

COLORADO Woodworkers NEWSLETTER

Encouraging all woodworkers in
self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge

June 2008

Upcoming meetings

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

Earl Walker: Furniture-design, build, & sell

Aug. 19th: Rockler, 2553 So. Colorado Blvd., Denver

Jeff Tinker: Demilune Table

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

Dennis McCaigue: Instruments

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

Mark Your Calendar for

Tuesday, June 17th, 2008

*Rich Johnson Tips 'n Techniques
7 PM at Rockler Woodworking*

Rich Johnson Tips 'n Techniques :

Our feature presenter in June will be Rich Johnson. As many of you know, Rich is the General Manager of "Rockler Woodworking and Hardware". Rich's topic for the night will be "Tips and Techniques for the shop". These are those little tidbits of information, tricks and jigs that help us work more efficiently and accurately in the shop. Rich says he's been collecting these ideas for sometime now and wants to share them with us, so make sure you're present for this unique presentation.

The June mini-demo is YOU! That's right, in keeping with the theme of the night "Tips and Techniques for the shop", we want you to share your favorite one with us. As incentive, we will be awarding the most favorite tip or technique with a **\$25 gift certificate** to "Rockler Woodworking and Hardware". The winner will be determined by the members in the audience. So start thinking of that winning idea and we'll see you in June!

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Member of the Month :

To be an artist, teacher, craftsman, husband and still have time to volunteer for any number of things is no small feat. We are privileged to have an individual like this who helps us when he can and that turns out to be fairly often. He shares his gifts and knowledge freely with a seemingly endless energy.

And not one person I've met can say anything but a kind word about Rich Gady. He and his wife have shared their art and knowledge with us at nearly every meeting and event possible. His skills are obvious and talents immense, but never will you hear him boast. Anyone seeing his work in both Marquetry and woodworking can see that he is skilled beyond your average craftsman.

But I believe it's his passion that drives him to create and share and it's that passion we celebrate with the award of Member of the Month for June 2008.

Thank you Rich!

Frederick Matzen

Earl Walker in July

In July We will be hearing from Earl Walker of Walker Woodworks in Leadville (www.walkerwoodworks.com). To learn more about him, visit his web site.

Earl Walker is scheduled to exhibit in the upcoming "Cherry Creek Arts Festival" on the 4th of July Holiday Weekend. This festival is one of the most prestigious Crafts and Art Shows in the U.S.A. Approximately 200-230 exhibitors are chosen from over 2000 applicants across the country. This is the same Arts and Crafts Show that our own Guild's Joe Kuter was so honored to display in the past.

If you get a chance to visit his booth, you will be amazed. His presentation will be a GREAT one!

Board Member Needed - Secretary

Due to personal matters, Ed Herst has stepped away from the position of Secretary. We need someone to fill this post as soon as possible.

Requirements:

- Must be a CWG member in good standing (this includes immediate families)
- Must have simple computer skills - You will be trained to use Desktop Publishing software (Adobe InDesign). Use of WORD and E-mail are necessary as well.
- Basic typing skills.
- Attendance at regular and board meetings - 2 Tuesdays per month.

Responsibilities:

- Newsletter - publishing, printing and delivery each month. Extra copies to be brought to regular meeting.
- Keep general minutes of each Board meeting.
- Keep documents organized and backed up regularly.

You will be provided with a laptop that has all the software installed and be expected to bring it to regular meetings.

Of course we know that not everyone can always make every meeting due to illness or vacations but we need someone to commit to a majority of them and give enough advanced notice so someone can cover things for you.

This is a fair amount of work but it is also VERY IMPORTANT to the Guild itself. There are few perks but you can gain a lot of knowledge you wouldn't get otherwise and be integral in the decisions made that control what our group sees, does and hears.

This position could be held by one of our woodworkers, their spouse or older child. Extensive knowledge of woodworking is NOT required. We need skills and commitment only.

Please help us fill this position quickly!

Help Wanted

In an effort to support our Christmas Toy program, several Guild members have received free wood, plans, and various items.

Here's where we need some help. How can we make these materials readily available and get the materials into the hands of the members who want to build toys?

Do we need a centralized place for this stuff?

