

COLORADO Woodworkers NEWSLETTER

Encouraging all woodworkers in
self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge

December 2007

Upcoming meetings

Jan.. 15th: Rockler, 2553 So. Colorado Blvd., Denver

Wood Collecting with Ed Herst

Feb. 19th: Plymouth Church, 3501 S. Colorado Blvd.

Intarsia With Marvin Benson

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

www.coloradowoodworkersguild.org

Upcoming programs for 2008

We have lots of ideas and great programs coming in 2008. We don't have dates for everything yet, but as we do we will announce them. We would like to bring in a couple of big name speakers this year. While we have a few names we are trying to contact, we could use some additional ones in case these fall through. So please contact a board member if you have a "wish-list" candidate or if you know someone personally that we can attempt to bring in to a meeting.

In addition to our regular presentation we will bringing in a mini-demo that will be about 15-20 worth of useful knowledge that we can all use.

Upcoming Speakers:

Band saw, Scroll saw & Table Saw setup/tune-up
Pro Jigs - such as Incra, Leigh, Woodline, etc.
Router bits - Uses, maintenance and options
Scroll sawing - from the King, Harold Foos
Router techniques
Marquetry from the Master, Rich Gady
GLUE!! - the many forms and uses
Wood burning
Steam bending
Designing in Wood

If you have an idea for a presentation, or you want to propose doing one yourself, please contact a board member with your idea.

Mark Your Calendar for

Tuesday, January 15th, 2007

Wood Collecting and Identification

At Rockler Woodworking

Our main demonstration in January will be presented by Ed Herst. The topic will be Wood Collecting. He is going to cover the guidelines to collecting wood and the criteria that is followed. Since the hobby is "collecting" wood He will talk a lot about the science of wood and how it grows and some interesting (hopefully) facts and anecdotes. He has over 500 species now and will bring a couple hundred to the meeting. Even if you don't know that much about wood, we all like to look at it. He had a couple of pieces of scrap wood given to him at the Christmas party and immediately there were 6-8 guys standing around, looking at it and telling stories. Just think what we can do with 200 pieces!

In addition Frederick Matzen will show everyone how to do real basic, no-stitch cushion upholstery. While many of you may have done this yourselves he will show some tricks and tips to make it look even better. Frederick has over 25 years of experience in auto and furniture upholstery. So get those scissors ready!

In February

Mark your calendars for Marvin Benson's intarsia demo. It might be your last chance to pick his brain before he moves. On the chance that he has already sold his house and moved to Oregon (we'll miss you Marv!!) Jeff Herring will step in. He has proven his skills on many occasion as a very talented intarsia artist.

Intarsia is the craft of using varied shapes, sizes and species of wood fitted together to create an almost 3-D inlaid, mosaic-like picture. It is thought that it was originally developed in Siena, Italy in the 13th century by crafters using inlays of ivory inserted in wood as well as inlays of wood inserted into wall murals, table tops and other furniture

Member Awards Program

Starting the new year off with a bang we are installing a new Member Rewards Program!

Each month a member of Colorado Woodworkers will be chosen and given the distinction "Member of the Month". This will continue January through November of each year with December announcing "Member of the Year". To be chosen, members can nominate people who they feel has greatly enhanced our group with their skills, knowledge, participation and personality. If all goes well we will make this a tradition with our group and it will continue for many years to come.

There is already a long list of folks who we feel should be recognized for this award but we want to hear from you as well. Monthly winners will receive a certificate and a reward of \$25 in the form of a gift certificate from one of our sponsors. Yearly winners will be awarded an exotic wood plaque, a \$100 gift certificate from one of our sponsors and possibly a CWG jacket or sweatshirt. We are working on those details.

The Board will take into consideration all nominations each month and make their final choice, which will be announced at the following regular meeting and the newsletter.

While we present this award to as many different individuals as possible, a member may win more than once in a single year. To earn points towards a nomination simply participate. Volunteer to present a skill at one of our meetings, help us set up other presentations, make toys or birdhouses for the 4H fair, help on a committee, bring in new members or any number of other things that can and will help improve our group. We all benefit from these things whether it be from gained knowledge or a little warmth in your soul from making a child happy.

It's woodworking and that's what we truly enjoy!

Frederick R. Matzen

November Meeting

This was my first "pre-Christmas" meeting. I admit that I really had no idea of what to expect. I was very impressed. You all have some talent. I am humbled. Check out the photos throughout the newsletter.

Ed Herbst



Kids Woodworking Program

It has been painfully obvious to most of us who enjoy woodworking that there are very few programs available to youngsters who want to learn woodworking. There are about 2 Middle Schools and 2 High Schools in the Metro Denver that offer such programs these days and those numbers may be reduced soon.

So I proposed to the members at last meeting an idea of what we as group can do to change that. Two possibilities were making use of facilities already in place at schools, recreation centers or even Senior Centers. These areas would be manned by volunteers from our group to teach and monitor projects and safety standards.

Another idea was to offer a mentor program where a member or two could bring youngsters in to their own shop and teach them basic skills and more. Emphasis would be on safety and passion for woodworking. Nothing is solid yet and we are still throwing around ideas and would very much welcome any you might have. Or if you are willing to volunteer your skills and time over maybe a 3 month period please let me know. One of the major points to overcome will be legal issues and probably insurance. These must be in place before we go too far with this program but once set down we can try a single program, get it working. If we have enough volunteers and open facilities then we can try adding additional programs.

