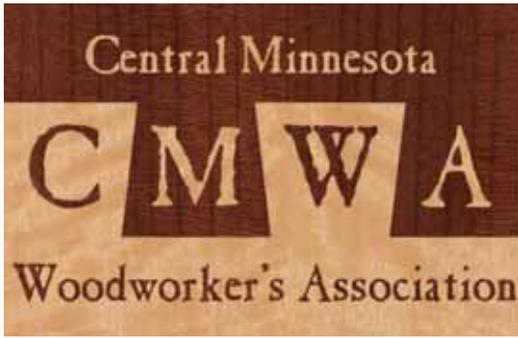
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