

COLORADO Woodworkers NEWSLETTER

Encouraging all woodworkers in
self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge

November 2008

Upcoming meetings

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

John Hammer: Shaker Box

Dec. 5th: Christmas Dinner

Jan. 20th: Rockler, 2553 So. Colorado Blvd., Denver

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

Member of the Month : Ron Vanous

One of our dearest members, Ron Vanous was honored this last month. Many of you may remember him from his days at the sales counter of Paxton Lumber. Many of you are members because of him! He has always been one of our biggest recruiters and supporters.

He is a heck of nice guy too. He gained a lot of knowledge over the years and doesn't hesitate to share it with you. His smile sometimes makes you wonder what mischief is going on in his head but its always connected to his big heart.

Congratulations Ron!

Frederick Matzen

Woodworkers Show

It's that time of year again. Nov. 14-16 at the Merchandise Mart rear building.

We need more display projects for our booth. If you have something you are willing to bring we ask that you contact Frederick or Cal, let us know what you can bring. IT should be there Friday morning but if you need to bring it later we can work it out. If you want admission to the show let Frederick know when you can put itme into the booth and we'll get you signed up.

Mark Your Calendar for

Tuesday, Nov. 18th, 2008

*John Hammer - Shaker Box Construction
7 PM at Rockler Woodworking*

November 10, 2008

John Hammer- Shaker Boxes



I recently got in the mail, the schedule for Kelley Mehler's School of Woodworking in Kentucky. I am sure many of you know of this school and are familiar with the excellent craftsmen that teach

there. There is a 2-day workshop with instructor John Wilson. The cost? \$275! You will also have to make your way to Kentucky plus food and room; makes for a potentially expensive weekend.

Well with all of that said, you have a tremendous opportunity to attend a demo right here in Denver with one of our very own craftsman! John Hammer will be doing a demonstration on Making Shaker boxes. He is very accomplished and has even taught classes on this at Red Rocks Community College. He has done demonstrations for the guild in the past and they were excellent!

I plan on being there and would like to see many of you as well! I Hope you can make it!

See you then!

Christopher Pine
Guild Treasurer

Member Profile:

John Hammer

I've been a woodworker for almost 35 years. My dad was, so I got my start from him. I co-founded the Omaha Woodworkers Guild and was a member until I moved to Denver in 1990. I soon found the Colorado Woodworkers Guild and joined. At one of the meetings they were looking for nominations for president and someone turned to me and said "John, would you like to be president?" I said I didn't care and someone said "I second that nomination." I have been involved with the guild ever since and an officer until a couple of years ago. Time flies when you are having fun. That's woodworking.

It was at one of those early meeting of the CWG that one of the members demonstrated Shaker Boxes. I thought they were the most beautiful things I had seen. I eventually ordered instruction manuals and kits from John Wilson. For my demo I will be showing how the boxes are bent, tacked and dried and then put tops and bottoms on them. I know it will be an enjoyable presentation for me and hope it will be for you.

We would like to hear more about any and all of you. Contact Frederick if you would like to be interviewed and published in this spot.

The Wood Whisperer!

We're very close to finalizing arrangements to bring in Marc Spagnuolo, a.k.a. The Wood Whisperer up from Phoenix in May. We will be selling itickets to NON-MEMBERS for this show so once the details are finalized we will need any MEMBERS planning on attending the meeting to make a commitment as we will have limited seating available. This will be a special meeting held on a Saturday at Rocklers. There will be no Tuesday meeting this month. Marc will be holding a different classes during the day so it will be a long and informative presentation.

For more information and background on this charismatic speaker visit: <http://thewoodwhisperer.com/>

There are HOURS of video blogs there to view for FREE and pages of BLOGs to peruse. They are very well organized so if you want to find a particular subject, it's quite easy.

Board Member Needed Secretary

Due to a change in the amount of travel in his career, Glenn Pearston has been forced to step down from this position. We hate to see him go but understand that he cannot fulfill his obligations to this position. Which leaves us looking again...

We need to fill this important Baord position as quickly as possible. If you feel you can commit a few hours a month to help keep the momentumgrowing in our group and make important decisions then contact Frederick or Cal.

