

COLORADO Woodworkers NEWSLETTER

Encouraging all woodworkers in
self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge

September 2007

Upcoming meetings

*Oct. 16th: Rockler, 2553 So. Colorado Blvd., Denver
Gordon Johnson - Inlay techniques*

*Nov. 20th: Rockler, 2553 So. Colorado Blvd., Denver
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*Visit our web site for latest updates on meetings and locations:
www.coloradowoodworkersguild.org*

Election of President and Vice President

Nominations and elections of new Officers will be conducted at the regular September meeting.

If you are interested in one of the open positions, please step up and let one of the Board Members know.

If you want to nominate an individual for office, please contact that person before you enter their name.

Duties of the newly elected officers:

President - The figurehead of our organization. This person runs the regular meetings, also the Board meetings, delegates duties and projects. Also the "ear" of the group to which you state your ideas, grievances or joys. You would make contacts for some events and make sure things get done and run smoothly.

Vice President - In addition to backing up the President in the event of illness or unavailability, the VP is responsible for contacting possible presenters for our meetings. Suggestions are gathered from group and board members, contacted and scheduled, then added to the calendar.

This is a basic summary of the duties. Most only require a few hours a month to complete.

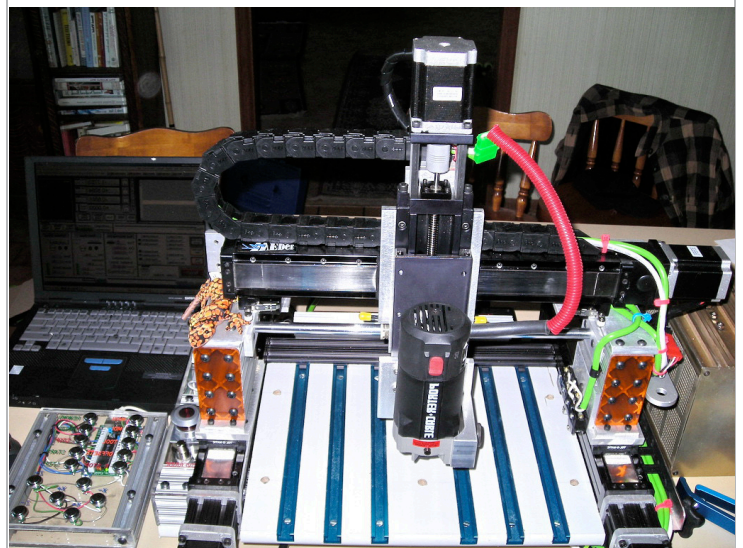
Mark Your Calendar for

Tuesday, September 18th, 7-9pm

Joe Kuter - Making a CNC Router Table

Joe Kuter has been refining the process of building his own CNC Router for a while now and has gotten it down well enough to be into his third fully functional unit. He will be explaining the process of building one for yourself as well as cutting the costs of normally expensive parts. If nothing else, it will be exciting to watch one of these work!

The unit pictured below uses a small inexpensive router but the design can be adapted to larger units as well.



As always, bring your latest project, finished or not, and show it off during our Show and Tell portion of the meeting.

In addition, if you are having a problem with a project or just need some advice or information on something wood related, feel free to ask at the meeting. Our members are always helpful and willing to aid you with centuries of experience to draw from.

From the President

The next four months will be very busy.

I look forward to the Craftsman Show at Rockler".

I still have not received confirmation on the "Woodworkers Show" in November but expect that to come any day now. I have been in contact.

We will need a number of volunteers for both shows and the Christmas Party in December.

Thanks for your support!

Bill Hoppers
President

What are Yahoo groups?

Many of you already are a part of the "coloradowoodworkersguild yahoo group". Many of you are not and some do not know what this is.

Yahoo of course is the web site that many of you use for a search engine on the internet. Well they offer a "groups" area. This is a forum for members to exchange ideas and thoughts on various issues that would interest us as guild members and woodworkers in general.

The way it works is like a "bulletin board". You have a question for example about xyx saw blade and want to know others opinions about it. You post a message asking for feedback and others will get this message in various ways via e-mail or by logging onto the site and checking messages online. They can reply to your question. Etc.

The group also offers many neat things such as posting pictures, a links area, and even an online chat room area should we ever decide to try that. The best part is this is all free.

Please go to the web site and check it out. I believe many of the questions you may have will be answered at the site. The link for our group is: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/coloradowoodworkersguild/>

This link is also on the guild web site under "forum".

I hope we can get many more folks to join the yahoo group and participate this coming year.

Toy Ideas

If you want to help make toys for the Christmas Toys program but are not sure WHAT to make, here are a few ideas to help you along:

Small Doll Cradle

Simple Puzzles

Marble Mazes

Cord Weaving "jigs"

See <http://www.finniwig.com/inst.htm> for instructions and photos on some "jigs".

Cars or Trucks

Blocks

Step Stools or Small Chairs/Stools

Boxes

The girls get left out a lot because we often can't think of things to make for them. So keep this in mind when you start building so they get equal time.

We have a HUGE amount of plans available so contact Bill Huffers or Fred Matzen for for some.

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

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 e-mail request to greenwood@coloradowoodworkersguild.org along with your FULL NAME and E-MAIL address and I will get you on the list. *This is currently an e-mail 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**

E-mail 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 dish washing 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

Paste Beeswax

1 - Part Beeswax (It works best if you shave the beeswax with a block plane)

1 - Part Turpentine

1. Mix ingredients together in a jar with a tight sealing lid. A Jelly jar or a tin can will work but you can use what you have.

2. When the Beeswax is dissolved your ready for business

3. If the mixture is too thin, leave the lid off and let some of the turpentine evaporate.

After you have applied your initial finish, something like Linseed Oil or Shellac, wipe a thin coat of the finish on your work with a rag. Let it dry about 20 minutes or so, and buff it off.

If you add some linseed oil to the recipe you can use this as a finish for raw wood.

Wipe On Finish

Mix equals parts of the following:

Linseed Oil OR Tung Oil (not both)

Polyurethane OR other Varnish (not both)

Mineral Spirits

Mix well then apply with a rag. Let first coat dry, rub with fine steel wool to remove burs and dust then apply additional coats using steel wool between each. This will require at least 3-4 coats but should leave a dust free finish.

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 B.F.

4/4 Brown Soft Maple - Random lengths - \$1.95 B.F.

Chinkapin - 10 ft. - \$1.00 B.F.

NEW! Rustic Walnut - 8 ft. - \$4.42 B.F.

Hardwood Emporium:

4/4 Hard Maple - random lengths - \$3.66 B.F.

5/4 Hard Maple - 8 ft. - \$3.85 B.F.

Board Members

President:

Bill Hoppers
303.424.6052

Vice-President:

OPEN
John Hammer - Temp.

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Frederick R. Matzen
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Deputies of the Board

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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

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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

Monthly Board Meeting

The next CWG Board Member Meeting will be Tuesday, September 25th, 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.

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Company

Address

City

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