

# COLORADO Woodworkers NEWSLETTER

Encouraging all woodworkers in  
self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge

**October 2010**

## President's Message: Educational Benefits



By the time you read this, you should have received a copy of the new Constitution and a copy of the Bylaws. The Guild has not had a Constitution before, but, of course, we have had a set of Bylaws. The Bylaws were out of date and they did not capture important information about our status as an organization, our website and the many operating guidelines, especially regarding the committees.

So, we have developed these new documents. The Constitution is brief and contains those elements that are unlikely to change. The Constitution works together with the Bylaws to provide our guidance.

The Bylaws offer much more detailed instructions about how to run the Guild. They offer instructions to the membership, the officers, and the committees. The Bylaws nail down our address, phone number, and web addresses. From the Bylaws, we obtain instructions for how dues are set, how we do elections, about our fiscal calendar, about our categories of membership, about our meeting plans, and about who is responsible for keeping Guild records, including the new logo.

The Guild Constitution and Bylaws should be working documents, with the Constitution being change much less frequently than the Bylaws. But, the entire membership can have a voice in what is included and not included—we will not hesitate to make changes as required. And, yet, what we strive for are these working documents that provide us with solid, ongoing guidance, without frequent change.

The Board of Directors, some committee chairs, and former officers have scrutinized the new Constitution and Bylaws. We feel that the documents are ready for your vote. You now have a copy of each.

## CWG Calendar

**October 19 7:00 Rockler, 2553 S. Colorado Blvd.**

**Stan Wolport - Sharpening**

**November 16 7:00 Rockler, 2553 S. Colorado Blvd. TBD**

**December 11 6:00 First Plymouth Church  
Holiday Party!**

## President's Message cont.

Please examine them carefully and be prepared to vote on the documents in the October meeting. Getting these documents in place helps to give us a strong foundation.

*Lindy Baer*

## CWG Library

We have a Librarian! Yes, Richard Gonzalez, a new member has volunteered to be the Chair of a Library Committee and to take on the task of organizing the Guild Library. We already have the beginnings of some holdings, since we have had several donations of magazines, books and VHS tapes. So, this is just the beginning, but the library will become a useful resource and benefit for the membership. If you have items to donate, please contact Richard.

*Lindy Baer*

## Holiday Party!

The Guild Holiday Party is scheduled for December 11, 2010 from 6:00 until 9:00 pm. Like last year, the party will be held at First Plymouth Congregational Church (southwest corner of Hampden and Colorado Blvd). Put this on your calendars and watch for more details soon!

## More About CWG Committees

Here is some more information about the development of our committees. Last month I mentioned that we have made progress in this development. It is an ongoing process, but, here is a report showing where things stand:

Audiovisual: Cal Noguchi, Chair

Community Service: Bill Huffer, Chair and two other members

Education and Mentoring:

Finance:

History:

Library: Richard Gonzalez, Chair

Membership: no chair, one member

Newsletter:

Nominating: John Hammer, Chair

Programs: Stan Wolpert, Chair and one other member

Public Relations: Dennis Machlica and one other member

Shows and Exhibits: Viki Hennon, Chair, and two other members

Social:

Shops: Bob Beason, Chair

Website

The highest priorities now are Chairs for the Membership, Social, and Finance (especially for fund raising) Committees plus more members for several. Ask yourself, "What have I done for the Guild this month?" Take stock of your talents and interest and give some time and talent on the committee of your choice!

*Lindy Baer*

## Woodworking Shows:

### November 19th-21st

Thanks to all who signed up to help staff the Guild's booth at the upcoming Woodworking Show. We've also had a good response for folks volunteering their project to be displayed—we can definitely accommodate more help in both areas so you aren't too late! It is a great way for the Guild to get the word out to other potential members and for our members to have the opportunity to display our work in a public forum.

We still have time slots that need to be filled for our Booth on Sunday. We need to share the load so have a good look at your calendar to see if you can squeeze some time to help. A reminder that taking the time to cover the booth means getting a free ticket to the show. In addition, don't forget that you will be entered into the raffle for a Lie-Nielsen bronze block plane.

For those who are interested in entering the ShowOff Showcase, the link to the website with all the details is: [www.thewoodworkingshows.com](http://www.thewoodworkingshows.com). Once there, click on the Denver show followed by the tab for the ShowOff Showcase. This is an open category judged contest. The winner from each city will win \$500 and has a chance to win the grand prize.

