



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

Colorado Woodworkers Guild

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President's Message

First I would like to welcome everyone that just became a member of the Guild. For those of you who missed the January meeting, we had a record attendance of nearly 100. What a way to start a new year! This was our largest meeting on record. I would personally like to thank all of you who made it so monumental. THANK YOU!!!!

Due to the lack of a December meeting we had quite a bit of business to discuss, and it took quite a bit longer than we had anticipated. Both me and the Board have gotten numerous requests to eliminate as much of the business from the meetings as possible and to add more of what we actually come to the meeting to see and learn about, WOODWORKING. Over the last year the Board has been very busy getting everything in order so that we can provide our members what they expect. Thanks to lots of hard work by a few people we have finally gotten the Guild to a functioning organization.

Starting at the February meeting we will limit the business conducted to just a few minutes of important announcements. We will now have a looping PowerPoint presentation with all the announcements that will be displayed on the TV's during the social period as well as during the Break. This will eliminate the need for me to stand up front and bore most of you to death for the first 30 minutes.

For those of you who were not at the January meeting, you probably didn't hear that we have brought back the mini demo. This will now be part of every meeting for the remainder of the year. Last month Kevin Loyd gave us a very brief demonstration on how to sharpen a hand saw. This month's mini demo will be on the uses of turning tools. John Hammer is going to demonstrate some common and less common uses for some of the standard turning tools.

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Upcoming Events

Tues, Feb. 15th 6-7 PM Social Hour
At **Rockler** 7 PM Guild Meeting
Presentation: Box Making by the Smiths

Sat., Feb 19th Hands on Chisel and Plane sharpening workshop. Two sessions, 9AM- Noon and 1-4PM
Sign up at Feb. 15th Guild meeting for directions

Tues, Feb. 22nd 6 PM Board Meeting (Open to all)
At **Panera Bread**

Tues, Mar. 15th 6-7 PM Social Hour
At **Rockler** 7 PM Guild Meeting
Presentation: Router Techniques by Al Cummins

Tues, Mar. 22nd 6 PM Board Meeting (Open to all)
At **Panera Bread**

Tues, Apr. 19th 6-7 PM Social Hour
At **Rockler** 7 PM Guild Meeting
Presentation: Bandsaw tuneup by Paul Seipel

Tues, Apr. 26th 6 PM Board Meeting (Open to all)
At **Panera Bread**

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware is located at 2553 S. Colorado Blvd. Meetings are held in the basement.

Panera Bread is right accross the street from Rockler at 2446 S. Colorado Blvd. Meetings are held in the patio.

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If you have any specific requests of mini demos you would like to see or you would like to volunteer to do a mini demo feel free to send an email to President@coloradowoodworkersguild.org

The last two meetings we have tested out a social period from 6-7 with great success. This gives our members a chance to interact with one another, network and make new friends. The turnout has been wonderful with at least half of the attendance showing up by 6:30. Based on the previous success we are going to make this permanent. From now on we will have a social period from 6:00-7:00 before every meeting. We will continue to provide coffee and cookies for each meeting. We are going to need some one to function as our Socials Chair. Responsibilities will include arranging the monthly refreshments as well as planning the holiday party and our summer BBQ. If you are interested in this position please feel free to contact me (my contact information is located on page 8) or see me at the next meeting.

If you have any requests or concerns please feel free to contact me any time. I look forward to having a great year for the Guild.

Mark Gering

President, Colorado Woodworkers Guild

New Monthly Raffles!

Our January meeting was the first time in quite a while that we held a raffle. It was a hit and will be continued each month. We will have approximately 5 items or collections of items each month. Tickets will be on sale during the social hour and during our break for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You will be able to enter your tickets into your choice of one or more of the prizes. The drawing will be held after the break.



This month's raffle will feature a Porter Cable Biscuit Joiner!

January Show and Tell

This month we were treated to 6 wonderful pieces brought in for Show and Tell. Jeff Herring brought in another stunning intarsia piece. It was fashioned after a Mexican mandala using many exotic woods.

It's obvious that Jeff enjoys making these pieces just by looking at the attention he gives to detail. Dennis Fanning brought in a "leftover" maple band saw box he made as part



of what he put together as Christmas gifts for some lucky folks on his list.



We can always depend on Dennis McCaigue to bring something from his

workshop to show off. This month he brought in a #8 plane he has been using for some time in its "original" state. He spent time over the Holidays bringing it back to what it once looked like. He spent time putting new handles on it and refreshing the Japaning in the bed. We're looking forward to seeing his treasures at next month's meeting!

