

COLORADO Woodworkers NEWSLETTER

Encouraging all woodworkers in
self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge

April 2010

President's Message

Our Guild is an organization that relies on volunteer effort to survive. Since 1980, and through the efforts of many volunteer leaders, woodworkers have enjoyed the benefits of Guild membership. Years ago we had as many as 400 members on the roster. Now we stand at around 130.



Our bylaws call for elected offices of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and a "Committees at Large" position. We haven't been effective in implementing the fifth position (a position "in charge of all committees"). Nor have we been successful in establishing ongoing committees.

As I mentioned in an earlier newsletter, your Board met in a planning meeting in January. One of the subjects of discussion was the state of our governance, our bylaws and the lack of functioning committees. We concluded that these are areas where we need to improve. And, your Board is working on these issues.

Of course, besides being an organization dependent upon volunteer effort, we are also democratic. We vote on our bylaws and elect our officers. The members of the Guild can choose their rules (the bylaws) and their representatives (the officers and committees). But the committees must be implemented by Guild members; members who volunteer by contributing their time to help the Guild be successful.

Currently our bylaws call for Show, Tools/Materials, Education, Administrative, Marketing, Newsletter committees plus the Member at Large (the "Committees at Large" person); six committees. Establishing committees to focus on specific areas in the benefit of Guild activities and its members is, in the long term, the only way to maintain a consistent, high level of function in the Guild. Such committees enable the work to be spread across many volunteers instead of a very few elected officers.

CWG Calendar

April 20 7:00 Rockler, 2553 S. Colorado Blvd.
Mike Springer - Sketch Up presentation
April 24 9:30- 11:30 Rockler, 2553 S. Colorado Blvd. Membership drive
May 18 7:00 Rockler, 2553 S. Colorado Blvd.
Bob Sturtevant - Forestry presentation
May 8 10:00am - 4:00pm Boettcher Mansion
CO Arts & Crafts Society meeting

It is interesting to compare our organization to the many other Guilds, Associations and Clubs with regards to their committee function. Larger organizations have many committees—the San Diego Fine Woodworking Association (an organization with 1,500 members) has approximately 25 committees (though a few may be committees of one person)—while smaller groups have few. We have been functioning with your Board and one or two committees; and those have been committees of one.

Your Board is working to bring a new constitution and bylaws to you with a small selection of essential committees. These committees will provide important backup for many functions so that the absence of a single person will not result in a failure to meet our goals and schedules. So, in the near term, we are seeking individuals to serve on the following committees: Shows and Exhibits, Audio Visual, Membership, Toy Program and Nominating. There will be others in the future.

Please examine your commitment and consider volunteering for a committee in the interest of a better Guild.

Lindy Baer

March Presentation

Julie Simon of Louis and Company was our main speaker at the March meeting. She brought some of her colleagues with her and together they provided us an over view of finish technology and provided a good explanation of the strengths and weaknesses of the primary types of finishes. Lewis and Company has for some time provided supplies to the professional woodworkers of the metro area. Julie worked as a finisher for one of the primary cabinet and furniture makers in the Denver region; thus, she brings a wealth of experience to the application of finishes. She went into some detail on the importance of sanding and which grits were appropriate to get the maximum grip of the finish to the surface on which it is being applied. The samples which she brought provided many of us a lot of new information on types of finish and the appearance of the finished product. The discussion of Catalyzed finishes and the what makes one pre-catalyzed and another post catalyzed was quite helpful. It was apparent that M L Campbell has a fine range of professional finishes for the woodworker. We much appreciate the efforts of Julie and her colleagues that gave the presentation.

Bob Beason

May Presentation

The speaker for our May meeting is Bob Sturtevant from the Forestry Department at Colorado State University.

He will discuss the managed production of lumber and how we keep our forest sustainable. With the major problem we now face with the pine beetle in Colorado, he will discuss the problem that it presents to the forest. In addition he will cover a bit of wood technology and how the beetle killed pine is currently being utilized. The characteristic of that lumber is the light blue stain that you see in the grain; which does not effect the strength of the lumber. His presentation will allow many of us a bit of insight into the process and science of the wood products industry.

Bob Beason

April Presentation

Mike Springer will give a presentation on the popular design software Sketch Up. Mike will show us the tips and tricks to easily use this program.

