

COLORADO Woodworkers NEWSLETTER

Encouraging all woodworkers in
self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge

November 2007

Upcoming meetings

Nov. 20th: Rockler, 2553 So. Colorado Blvd., Denver

The Annual Christmas Quickies Show

Dec. 8th: Plymouth Church, 3501 S. Colorado Blvd.

The Woodworkers Christmas Dinner

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

www.coloradowoodworkersguild.org

Christmas Party Info

Our annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 8th 2007. Doors will open at 5 PM for decorating and setup. Each family is asked to bring a side dish or desert to share. The Guild will furnish meat, drinks, plates and utensils.

There will be over \$600 in door prizes given away during the party. Each person will receive a ticket, however door prizes will be limited to one per family. There will also be a White Elephant gift exchange. Each family who wishes to participate should bring a gift worth no more than \$15 and join in the fun.

We are asking that everyone who plans on attending sign up at the Colorado Woodworkers meeting on November 20th, send an e-mail to postmaster@coloradowoodworkersguild.org or call Bill Hoppers - 303-424-6052. We need to make certain that we have enough food and place settings for everyone so please let us know if you are coming.

Where: First Plymouth Congregational Church

3501 S. Colorado Blvd. (just south of Rocklers a few blocks)

When: December 8th, 2007

6 PM - 10PM

If you wish to help setup and decorate please be there by 5PM

RSVP: November 24th, 2007

Mark Your Calendar for

Tuesday, November 20th, 2007

Christmas Quickies

At Rockler Woodworking

Traditionally we don't have a typical demonstration at our monthly meeting in November. In its place we invite our members to bring in items that they have made as Christmas gifts or decorations. Whether simple or elegant or simply elegant, finished or almost finished, we would appreciate seeing them. They are motivational to those of use who still need ideas. We sometimes call this program "**Christmas Quickies**". Previous years we have had great participation at this meeting and there are always a lot of good ideas for the rest of us. We'll be looking forward to seeing what you have been up to in the shop this fall. Bring as many projects as you wish. This has always been one of my favorite meetings.

John Hammer

Denver Woodworkers Show

Where: Denver Merchandise Mart
58th Ave. just East of I-25

When: November 16th - 10 Am - 7 PM
November 17th - 10 Am - 6 PM
November 18th - 10 Am - 4 PM

Last year was our best year ever at the Woodworkers Show. We will have a 10 X 20 booth again this year. Please bring a project to display, completed or not. We will have a 4' X 16' backboard display for wall hung projects. Projects for display will need to be delivered to the show by 11 AM on Friday, November 16th. Come to the North door and tell the security guard you are with the Colorado Woodworkers Guild. Items can be picked up after 4 PM on Sunday, November 18th.

Daily passes can be picked up at the Service Desk at the Main Lobby. Passes are only for those people working the show booth and whose name is already on the list. Please give me a call at 303-424-6052 if you have any questions.

Bill Hoppers

January's Speaker

Well now, this is different. We are lucky to have gotten an internationally known woodworker and speaker for the January meeting. Actually it is just me, but I do correspond with a guy in England who also collects wood. Truthfully, I will be speaking at the January meeting about the hobby of wood collecting. Many members have asked me at meetings about collecting and I set up a table with 100 samples at the Craftsman Show that drew a lot of interest. As woodworkers, we already "collect" wood whether it's the things we make or the stock pile in the corner or the box of scraps that we just can't throw away. The International Wood Collectors Society (IWCS) which was formed in 1947 has over 1100 active members and encourages the collecting of wood and all types of woodworking. I'll be explaining the hobby and bringing a couple hundred samples to show (there are over 100,000 species available). So show up in January and you'll be able to see and handle a bunch of wood that won't drain your wallet. I am also going to set up a table at the Guild booth at the Woodworkers Show this month.

Ed Herbst

A Blast From Our Recent Past:

Here's a follow-up to Joe's demonstration that he gave at the September meeting:

Joe Kuter's CNC Router in Action

I used one of my machines to make a pin router template for Bill Youngblood. It was an interesting exercise replicating the walking labyrinth inside of the Notre Dame Cathedral.



**A fine example of the precision of
Joe Kuter's CNC router setup.**

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

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 Huffer or Fred Matzen.

The Results of the Craftsman Show

"I could just kick myself" That's what you should be saying if you missed the annual Craftsman Show held at Rockler's. It was fantastic. The best ever!

To start with, there were 26 entries. 27 if you include Dennis bringing his "fiddle" to Friday night's shin dig. Our venerable president, Bill, tried to play it (don't quit your day job) Speaking of the Friday night kick-off party, it was attended by 40+ people and was a real hoot. We had tons of food, beer, wine and good conversation. Bill and I sat near the Greek dessert tray. Everyone was entertained musically by Fred and John. With the 26 entries and the music, the talent was dripping off the walls. Bill and I had honey dripping off of our fingers. All 26 entries were really quality work. Ballots were cast by the people attending during the week-end event. Attendance was really good and we owe Rocklers a big thanks. They were herding people downstairs like ranch hands. I was there most of Saturday and Sunday and my guess is that 150-200 people attended. Here is a list of the categories and winners who each won a gift certificate to Rocklers (values show below).

