

## Encouraging all woodworkers in self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge

# Colorado Woodworkers Guild

# Newsletter

## President's Message:



For weeks now we have been telling you that the Guild website is "almost here!" Well, you will see it very soon and it seems appropriate to provide a bit of an introduction to what you will find.

First, the website will have a public face and then a member-only area. The public side will offer information about the Guild; our calendar; announcements; brief meeting reviews; information and links to our sponsors; and a place to make application for membership. In this public portion, there will also be a "Find-A-Craftsman" function. The Find-A-Craftsman area will be a place where members can advertise their skills, include a small portfolio, and place a link to the member's website (if he/she has one).

Members will come to the public side where they will find a login function. Having logged in, the member will be guided to the "Member Home." From the Member Home, the member will have access to her/his own profile and will be able to establish a project portfolio. The member will be able to participate in a forum of choice, gain access to many resource links, view Guild videos, participate in committee activities, see the Guild calendar, download newsletters, renew her/his membership (including paying dues), learn about valuable commissions that may be available, and signup for classes and other special events.

When the new website is online, you will be issued a username and a password. The first thing you should do is to login and change your password. Then go exploring. Initially, a few functions may not be there, as it may take a few more days for all functions to appear. Through your profile and the establishment of your "account," you will be asked the following questions:

## November 2010

#### **CWG Calendar**

November 16 6:00 Rockler, 2553 S. Colorado Blvd. Social hour before meeting 7:00 David Russell Young - Bow Maker

December 11 6:00 First Plymouth Church Holiday Party!

## President's Message cont.

- How would you prefer the Guild to contact you, Postal Service, telephone, or e-mail?
- What are your woodworking interests (several topics to choose from)?
- What areas could you teach or serve as a mentor?
- What are your committee interests?
- Do you consent to having your profile be visible to other CWG members?
- Do you wish your information be included in Find-A-Craftsman?
- Do you agree with the Terms of Service (document will be available)?
- Do you agree with the Privacy Policy (again, document will be available)?

You will also be asked to rate your levels of skill and knowledge and to indicate whether you have a minimal or extensive shop.

Maintenance of the profile is up to the individual members. Only a very few items in the profile are considered required. It will be okay to leave the optional items blank, but remember that one of our purposes is to be able to share skill and knowledge and to help

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other members with the craft. Complete profiles will make such tasks much easier and more effective.

One last point: we welcome comments and input about the website. For example, we will provide a page that contains links to useful resources. Please contribute ideas about useful links that you have found. In time, our website will evolve, but such evolution is best guided by frequent feedback from the primary users, the members of the Guild.



## Woodworking Shows: November 19th-21st

The Wood Magazine Woodworkers Show is this month, November 19-21. Show hours are Friday noon till 6PM. Saturday 10AM-6PM and Sunday 10AM-4PM. If you have signed up to work the booth, a reminder of the day and time you signed up is below. A reminder that all you have to do to be eligible for the Lie-Nielsen block plane raffle is show up and work your booth time. If you for any reason cannot make it (how could that be??) please let me know at the same moment you know if not sooner so we can get your time covered (my contact info is below).

Friday noon-3PM Laura Peterson, Paul Seipel and Gordon Johnson

Friday 3PM-6PM Arnold Silverman, Richard Gonzalez

Saturday 10AM-1PM Bill Huffer, Paul Seipel, Chuck Hevenor

Saturday 1PM-4PM Leon Niemann, Dave Dent, Mark Klosky

Saturday 4PM-6PM John Hammer, Bob McDaniel, Kevin Loyd

Sunday 10AM-1PM Paul Seipel, Jeff Roth

There will also be a few Guild members doing demos at the show.

Paul Seipel will be doing flocking demos Friday at 1:00 and 2:00, Saturday at 11:00 and 12:00 and also Sunday at 2:00.

## **Woodworking Shows cont.**

Kevin Loyd will demo sharpening and using a scraper. Catch his demos on Friday at 1:00 and 2:30 and again on to Saturday at 4:00 and 5:00.

Dennis McCaigue will have many parts, molds and tools that are part of his violin making process to show off. See his demo on Sunday at 11:00.

For those who signed up to display your woodworking, please bring them to the show Friday morning before noon. If you are unable to bring them at that time please let me know no later than Tuesday of that week so we can make other arrangements.

For those of you working the booth or bringing something to display I will have tickets for you. Everyone else, you can get \$2 off the \$10 admission by going to TheWoodworkingShows.com web site and click on Denver and then Coupon Page tab to down load a discount coupon. Free admission for children under 15, active duty police, fire and military with ID.

Hope to see you there!

