

COLORADO Woodworkers NEWSLETTER

Encouraging all woodworkers in
self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge

April 2009

CWG Calendar

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

Tracey Gray - Log Furniture

May 19th: TBA

June - Marc Spagnuolo aka "The Wood Whisperer"

This Program has been Cancelled (see pg 2)

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

From the President

A special thanks to Matt Zawislak for allowing us to invade his woodworking domain for our last meeting. Since it seems a lot of the members enjoyed this type of tour we will be scheduling additional shop tours in addition to our regular monthly meeting. I apologize for not having the foresight to get some seating there. For those who cannot stand for long periods we will make sure that we get chairs at the next shop tour.

One thing I found a bit disappointing was the amount of conversations going on while Matt was trying to speak. No one was using their full voice but none were at a whisper either. As many as a half dozen conversations could be heard, even while I was very near Matt. I know there can be a lot to talk about but please have some respect for those who graciously offer their time to instruct us and share their knowledge. Otherwise they may choose not to come back and that would be our great loss.

With any luck we will moving the carcass that Cal has been working on into Rockler's basement this month where myself, Rich Gady, Mike Burns, Dennis McCaigue, and anyone else who wants to help, will be working to finish it. It should be a beauty and well worth the effort.

We are setting up dates for this years Craftsman Show, probably in September again, so get to work on those projects. We are hoping for a GREAT show this year!

Frederick R. Matzen - President

CWG's new Treasurer

Brief Biography for Clarence L. H. Baer, Jr. aka "Lindy"

Born Denver Colorado

Raised in the Los Angeles, California area (near the beach)

Received bachelor's degree from UCLA (competed in gymnastics); advanced degrees from Arizona State and University of Oregon

Served in USMC; Vietnam 1965; retired as Colonel in 1986 (mostly reserve time)

Coached men's gymnastics at Texas A&M and University of Colorado. Taught physiology at CU and University of Denver (directed a laboratory). Left academics and, after a brief time with a small medical instrumentation startup, went to Martin Marietta to do space physiology, work on the space station laboratory design and be part of the Human Factors Engineering group. While with Martin (and later Lockheed Martin), also did some systems engineering and information systems work. Retired from Lockheed Martin in 2002.

Hobbies include flyfishing, canoeing, cycling, reading (a life-long learner), photography and woodworking. Serves as a volunteer at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Learned rudiments of woodworking from father in the 1950s. Consider myself very much a novice, but willing and interested in learning. Have used the fine offerings at RRCC to improve my skills—plan on doing some more of this. Also interested in seeing the Guild flourish and benefit its members and the surrounding community. I know how difficult it is for volunteer organizations to function and felt I needed to contribute.

Have traveled widely in the US and to Europe, South Pacific, Far East and India.

Married to Robin (also from UCLA); two daughters and three grandchildren. Live with Robin in Lakewood.

March Presentation

Matthews Woodworking Shop Tour

Matt is a former Rockler employee and probably still one of their best customers! He allowed us to peak into his world of being a full-time, professional woodworker. He started in a smaller shop than what we toured but managed to get this space in a timely manner and while not huge, it was plenty for a one man shop. It was well organized with plenty of room to move, glue up, veneer and cut. He even has a small finishing booth with good ventilation. He had all the basic necessities of a good shop plus a few frills, like his Festool Domino. He was very happy to have made that purchase and highly recommends it to anyone who makes a lot of joints. Power tools that equipped his shop were things like a panel saw, mitersaw, jointer, thickness planer, bandsaw, table saw, veneer press, a very nice dust collection system and assorted hand held power tools.



He talked about things he would like to have, like an edge bander, and how he used certain tools and in some cases how he came about owning one of them. He spent a lot of time talking about his veneer press which is one of his passions. He had a very large form he had built for a specific purpose that he uses a lot in the press. He stressed the impact of building a strong form. A weak form could easily collapse under the pressure of a good vacuum press. And since he uses his forms repeatedly he needs them to last.

