

COLORADO Woodworkers NEWSLETTER

Encouraging all woodworkers in
self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge

January 2008

Upcoming meetings

*Feb. 19th: Rockler, 2553 So. Colorado Blvd., Denver
Intarsia With Marvin Benson*

*Mar. 18th: Rockler, 2553 So. Colorado Blvd., Denver
T.B.A.*

*Visit our web site for latest updates on meetings and locations:
www.coloradowoodworkersguild.org*

2007 Christmas Party

If you were at the party, then you have got to agree that the food was outstanding. John Hammer whipped up a smoked brisket and a turkey that didn't last very long. I couldn't believe that when I went back for thirds that it was all gone. It was a potluck affair and I didn't see too many leftovers. We had 34 or so people show up which was really nice. It was a moment of applause when Bill Hoppers cruised in, in his wheel chair. What a trooper!

We had a white elephant gift exchange which was a great time. It truly was a "good time was had by all" event. The weather was threatening but the streets weren't all that bad. The snow really added some ambience to the Christmas gathering.

Thanks go out to everybody that helped put this party together and to everyone who attended.

Ed Herst



Mark Your Calendar for

Tuesday, January 15th, 2008

Wood Collecting and Identification

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 500 species and will bring a couple hundred to the demo. Even if you don't know that much about wood, we all like to look at it. He had a couple of pieces of 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.

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

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

Happy New Year !!!!

Kids Woodworking Program

UPDATE

In addition to possible workshops and mentoring programs proposed before, it occurred to me that we can do some things NOW that won't require us to work with lawyers and insurance agents. We can put instructional materials on our web site!

This would consist of articles on VERY basic woodworking, what tools are required for basic woodworking and how to use them, terminology used in woodworking and slightly more advanced tools and techniques. These can be in the form of written articles, slide-shows and video presentations.

So now is where I ask members to volunteer their time to help put these teaching aids together. You don't have to be a polished writer to come up with the basics for woodworking. If you can get it into words, we can rewrite it to make it read well. If you would like to show a technique on video using basic hand tools then we can get together and shoot the video.

My brain says things like using a handsaw properly so it doesn't spend more time vibrating than it does cutting is a good subject. A list of the absolute basic tools needed to make ANYTHING and a more advanced list that could include a power drill, etc. Safety precautions should probably be the first.

Pre-drilling holes, what drill sizes to use and what screws to use are all good subjects as well. How to hit the nail with a hammer and not your Dad, who is foolishly holding the nail, could be high on the list.

Sources to purchase inexpensive but usable tools would be a great article. Good woods to start with and sources for FREE wood. Pine isn't ALWAYS the best choice.

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

Meet the Board

President: Fred Matzen

The reluctant officer. Well not totally but I have passion for everything I do and once I got involved with our lovely group I have this strong desire to see it grow. So with our new Board we hope to rack our brains trying to find new ways to enrich our group and our craft. As for me, I am a late-in-life father of 2 and step-daughter whose soon off to college. My lovely wife has dabbled in some woodworking but her main "hobby" is writing fiction. I consider myself to be an amateur woodworker even though I have been playing with it since I was a kid. I come from a long line of Jack-of-All-Trades on my fathers side so I'm likely to be doing nearly anything at any given time. But I love wood. It breaks my heart to see design shows where they build something then PAINT IT! My skills in wood are improving even with limited time to commit to it and that is mostly due to this group. Oh and you can blame Chris Pine for my being here at all! Posted a listing on an internet mailing list and he responded telling me about the CWG and that there was a meeting in the next couple of days. I went and won a Spindle Sander during an incredible Rockler promo going on that month. I was fortunate to see a demo from John and Chris, side by side, turning pens. My first exposure to super glue as a finish. I haven't tried it yet but I have never forgotten it either.

In my secret identity I pose as a Graphic Designer, Web Designer, Multi-media Author and Musician. Music and playing my guitar is probably still my number one passion and someday soon I will be merging woodworking and guitars into a project. As a musician I have released 4 CDs under a couple of different names and produced and played on a couple of others. I have a new one in the works that will hopefully be completed this year and a new duo that I will be performing out and about with.

So why am I doing this again?

Regards,

Frederick R. Matzen

Vice-President: Cal Noguchi

My name is Calvin (Cal) Noguchi and I am the newly elected Vice President. My woodworking experience started in my father's upholstery shop. I was about 4 years old and nailed four 8 penny nails through a 1x12x12 board into four 1x2x6 pieces of wood that I called legs. A couple of the nails were bent and the ones that didn't split the legs. It wasn't the best looking table, but it was mine and I ate my lunch on it that day. From that moment on I was hooked on woodworking. In every house I owned, my main concern was "how big will my shop be?"

I spent the first 8 years of my working career as a draftsman/researcher for the now defunct Falcon Research and Development. The next 20 years, I was a software developer for Bell Laboratories. In 2001 the Labs offered me an early retirement which took me a nano second to accept. My sister-in-law asked me what I planned to do now and I had no idea. She suggested that I make a few cabinets for her family owned store downtown. After I finished the cabinets, word got around that I was doing woodworking projects and the request started rolling in. That's when I decided to start my own business "Daiku Custom Woodcrafts". Daiku (di koo) translates to "carpenter" which doesn't quite describe what I do, but I liked the sound of it.

I've been a CWG member for about 6 years. Like a majority of the members I was recruited by a gentleman named Ron Vanous. I've attended every meeting that I could and have never regretted going to any of them. I feel that my knowledge and skills have really benefited from the guild (I rarely split a leg with a 8 penny nail anymore). For that reason I've decided to give back, what I can, in time and effort.

Cal Noguchi

Happy New Year !!!!