But we will need lots of help making this work so think about what you can do to help. We don't want to see the next generation lose the ability and skills to work with one of nature's most resources.

Frederick R. Matzen



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. This show is part of the reason I built the Chevalet de Marqueterie (Marquetry Donkey). The show runs from Oct. 6 thru Jan. 6, 08.

Rich Gady



Woodworkers Show Thank You

To all of you who helped out at the Denver Woodworkers Show.

Instead of a generic thank you I am going to list the workers and demonstrators who signed up. (in no particular order)

Bill Huffer
Bill Youngblood
Cal Noguchi
John Hammer
Rich Gady
Gordon Johnson
Vic Hoops
Dennis McCaigue
Dwight Rogers
Jeff Herring
Bob Betting
Paul Seipel
Dennis Fanning
Fred Matzen
Bob McDaniel
Marvin Benson
Christopher Pine
Ed Herst

Oh and some guy named Harold Foos did something with a scroll-saw. Seriously, thanks Harold you razzled and dazzled the crowd as usual.

The other demonstrations also impressed passers-by and turned heads. A heart felt thanks to each of you.

If we forgot somebody let Ed, Fred, Cal, or Chris know and I'll add a note next month. You deserve it! If I mentioned your name and you didn't help, well you got away with it.

For a last minute show everything went well The crowd reaction was positive. Hopefully we will more lead time next year.

Ed Herst

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware

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

Decembers winner is Fred Matzen with his entry of: *You might be a woodworker if you cruise the neighborhoods looking for furniture and scrap wood that obviously some fool put out for trash pickup.*

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.



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.

Drift Wood Art

Marvin Benson emailed this site to us. We checked it out and were absolutely amazed and awed, Here's the URL to this artists web site.

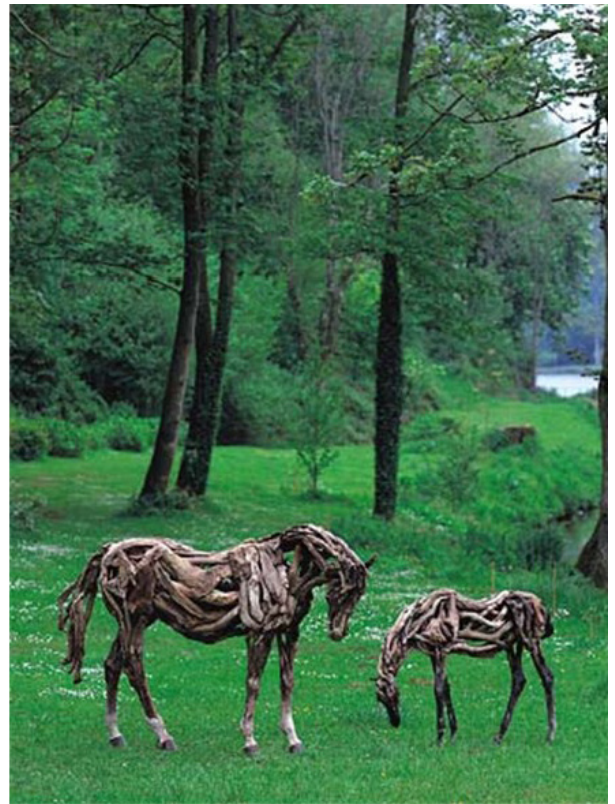
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There are dozens of photos of her work. I'm using the woodland photo as seen on the right as a wallpaper for my computer. You know the saying, "It made me look twice" I'm up to about 20 double takes and her art still amazes me. So check it out.

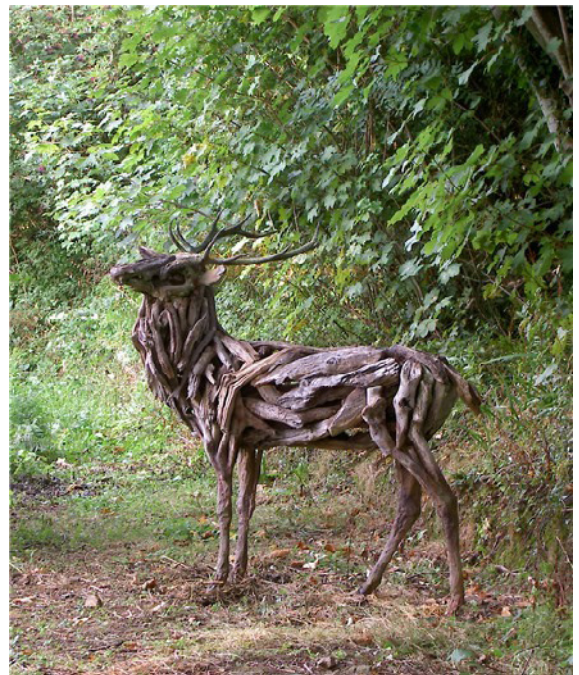
Ed Herbst



Bird



Nightmare Daydream II



Monarch

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 FAS White Ash - \$2.15 B.F.

Hardwood Emporium:

An additional 10% off all exotic hardwoods plus the 4/4 Santos Mahogany for \$4.95 B.F. (it is gorgeous)

Centennial:

4/4 Cherry S2S \$7.50 B.F. rough

Also note: Centennial's Logan St. address is no longer open. All business is being conducted at 2775 W. 7th Ave.

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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, January 22nd, 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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