

COLORADO Woodworkers NEWSLETTER

Encouraging all woodworkers in
self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge

August 2008

Upcoming meetings

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

Dennis McCaigue: Instruments

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

Xmas Quickies: Guild Members

Nov. 18th: Rockler, 2553 So. Colorado Blvd., Denver

John Hammer: Shaker Box

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

Mark Your Calendar for

Tuesday, August 19th, 2008

*Jeff Tinker - Demilune Table Making
7 PM at Rockler Woodworking*

Our feature presenter in August will be Jeff Tinker. Jeff will be demonstrating the design and construction of the Demilune table. As an added bonus he will discuss submitting a piece to a magazine. Jeff is an instructor at Red Rocks Community College in the Fine Woodworking department where he teaches Sam Maloof style rocking chairs and basic woodworking. The Demilune table was featured in the February issue of Fine Woodworking magazine.

The August mini-demo will be presented by

Carl Beck who will be presenting the use of SketchUp. If you have not used SketchUp, it is a very easy to use and incredibly powerful layout tool that allows you see the finished products. Ever wanted to see what your design would look like without building it? SketchUp make that possible and you do not need to be a computer genius to use it. Carl's website is at www.carlbeck.com

Dennis McCaigue - September

Dennis will be talking about the making of instruments from wood. This will be a very educational, practical and entertaining mini-demo,

Member of the Month : Bill Huffer

Our July Member of the Month is Bill Huffer.

Long time member Bill Huffer is our July Member of the Month. Here is a man who cares about others. His complete involvement in the Christmas Toys program shows this. Many times he makes more toys than anyone while encouraging others to take a few minutes to help out an underprivileged child at this joyous time of year. His efforts do not stop there. He and Paul Seipel (another Member of the Month) built and delivered 20 stools to a tornado ravaged day care center in Windsor recently.

Bill is one of most valued treasures and a person with whom our group would not function as well without. So we recognize his caring nature as our Member of the Month.

Congratulations!

Frederick Matzen

What makes the Guild Special...

As I sat watching the coverage of the Windsor tornado my heart went out to the kids at the daycare center. I tried to think of something that I could do and then I remembered the little stools that we make for the kids at x-mas time. I called Bill Huffer and asked if he thought it would be a good idea to make some for the kids. Then I called Fred Maston to ask what he thought and he gave us the go ahead. We made 20 stools and on Wed. July 30 we delivered them to the daycare center. The kids were so happy that they started using them as soon as we brought them into the center. This was an experience that Bill and I will never forget.

- Paul Seipel & Bill Huffer

From everyone at the Guild, thank you Paul and Bill, your efforts are appreciated.

Earl Walker - Walker Woodworks

Earl Walker of Walker Woodworks in Leadville presented at the Guild meeting in July. Earl has made a living making custom woodworking and furniture since 1998.

Earl shared his experiences of working with potential clients, getting the initial details down, pricing the project, working through the contract, selecting the right wood, making the project, finishing it and the challenges in delivery and shipping. Earl's first hand accounts were very enlightening and entertaining. He was kind enough to share several of his designs and answered numerous questions about style, approach and dealing with the customer and business end of woodworking. The video of the presentation is on the Guild web site and I encourage everyone to take a look at it. Earl gave a ton of good ideas, suggestions on how to avoid problems with both wood and customers and recommendations about suppliers or services that have served him well. The Guild would like to thank Earl for sharing his time and vast knowledge.

Earl's web site: www.walkerwoodworks.com



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

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

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?

Craftsman Show 2008 Sept 12th -14th

The 2008 CWG Craftsman Show will be held at "Rockler Woodworking" 2553 S. Colorado Blvd. September 12th through the 14th. An opening reception will be held on the 12th starting at 6:30P.M. (the doors will be locked soon after). Refreshments and an assortment of desserts will be served. In the past there have been some impromptu music jams, so if you'd like to join in bring your instrument.

Guidelines

- Each participant will be allowed to enter 2 pieces
- Entrees must have been created in the last 2 years and not have won in previous CWG contests
- Entry Fee –
 - o CWG members - \$10, second entry - \$10
 - o Non CWG members - \$40 (includes a 1 year membership to CWG) second entry - \$10
- Application forms are due August 19th (Application forms can be found in the newsletter and on-line at <http://coloradowoodworkersguild.com>)
- Pieces need to be delivered to Rockler's between Sept. 7th and 12th at noon.
- Pieces should be picked up on September 14th starting at noon. CWG and Rocklers will not be responsible for items left after the 16th.
- Pieces will be judged in 3 classes:
 - o Beginner/Student – Participant has recently discovered the wonderful world of woodworking
 - o Intermediate – Participant has been working with wood for some time, but has not received an award in any contest
 - o Advanced/Professional - Participant has been doing woodworking for some time and/or does woodworking as a profession

Participants will be allowed to categorize themselves based strictly on the honor system

- The prize list is as follows:

	Advanced/ Professional	Intermediate	Beginner
1st	\$100	\$75	\$50
2nd	\$75	\$50	

The CWG Board will present a Choice award for \$50.

- Business cards will be allowed to be left on or around your piece
- Winners will be determined by the attendees of the show (popular vote)
- Winners will be announced at the September CWG meeting

We are in need of volunteers to tend the exhibit area during show times.

