

COLORADO Woodworkers GUILD

August 2007

*Encouraging all woodworkers in
self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge*

Mark Your Calendar for

Tuesday, August 21st, 7-9pm

Curtis Welton - Segmented woodworking

Curtis Welton has become accomplished at taking small pieces and strips of wood, the type that most throw away, and turn them into beautiful wood projects. Everything from bowls to vases to trays and more can be produced with a little math and a lot of patience. Curtis will show us his techniques and let us take that knowledge to create our own masterpieces.



Curtis Welton - Segmented bowl

Upcoming meetings

Aug. 21st: Rockler, 2553 So. Colorado Blvd., Denver

Curtis Welton - Segmented Woodworking

Sept. 18th: Rockler, 2553 So. Colorado Blvd., Denver

T.B.A.

Oct. 16th: Rockler, 2553 So. Colorado Blvd., Denver

Gordon Johnson - Inlay techniques

Visit our web site for latest updates on meetings and locations:

www.coloradoodwoodworkersguild.org

Election and Officer Term Changes

The Board has agreed and made changes to the by-laws. Here in a nutshell are the new changes:

1. Nominations will be made in August of each year.
2. Elections will be held on the regular meeting night in September.
3. Newly elected officers will be expected to attend October, November and December Board meetings.
4. Terms for Officers will run for one year in office (old by-laws required a 2 year term)

The actual length of service will be 15 months. It is hoped that these changes will spark more interest in leading the Guild to bigger and better things. The number of consecutive terms has not been discussed or limited at this time.

We have a PHONE NUMBER

The Colorado Woodworkers now have a Permanent phone number:

303-523-8960

This will be the permanent phone number to contact the Colorado Woodworkers Guild. You may still contact the Board Members on their personal phone numbers but if you need general information about our group or anything else, please use the above phone number. Remember that we are not always able to answer the phone so please leave a message when you call.

From the President

With elections coming up in September I would like to ask all of you to consider running for office. See article on "Election and Officer Term Changes".

My involvement during the next months depends on whether I have a cornea transplant. After the last four months I am pretty much fed up with Doctors.

The Craftsman Show Committee has worked hard on getting the details of the event in place. They appear elsewhere in this newsletter so get your entries ready.

I have made arrangements for us to have a 10x20 booth at the Woodworkers Show November 16-18. We need good participation if we are going to top last years great display at our booth.

The Christmas Party has been scheduled for Saturday, December 8th from 6PM – 9:30PM at First Plymouth Congregational Church, 3501 S. Colorado Blvd. We need volunteers to show up early and help with decorations. The Guild will furnish plates, utensils, drinks and the main meat dish. Each couple or individual is asked to bring either an appetizer, side dish or desert. More details to follow.

Bill Hoppers
President



Gordon Johnson helps a Father & Son build a birdhouse

It's Toy Time!!!

The Christmas Toy Project is the largest Guild project of the year.

Last year Guild members made over 350 toys which were distributed to several agencies in the Metro area. Many of the children who received toys would not have received any gift for Christmas if it were not for the guild.

Our goal this year is to make and distribute 350 toys again. We need your help to make our goal - please make one or two toys for the project - we can make our goal if we all pitch in. If you need project plans to make toys, we have LOTS of them available. We will also supply the wood for you to use. We are looking for great ideas for GIRLS as well as BOYS so if you have some good ideas for GIRL toy projects let us know or just run with it.

If you need wood to make your toys call:

Mark Klosky: 303-906-1197

Bill Hoppers: 303-424-6052

For more information call:

Bill Huffer: 303-283-8982

JeffCo 4-H Fair 2007

Our booth was an unbelievable success again this year. We had approximately 120 birdhouse kits made by our members and by 4PM we were completely out of kits. To simply things this year we did not have the children paint them on site. This allowed them to take them home immediately instead of waiting for the m to dry and they were all very pleased with what they had done. We could have powered the city with all the smiles we saw (see the movie Monsters Inc. to see how this is done). It was a great day and I'd like to recognize those who were at the fair to help: Paul Wolff, Duane McBride, Mike Seymour, Jerry Cronk, Gordon Johnson, Jeff Tinker, Chris Pine and Bill Huffer. At this point I don't know who actually cut out kits but when I get that info from John Hammer I will give them credit also.

Frederick R. Matzen
Secretary

The 2007 Craftsman Show

The 2007 CWG Craftsman Show will be held at "Rockler Woodworking" 2553 S. Colorado Blvd. on October 5th through the 8th. An opening reception will be held on the 5th starting at 7:30P.M. and will include wine, tea, coffee and an assortment of desserts. There is also talk of a live music jam taking place during the reception, so bring your instrument and join in!

