

# COLORADO Woodworkers NEWSLETTER

Encouraging all woodworkers in  
self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge

**May 2010**

## **President's Message: Change is Coming**

As the old adage goes, change is the only constant. We can count on seeing change all around us, throughout our lives. The Colorado Woodworkers Guild is no different. We see changes in membership, leadership, sponsors, tools, styles, and in many other areas.



So, your Board of Directors is bringing you changes to make us more efficient—hopefully to improve your Guild. Here are the first of the changes:

**Change 1: Dues Payment Schedule.** We are changing the schedule we use for paying dues.

Currently, an individual member's dues are due to be paid on her or his anniversary date each year. For example, if someone joined in May, then dues for the next year have been again due in May. Such a schedule means that the Treasurer or Membership Committee must be processing renewals each month. Furthermore, such a schedule depends upon members to be vigilant about remembering their anniversary month, or for those responsible for membership to be reminding the membership. Neither of these actions have been successful. Throughout the year, we have many members who forget to renew for sometimes several months.

So, instead, your board has voted to have all member dues paid in January of each year. This means that all renewals will be processed in a batch at the beginning of each year. In order to effect this change, the following policies will be adopted:

o If you renew between January and June, 2010, then the full amount of your dues will next be payable in January 2011

## **CWG Calendar**

**May 18 7:00 Rockler, 2553 S. Colorado Blvd.**

**Bob Sturtevant - Forestry presentation**

**June 15 7:00 Rockler, 2553 S. Colorado Blvd.**

**Henry & Charlie Smith - Keepsake boxes**

o If you are scheduled to renew between July and December, 2010, your dues will be prorated—that is you will pay for one-half year. We will not prorate by the month, just for the half-year. Then in January 2011, you will pay your next dues—this time for one full year

**Change 2: Membership Structure.** Currently we maintain four membership categories, Regular, Complimentary, Trial and Sponsors. Of course, we also have a list of those members who have let their membership lapse. The complimentary memberships have been given to a mix of people—some are very active (including some officers) and some we almost never see. The trial memberships have been offered to people who come through the November Woodworkers Show, but we get very few new members from those trials and having the category requires that we track a separate roster and send out the newsletter to those names.

Since membership is very reasonable, the board felt committed members would be willing to pay the annual fee. So, the board decided to simplify the membership structure by eliminating the complimentary and trial categories. At the same time, a special category, that of Honorary Life Member, was added. The Honorary Life Member category would be used to recognize those who have made ongoing, significant contributions to the life of the Guild. The expectation is that this category would be rarely used. So, the membership categories will become: Regular, Honorary Life Member, and Sponsor.

Change 3: Committee Function. We have been operating with almost no committee function. The only committee that has been functioning outside of your Board of Directors has been the Toy Committee, largely through the efforts of Bill Huffer (with frequent help from Paul Seipel). Soon we will have several committees, each of which will have a clear set of responsibilities. Watch for more information about the committees very soon.

Change 4: Opportunity for Member Dialogue. Your Board of Directors meets each month, with meetings currently scheduled for the fourth Wednesday evening of each month. We will always try to get information out about the meeting, including any changes in schedule. The board does have an agenda to complete for each meeting, however, there is an opportunity at the beginning of each meeting for members to attend and bring their suggestions and opinions. If you have ideas or complaints to bring to the board, please consider joining us at these meetings.

Summary: So, these are the first and, the board felt, most urgent changes. As we implement these changes, your board will continue to bring you the very best program elements possible. And, of course, we will always appreciate member input.

*Lindy Baer*

## Membership Drive

The Colorado Woodworkers Guild (CWG) was represented at Rockler on April 24th for a membership drive. Rockler hosted interested groups so that they could create greater public awareness and perhaps, join a few new members. Helping to man the table were Bill Huffer, Paul Seipel, and Kevin Loyd. We handed out many brochures and received at least one membership renewal. Thanks to Rockler and all of our members who helped out.

*Lindy Baer*

## Colo. Arts & Crafts Society's Show, Sale and Workshops

Your Guild was represented at the "Gathering of the Guilds" hosted by the Colorado Arts and Crafts Society on Saturday, May 8, 2010 at the Boettcher Mansion on Lookout Mountain. The Colorado Woodworkers Guild (CWG) manned a table with member pieces, brochures and a slide show. Between 100-200 people browsed through all of the offerings. Other organizations represented included metal workers, pottery groups, weavers, book makers and collectors, a calligraphy group, a paper maker, and glass workers. The emphasis was on the promotion of the arts and crafts movement. Fitting with that theme, Laura Peterson displayed two of her Greene and Greene pieces and John Hammer was there with his shaker boxes. Thank you Laura and John

For more information, go to the CACS web site at [www.coloarts-crafts.org](http://www.coloarts-crafts.org).

*Lindy Baer*

## Appraisal Team

The Colorado Woodworkers Guild has formed an "Appraisal Team". The purpose of this team is to assist someone who has lost a loved one by giving them an idea of what the tools and other shop equipment left behind is worth.

The team currently consists of Kevin Loyd, Travis Brown, Randy Weems and myself (Cal Noguchi). Our first appointment was in April with the daughter of a gentleman who had passed away recently. Although the daughter found receipts for some of the equipment, much of it was left undocumented. The team went around the shop, in a somewhat orderly fashion, and took pictures and wrote down model numbers and a description of the items. The next step would be to take our data home and through the internet and catalogues, assign each item a value. We would then present the family with a document of our findings. Our services have been called upon a couple more times since and some of the tools from these families may appear in future newsletters under the classified section.

