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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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From President John Wilson

The CMWA is gearing up for its seventh annual CMWA Wood Expo. This year's event will once again be held at the Saint Cloud Armory, and the date will be Saturday March 17th so be sure to mark your calendars and tell all of your friends about it. We've sold out all of the available booth spaces and even scrambled to create several extras for those late comers. Based on the higher demand for booth spaces this year, it appears it will almost certainly be the largest Expo we've ever hosted with over forty booths to date. Let's keep our fingers crossed and hope it's a huge success. I'd like to thank all those members who've spent many hours making this show happen. We couldn't have done it without the experience and expertise of Brad Knowles, this year's Chairman. Brad's experience chairing the Expo for the last few years has made him an expert in putting on this show. Brad has teamed up this year with our CMWA Vice President, and now Expo Co-Chairman, Denny Myers, and under their leadership this thing is really taking off. They've demonstrated great organizational skills. I'd also like to go on and mention several other key club members who've demonstrated their eagerness to share in the challenges of this event. Cy Valerius, our Marketing Director, along with Tom Harlander, Albert Keppers, Bill Baker, and Kurt Zniwski have all been demonstrating tremendous energy calling upon numerous business's for their support for our event, both as financial supporters, as well as show attendees. Kurt, by the way, is also doubling, once again, as both our Club Treasurer, and as our Money Man for the Expo, and he's doing a great job of making sure we continue to operate in the black. If I've left anybody out, please accept my apologies.

There will be no March CMWA club meeting. We feel that the Expo and the normal club meeting, which would be held on March 21st, are so close together that we've decided that the Expo will be considered our March CMWA club meeting.]

April's Meeting

April's meeting will be on the 18th and the topic will be "Bandsaw Tune-ups". We will have the privilege of having the author of the book *The Complete Illustrated Guide to Bandsaws*, published by Tauton Press, as our speaker. This man has been traveling with The "Woodworking Shows", giving presentations on "Bandsaw Tune-ups" in all the major cities of the country. This will be his only presentation in Minnesota, right here in St. Cloud!. Of course I'm talking about our own Rollie Johnson. If you have a bandsaw or plan on getting one in the near future, you won't want to miss this.

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- Mail order discounts at Woodworkers Supply, Hartville Tools,.

2012 Central MN Wood Expo

Mark your calendar for the 2012 Wood Expo March 17. This year we are joined by the Mid MN Woodturners Assn and the Central MN Woodcarvers Assn as co-sponsors of the Wood Expo. All three clubs have been working hard to make this the best wood expo ever. We have expanded the vendor floor space and for the first time, have sold out all available space. This means we will have many new vendors as well as most of the old vendors. Of particular interest are several new tool and wood vendors. Show hours are 9:00 to 3:00.

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.

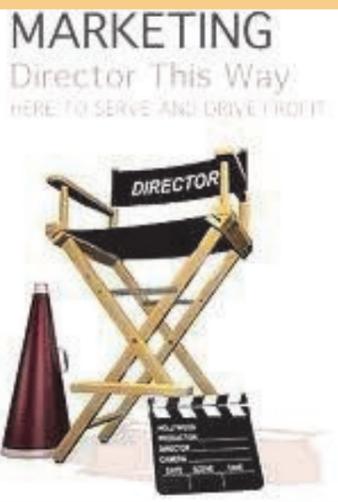
Secretary

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

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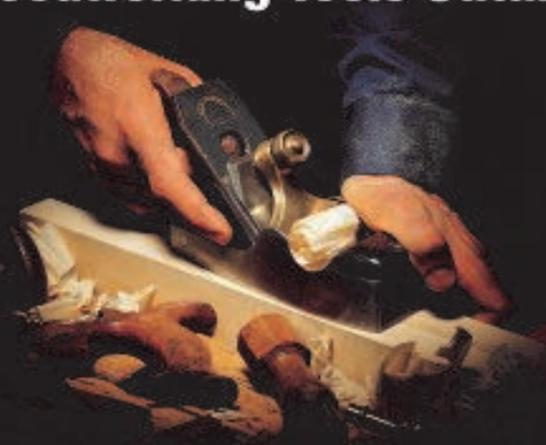
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9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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Representatives of the Central MN Woodworkers Association, the Central MN Woodcarvers Association, and the Mid MN Association of Woodturners and will be on hand to promote their clubs and to answer any questions concerning membership.