Treasurer: Chris Pine

My Name is Christopher Pine. I started my love of woodworking as a young child watching my Step-Dad build cabinets and other home remodeling projects. He was a self-employed and did that kind of work.

I enjoy woodworking as a hobby. I have enjoyed being with the guild and the wonderful people that share this interest.

I have a wonderful wife of almost twenty years and 5 wonderful children. I look forward to getting to know you all better this coming year.

Christopher A. Pine



Secretary: Ed Herst

I was born in 1950 in Sycamore, Illinois to an ex-marine and a farmer's wife. I lived on a dairy farm until I was 18 and got drafted for Viet Nam. I spent my time in country at Fort Knox repairing communication equipment. Some of it had vacuum tubes.

I got out and went to engineering school for electronics. Then I went back into the Army and went to school for biomedical technology. I thought it would be macho to go to Air Assault school (jumping out of helicopters) and ended up with the rangers as a sniper and biomedical tech. Just about every Fort had a woodworking shop and that's how I spent my down time.

I got out in 1990 and worked as senior biomedical tech for 21 Denver hospitals. I decided to get out of the "blood and guts" business and went to work for the phone company. 18 months later I fell off of a 20 foot phone pole and ended up permanently disabled. I've been a guild member since the late 90's and got my self elected as secretary last year. I didn't even know I was running. I do know I should have run faster. Seriously, I'm looking forward to serving the Guild that I've enjoyed for so long.

Ed Herst



Wonderful World of Wood

Every month I will be writing an article about a different species of wood. The format isn't cast in stone yet but it will be after the first few articles. This will create consistency and allow for a master index to be created in the near future. I've committed to this project for the long haul. I figure that if there are over 100,000 species and I do 12 a year then I'm committed for 8,300 years.

If you have a request for a certain species let me know or e-mail your request and I'll work it in to the series.

If you read one of the articles and you have a personal experience or know a story about this wood let me know and I'll print it in the next month's newsletter. Even if you disagree with something I'll research it and print the results. We are all in this together and are never too old to learn from someone else or from our own mistakes. This will be fun.

Ed Herst

Web Site:

Here's a local (Estes Park) Site that has wood crafts. It's called EarthWood. Nothing truly spectacular but it does inspire ideas. It's all good! Here's the URL :

<http://earthwoodartisans.com/default.htm>



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 FAS1F & Better Pecan and Hickory mix

S3S Kiln dried stock #3444080-3

\$2.23 per B.F. **34% OFF**

Hardwood Emporium:

4/4 **Northern** Red Oak \$2.70 per B.F.

some 8' mostly 10' and 12' plainsawn

Centennial:

Reclaimed Oak-random widths, lengths, and thicknesses \$6.00 per B.F.

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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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.

GUILD MEMBER DISCOUNTS

20% off of purchases at :

The Hardwood emporium

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

10% off at:

A b i l e n e A w a r d s & L o g o s

1 7 3 S A b i l e n e A u r o r a , C O 8 0 0 1 2
303-755-0337

Centennial Wood Co.

9 8 5 S . L o g a n , D e n v e r , C O .
303-778-6209

Charlie's Secondhand Store

2 2 2 7 L a r i m e r S t . , D e n v e r , C O .
303-295-1781

Paxton

4 8 3 7 J a c k s o n S t . , D e n v e r , C O .
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%)

A u s t i n H a r d w o o d s

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

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Scientific Name:

This will be the two part botanical name and the derivation or what the name means. The first name is capitalized and is the genus name. The second is lower case and is italicized and is the species name. For example, **Sugar Maple** is ***Acer saccharum***. The genus name, *Acer*, is Latin for maple. The species name, *saccharum*, is Latin for sugar, referring to the sweetish sap from which maple sugar is made from.

Common Names:

This section will list the accepted name first, according to the Forest Service of the United States Dept. of Agriculture for USA native and naturalized trees. For other trees the International Wood Collectors Society is the authority. A list of other common use names will be provided. For example: The "sycamore tree" that we buy locally is also known as American Plane tree, buttonball, buttonwood, ghost tree, and water beech among many others.

Also included in this section will be information about the **timber**; the **physical characteristics**, the **availability**, the average **cost**, **anecdotes** about the wood, the **distribution** of the trees, and any other **stuff**. These articles will always be one complete page so you can print it out or tear it off and start your own wood file. If you have any ideas for the **WWW** let me know.

Ed Herbst

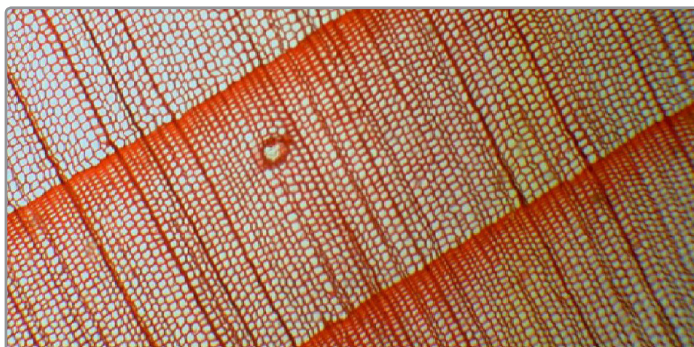


Color Photo:

This column will have a view of a piece of the featured species and will tell you if it is plainsawn, riftsawn, or quartersawn.

Microphoto:

At the bottom of this column will be a photo of the end grain. It will be taken of a stained specimen with a digital microscope. Typically, it will be a 20X magnification. This is a piece of 2X4. Is it pine, spruce, or fir?



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

Denver, CO. 80250-0996

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Rockler Woodworking and Hardware

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

January's winner is Paul Seipel with his entry of:

You might be a woodworker if your blood tests come back positive for oak, walnut or maple.

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

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

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.

Happy New Year !!!!