

COLORADO Woodworkers NEWSLETTER

Encouraging all woodworkers in
self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge

February 2009

CWG Calendar

Feb 17th: 7PM Rockler, 2553 So. Colorado Blvd.

Joe Kuter - Making clocks

Robert Beason - Basement workshop design

**Feb 24th: 6PM Panera Bread, 7739 Wadsworth Blvd
Arvada**

Board meeting

Mar. 17th: , Denver

Matt Zawislak - a field trip to his shop

Apr. 21st: Rockler, 2553 So. Colorado Blvd.

Tracey Gray

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

From the President

We've started a new year and added some new programs to the Guild so things are off to a good start. But I feel that my personal goals for our group have fallen short. I had put together a list of what I wanted to see happen with the Colorado Woodworkers and so far I giving myself a barely passing grade. Among those items I had listed were to improve membership participation and attendance to meetings. Those areas are staying pretty much the same or even dropping in some areas. These of course are my personal goals. I remember when I attended my first meeting and the ones afterward and wanted to regain what we seemed to have lost since then. I hear how the Rocky Mountain Turners have standing room only at their meetings. We have plenty of empty seats. 2 years ago we hit a exciting peak in our toys program but the numbers have been falling since then. When I ask for volunteers for anything, all I hear is silence. I can't even find someone to take on the position of Treasurer. Is it my breath? Are people experiencing a fear of commitment? Do I dress poorly and you're embarrassed to be seen with me? Does no one care at all about the future of our group?

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(President continued) I know everyone is tired of hearing me "whine" in the newsletter but honestly, every time I sit down to write this and I think about what we need or what I want to comment on, one thing comes to mind: What can I do to make things right again? So I will make this promise: I will not mention any of this again THIS YEAR! But I want you all to dig deep and realize that if you care at all about our group you will find a way to help, volunteer, get involved and give your opinion. Otherwise our beloved group of woodworkers will become a thing of the past. There will be no one left to take a position on the Board, there will be no one to head up a committee, no one to make toys or to find eligible homes for them. No one to contact presenters for our meetings. Simply no one at all to run things. The time to speak up is now.

On a much better note, we are very excited about bringing in the man known as "The Wood Whisperer". We are getting all the details in line (see article in this newsletter) so keep watching for more info on this event in May. I have been following the conversation Cal has had with Marc Spagnuolo and he seems like a great guy, very talented (just watch his videos) and VERY entertaining. This will be a must go to event. I will be bringing some of his videos to show at the next meeting and there are also some on our web site.

Frederick Matzen

The Passing of Ron Black

Ron Black, manager of the Denver Woodcraft store, passed away suddenly on December 9, 2008, at the age of 44. No matter how busy he was, Ron always took time to talk to the customers and never tired of teaching someone about woodworking. Ron's influence lives on in all the woodworkers he touched and inspired.

February Main Presentation

Joe Kuter will be our main presenter at the February meeting. Joe makes clocks for part of his woodworking income and will open his presentation with a short history of mechanical clocks. He will explain some of the physics and principle technology regarding how a mechanical clock works. He will relate how his methods for making clocks evolved from cutting out all the parts on a bandsaw to the manufacture of parts using routers and CNC programming; which he has been doing for two years. He will give insights into what is available in the way of clock kits, plans, and designs for the wood worker. His knowledge in this area is extensive and he can answer many questions regarding the use of the new computer driven automatic carving machines that have come on the market in the last two years. He has a good grasp of this new technology and will provide all of us useful information.

Robert Beason

February Mini-Demo

Robert Beason (our new VP) will give a Power Point presentation on designing basement workshops. It will cover:

- Basic design and Planning
- Environment
 - Noise suppression
 - Lighting
 - Electric Power
 - Dust Control
- Storage
 - Tools
 - Wood
 - Supplies
- Tools for the shop
- Work Flow
- Space for finishing

January Main Presentaion

Jack Egan - The Lighter Side of Wood

If you've EVER been to Paxton Lumber, you've probably come across Jack. Most of you probably know him on a casual basis because he is that kind of guy. The kind that knows everyone. And he's just good people. He LOVES his wood trivia so besides his advanced woodworking knowledge, he collects tidbits about wood that most of us would never know otherwise. Its fun stuff but also a learning experience. Such as why they made bows from certain trees on a certain side of a certain hill. Or what the largest hardwood in America is, the oldest tree ever found, woods that you would think are soft woods but are actually classed as HARD woods (like Balsawood). Jack is always entertaining so this was a great time. He covered a LOT of information during this presentation and we will be adding some on a monthly basis for you to review in case you blinked during the meeting. The video will be on the website soon too so you can have fun with Jack all over again.

