

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

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## Against the Grain — Rollie Johnson

### One more time.

Another year has escaped our grip and is quickly growing smaller in the mirror. On the horizon is a shiny new year, and with it come new challenges and adventures. The CMWA has had quite an adventurous 10<sup>th</sup> year and the horizon is looking pretty rosy. Partnering with the Paramount, thanks to the influence of



Gary Mrozek and the MMAW, is going to be a significant event in our history. The potential of having our own workshop to share with our membership and the Paramount Arts program is exciting. Melissa Gohman, Visual Arts Director for the Paramount Arts Resource Trust, has been very gracious in allowing us access to a meeting room, a bit of storage space for some of our equipment and above all offering enthusiasm for what we can offer the community.

It's going to take a serious commitment from the club members to make this work, but I have faith in our members and I think we can make this work better than some can imagine. The commitment will be donating our time and some materials towards the renovation of an under-used space in the Paramount arts area. I think it will be a chance for us to work together as a club and create the bonds that working with one another brings. And when we are finished we will have a real shop with workbenches, storage space, and above all a place where we can have hands-on demos, multi-day classes, and space for club projects. I can hardly wait!

This is also the time of year when we elect new club officers. The need for folks to step up to the plate is as important this year as any year the club has been in existence. We need the energy of an enthusiastic, determined membership to move the CMWA on to our new potential. I know that the club will find a solid leader in John Wilson and we have a potential VP, Denny Myers, who will complement John's leadership. Combine these fellows with a supportive board and we will be off and running. Kurt Zniewski has graciously offered to continue as club Treasurer, a position that he has

### 2011 CMWA Officers

President:	Rollie Johnson
Vice President:	John Wilson
Treasurer:	Kurt Zniewski
Secretary:	Bill Riner
Board of Directors:	Tom Harlander John Kenning Albert Keppers Denny Myers
Marketing Director:	Cy Valerius
Newsletter Editor:	Glenn Street
Website Manager:	Darren McKeever

### Membership Information

Dues: \$30  
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- Informational monthly program including seminars, guest speakers, demonstrations and hands-on sessions
- Instructive monthly newsletters
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Current Membership: 59

held, or should I say owned, since 2007. (I don't know what we would do without you Kurt), and thanks to the generosity of Darren McKeever, newsletter and website publisher, we will continue to have a top notch website. The other positions we need to fill are listed elsewhere in the newsletter with a brief description of duties and time

## Against the Grain (cont.)

commitment. Please consider offering your time for the benefit of the club, our future depends on you.

I want to offer a special thank you to Glenn and Nancy Street for their work editing and producing our newsletter. The newsletter is our anchor and the Streets have done a wonderful job of keeping the chain tight.

I would like to thank all the folks who helped keep the ship upright and moving along this year. It's been an eventful and busy year for me and I will be the first to say that I wasn't always on top of my club duties. Thanks for all the support folks. It was much appreciated.

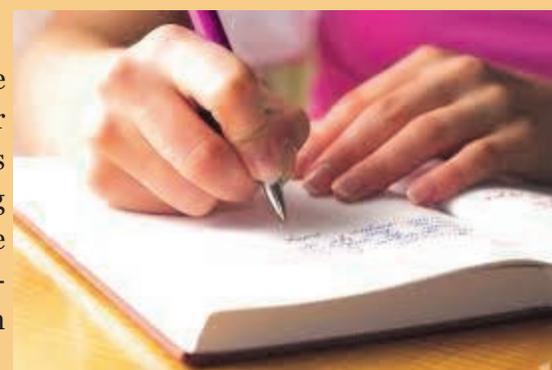
### Open CMWA Positions –gs



Please consider volunteering for one of the following open positions as a way of giving back to the club and helping it to stay vibrant. Contact John Wilson (john.r.wilson@xcelenergy.com) for more information about any of these positions or to indicate your willingness to serve.

#### Secretary

Duties include taking notes at the monthly club board meetings and other special board of director meetings (such as the annual Expo), compiling and disseminating those notes to the board members. The time commitment varies, but 4 hours a month should cover the job.



#### Marketing Director

Duties include working with the CMWA board on preparing marketing materials for such activities as the Wood Expo, as well as recruiting new advertisers and staying in contact with current advertisers. It also involves working with the treasurer to bill advertisers. The monthly time commitment varies from ~2 to 4 hours most of the year, but up to 8 hours a month in the spring when preparing for the Expo.



#### Newsletter Editor

This position involves compiling the monthly newsletter and emailing it to the website manager. The time commitment averages about 3 hours a month.



#### Two new Board Members

This job consists of attending the board meetings (held immediately before the monthly meeting) and helping with club decisions. This is a great way to get to know the inner workings of the club and only involves an hour or two a month.

# Calendar



## DECEMBER 21st POTLUCK

We are looking forward to our annual holiday potluck with the members and their spouses on Wednesday, December 21st at 6 pm, in the Paramount Theatre and Visual Arts Center (Basement). Please bring something to eat and share with others, and serving utensils if needed.

All else will be provided (beverages, plates, silverware...).

See you all there!

The potluck will start an hour earlier (6 pm).

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