Show and Exhibit Chair



## **New Dues Schedule**

By now all members should know that we are changing our dues payment schedules. The new schedule calls for dues to be paid in December and January and the membership year will be from January 1st to December 31st. If your membership expired in 2010, then you should be aware of these changes and ready to pay the 2011 dues in December or January for the 2011 year. If your membership doesn't expire until sometime during 2011 or later; (there are not very many members in these categories), then your case will be dealt with separately.

Upon payment of your 2011 dues, you will be issued a new membership card. And, all of our sponsors will be notified of the changes so that you can receive the appropriate discounts.



## **November Presentation**

David Russell Young is our presenter for the November meeting. He is a craftsman who has spanned two continents in the world of instrument making. He began his career as a guitar maker and published a book on guitar making that is still declared a definitive text in the art of guitar making. "The Steel String Guitar: Construction and Repair" is still sought after by guitar makers which has driven up the used price of the book. In June 2004 one of David's Dreadnought Guitars was sold at a Christies auction for \$31,000.

The notes in the Christies catalog describes it thus:

DAVID RUSSELL YOUNG

1978, 'DREADNOUGHT' GUITAR

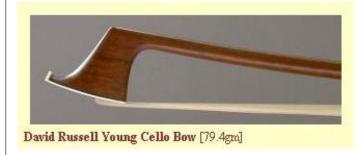
Labelled DAVID RUSSELL YOUNG/LUTHIER, signed and dated by the maker David Russell Young/1978, rosewood back and sides bound in rosewood and decorative wood purfling, spruce top with abalone pearl inlay, ebony fingerboard with pearl inlay, peghead inlayed with pearl in a butterfly motif, length of back 20 3/16 in. (51.3 cm.); and hardshell case with adhesive tape inscribed by Lee Dickson David Russell Young/6 String AC/1978 David Russell Young is best known to guitar makers as the author of The Steel String Guitar - Construction and Repair. This 1975 book was instrumental in influencing a generation of American The outline of this instrument is strongly luthiers. influenced by the Dreadnought series of guitars first produced by C.F. Martin and Company.

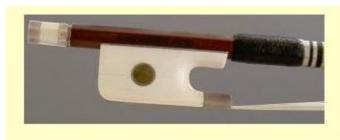
DAVID RUSSELL YOUNG was employed as a bow maker at Hans Weisshaar in 1982. He has been self-employed since 1985. AFVBM Journeyman Bow Maker Degree 1984. AFVBM Master Degree 1994. Prizes: twenty awards in international competitions; Gold Medal VSA. David has been making instrument bows for many years and now lives in Longmont Colorado. His presentation will include some of the history of the famous wood from which the bows are made that is the basis for name of the country Brazil.

He will discuss some of the techniques, ideas, and craftsmanship that make up the world of instrument making.



## **November Presentation cont.**







## **Brief Requests**

From time to time we receive inquiries and announcements about possible jobs or commissions. Recently we have received the following inquiries:

- Wanted: a wood, female torso mannequin to be used to model skydiving harnesses and other equipment. If the mannequin is not readily available, the client is prepared to pay for the design and fabrication.
- A shop owner is looking for someone to repair two cigar humidors.

If you have an interest, please contact president@coloradowoodworkersguild.org.

## **Holiday Party!**

The Holiday Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 11, 2010 at First Plymouth Congregational Church. First Plymouth is located on the southwest corner of Colorado Blvd and Hampden (Hwy 285). Spouses or significant others are invited.

The party, scheduled to begin at 6:00 pm, is a potluck with ham, turkey and barbequed brisket supplied by the Guild. The Guild will supply plates, eating utensils, napkins, and beverages. Appetizers, salads, side dishes and desserts will be supplied by members according to the following assignments:

Last name beginning with A, B, or C: bring appetizers

Last name beginning with D through H: bring salads

Last name beginning with I through R: bring side dish

Last name beginning with S through Z: bring dessert

We will have the traditional white elephant gift fun, plus some raffle excitement. Plan to come and enjoy the evening. Please RSVP at the November meeting or to president@coloradowoodworkersguild.org.

## **International Contact**

TIn time, and especially with our new website, people near and far will begin to become aware of our organization. As an example, recently we received an e-mail note from Alessandro Valente who lives not far from Turin in Italy. Alessandro was simply introducing himself as someone who lost his job and returned to something he loved, woodworking. He has begun making decorative, artistic wood panels. You can see some of his work at www.woodpasha.com. He found us on the Internet.

## **Constitution and Bylaws**

As you all know, we are on a path to approve a new Constitution and set of Bylaws. These are important guiding documents; documents that help us to operate our organization. They should not be taken lightly. The documents have been distributed in hard copy at the last meeting and electronically through your e-mail.