He showed some of his jigs, expressing the fact that while he could buy specific jigs, he prefers to make them as needed. He showed a quick and dirty taper jig that can be made from a scrap or cheap piece of MDF for pennies compared to a production model. He often used a router jig as well that was built to shape contours, level out odd shaped wood and other uses.

It was an enjoyable experience to see the environment that a person with a true passion for his art lives and breathes everyday. (See pictures of Matt's shop on page 8)

Frederick

April Main Presentation

At the April Guild meeting Tracy Gray will be our featured speaker. Tracy has been teaching woodworking for the last 8 years. Her topic will be log furniture which she started making as she thought the look of the furniture seemed to fit with the mountains and she loved the rustic appearance of the logs. She began by building furniture for herself and a few friends and it grew into a business as she sold furniture in mountain stores in Estes Park and Conifer.

Later in her woodworking career she moved to cabinetry. Now she builds kitchens and entertainment centers using a wide variety of styles; however, she still likes the rustic look of logs and incorporates them into her cabinetry when possible.

As she says, "The great thing about log furniture is there is only one joint you need to know." The Mortise and Tenon is the joint of choice for most log furniture. She firmly believes that if you have some basic woodworking skills, building log furniture is going to be quite easy. In this lecture she will build a small table base using tools readily available at local woodworking store or on-line. Her web site: <http://www.woodworksstudio.com/>

We look forward to her lecture and demonstration.

Bob

The WoodWhisperer **CANCELLED**

For the past few months we have been advertising, preparing and getting excited to bring you a program by Marc Spagnuolo aka "The Wood Whisperer". Unfortunately, Marc has notified us that he will have to cancel the June program due to personal reasons. There is currently no rescheduled date for this program, but we will keep you informed if any arises. We (the board) are scrambling to replace this program, but with such a short time table, we will probably won't be able to bring in another "Special" program for June. It is also undecided whether or not we will keep the Saturday June 13th date or revert back to our normal Tuesday June 16th meeting day. We apologize for the disappointment, but in life these things happen and we wish Marc and Nicole the best in the outcome of their situation.

Cal

March Show and Tell

At our March meeting we only had one entrant, but Joe Kuter provided us with a Show and Tell that could have been mistaken for a planned mini-demo. Joe explained how he got interested in the "Tongue Drum" and applied his CNC knowledge and tools to produce this wonderful sounding instrument. The CNC enables Joe to carve out the intricately designed "tongues" you see on the top and to fine tune the instrument by whittling the backs of the tongues. It also enabled him to make 1/16" finger joints on the box. The mallets (drum sticks) are made up of a "SuperBall" drilled out and stuck on a toy drum stick he found at a toy store.



Cal



Special April Show and Tell

In April we will have a special "Show and Tell". In addition to our regular show and tell, we ask that you bring in a favorite jig that you use in your shop to share with the guild. Jigs of all types are welcome and we hope that each of us leaves the meeting with some insights that can assist us with particular problems that we face in our own shops. Table Saw, Router, Drill Press, hand saw, and sanding jigs come to mind; many of you will come up with many others. This is a one-time-only show and tell opportunity. What we hope to do is have a Monthly Special in our show and tell segment of the meeting. Each monthly special will feature a theme that will enhance a particular aspect of our craft. So, blow the dust off that tattered favorite jig and haul it to Rocklers for the April meeting.

April Mini Demo

Presented by Bob Beason

Casing the Joint

The Mini demo will simply discuss your choices in choosing the appropriate joint for a given application and show samples of wood joined using the techniques discussed.

Rail and Stile joints

Commonly used in cabinet doors; however, there are other creative ways to use this joinery technique in making the carcass of a special cabinet and a unique form of lid on a display box.



Made with a combination of two kinds of rail and stile and lock miter joints.

Corner Joints

One of the most commonly made joints, we will look beyond the simple pair of 45 degree joinery.