## Appraisal Team (cont.)

This exercise has taught me a few lessons that may be of interest to you:

1. After buying a tool make a copy of your receipt (since the receipt often fades away)
2. Attach a copy of the receipt with the tool's documents – in reselling a tool the buyers appreciate documentation (preferably in a plastic bag).
3. Either keep the documentation all in one place or attached to the equipment.
4. Try to keep your shop organized in a logical fashion (e.g. router bits in or near the router table).
5. Put notes on tools that you plan to have fixed or are no longer working.

We need to think about those that we leave behind. By taking these few steps we could help relieve stress and confusion during a difficult time.

*Cal Noguchi*

## 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 is bringing Dr. McKea who will cover 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 Sustainable management of forests and the long term viability of the wood supply.

*Bob Sturtevant*

## 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 Beason*



## CWG Logo Contest

So the CWG logo contest is off an running. This is a reminder that the submissions will be due at the June meeting. Get your creative energies working and prepare a submission.

*Lindy Baer*

## 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

## Suggested Reading

Tage Frid learned his woodworking as an apprentice and cabinetmaker in his native Denmark. He came to America in 1948, when the American Crafts Council invited him to start this country's first college program for training designer-craftsmen in wood. He soon became a professor of furniture design at Rhode Island School of Design. In 1975 Frid became a contributing editor of Fine Woodworking magazine. It quickly became apparent that his articles were on of the magazine's most popular features. He eventually converted part of his shop to a photography stage for the purpose of photographing his methods to be included in his books.

Tage produced three volumes titled Tage Frid Teaches Woodworking. Volume 1 dealt with joinery, the second volume covered shaping, veneering and finishing and the third volume was dedicated to furniture making. Having been a teacher for several decades at the point he authored these the writing is easily understood. Explanations as to why things are done help with the learning process. In addition the volumes are full of photographs and illustrations to better get the point across. Literally every page has a photograph or illustration. With this approach by a seasoned expert and teacher the great many topics covered in the three volumes present a very good value.

*Kevin Loyd*

## Helping the Family of a Former Member

Marvin Owens, a Guild member, passed away at the end of 2009. In his new and very nice shop, he was working to complete a very nice blanket chest, but never got to the assembly phase. His widow has requested assistance in completing the chest. If you have the skills for doing a glue-up and then finishing the item, please contact Lindy at your earliest convenience. We would like to assist this, the family of one of our former members.

*Lindy Baer*

## April Presentation

Mike Springer gave us an interesting demonstration of the Sketch Up software on which he was the lead development manager. His knowledge of the product and the applications to the woodworking tasks of design were most useful. There was considerable interest expressed by members to arrange for a class taught by Mike in the Future; so, that we might get deeper into the software and have some hands on experience in using it for practical applications.

*Bob Beason*

## Show & Tell

The show & tell winner for the April meeting was Pat Minervini with his walnut jewelry box. The top has a raised panel of beautifully figured crotch walnut.





## 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](http://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](http://www.PaxtonWood.com)

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

#### Rockler Woodworking and Hardware

[www.rockler.com](http://www.rockler.com)

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

#### TC Woods [www.TCWoods.com](http://www.TCWoods.com)

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

#### Woodcraft [www.Woodcraft.com](http://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](http://www.AustinHardwoods.com)

975 W. Mississippi, Denver, CO.  
303-733-1292

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## Monthly Board Meeting

The CWG Board Meeting is held on the fourth Wednesday 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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Web site: [www.ColoradoWoodworkersGuild.org](http://www.ColoradoWoodworkersGuild.org)

Yahoo Forum: <http://Groups.Yahoo.com/group/ColoradoWoodworkersGuild>

(YAHOO ID and acceptance into this group is required)

Phone: 303-523-8960

## Charity Cabinet Class: an Update

The Cabinet class is proceeding on schedule, for a while we anticipated that we would finish one week early; however, we are now back to the original time table. The cabinets are assembled and we are doing final sanding, finishing, and hardware. The installation date is May 25th. The whole class will do the installation together and afterward go to the Rib House in Prospect for some of their award winning ribs. Tracy provided some excellent instruction and the class members feel that they have received quite useful instruction in the building of kitchen cabinets. I think any of us are now capable of building out a set of kitchen cabinets with a professional appearance. I'd like to thank Tracy for her patience throughout this class. Completing a full set of kitchen cabinets in just eight three hour sessions was quite a challenge.

*Bob Reason*



## May Mini- Demonstration

Laura and I will do a brief mini demo on Funeral urns... as we each have been asked to make one for a friend or relative in the last month. We will cover the basics of the process. As cremation has become more popular, more woodworkers will be asked to make urns for friends and relatives; so, it should be of interest to many of the guild members.

*Bob Reason*

## 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.

## WOOD OF THE MONTH

### Paxton

4/4 Cherry S3S 13/16" \$4.59/BF

### Hardwood Emporium

TBA @ meeting

### Centennial Wood

TBA @ meeting

## Classifieds

From time to time the guild is contacted to help find tools a new owner. A woman whose husband died 2-3 years ago had been a woodworker. She would like to sell some of his floor machines to make space in her garage.

Her name is Mary Ellen Cox and she may be reached at 303-739-9999. The tools and asking prices are as follows:

Sunhill 6" joiner CT 150 w mobile base \$200

Powermatic 10" cabinet tablesaw \$1250

Powermatic 013 bandsander \$450

Sunhill 15" planer CT38B w mobile base \$380

Mail this Application and a check to:

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

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