Frederick R. Matzen

January Mini-Demo

Reggie Grotewiel really knows his router bits. He most likely knows a lot more than that, but what he presented to us this time was short general discussion about these essential tools and their use, how to choose the right brand, quality and what to look for when buying them. He even covered a bit of the techniques and answered a lot of questions our members had. As a hobbyist myself, I personally learned a few things I didn't know but needed to know in their usage. An important one was to not seat the bit all the way in before tightening the collet. This transfers heat to the bit which then can add more heat to wood and cause it to burn more easily. Not to mention shortening the life of your bit. One easy way to prevent this was to place a small rubber o-ring in before the collet was threaded on, checking it every so often for wear and replacement. Great tip!

We'll bring Reggie back for a longer presentation later in the year so if you have something you would like him to show, let us know!

Frederick R. Matzen

A History of the Colorado Woodworkers Guild - Part 1

We are going to be posting historical shavings of our group as we find out more. We are digging back in the archives and finding reprints of some of things that happened way back when. If you were around before 2003 and have some anecdotes you would like to share please send them to Cal (cbnoguchi@msn.com) or Frederick (frederickrm@gmail.com).

The Colorado Woodworkers Guild was founded in 1980 for the purpose of promoting high quality craftsmanship and artistic expression in all facets of woodworking. The Guild achieves this purpose by providing a forum for the sharing of experience and the learning of new techniques in woodworking. The Guild promotes education in the craft of woodworking at all levels and, therefore, is open to anyone from beginner to professional who is interested in the craft. Now that's what the charter says but, according to Al Cummins, who was there for the first comments on starting this group, the original idea was to go out and help Habitat for Humanity build homes. It took a few months to a year to turn the itinerary into what we work from today.

We will be contacting some of the original members for comments and memories of that first year of the CWG.

Frederick R. Matzen

Show and Tell Intarsia by Jeff Herring



See more pictures on page 8

The Wood Whisperer

You've been hearing us talk about this program for some time now and frankly I'm getting psyched about it. Things are starting to gel and here's what we have so far: The date is set for Saturday June 13th (this will be in lieu of the monthly 3rd Tuesday meeting) and will be in the Rocklers basement. There will be a morning and an afternoon session. The morning session is entitled "Finishing Myths and Secrets" which we've asked to include dyes and techniques. The afternoon session is undecided and you can help here. We have a choice of - "Structural Carving Techniques", "Hand Tools for the Power Tool Woodworker" and "When Good Wood Goes Bad". Drop me an email and let me know what you prefer. The price for non-members will be \$10 per session and the members will get a discount of \$5 per session (it was mentioned that members would be free, but that was a premature announcement and we apologize for that). There are a ton of details and tasks to accomplish so we could use your help. If you would like to volunteer, please contact any of the board members.

Cal

VP Robert Beason - Bio

A retired person who has wood working as his main hobby and focus in retirement. Spent working life in IT and computer technology; which meant many moves across the USA and Europe. Chose to retire in Longmont Colorado and at that time designed a house around a wood shop. The shop is now complete and projects are flowing through it as I had hoped and dreamed about for many years. Main interest is in furniture and cabinet making. Favorite woods are white oak and hard maple. Arts and crafts designs are favorites for me.

Bob

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

"You might be a Woodworker if...."

(This article was inadvertently omitted from the January newsletter)

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the December "You might be a Woodworker if..." was to be the final contest. The winner for that month was decided by the attendees of the CWG Christmas dinner. The three choices were:

"You might be a Woodworker if...."

1. "You are sitting in court for jury duty and you're analyzing the wood work, joints, finish and veneering. Then wondering how long it would take to refinish the entire room and realizing they called your name several times." Submitted by Frederick Matzen
2. "If you rate peoples personalities in sandpaper grits! Example: That Mrs. Smith, she sure is a 40 grit! (This is especially useful when working in customer service)" Submitted by Dennis McCaigue
3. "If you have more clamps than your wife has shoes." Submitted by Jerry A. Neff

And the winner is: #3 Submitted by Jerry A. Neff, congratulations Jerry!! We'll be sending you a gift certificate to Rocklers Woodworking and Hardware.

Thanks to all that submitted entries and we hope you all enjoyed it as much as we have.

Board Member Needed - Treasurer

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.