The 3/4" box joint commonly used to hold large cabinet carcass together, and the 1/4" box joint used to hold a small drawer securely.

The lock Miter joint is perhaps one of the most cursed and abused joints in the chat rooms of the internet; however, it does have it's place and if understood - it is most useful. Here we will discuss the three most common methods for using this joint in your work and show samples of each.

Dovetails the common half blind and the hand cut through dovetail.

Mortise and Tenon joints the old fashioned type; they are still a viable option for large frames.

End Grain Joinery

The finger joint and it's use in making big ones out of little ones.

Edge Joinery

This will include tongue and groove, reversible bead and cove, dowel pins, and the popular biscuit joint.

We hope this discussion will give you some more options when joining the wood on your next project.

CWG web site - Back in Business

Sorry for the long delay in getting things back up and working again but life, work and family come first and there was much to do to complete the upgrade to a new, more secure and streamlined system. But all is working well now and I've gotten everything back in shape except for the gallery which I am still deciding on which program to use.

If you did not receive a login for the site recently then first try and use the FORGOT LOGIN? link at the top right hand corner of the web site. Just next to the login form. This will allow you to retrieve your USERNAME or your PASSWORD either one. If you did not know your USERNAME then entering your e-mail will send it to you. If it tells you it cannot find your e-mail address then either we made a clerical error or your subscription is not up to date. Contact myself (Frederick) or Cal for information on the status of your membership. (Continued on page 6)

Lie-Nielsen

If you're into quality hand tools (and who isn't?), you'll want to attend the "Hand Tool Event" presented by Lie-Nielsen and hosted by the "Red Rocks Community College". Learn how great tools make your woodworking easier. There will be a display of tools and interactive learning.

Where: Red Rocks Community College
13300 West Sixth Avenue
Lakewood, CO

When: Friday April 17th - Noon - 6 pm
Saturday April 18th - 10am - 5pm

Admission - FREE

Parking - FREE

Membership Cards

If you have renewed your membership or recently joined and have not gotten your membership card, please let me know so I can correct this. The Treasurer position normally does this but since we were without a full time one for a bit I took over to try and keep continuity. However not being totally aware of what I needed to do, I am sure that I missed getting cards to some of you. I will correct that as soon as I can. Lindy Baer will be taking over in May full time so things should be back to normal soon (whatever normal is).

Frederick

Shop Space for Rent

WANTED: WOODWORKER

Professional woodworker with 8 years experience looking for part-time woodworker to share 1500-2100 s.f. shop space located 2 blocks from Austin Hardwoods, just south of the Denver Design Center. 600 s.f. is office/gallery space, rest is shop. Fully equipped shop with sliding table saw, table saw, 20" band saw, 15" planer, 20" jointer, shapers, router tables, edge sander, spindle sander, mortising machine, drill presses, radial arm saw, downdraft table, clamps, wood storage, vacuum press, dust collection, lathe, benches, air compressor, 14' garage door, off-street parking and more.

Rent: Negotiable, depending on arrangement.
Please call Cliff Whitehouse: (303)910-0921
or email: cliff@bernwoodcustom.com

Membership dues going up for hardcopy recipients

If you are receiving this newsletter via the US Post Office (in other words a hardcopy), your membership dues will be increased to \$40/year when you renew your membership. The cost of sending a hardcopy is reaching \$1.50 per newsletter (a possible \$18/year). The cost is based on materials, copying and postage. So if you have an email address, please notify us at:

Newsletter@coloradowoodworkersguild.org

This also applies to those that have changed email addresses and have not informed us of the new one. For those receiving electronic versions of the newsletter, your membership will remain at \$30/year. Other advantages to the electronic version:

- Colored pictures
- Hyperlinks to woodworking websites, forums, merchants, etc.
- Save a tree (for woodworking)

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.