Guidelines:

- Each participant will be allowed to enter 2 pieces
- Entrees must have been created in the last 2 years and not have won in previous CWG contests
- Entry Fee:
 - CWG members - \$10, second entry - \$10
 - Non CWG members - \$40 (includes a 1 year membership to CWG) second entry - \$10
- Application forms are due Sept. 24th (Application forms can be found in the newsletter and on-line at <http://coloradowoodworkersguild.com>)
- Pieces need to be delivered to Rockler's between Sept. 30th and Oct. 5th at noon
- Pieces should be picked up on Oct. 8th starting at noon. CWG and Rocklers will not be responsible for items left after the 8th.
- Pieces will be judged in 3 classes:
 - **Beginner/Student** – Participant has recently discovered the wonderful world of woodworking
 - **Intermediate** – Participant has been working with wood for some time, but has not received an award in any contest
 - **Advanced/Professional** - Participant has been doing woodworking for some time and/or does woodworking as a profession

Participants will be allowed to categorize themselves based strictly on the honor system

- The number of prizes for each class will be determined by the number of entrees in that class
- Business cards will be allowed to be left on or around your piece

- Winners will be determined by the attendees of the show (popular vote)
- Winners will be announced at the October CWG meeting

We are in need of volunteers to tend the exhibit area during show times.

John Hammer - 303.972.8065 - jvhammer@msn.com

Green Wood Mailing List

If you are interested in making your own lumber from local trees marked for cutting down, salvaging wood from old projects like barns, decks, sheds, fences, or cut-offs from local businesses then you may want to get on our Green Wood E-Mail list.

Simply send an email request to greenwood@coloradowoodworkersguild.org along with your FULL NAME and EMAIL address and I will get you on the list. *This is currently an email only list.*

Do You have an adaptation, original project idea , technique or jig you want to share?

Send a rough draft or finished article to newsletter@coloradowoodworkersguild.org for possible inclusion in one of our newsletters.

Free Wood for Toys

Mark Klosky has procured some damaged doors that a few of the members got together and helped knock down into smaller pieces. He currently has these stored at his shop for use on the Christmas Toys Program. Please contact him or Bill Huffers about getting some for your toy project.

Mark Klosky - 303-722-9712 or 303-906-1197

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware Presents a monthly contest:

“You might be a Woodworker if...”

Win a \$25 gift certificate from Rockler Woodworking and Hardware by submitting the best “You might be a woodworker if....” quote.

Entries must be submitted by the 1st of the month to be eligible for that month’s contest. If your entry doesn’t win, it could still be a winner the next month (no need to reenter the same quote). Enter as many times as you like. You must be a Member of the Colorado Woodworkers Guild in good standing to win.

Winners will be chosen by a committee of 3 comprised of Rich at Rockler, Cal Noguchi and one other to be named.

Send entries to:

**Rockler Contest
Colorado Woodworkers Guild
P.O. Box 100996
Denver, CO. 80250-0996**

email to Contest@coloradowoodworkersguild.org, or bring them to the meeting.

Be sure to add your name, address and phone number.

Winners will have their entries, with name attached, added to the web site, published in the monthly newsletter and available to Rockler for their usage.

Prizes will be awarded at the meeting each month.

Samples:

“The only requirement you have for the new house-is there enough space for my workshop?”

“The dishwashing detergent you pick doesn’t depend on how it cleans dishes, but rather how good of a glue dispenser it will be” (a la Bill Hopper)

“You’re watching an X-rated movie and you’re wondering ‘What kind of wood is that headboard made of?’”

“You have friends that wonder why it takes you longer than 2 days to make a china cabinet. After all, Norm could do it!”

“You missed your son’s birth because Rockler was having a Clearance Sale”

Have Fun and Good Luck!

Make Your Own Finishes

Oil Varnish

This finish is similar to Watco Danish Oil, Deft Danish Oil, or Minwax Antique Oil Finish.

Ingredients:

- 1 Part-Boiled Linseed Oil
- 1 Part-Varnish (I use gloss polyurethane)
- 1 Part-Mineral Spirits (You can use a bit less)

This finish is applied the same as the above products.

1. Wipe the finish on with a rag.
2. Let it sit for about 10 minutes.
3. Buff the remaining finish off with a clean cloth.
4. Don’t put your old rags near an open flame...They can catch on fire.

You will need to put on at least three coats. Four coats is better. Each Coat needs to dry about 24 hours. You can also tint this finish with non-fiberglass roofing tar to get a walnut tone.