## **Constitution and Bylaws cont.**

We requested feedback; comments and suggestion that might help us make the documents better. We received input from perhaps three or four members. These three or four inputs have been very helpful and have resulted in some major modifications. Thus, we are going to distribute the modified documents. When you receive them, please scrutinize them again and provide feedback. Please send your feedback to president@ coloradowoodworkersguild.org. The documents will only be voted upon after they have achieved adequate review (probably in January).



## **Lie-Nielsen Hand Tool Event**

Curtis Turner from the Lie-Nielsen Toolworks, Inc. conducted a special session for Guild members on Thursday evening, November 4th at Red Rocks Community College (RRCC). Curtis discussed the construction, use and care of their planes. He presented information about several of their plane models and then invited those attending to their complete display set up in the RRCC Fine Woodworking shop. Though the Guild turnout was small, those in attendance appreciated the opportunity to see the Lie-Nielsen products and also tour the RRCC shop.



## **CWG Elections**

We held successful elections during the October meeting. Congratulations are in order for the new and returning officers. They are:

President, Mark Gering

Vice President, John Dunn

Secretary, Kevin Loyd

Treasurer, Laura Peterson

Director at Large, Duane McBride

These officers will be installed during the January meeting.



## **Master Class: Sculpted Chairs**

Many of us dream of raising our level of craftsmanship to a higher plain and with the help of the Guild; the class on sculptured chairs taught by Ethan Hutchinson The complexity behind the beautiful did iust that. sculpted curves of one of Ethan's chairs was revealed over a course of two days. He began with the cutting and glue up of the chair seat; which of course forms the foundation of the entire chair structure. there he moved to the pattern for the legs; which he generously allowed class members to copy. The joints on these chairs are subtle, a three degree cut here, a five degree cut there and slowly the complex Maloof joints took shape before the class. Once the chair joints are made and the entire chair is glued up; then, the fun begins with the sculpturing of the chair. Ethan demonstrated his method of sculpture with a rotary rasp and a number 49 cabinet rasp. The blending of the joints and the shaping of the seat give the chair the lines that simply draw the eye to it with the sheer beauty of it's shape. The seat shaping is quite interesting as the bottom becomes only 3/8" thick in the low places. Ethan took a great deal of care in explaining how the forces within a chair push the joints together not apart and how the frame of the chair becomes an integral part of the structure. It was more than a class for many of us, it was a glimpse into the next level of craftsmanship taught by the grand wizard. Woodworkers Guild makes these transitions from one level of skill to another possible for many of us, through the classes and lectures offered each year. This one was exceptional and I am hoping that we have Ethan back for another class in the future.



## **Master Class: Sculpted Chairs**













## **Show and Tell**

The beat-beat of a tom-tom won the votes of the members at the October meeting. Gordon Dalby was chosen the winner of our Show and Tell at October's meeting with his segmented wood turning of a tom-tom. Gordon tells us that there were quite a variety of woods that he used to create his piece and that it may have included more than one other project melded into this current creation. The top had multiple inlays with different images of the sun. Very well done.

Please bring in your latest project to "Show and Tell" at the next meeting. Each piece inspires others and is an opportunity to share your skills with all of us as you tell us how you made your project. So, keep those projects coming and we'll all learn more from each other.

Show and Exhibit Chair







## **Show and Tell cont.**







## **GUILD MEMBER DISCOUNTS**

**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

#### **More Walnut Lumber**

We received a call from another Denver homeowner Kay Cress, 8887 Goosander Way in Highlands Ranch SE of C470 and Colorado Blvd. Her contact info is gimmiekay@gmail.com 303-683-5199

## **GUILD MEMBER DISCOUNTS cont.**

#### Offers Contractor Discount (roughly 20%)

#### **Austin Hardwoods**

#### 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 Lyptus FAS- 35% off @ \$4.75/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



Phone: 303-523-8960

## **Contact Us**

#### **Colorado Woodworkers Guild**

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#### E-mail:

General Questions or suggestions - Info@coloradowoodworkersguild.org

Submit Articles or Information to the newsletter - Newsletter@coloradowoodworkersguild.org
Questions or suggestions for demos, programs or articles - Programs@coloradowoodworkersguild.org
Web site: www.ColoradoWoodworkersGuild.org

## 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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Membership Coordinator: Ron Vanous	303-988-6047
Yahoo Group Moderator: Carl Beck	
carl@carlbeck.com	

## **Wanted: Photo Expertise**

A member mentioned that he could use some help with the tasks of photographing some of his work. Is there anyone in the Guild who has some experience with such tasks and who might be able to help? Perhaps, eventually, we could make such help a regular service from the Guild. If you have experience and the interest, please notify president@coloradowoodworkersguild. org.

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P.O.Box 100996 Denver, CO 80250-0996		Non-email members - \$40.00/year*		
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