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

www.AbileneAwards.com

1730 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

www.PaxtonWood.com

4837 Jackson St., Denver, CO.
303-399-6047

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware

www.rockler.com

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303-494-0425

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303-733-1292

WOOD OF THE MONTH - March

Paxton

4/4 Sel&Btr Alder \$2.75 B.F.

4/4 FAS Honduras Mahogany 8" & wider \$6.75 B.F.

Centennial Wood

4/4 Red Oak FAS \$1.90 B.F.

4/4 Ash FAS \$2.17 B.F. (Closeout)

4/4 Hickory FAS \$1.79 B.F. (Closeout)

Hardwood Emporium

4/4 Superior Grade Alder \$3.99 B.F.

Woodcrafts Grand Re-Opening

The Denver Woodcraft store has moved to the south-east corner of Arapahoe Road and S. Peoria Street (near Centennial Airport).

New Address: 6770 S. Peoria St, Centennial, CO 80112

Directions from I-25: Exit E. Arapahoe Rd. Drive east for 2-miles. Turn right on S. Peoria St. Make an immediate left on E. Briarwood Ave. Turn left into the parking lot.

Plan on attending the GRAND RE-OPENING EVENT scheduled for Friday-Saturday, April 10-11, 2009. There will be FREE food, FREE demos, Vendor Reps on site to answer your questions, and PRIZE Giveaways!

If you are interested in giving a demo during the Grand Re-Opening, please contact one of the board members listed in this newsletter. Woodcraft is also looking for someone to give demos on the first Thursdays of the month, again contact a board member if you are interested.

Tool King

Tool King is offering Guild members a 5% discount on all products* (except shop machinery). Just show your membership card at the time of checkout. Tool King is located at 11111 W. 6th Ave. (On the frontage road between Kipling and Simms).

*Valid for in-store purchases only. Discount cannot be applied towards the purchase of FESTOOL items. Cannot be combined with any other offers. Tool King reserves the right to terminate this offer at any time.

For questions, call Rick Peil at 303-963-4500 X202

(CWG Website - Continued from page 3) If you need to renew your membership, you can download the form from the top menu. If you have your login information and want to renew online, you can now do that using your credit card by clicking on the PAYPAL link in the left column AFTER you login. You cannot see it until you login to your member account so don't get confused by looking for it before then.

I will be covering how to use the web site features over the next few months both in the newsletter, and more quickly, on the web site itself. But for now I will mention that there are 2 polls in the left column that we encourage you to participate in to help us get an idea of whether to continue with some new ideas.

One easy feature to use is adding a video link from YouTube, Google or similar service. After you have logged in you can go to the video page by clicking the RESOURCES menu the VIDEO link under that. You will see rows of TABS above the listing of videos. Click on the one that reads ADD VIDEOS. Now navigate in a separate browser window to the video you want to add (please keep it woodworking related) and find a URL listing for the video. On YouTube this is just below the description and labeled URL. Use your mouse to select it and the COPY it by pressing the CNTRL key and the C key at the same time. Go back to the CWG web site and paste that link into the form. Then click on the APPLY button and it will retrieve the information on the video for you and you're done!

I will be posting HOW TO videos on the web site as I get a chance to do them just in case I didn't explain this well enough.

Frederick

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

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.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://lumberjocks.com> - Hundreds of projects submitted by members, Forums, Blogs, Videos and more

<http://www.artfulhome.com/> - Fine art pieces

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Web site: www.ColoradoWoodworkersGuild.org

Yahoo Forum: <http://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 for those with email, \$40 for hardcopy delivery.

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Monthly Board Meeting

The CWG Board Meeting is held on the forth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. The meeting is open to all members. If you have suggestions on speakers, topics, events or activities, please feel free to contact any Board Member or attend the Board meeting. If you plan on attending a meeting, please RSVP to one of the board members because the venue changes and meetings have been cancelled at the last minute.

Mail this Application and a check to:

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Non-email members - \$40.00/year*

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