Do we need a "procedure" to follow?

The board was discussing the fact that we have the materials but it's difficult for some willing members to get the stuff into their shops where they need it. The Guild missed its goal this year and we are just trying to find a way to encourage participation by making it easier for members to get what they need without driving 100 miles and making 5 phone calls or sending a bunch of e-mails. The answer is out there. If we can figure out joinery we should be able to make this easier on interested woodworkers.

Give us a hand. **Answer this ad.** Please?

Clearance Sale:

We have an assortment of the denim type shirts That have the "Colorado Woodworkers Guild" name embroidered on them.

We would like to clear these out and maybe sometime down the road take orders for something new. The long sleeve denim shirts are \$19.00 The hat (only have one left) is 10.00 We have a few Blue Aprons left as well. \$10.00 So get them while we still have them!



Fast French Polish - review

The demo for our May meeting was excellent. If you missed it you missed a very good demonstration on a version of a French polish finish. Local craftsman of hand made guitars and member of the guild Robbie O'Brien was our demonstrator. He teaches the guitar making classes and is the head of the guitar-building department at Red Rocks Community College. We were privileged to have him to show us his version of a French polish, which he uses on his instruments. This finish would also work for other small projects.

The finish is a shellac finish, which is a subject on its own that could take an entire meeting and then some. The basics are as follows:

The recipe or formula if you will is a 1 lb. Cut, which is 1 lb. of shellac flakes to one gallon of alcohol. So you can adjust the amounts from this recipe.

You take the shellac flakes and grind them to a powder and mix with the alcohol. It was suggested a coffee grinder works very well for this. (Not the same coffee grinder you use for your coffee)

One thing to mention would be that rather than using regular alcohol Robbie uses a mixture of shellac and "Ever clear" Yes the very high proof alcohol you buy at the liquor store. This is because this high proof alcohol "flashes off" or evaporates very quickly. He was able to demonstrate this in living color on the large screens and it was very impressive and really is convincing that using ever clear is very important to this procedure.

It was emphasized that surface preparation was key. First step to fill the pores of open pored woods and that even dyed dry wall compound is an option when doing this step.

After this is done you would do the first coat of shellac called the seal coat. This coat is applied with the grain. The applicator is an inner and outer pad. Inner pad is cheesecloth and the outer pad is linen. The pad is loaded with the shellac and very lightly applied in layers. The layers dry very quickly and more thin layers are applied one on top of another. Once you have built up an initial seal coat you can then apply in a circular motion and as it starts to feel tacky you can use a drop of olive oil to lubricate the pad. Olive oil will rise to the top as the finish dries and can be removed. It will not become part of the finish.

Steps:

1. Seal coat- with the grain using the inner pad (cheesecloth)
2. Charge the outer pad (linen) by twisting it around inner pad, and begin swirl application of finish. When finish gets sticky use lube (olive oil) resume circular application. When it starts getting sticky again go with the grain to remove swirl marks.
3. Repeat this 3 to 5 times.
4. Level with sandpaper (Wet/Dry 1000 grit)
5. Repeat steps 1 through 4

You can keep doing this until you have the finish you desire.

In a fast 30 minutes he finished the piece of wood he was using to glass sheen! It was very impressive.

This is definitely a wonderful finish and is worth exploring for future projects.

Learn more on this technique by going to our web site and viewing the whole demo.

www.obrienguitars.com

Chris Pine

Building Guitars - review

If you know nothing about playing a guitar, you could still have learned something from this short but complete presentation. You learn that each instrument is built with a specific purpose and sound in mind then some of the tools and materials necessary to achieve the result. From the very thin top and sides to the finely tuned shape of the neck, the result is a beautiful work of art to both the eyes and ears. I may be biased in this area due to being a player for 40+ years but most anyone will admit that completing an instrument of any sort is a reward in many ways. Robbie's knowledge and expertise came through well and he shows that he has great skills in communication to be able to push all that info into such a short time and do it well. He teaches several courses at Red Rocks Community College and the fees are the most reasonable ANYWHERE for building your own guitar. Check it out!

Frederick Matzen

Craftsman Show

September 12,13, and 14th.

