

COLORADO Woodworkers NEWSLETTER

Encouraging all woodworkers in
self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge

July 2008

Upcoming meetings

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

Jeff Tinker: Demilune Table

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

Dennis McCaigue: Instruments

Oct. 21st: Rockler, 2553 So. Colorado Blvd., Denver

Xmas Quickies: Guild Members

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

Mark Your Calendar for

Tuesday, July 15th, 2008

*Earl Walker - Furniture: Design, Build & Sell
7 PM at Rockler Woodworking*

Our feature presenter in July will be Earl Walker of *Walker Woodworks in Leadville* (www.walkerwoodworks.com). If you have not seen his work visit his website, it is truly amazing to see these works of art.

Earl's web site promises "traditional, clean lines, functional" and his presentation promises to follow suite. He has been designing and producing unique furniture and cabinetry using wood, metal and glass to create functional works of art since 1998.

The July mini-demo will be presented by Eric Letzler. Eric is the owner of Woodcraft located at 4403 E. Tamarac Pkwy. He will presenting a discussion and video on rare species of wood found in Peru. Peru is home to many of the most beautiful exotic woods and this mini-demo promises to bring interesting information and beautiful woods with it.

Jeff Tinker - August

Jeff will demonstrate the making of the Demilune Table. This table is both beautiful in design and well crafted and very functional. Please join us in learning how Jeff bulds this table.

Member of the Month : Harold Foos

Our June Member of the Month is the our old friend and Lord of the Scroll Saw, Harold Foos. Harold has been a mainstay at the Woodworkers Show every November for as long as anyone can remember. Manipulating his trusty Hegner he makes quick work of even the most complicated cuts in the hardest woods with unsurpassed skill. But his greatest talent is how he shares his knowledge and skills, quick to help anyone or answer any question he can. He is one of our greatest assets so this award is well deserved.

I was unable to reach Harold by phone and I know his health is not always good these days so I continue to try and contact him but until I do, Harold if you're reading this, know we miss you and wish you the very BEST!

Congratualtions!

Frederick Matzen

Guild Picnic - August 2nd 2pm

Summer is here and it is time for the Guild Picnic. This year's picnic will be at Fred's home.

Date: August 2nd

Time: 2pm

Bring: Bring a side dish & lawn chairs

Location: 2375 S. Zephyr Way
Lakewood, CO 80227

RSVP: by July 28th

(Mapquest or Google Maps can help with directions or you can ask Fred at the next meeting.)

The Guild will provide drinks and the main dish. Kids are welcome. Please RSVP by July 28th so we can make sure we have the drinks and main course covered. RSVP'ing is easy you can use any of the methods below.

Email us at:

postmaster@coloradowoodworkersguild.org

Sign up at the July 15th meeting

Introducing the new Secretary:

Hi, I am Glenn Pearston and I am the new CWG Secretary. I am new to the CWG but I have been wood working for the last 15 years. Working with hand tools making boxes and furniture is what I like to do. Throw in some turning and I am happy camper.

I have a small shop in my garage where my two Golden's like to sit by my feet and watch the shavings fall. Most days I think they have the right idea.

I was thinking about ways to become more involved in the Guild when I saw the "help wanted" sign so I decided to help out. I wanted to meet more of the members and get to know them and even give a little back so this seemed like a perfect fit. I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know all of you.

If you have any suggestions for the newsletter or the Guild please let me know. I can be reached at 720.810.4109 or at glenn@pearston.net or of course, any of the meetings.



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?

Board Member Needed - Treasurer

Chris Pine has decided to step down as the Treasurer of the CWG at the end of the year. We need someone to fill this very important post as soon as possible.

Requirements:

- Must be a CWG member in good standing (this includes immediate families)
- Must have simple computer skills - Basic knowledge of Quicken.
- Basic accounting skills.
- Attendance at regular and board meetings - 2 Tuesdays per month.

Responsibilities:

- Budget - maintain the monthly budget and reporting.
- Report to the Board the current financials at each Board meeting.
- Maintain the subscriber database, take dues, remind members of membership expiration.

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!

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 Torsys Program. Please contact him or Bill Huffers about getting some for your toy project.

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

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!

Rich's Tips-n-Techniques - review

Rich Johnson, brings years of woodworking experience to the table and it clearly showed in last month's demo Tip-N-Techniques. Rich shared numerous tips and techniques that were designed to make wood working easier, faster or more productive.

The neat thing about tips and techniques is that just about everyone has heard some of them but no one has heard all of them. I found myself nodding in agreement to many of the suggestions and thinking "duh, how simple" to the ones I had not heard. My favorite tip was the use of inlay over the top of a joint to hide an imperfection and make the project look that much nicer.

Rich kept everyone's attention and sparked plenty of conversation around the use of various techniques.

Everyone has their own tips and techniques and sharing them is a major part of the CWG is all about.

Thank you Rich for sharing your vast knowledge and expertise with the Guild. I am glad it was recorded because there were so many tips that it is impossible to remember them all.