If for some reason you are not able to help work the Guild's booth, there are some discount tickets available. More information at the show's web site. See you there!

*Viki Hennon*

## Guild Dues

This is a reminder. Remember that we are changing the schedule for dues payment. Dues for 2011 will be payable in January. Members not paid up by April 1st will be placed on an inactive list. If you owe dues between now and December, please pay \$15.00 to cover the time gap. If your membership renewal is due in December, just pay your 2011 dues of \$30.00. If you have questions about these changes, please contact one of your officers.

*Lindy Baer*

## Master Class: Sculpted Chairs

Ethan Hutchinson is a Denver woodworker who has achieved a national reputation as a master craftsman, specializing in sculpted chairs. Ethan approaches the process of chair making with a great respect for the materials being used. He has studied under some of the masters such as Sam Maloof, appeared on the DIY network, and taught at several well known venues; we are pleased to have him for our Master Class for 2010. He will take the students through the entire chair creation process and provide templates for your next chair project. It is a two day class being held at Rocklers on Consecutive Saturdays October 30th and November 6th. The class starts at 9 and should be out between three and four in the afternoon. He will be demonstrating the method he uses to make a sculptured side chair. This is a unique opportunity to learn the process for making these chairs. Many of the classes which teach this will charge around \$2,000 for a week's instruction; so, we feel that this class is a very good value for your instructional money, I hope to see you there.

*Bob Beason*



## October Presentation

Stan Wolport has recently joined the Colorado Woodworkers guild as he moved from California to Colorado. He is doing our presentation for the October meeting on the "Scary Sharp System" for sharpening tools. Basically it is the simplest and least expensive method for sharpening your planes, chisels, and other cutting tools and it provides what I and many others think is the best result. Stan will demonstrate the use of micro grain sandpaper on a flat surface, such as glass for sharpening. There are some tricks to the process, as there is with any method. He will demonstrate taking a badly abused chisel to a razor sharp edge in a short space of time using this method. He will also go into the method for cutting a micro bevel on the edge of tools, a process that allows for resharpening faster and with the least waste of the hardened metal from the tool. I've used this method for many years with good results and feel that many woodworkers can benefit from this approach. Stan will provide us a lot of practical advice and insights to the art of sharpening.

*Bob Beason*

## Guild 30th Anniversary Coming

Our Guild was formed in 1980. We are 30 years long! Watch for details about our anniversary celebrations.

*Lindy Baer*

## Our New Logo

The new logo will be presented to the membership at the October meeting.

## CWG Elections

An election to elect your officers for the coming year will take place during the October meeting. John Hammer, acting as the Nominating Committee has worked hard to assemble the slate of candidates. Please plan to attend so that you can participate in this important part of the Guild life.

*Lindy Baer*

## Show and Tell

Two diverse projects won kudos from our Guild members this month. Congratulations go to Arny Silverman with his Dunlop style tea table and Bob McDaniel with the Civil War Lantern! Both these projects reflect the passion of the woodworker and the interest each had in creating their projects. Thanks also go to all who brought in a project to share with the group. It is a great way to share accomplishments, tips and ideas with the group. Judging from the comments at the meeting, we all got something out of seeing and hearing about the pieces that were shared so keep those projects coming!

*Viki Lennon*



## Show and Tell cont.



## GUILD MEMBER DISCOUNTS

### 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

## Jointer Adjustment Help Needed

The Guild received a request for someone to assist in adjusting an 8" Grizzly jointer. If you have such skills, please contact Lindy Baer for details.

## 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

## Monthly Board Meeting

The CWG Board Meeting is held on the fourth Wednesday at 5 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.

## WOOD OF THE MONTH

#### Centennial Wood

TBD

#### Paxton

4/4 White Oak S3S 13/16" @ \$3.75/BF

## Walnut Lumber

We received a call from a Denver homeowner saying that he has a large, 60 year old black walnut tree that he must remove. If anyone is interested in taking down the tree to harvest it for lumber, please contact Adam Wiens at 303-292-1200 or adamwiens@gmail.com

*Lindy Baer*

## Contact Us

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Questions or suggestions for demos, programs or articles - [Programs@coloradowoodworkersguild.org](mailto:Programs@coloradowoodworkersguild.org)

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

## 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.

## Board Members

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## Turning Commission

A commission is available for two turned lamps. Anyone interested in this commission should check with Lindy Baer for details.

*Lindy Baer*

Mail this Application and a check to:

Colorado Woodworkers Guild  
P.O.Box 100996  
Denver, CO 80250-0996

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