Show and Tell

The "You might be a Woodworker if..." contest might be gone, but you still have a chance of earning big Rockler's bucks. We will now be rewarding the best "Show and Tell" presenter with a gift certificate. Here are the guidelines:

- You must be presenting a finished project
- This project should not have been shown before or won in any of our shows
- Your item will be assigned a number
- Members in the audience will vote for their favorite
- The board reserves the right to revise these guidelines as they see fit

Sounds like a pretty simple way to earn some tools if you ask me!

We'd like to thank Rockler Woodworking and Hardware for their continued support.

Cal Noguchi

Do you have an email address?

If you are receiving this newsletter via the US Post Office (otherwise know as Snail-Mail) but you have an active E-Mail address, would you please notify us so we can send you the e-mail version instead. This will save trees from being used as paper so we can use them as lumber!

We may have had your e-mail at one time but you've since changed it, or some other reason, so please help us update our records and cut our costs.

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.

Tip - Bill Huffer

We were all wondering why Bill came to the meeting carrying a duster. He explained that he accidentally left the door open from his workshop and dust found it's way into the living area. He discovered that a "Swiffer" duster was an excellent tool for picking up the dust, not only from the room but his projects.

GUILD MEMBER DISCOUNTS

20% off 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

NOW OPEN on Saturdays starting Feb. 21st
Hours: 8AM to 2PM

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

WOOD OF THE MONTH

Paxton's

4/4 Sel&Btr. Natural Maple S3 KD
Was \$2.70/BF - Now \$1.79/BF - 34% OFF

4/4 FAS1F&Btr. Walnut Shorts 4'-6" S3S KD
Was \$6.50/BF-Now \$3.96/BF - 39% OFF

Centennial Wood Co.

4/4 FAS S2S Red Oak - \$1.90/BF

Hardwood Emporium

4/4 FAS Poplar - \$1.75/BF
4/4 FAS White Oak - \$2.70 BF

Thank and Support our Sponsors

(This article was inadvertently omitted from the January newsletter)

In this time of economic woes, you really realize just how generous our sponsors are. For the 2008 Christmas party our sponsors donated the following:

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware

- Universal fence clamps
- Router accessory kit
- Router bit case
- DeWalt 50 pc drill bit set
- \$50 gift certificate

WoodCrafts

- 7 DVD's

Paxtons

- \$25 gift certificate

So the next time you're at one of these stores, let them know how much we appreciate their partnership.

THANK YOU SPONSORS!!!!



Rockler inventory at Tool King

Tool King has made a deal and is now carrying about 95% of Rocklers inventory at their West 6th Avenue location. Ask for John Kyler and tell him you are a Guild member. We don't currently get a discount there but that is in the works so be a little patient.

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

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.

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.

<http://TheWoodWhisperer.com>

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

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Web site: www.ColoradoWoodworkersGuild.org

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

(YAHOO ID and acceptance into this group is required)

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.

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Monthly Board Meeting

The next CWG Board Meeting will be Tuesday, February 24th, 6 p.m. at Panera Bread, 7739 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada, CO 80003. 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.

Mail this Application and a \$30 check to Join or Renew your Membership to:

Colorado Woodworkers Guild

P.O.Box 100996

Denver, CO 80250-0996

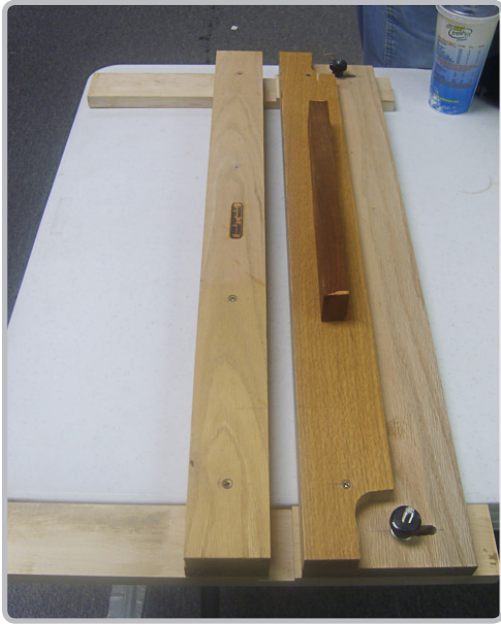
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Dado jig - Dwight Shultz

This clever jig clamps down on the thickness of the shelf then you make 2 passes with a 1/2 inch router bit for a snug fit



Eagle Intarsia - Debbie Seipel



Guild Cabinet Doors

No, they're not your typical raised panel doors, these are Marquetry doors created by Rich Gady. That's right! The face is all in one plain, hard to believe (even in person)