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.

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.



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.

Demo's To Look Forward To :

Tables with inlay and classic design

More Musical instruments (like violins)

Exotic and Custom Woodworking

Using Sketchup

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Tilia americana:

The genus name, *Tilia* is from the Greek, *ptilon*, meaning wing, because of the bract of flower clusters. The species name, *americana*, means it is from America.

Common Names:

American Basswood, American Linden, Lime Tree, Bee Tree, Linn, White Wood, Black Lime, Yellow Basswood, Wickup

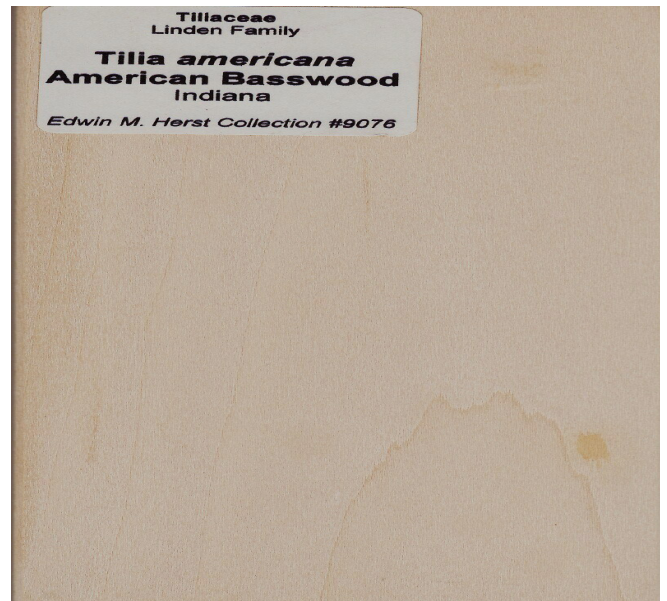
Did Ya Know?

Iroquois Indians would strike the tree with a glancing blow from a hatchet and use the curved piece of sap wood that flaked off to make ceremonial masks.

In Lithuania, captive bees are fed Basswood flowers to make honey and it sells for 3 times the cost of regular honey. Linden honey is a delicacy.

Has a distinctive, wet and musty odor when cut.

Remember when hardware stores and other businesses gave away free yard sticks with their advertising on it? They were made from Basswood.



Flat sawn View

Just The Facts...

The specific gravity is .38 or 26 lbs per cubic foot.

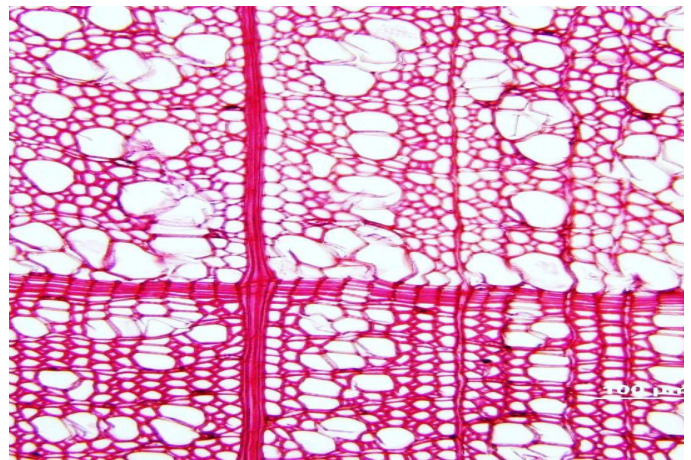
The tree grows to a height of 65-100 feet with a maximum diameter of four feet.

It is tasteless and is used to make food containers. Also used for pattern making, picture framing, piano keys, boxes and crates, and veneers and plywood.

Ventriloquist dummy heads are Basswood.

It grows mainly in the Great Lakes region and the N. East.

It is a favorite of carvers because of its tight, white grain.



Growing from bottom up. Large pores are evenly distributed on the end grain. It's called "diffuse porous" Horizontal dark line is a Growth Ring. Vertical is a Ray

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..." You go to a woodworkers' show and see something you have never seen or heard of before in your life and realize that you absolutely cannot do without it"

This was submitted by Russell Eubanks, congratulations Russell, you're the winner of a \$25 gift certificate to Rockler Woodworking and Hardware.

If you have a saying that you think is as good or better, 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@coloradoodworkersguild.org

US mail to:

Rockler Contest
P. O. Box 100996
Denver, CO 80250-0996

Be sure to add your name, address, phone number

WOOD OF THE MONTH

Paxton: 303 399-6047

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

Hardwood Emporium: 303 277-1488

4/4 Select Alder \$2.95 B.F.

Centennial: 303 778-6209

4/4 Cherry #1 Common \$2.56 B.F.

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:

Colorado Woodworkers Guild

P.O. Box 100996

Denver, CO. 80250-0996

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

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E-mail _____

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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, July 22nd , 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.