

COLORADO Woodworkers NEWSLETTER

Encouraging all woodworkers in
self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge

February 2010

President's Message

We have launched into a new year and a good year it will be.



Your Board of Directors began the year with a planning meeting at our Vice President, Bob Beason's home. Bob gave us an excellent tour of his exceptional shop and then we sat down for 4 to 5 hours of advanced planning. We worked on developing a template for our yearly calendar, developed some good program ideas, and identified several goals and important tasks for the year. Now comes the real test—the execution of our plans.

Our membership regularly numbers around 150, with another 50 who come and go. We usually have between 30 and 50 at our meetings. The range of interests and experience is great indeed. The membership consists of cabinet makers, makers of fine furniture, turners, musical instrument makers, clock makers, marquetry and intarsia experts and many who do many of these things. The skill level spans from novice to professional and we are seeing more women in our membership.

Your leaders are already working hard to provide a schedule of programs that will offer something for everyone. We are looking forward to inviting a skilled professional to conduct a weekend workshop, to sponsoring an improved Craftsman Show, improving our annual toy program and creating new opportunities for members to participate and contribute.

The Board is also working to improve our business processes in order to achieve smoother operations. We will discuss and announce such changes as they occur during the year. We encourage each of you to provide your ideas in the interest of the entire Guild. It is only through such creative input that the Guild and its membership can flourish. Please don't hesitate to communicate with the board members.

Lindy Baer

CWG Calendar

Feb. 16 7:00 Rockler, 2553 S. Colorado Blvd.

Brian Odermatt - Power carving

March 16 7:00 Rockler, 2553 S. Colorado Blvd.

Julie Simon - Finishing

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

January Presentation

Stephen Anthony from the Community Woodworking shop in Lakewood provided us insights into the high end world of furniture making. Clients ask Stephen to make duplicates of antiques, or companion pieces for their antiques. The slides which he shared with us were most impressive. His knowledge of the antique business in Denver from a historical perspective was most helpful. His work showcases a



wide range of skills, knowledge, and insights in the manner in which furniture was turned out in past times. His approach to the subject was on the practical side and his success in creating these beautiful pieces and finding buyers willing to pay for that level of craftsmanship left us quite impressed.

Stephen works at the Community Workshop at 1528 Teller Street as shop supervisor, he oversees the shop and helps the members with their various projects. Their web site: (CommunityWoodworking.com) His reservoir of knowledge in the creation of fine furniture must be a great help to the members at this shop.

The Colorado Woodworking Guild wants to promote high quality craftsmanship within Colorado and a speaker like Stephen certainly brings home why this is a pursuit well worth our efforts. We extend a hearty thanks to Stephen for his presentation.

Bob Beason

February Presentation

Brian Odermatt will present his carving skills at the February meeting. He makes custom cabinet doors, mantelpieces, staircase pillars, headboards, tabletops, desk panels, coat racks, and signs all adorned with relief carvings. As Odermatt describes it, his subject matter is everything Western. His carvings include wildlife, Western scenery, hunting and fishing scenes, snowboarding, skiing, cowboys, Indians, and of course, the Western man's best friends: dogs and horses. Odermatt carves at his studio in Westminster, Colorado,



inspired by the mountains, sky, and wildlife present in the Colorado landscape. What Odermatt loves the most about his artistic process is working collaboratively with his clients. The most rewarding thing about making custom pieces is that if I pay close attention to my clients, I get the joy of turning their intangible desires and visions into physical realities, Odermatt says. I always try to understand not only what a customer would like to see, but also the emotions surrounding the concept. This helps me bring their ideas to life.

His web site (<http://www.bpowoodcarving.com/>) has a gallery of his work. As you go through it you realize that it spans an enormous range of subject matter.



Also on his web site is a short autobiography of his development as an artist. His family Roots are in Switzerland where some of his relatives work as wood carvers. His parents immigrated to Colorado from there in late 1970s.

He attended The Shinning Mountain Waldorf School in Boulder and graduated Adams State College in Alamosa Colorado with a degree in painting, philosophy and business. He then moved to Bozeman Montana where he worked with a maker of fine furniture. From there he worked at a brass foundry as a welder and metal chaser. He learned to assemble and repair fine bronze sculptures. From Montana he returned to Colorado where he opened his own studio. Brian will provide us with some insights into the process of carving and creativity

Bob Beason

February Mini Demo

[Editor's note: Kevin Loyd our newly elected Secretary will present the Mini-Demo in February]

Often to obtain some tools you have to go to the used tool markets. Sometimes good tools can be had for a few dollars and some restoration work. I will be covering some of the restoration process necessary to take a tool from the rubbish bin and putting it back to a usable condition. The focus will be on the setup and use of an electrolysis tank for removing the rust and other muck that accumulate on neglected tools.

Kevin Loyd

March Presentation

Julie Simon will be our presenter at the March Meeting. She works at Louis and Company which was founded in 1975 to cater exclusively to the cabinet and furniture maker. Their product range was based upon what professional woodworkers use, needed, or wanted. Julie worked for many years refinishing furniture and became well known among the professional furniture makers in Denver. She represents Louis and Company and their line of M.L. Campbell finishing products. Their line of clear finishes includes a range of product technologies: Polyurethane, Pre-Catalyzed, Post-Catalyzed, Acrylic, and nitrocellulose. Julie will provide us methods used to choose the right finish for your project and a wealth of information on application. She will bring one of M.L. Campbell's factory specialists to the meeting with her.