Bob Beason

Cabinetry Class for Charity

On Tuesday afternoon at Rocklers we began the cabinet class being taught by Tracy Gray. She brought a miniature cabinet with her so that she could go over the design of the cabinet unit and the methods used to obtain a good result. We discussed designs, methods of work, special tools, hardware, and a host of considerations in the creation of a set of Kitchen Cabinets. We had sixty board feet of hard maple that we cut up into face the right deminsions for face frames. Four of us attended, John Willcox, John Dunn, Travis Brown, and Bob Beason; we had signatures for seven who would attend and would like to have some more of them join us. This is an exceptionally useful class and it includes seven more three hour sessions with Tracy. It is being held at Rocklers from 2 until 5. This coming Tuesday we will be working with pre-finished plywood, cutting it into the parts for individual cabinets. Please consider joining this class it is providing members good instruction and giving the Inn Between a transitional housing unit a new kitchen unit.

Bob Beason

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Colorado Arts & Crafts Society

The Colorado Arts and Crafts Society (CACS) is hosting its annual show, this year entitled: "A Gathering of the Guilds: The Colorado Arts and Crafts Society Artisan's Guild Forum." Our Colorado Woodworkers Guild has been invited to participate in the event, Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm at the Boettcher Mansion on Lookout Mountain. Participating Guilds may set up a display table and, if they choose, offer a demonstration or workshop (for up to two hours in duration). With the short planning time, your Board has decided to just provide the table.

Admission to the Forum is free to all Guild members with proof of membership. Also, Guild members are offered a \$5 discount for membership to the Colorado Arts and Crafts Society (CACS).

For more information, go to the CACS web site at www.coloarts-crafts.org.

Lindy Baer

Suggested Reading

Percy Blandford was born in 1912 in Bristol, England. He is the author of 112 books and thousands of articles on woodworking, metalworking, boat building, blacksmithing and yachting. Trained as an engineer during the 1920s and 30s, the depression forced Blandford into technical teaching and writing. During WWII he served in the Royal Air Force maintaining aircraft and writing maintenance manuals for British and American aircraft. After the war he started writing for American yachting and woodworking magazines. This was taken from the biography page from The Woodworker's Bible A Complete Guide to Woodworking.

Percy's writing style is clear and easily understood. As a woodworker his tools tend to be very practical and effective. Like many of his generation he is not a member of the "rosewood and brass" group of woodworkers. Because of his period of training there is a tremendous amount of hand tool knowledge put forth. He was also an advocate of power tools as shows how to use them to their best advantage.

Kevin Loyd

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 from 9:30 to 11:30, 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.

Lindy Baer

CWG Logo Contest

The CWG Logo Contest will kickoff at our monthly meeting, April 20, 2010. Materials, including contest rules about the contest will be distributed to interested parties at the meeting. The contest will close in June with selections made in July. There will be a \$250 award for the winning entry. Get your design energies flowing and help bring the Guild to the next level.

Lindy Baer

WOOD OF THE MONTH

Paxton

3/4 sup. steamed Euro beech \$2.45/BF

4/4 spalted maple S3S \$4.75/BF

Hardwood Emporium

Spring Cleaning! Remnant boards for 30% off reg. price: hard maple, birdseye maple, birch, cherry and others (Free planing or straight lining for purchases)

Centennial Wood

4/4 blue stain CO beetle kill pine \$1.10/BF

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

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

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

2553 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO.
303-782-0588

TC Woods www.TCWoods.com

9776 Arapahoe Rd., Lafayette, CO.
303-494-0425

Woodcraft www.Woodcraft.com

6770 S. Peoria St. Centennial, CO 80112
303-290-0007

GUILD MEMBER DISCOUNTS cont.

Offers Contractor Discount (roughly 20%)

Austin Hardwoods

www.AustinHardwoods.com

975 W. Mississippi, Denver, CO.
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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.

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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

Significant Discounts -- Members can receive discounts of 10% or more from our sponsors

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.

June Presentation

Henry and Charlie Smith will be the speakers for June. Their Mountain view Woodcrafting company makes Jewelry and Keepsake boxes.

They make a large range of boxes and some of their methods includes vacuum veneering. The incredible level of detail in their finished products is what seems to make their business so successful.

Bob Deason



Mail this Application and a check to:

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Email members - \$30.00/year

Non-email members - \$40.00/year*

Name _____ circle one (New) (Renew)

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ - _____ - _____ E-mail _____

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