



Newsletter

July 2012

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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Greetings from the CMWA President's Chair. By John Wilson

Every June my wife and I make a real effort to catch the Lemonade Concert and Art Fair, here in Saint Cloud. This is probably the fifth year we've attended. It's held on the campus of Saint Cloud State University. The one day event is well attended by many artisans from near and far, selling things such as jewelry, pottery, glassware, woodwork, paintings, drawings, and garden decorations, to those of us who appreciate good art. My wife and I attended this year again, and this time I noticed an obvious change. This was the first time that I've seen several of our local CMWA members with their own booths, and they were selling turned vessels such as bowls, urns, and wooden boxes, blanket chests, flag cases, bird houses, and even burial urns. While winding our way through the craft fair, my wife and I bumped into Charlie Gunderson, one of our newer club members. I stopped to admire Charlie's handiwork and he and I talked for several minutes about his various pieces of woodwork on display in his booth. As my wife and I headed back to the car, she spotted another vendor selling bird houses with copper roofs, and of course she had to have one for her flower garden. While we were driving home I gave some thought to my upcoming club newsletter, and it was then that I realized that this year's craft fair gave clear signs that our club is beginning to make a real difference regionally. Our club is creating more and better skilled artisans who in turn are producing better artwork for the hungry masses, such as my wife and I, who attend these events to feed our passions for good art. I too am very fortunate to have just such a place as the Central Minnesota Woodworkers Association (CMWA) that I can come and learn new things and share that small niche that I know a bit about as well.



Your CMWA President,

John Wilson

July's CMWA Meeting will be a DVD by Christopher Schwarz on the right tool to use for each stage of woodworking, roughing, refining, and finishing. Wednesday, July 18th at 7pm at the Paramount, St. Cloud.

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