Bob Beason

Paul Seipel brought this Bandsaw box in for Show and Tell. Paul said that he taught a Bandsaw box class recently and this was his sample.



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303-277-1488

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WOOD OF THE MONTH

Paxton

1X10 Poplar S4S KD - \$2.15/LF
1X12 Poplar S4S KD \$2.61/LF
4/4 Sel&Btr Birch S3S KD

Hardwood Emporium

4/4 Poplar FAS \$1.49/BF
(Free planing or straight lining for purchases)

Centennial Wood

4/4 FAS Hickory \$2.32/BF

Membership Drive

Did you know that April is National Woodworking Month? I confess, neither did I until our friends at Rockler announced the event and their offer to open up their store so that we could conduct a membership drive. Yes, on April 24th, Rockler will host our Colorado Woodworkers Guild along with the Front Range Turners, Shipwrights and perhaps some carvers. These organizations will set up tables on the main store floor and be available to the public to educate and recruit new members. We will be calling upon some of our membership to man the table and provide a few project pieces for display. Watch for more information soon.

Lindy Baer



January CWG meeting attendees

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Monthly Board Meeting

The CWG Board Meeting is held on the fourth Tuesday at 6 p.m. The meeting is open to all members. If you plan on attending a meeting, please RSVP to one of the board members because the meeting location varies.

Free Wood for Toys

Mark Klosky has 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

Brief Bio of Kevin Loyd - Newly Elected Secretary

My interest in woodworking started around age 10 when I started building bike ramps. Soon after I found the Woodwright's Shop on PBS and I was hooked. With the support of my family and later my wife all my Christmas and birthday presents were related to woodworking. I was self-taught until my late 20's when I took a class on hand tools with the English master Graham Blackburn. That experience changed my entire concept of woodworking from all power tools to a combination of power and hand tools. Hand tools have become more prominent in my processes allowing a much broader array of styles and designs. My projects usually fall into the categories of cabinetry, tables, tools (made or restored) or high fidelity loudspeaker systems. My biggest influences are James Krenov, George Nakashima and Graham Blackburn. Current projects include a collapsible trestle table made of curly quarter cut sycamore and black walnut and a low level entertainment cabinet of black walnut with the top consisting of a slab of walnut with two natural edges.

Kevin Loyd

John Hammer brought this pen in for Show and Tell. Notice the Celtic symbol that was laminated into the barrel.



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(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.

January Show and Tell Winner

The winner of the January Show and Tell is our newly elected Treasurer, Laura Peterson. Laura brought in these 3 great boxes that she made for gifts.



A Show and Tell item by Fred Matzen. This unicorn was scrollsawed out of Corian (the countertop material).



Mail this Application and a check to:

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Email members - \$30.00/year
Non-email members - \$40.00/year*

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Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ - _____ - _____ E-mail _____

* Non-email members pay more due to the cost of materials, copying and postage



Dennis McCaigue brought this interesting instrument in for Show and Tell. It's used to measure the thickness of his materials in different locations (as in a violin back).

Bill Hoppers said that he just finished these Christmas decorations. He's either a little late for last Christmas or really early for next.



Cliff Farris brought this chair in for Show and Tell. Cliff said that he did not build the chair, but did rescue it from the trash and had to repair many of it's pieces. The piece that tested him the most was the runner itself. At first he had problems with it not giving him a smooth "ride" and when he resolved that problem he noticed that the rocker was traveling to one side. We're glad to announce that he has now resolved all the problems and it is a very comfortable chair to sit in.



Announcements

From time to time, the Guild receives telephone inquiries about any number of woodworking related topics. We will use these column inches to pass on the information. If you have questions about the items, please direct them to Lindy Baer.

- In early January we received a call from a person seeking someone who could make a wood chalice. Recall that I announced this in our January meeting. It turns out that the person was in need of the chalice in only a few days. Since he could not get the chalice in such a short time, he resorted to a glass chalice. But, he did say that there may be a need for another next year. We also notified the Front Range Turners
- A woodworker called to ask if there was a co-op shop where someone could buy time in order to use the shop. We provided information about RRCC and Community Woodworking.
- A prospective client called to ask if there was anyone who could build bases for 4 granite slabs. The slabs will be the tops to small tables. Three slabs are 22"x32"x1" and one is 26"x40"x1". If you have an interest in this commission, please contact Lindy.
- The owner of a refinishing business is looking for some expertise in antique finishing. If you have an interest or know someone who might help, please contact Lindy.
- The owner of a piece of pine intended for use in a fireplace mantel would like to "find a home for the wood." The piece, stained dark, is 9' long, 2 1/2" thick and, with one free-form edge, 12"-14" wide. Please contact Lindy if you have an interest. He is willing to sell the piece for \$50.00.
- A woodworker recently called with an offer to donate back copies of Fine Woodworking. He volunteered to deliver them to Rockler where we can put them into our library.

Lindy Baer