Craftsman Show Winners

Advanced/Professional Division:

1st place – Rich Gady:
Marquetry Donkey - \$75

2nd place – Cal Noguchi:
Asian Clock - \$50

3rd place – Marvin Benson: Fighting
Eagles intarsia - \$25

Intermediate Division:

1st place – Pat Minervini:
Pie crust table - \$75

2nd place – Robert Guerri:
Maloof Rocker - \$50

3rd place – Pat Minervini:
18th Century Dressing Mirror - \$25

Beginners/Students Division:

1st place - Gordon Ambrose:
Hand Sculpted Garden Bench - \$75

Honorable Mentions:

Debbie Seipel – Wreath intarsia \$10
Leon Neimann – Cradle \$10

Pictures of the winners are on page 5.

Congratulations to everybody. I personally liked the Arts and Craft style table and lamp but I heard it only got one vote. Hmm... As you can see by the list, a lot of different styles and forms of woodworking were represented. This show is great exposure for the Guild and I think more of us should bring some of our work in next year. I've seen a lot of your peoples work and it would have fit right in. Besides it was a good time. Bottom line, thanks to everyone who helped make this years show a huge success. To the participants, the attendees, the Board and committees, JOB WELL DONE!

Ed Herbst

Denver Art Museum show

It is called Artisans and Kings: Selected Treasures from the Louvre. The exhibit features 125 paintings, sculptures, and decorative objects, from the reigns of Louis XIV, XV and XVI, including furniture with lots of marquetry, gilding, carving, etc. I have been invited to demonstrate the art of marquetry and inlay from Nov. 17 to Nov. 30 daily from 11-4, except Mon. from 3-7pm and Fri. from 11-8:30pm. This show is part of the reason I built the Chevalet de Marqueterie (Marquetry Donkey) and I will be demonstrating on it most of the time there. There will be other artisans, Harv Mastalir, furniture making Oct.20-Nov.2 and Nora Hall, woodcarving Nov.3-16. The show runs from Oct. 6 thru Jan.6, 08. I will also be teaching a 2 hour workshop on Sat. Dec. 1 at the museum.

Rich Gady

FREE Wood

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 Huffer about getting some for your toy project.

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

Gordon Johnson: Laminating and Box Making

What a great month to be a member of the Guild.

We had the Craftsman Show, which I review in another article, and Gordon Johnson's box making demo was excellent. I've found something to do with those extra pieces of wood that are left over from other projects. Well, something besides collect them. Collecting them is the subject of our January Demo but that's the topic of another article so read on. I now plan on making some small boxes. I've made jewelry boxes before but until Gordon's demo I had never thought of making small decorative boxes just for their artistic value.

Gordon's selection of boxes show that they can be displayed as eye pleasing thingies on a shelf, table, dresser or any where else in the home. I thought one of the best tips that he gave was the importance of using tools that are properly maintained and aligned so as to allow for accurate and safe results. He effectively explained and showed us examples of how to cut thin stock and succeed in gluing them together to make beautiful and dramatic designs and patterns (without sacrificing body parts)

It was also very interesting to hear how Gordon relies on a chop saw to make many of the precise cuts. I always thought a chop saw was used to hack up 2 X 6's to build a deck. His tips on how to make accurate cuts, accurate glue ups, joinery, and assembly were helpful, precise and easy to understand. His explanation of laminating thin strips of wood was also very helpful.

Now, I finally get it. We were treated to a table full of his masterful work. He also played a professionally made CD of his work at the end of his demo.

So save those 1/2" or so rip cutoffs. I know you guys, you probably are anyway. So dig them out of the pile. Sharpen your blades (they probably need it anyway) Clean and properly align/calibrate your equipment (you should anyway) Make boxes!

Good job! Thank you, Gordon.

Ed Herbst

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware

**Presents a monthly contest:
"You might be a Woodworker if..."**

October's winner was Bill Hopper with: "...you own a three car garage but two of your cars sit outside because it's full of wood and woodworking equipment

November's clever winner is:

When any of your relatives get a birthday package from you, they know it's something homemade - Bob Betting

Our congratulations and a \$25 Rocklers gift certificate to our winners.

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.

Send entries to:

E-mail: Contest@coloradowoodworkersguild.org

US mail to: Rockler Contest
P. O. Box 100996
Denver, CO 80250-0996

Be sure to add your name, address, phone number and e-mail address

Note: Contrary to what was reported earlier, Rich Johnson will not be a judge, he felt it could be a conflict of interest.

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.



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Intermediate**



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Honorable
Mention
Cradle**



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CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners and a thank you to all the participants.

I think the Colorado Woodworkers Guild was represented well. A lot of people saw our work and I'm sure that it made a favorable impression.

Lets be sure to support the Craftsman Show again next year - The Board

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 Select Alder - \$3.39 B.F.

Hardwood Emporium:

4/4 Santos Mahogany - \$4.95

Centennial:

4/4 quartersawn White Oak S2S \$4.12 B.F.

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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 PER FAMILY.

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

Colorado Woodworkers Guild

P.O. Box 100996

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Denver, CO. 80250-0996

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, November 27, 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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