Requirements:

- Must be a CWG member in good standing (this includes immediate families)
- Must have simple computer skills - Basic knowledge of MS Word or any publishing software would be helpful. But Frederick will train you on the software. So you'll get to learn a new skill as well.
- Basic grammar and proofreading skills
- Attendance at regular and board meetings - 2 Tuesdays per month.

Responsibilities:

- Compile and layout the monthly newsletter. Mail and E-Mail it to our members and sponsors.
- Keep track of the minutes during a Board meeting and post them for the Baord members each month.
- Check CWG e-mail and correspond with those parties or contact the person who needs to.
- Keep track of the small CWG archive.

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 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!

From the President

I'd like to thank those of you who brought the great Christmas Quickie ideas to our last meeting. There were some inspiring and easy to make ideas that I for one will be stealing without shame.

We find ourselves with another vacancy within our Board. Glenn, who did an awesome job while in the position of secretary for the last months, has been forced to step down due to much more travel in his job than he anticipated. He will commuting all over the world in fact, much like our ex-VP Leslie Kennedy (whom we still miss).

If you or someone you know would be interested in the position, please contact me or one of the other Board members. We seriously need to fill this position as quickly as possible.

We could use some additional pieces for the Woodworkers Show this weekend. If you are willing to bring something to display, contact myself or Cal and we'll let you know what you need to do.

The Christmas party is coming up next month and all we ask that you let us know that are coming and who you would like to bring. Last year we had some GREAT prizes, a lot of fun with the gift exchange and some good socializing. This year will be no different. Hopefully the weather will be a bit more forgiving.

TOYS! We still need toys. I know some members have already done over 30 themselves but all you need to be able to complete is just one. More if you have time but ONE would add to our total and make some children VERY happy who otherwise would go without the joys we can bring them.



Demo's To Look Forward To :

Tool Demos

Photographing your Work

Exotic and Custom Woodworking

Bandsaw Tune up

Online Video Blogger Marc Spagnuolo AKA The Wood Whisperer

(www.thewoodwhisperer.com)

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware

Presents a monthly contest:

"You might be a Woodworker if...." ...all the items you have listed on your Christmas wish list can be found in the Rockler's store.

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

Due to circumstances beyond our control, last month's newsletter did not go out. The following was to be in that issue:

"You might be a Woodworker if..." ...All those nicely planned storage places in your shop are full of wood scraps that 'maybe I will want someday'."

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

PLEASE NOTE: We will be running our last "You might be a Woodworker if..." contest in the December newsletter. Rockler has graciously offered to continue support of our Guild with a monthly prize. Details on how you might acquire one will be disclosed soon.

Send your entry for the final contest to (must be submitted by December 1, 2008):

Email: 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

TOYS!

If you have toys completed please bring them to the next meeting and give them to Bill Huffer so we can work on getting them sorted and distributed to all those needy children. If you haven't finished anything yet, there is still time. As long as you can get something done let Bill know that are trying and he will make arrangements to get them from you.

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.
- Check the CWG P.O. box for incoming mail.

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Web Resources

www.hardwareresource.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.

<http://TheWoodWhisperer.com>

Marc Spagnuolo's web site with great pod casts, tips and techniques. Well worth the time.

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

Web site: www.ColoradoWoodworkersGuild.org

Yahoo Forum: Groups.Yahoo.com/group/ColoradoWoodworkersGuild

(YAHOO ID and acceptance into this group is required)

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.

SketchUp Forum Area

Since Carl Beck's presentation on Google's FREE SketchUp 3D drawing program was so well received, we have created a forum area to discuss it. You can post your problems or bewilderments as well as your current projects.

You must be logged in to view the forum. Once you log in you can see a menu listing for it on the left hand side.

WOOD OF THE MONTH

Paxton: 303 399-6047

November - 4/4" FAS1F&Btr Brown Ash S3S KD Was \$2.60/BF Now \$1.82/BF

December - 4/4" FAS1F&Btr Red Oak 10" & Wider S3S KD Was: \$5.67/BF Now \$2.69/BF

Imported lumber special for November and December - 4/4 Sel&Btr Qtr Sawn Sapele Was \$9.50/BF Now \$5.49/BF

Hardwood Emporium: 303 277-1488

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

Free Wood for Toys

Mark Klosky wood available 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

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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board position.

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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, November 25rd , 6 p.m. at El Alamo, 6026 W. Alameda, 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.