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 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

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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Flat sawn View

Swietenia macrophylla- American Mahogany

The genus Swietenia is in honor of a German physician by the name of Gerard von Swieten (1700-1772) Why?...Don't know The species name, macrophylla, is Latin for "large leaf" The family name Meliaceae is the Mahogany family.

Common Names:

Genuine, Brazilian, Honduran, Big Leaf, True, Mexican, Red, Central American, Large Leaf, and Guatemala Mahogany. It has another 30 or so names.

Did Ya Know?

The population density of Mahogany is very low. Other species grow in "pure stands", meaning nearly 100% of the trees in, say an acre, are of that species. If 3 or 4 mature Mahogany trees are found on one acre it is considered a commercially viable stand. Mahogany is one of the few trees that, as of today, cannot be successfully grown on tree plantations. It is believed that dense planting of Mahogany encourages the predatory insects that attack the species.

The wood is so variable in its specific gravity that many "look-a-likes" are sold as mahogany. Philippine, Australian, Rose and African mahoganies are examples. They are not true Mahoganies. If your wood project must be real mahogany then it must come from the genus Swietenia.

It is predicted that due to its durability, stability, workability, and beauty, mahogany will become scarce and be priced accordingly. This shortage will last for decades until the plantation problem is solved.

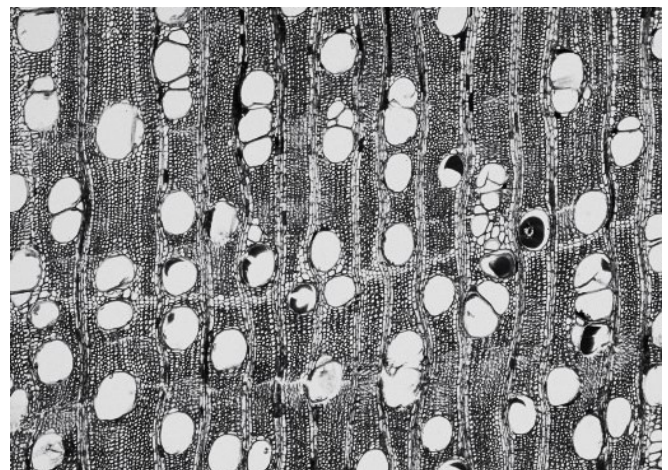
Just The Facts...

Specific gravity is .38 to .60

Maximum Height is 150 feet

Largest trunk diameter is 6 feet.

It takes 60 years for a tree to mature.



The end grain at 40X. This is a tropical wood so it does not have an annual growth ring. The horizontal rings that look like growth rings are actually indications of a climatic condition that could indicate a drought or flood or an unusual temperature condition, hot or cold. The time between lines could be a couple of months or a couple of years."

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.

Contact Us

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E-mail:

General Questions or suggestions - Postmaster@coloradowoodworkersguild.org

Submit Articles or Information to the newsletter - Newsletter@coloradowoodworkersguild.org

Rockler Monthly Contest - Contest@coloradowoodworkersguild.org

Questions or suggestions for demos, programs or articles - Programs@coloradowoodworkersguild.org

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...” “...it took you two trucks for your last move, and the shop took the bigger one”

This was submitted by John Hammer, congratulations John, 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@coloradowoodworkersguild.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 Select & Btr Soft Maple S3S kd \$3.07 bf

Hardwood Emporium: 303 277-1488

4/4 Ash - \$1.90 bf

4/4 Rustic Cherry - \$2.05 bf

Centennial: 303 778-6209

4/4 Rustic White Oak 10" or wider - \$2.13 bf

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 _____

Phone _____

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, August 26th , 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.

2008 Craftsman Show Entry Form

Please fill out one form for all pieces entered.
(Maximum 2 Pieces)

Due by September 5th, 2008

Please attach Photo or sketch of each piece.

Name Member? Yes ☐ No ☐

Address

City State Zip

Phone Number - Home Work

Email

Web Site

Amount Paid Number of Pieces
Check or Cash Only

ENTRY FEES & GUIDELINES

We are limiting the number of entries per person to 2 pieces and entry fees will be \$10 per piece . Non-members fees will be \$40 (includes a one year guild membership) for the first item and \$10 for any extra items.
Please provide display stands for your pieces if they are needed.

Owner Signature _____

Recieved By _____

OWNER, please retain receipt and present at the end the of show to pickup your work.

You may pick up your work on:

Monday, September 14th, 2008 from noon - closing at Rockler

Upon pickup of your piece(s), please sign below.

Owner Signature _____

Released By _____

Describe your Piece (i.e. Title, Materials Used, Species of Wood, Finish, Inspiration?): (Entry # 1)

Chose Class:

- ☐ Beginner/Student
- ☐ Intermediate
- ☐ Advanced/Professional

Describe your Piece (i.e. Title, Materials Used, Species of Wood, Finish, Inspiration?): (Entry # 2)

Chose Class:

- ☐ Beginner/Student
- ☐ Intermediate
- ☐ Advanced/Professional



Please complete this form and mail it to the address below or if you prefer you may access the form online at www.coloradowoodworkersguild.com.

If you hand print the information, please print clearly so we can make sure you get the credit for the work you have entered.

Mail your entry to :

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