Get your entries finished up, polished up, picked up from your relatives or, worst case, started!

It will all happen sooner than you think. The competition is stiff, the prizes grand and opening ceremonies elegant. All this will happen in Rocklers lower gallery and, like last year will demonstrate the vast skills of our members. From beginners to pros, there will be room for all.

So get prepared to reap the rewards of your hard work and show off!

Craftsman Show Committee Needed

We need 3 individuals to help setup the ground rules, take entries, setup the opening reception and tally votes for this years CWG Craftsman Show.

We have guidelines from last year so not a lot of work will need to be done there. Just a review of the whole event and revisions to make it an even better competition.

So if you have a little time, we REALLY need your help!

Professional woodworker looking for tenant to share fully-equipped 2100 s.f. woodshop 2 blocks from Austin Hardwoods. 3 phase power, high garage door, off-street parking, sliding table saw, planer, jointer, table saw, 20" band saw, radial arm saw, shapers, router tables, vacuum press, 24" drum sander, edge sander, scroll saw, drill press, mortising machine, dust collection, wood storage, etc.

Rent \$650-\$1000/mo. depending on arrangement. Available Aug.1, 2008.

Please contact Cliff : cliff@bernwoodcustom.com or (303)910-0921.

Board Meetings :

We are looking for a new location to hold our board meetings and thought some of you might have an idea or two.

We need a spot that can hold 4 - 8 people in a reasonably quiet area. We have been meeting at a restaurant and that would be nice to continue as well. Location has been somewhere on West Colfax which is convenient for the current members of the board, near Kipling or Colorado Mills Mall.

For those of you interested in using Green Wood and who hate to see trees constantly being hauled to landfills or burned in some ones fireplace, there is a new group headed by Dan O'Dell of the TC Woods sawmill that is just for that purpose. Check out the web site for more info: www.treerecycling.org

We would love to know your opinions on our new meeting format and any of the presentations so far this year. So if you have time, shoot us an e-mail, make a phone call, send out a carrier pigeon, Pony Express, Telegraph, whatever way you prefer to communicate and let us know. We have gotten good feedback from several members but we always want to hear from more of you.

Frederick

Demo's To Look Forward To :

Tips and Techniques

Tables with inlay and classic design

More Musical instruments (like violins)

Exotic and Custom Woodworking

Using Sketchup

So be sure to attend!

Web Resources

www.hardwaresource.com

Hinges, Hinges and more hinges

www.woodbin.com/calcs/shrinkulator.htm

Wood shrinkage calculator

www.sawdustmaking.com

Lots of info and links

www.fpl.fs.fed.us/documnts/fplgtr/fplgtr113/fplgtr113.htm

Free online book about everything WOOD

www.blocklayer.com/woodjoints/dovetaileng.aspx

Dovetail template generator. There's also Japanese Twisted and Radial dovetail templates.

http://draw.labs.autodesk.com/ADDdraw/draw.html

Project Draw - Free online drafting software. Its easy to use, very much like putting pencil to paper.

http://www.sketchup.com/

Google's Sketchup if you want something a little more 3D. They have a FREE version as well as a Pro version.

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.

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Website: www.ColoradoWoodworkersGuild.org

Yahoo Forum: Groups.Yahoo.com/group/ColoradoWoodworkersGuild
(YAHOO ID and acceptance into this group is required)

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware

Presents a monthly contest:

"You might be a Woodworker if...." Your wife is teasing you that when you go to Rocklers, everyone greets you by name (think of Norm entering the tavern on Cheer's).

This was submitted by Mark Klosky. Our congratulations to Mark and a \$25 Rocklers gift certificate to our winner.

If you have a saying that you think is as good or better, then it could be worth \$25!

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.

WOOD OF THE MONTH

Paxton: 303 399-6047

4/4 Red Oak - \$2.31 B.F.

Hardwood Emporium: 303 277-1488

4/4 Walnut \$5.50 B.F.

Centennial: 303 778-6209

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

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

Centennial Wood Co.

2775 W. 7th Ave, 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

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, 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:

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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.

Monthly Board Meeting

The next CWG Board Member Meeting will be Tuesday, June 22th , 6 p.m. at a location to be determined.

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.