Wipe-on Poly

This one is pretty simple. It is similar to Formby’s Tung Oil Finish, and Minwax wipe on polyurethane.

Ingredients:

- 3 Parts-Polyurethane (Any Sheen, Any Brand...I like ACE because it’s cheap)
- 2 Parts-Mineral Spirits

1. Apply finish with a rag
2. After drying, buff with 000 steel wool
3. Repeat until desired gloss is achieved

Again, you will probably want to put on three coats.

GUILD MEMBER DISCOUNTS

20% off of purchases at

The Hardwood Emporium

16043 W. 4th Ave., Golden CO. 80401
303-277-1488

10% off at:

Abilene Awards & Logos

1730 S. Abilene, Aurora, CO. 80012
303-755-0337

Centennial Wood Co.

985 S. Logan, Denver, CO.
303-778-6209

Charlie's Secondhand Store

2227 Larimer St., Denver, CO.
303-295-1781

Paxton

4837 Jackson St., Denver, CO.
303-399-6047

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware

2553 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO.
303-782-0588

TC Woods

9776 Arapahoe Rd., Lafayette, CO.
303-494-0425

Woodcraft

4403 S. Tamarac Parkway, Denver, CO.
303-290-0007

Offers Contractor Discount (roughly 20%)

Austin Hardwoods

975 W. Mississippi, Denver, CO.
303-733-1292

Colorado Woodworkers Web Site

Hopefully, all of you have had an opportunity to check out the CWG web site at www.coloradowoodworkersguild.org.

You need to be a member to access the entire site but everyone can see some of what goes on.

If you are a member and have not received access, please contact the webmaster at:

webmaster@coloradowoodworkersguild.org

Photo Gallery

If you have photos of your woodworking projects or from any of the Guild's events, you can create your own gallery after you login to the site. Or bring a CD/Flash card with your photos to a CWG monthly meeting and give it to one of the Board Members.

Classified Ads

Got Stuff to Sell? Looking for Stuff to Buy? Please check out our web site's Classified Ads feature to post your ads and see what others need or have to offer.

WOOD OF THE MONTH

Paxton:

4/4 Knotty Alder - \$1.80 BF
4/4 Walnut - 6' - \$4.25 BF
4/4 Poplar - \$1.90 BF

Hardwood Emporium:

Saturday Aug. 25th 10AM - 2PM
YARD SALE - 2,000 - 3,000 BF
Blowout Prices

Bandsaw

I have an Elektra Beckum 10 1/2" depth an 20" throat for sale. 220vac or 110

Condition: good
Price: \$600.00
Contact: Michael Seymour
Phone: 303-725-1439
Email: mhseymour@msn.com

Board Members

President:

Bill Hoppers
303.424.6052

Vice-President:

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John Hammer - Temp.

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Chris Pine
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John Hammer
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Deputies of the Board

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Committee Leaders

Christmas Toy Program
Bill Huffer
303-283-8982

Membership Coordinator
Ron Vanous
303.988.6047

Yahoo Group Moderator
Carl Beck
carl@carlbeck.com

Not yet a Member?

We invite you to join now. Here are some of the benefits of becoming a member:

Monthly Guild Meetings -- Here woodworkers from novices to highly skilled craftsmen can meet, network, solicit advice, share ideas, and learn

Annual Craftsman Show -- The woodworkers' showcase! A world-class exhibit featuring pieces created by our diverse and talented guild members

Christmas Toys Program -- A great opportunity for novices to work side-by-side with and learn from experienced craftsmen, and in the process create fabulous toys for underprivileged children

Field Trips -- To local lumber yards, mills and workshops

Monthly Newsletter -- That includes meeting announcements, free classified ads and much, much more...

Membership in the Colorado Woodworkers Guild is \$30 per year.

To join, provide the information requested below and return with your \$30 check to:

Colorado Woodworkers Guild

P.O. Box 100996

Denver, CO. 80250-0996

NEW



Board Meeting Minutes

To conserve space in the newsletter for articles of interest to our Guild members, we no longer publish the Board Meeting Minutes each month. Copies of the minutes are available upon request by contacting a Guild officer.

Visit our web site for the latest information and late breaking announcements:

www.coloradowoodworkersguild.org

Guild Business:

Monthly Board Meeting

The next CWG Board Member Meeting will be Tuesday, August 28th, 6 p.m. at Villa Del Sol Mexican Food, 6026 W. Alameda Ave., Lakewood, CO.

The meeting is open to all members. If you have suggestions on CWG speakers, topics, events or activities, please feel free to contact any Board Member or attend the Board Member meeting.

Name

Company

Address

City

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