Marcel Braun brought in a photo of cabinets he made with an antique ice box as design inspiration. Although we didn't have the opportunity to do



what woodworkers enjoy—touch and feel the wood, we did see his attention to detail and the way he designed his piece to fit the space it now calls home.

Doug (did not get a last name...) brought in 2 terrific canoe paddles he made just proving that he will never be up a creek without a paddle. He spent some time telling us the process he used, the types of wood that can be used in the water, and how it all comes together with a finish. We also discovered that Doug is headed back to the Pacific Northwest once his home is sold—we hope we'll be able to see you at our meetings before you venture off.



And last, but definitely not least, our winner this month-- Bill Hoppers! He brought in a beautiful reproduction of a candle stand he made out of walnut. He said it was the first piece he has made since losing an eye. It certainly didn't seem to slow Bill down at all. The piece was unique in its design requiring Bill to do some wood-turning. He talked about spindle turning as being particularly tricky with only one eye. Bill, you are an inspiration to all!



We invite everyone to bring in one of your creations to share with the group. We will be happy to hear about anything from your latest woodworking project to a jig you created to a tool you reconditioned. If it's already found a permanent home or is too large to put in your vehicle, bring us a few photos to show it off. We learn as you stand up and explain

something about your piece. It can be what inspired you to make it, why you chose the particular wood(s) you used, difficulties you experienced (we'll definitely learn something!) or just why you're glad to finally have it out of your shop!

Please try to get to the meeting early enough so you can hang around your piece to answer all the questions we want answers to and give us an opportunity pick your brain—it's a great way to learn. Once the pieces have been presented, all the members will have an opportunity to vote for the one they enjoyed the most for that meeting. The winner will be announced and bestowed with a small token of our appreciation.

Viki Hennon

Show and Exhibits Chair

Woodworking On the Net

Reviewing the surveys that have been collected so far, it appears that some of you may not be aware of the many free woodworking resources available online. Now during the cold winter months when it may be difficult to get out in the shop, reading and watching videos may be the another way to enjoy the hobby.

There are various types of woodworking related sites. **Blogs** are usually written by a single person as almost a diary of their thoughts and activities. There are a number of bloggers (as the writers are called) that are woodworkers.

If you are interested in learning about hand tool techniques, an excellent source is

<http://www.logancabinetshoppe.com/blog.html> by Bob Rozaieski. He is a cabinetmaker who only uses hand tools. He also has an excellent video **Podcast** which are free videos that you can watch from his site, or download using iTunes to add to your iPod or other devices.

Another avid podcaster (and mostly power tool user) is the Marc Spagnolo at

<http://thewoodwhisperer.com/>

Next month I will cover other types of sites such as **Forums** which are a great place to get your questions answered. Let me know of any good sites that you use!

Richard Gonzalez

January Presentation

Guild member Arnold Silverman presented his reproduction Dunlap Cabinet Makers basket weave table as our demonstration at the January meeting. This was the same table that he had on display during the Woodworking Show in November, where it took top honors.

Arnold has been taking classes at Red Rocks Community College since his retirement and has proven to be a craftsman with many of his creations since.

His table is crafted from cherry. The top consists of a single large piece of 6/4 he was able to purchase. He spoke of how he had trouble with the piece cupping and how he was eventually able to flatten it and deal with a small crack in the end. The top was routed to produce a raised lip around the outer edge. Arnold had to devise a substantial jig to complete this part of the project, since any deflection of the jig would result in a top that wasn't flat.

The basket weave carving in the aprons is a result of 12,000 steps of drilling and hand carving out triangular pieces. This gives the effect of a woven basket. In the ends are slide out shelves whose original use was to hold candles.



The legs are cabriole with ball and claw feet. Arnold was asked how many legs he had to make to get four that matched. He said it is normal for a craftsman to make five in case one of the legs doesn't come out right but he said he made only four and that they are far enough apart that the slight variations in them aren't noticeable. There are two parallel vertical mortises in the upper end of these legs. One for the inner apron and the other for the outer basket-weave apron.

Our thanks go to Arnold for the demonstration of his wonderful Table. It is a show winner, as usual.

\$1,700 Kreg Router Table Package Raffle

Following Wood Magazine's Woodworking Show at the Denver Merchandise Mart, the Kreg National Sales Manager donated a very fine router table with many accessories to the Guild. This is a high end router table system and one of the best on the market (router not included). The Guild is having a raffle for members only and the drawing will be held at our April meeting. That's right, members only, which means the odds of you winning are even greater. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each and will be sold each month at our monthly meetings between now and the break of the April meeting. You can buy as many tickets as you want. The drawing will be held at

the end of the meeting in April and you do not have to be present to win.

The table and all accessories will be on display at each of our monthly meetings. Stop by and check it out, you will not be disappointed. All funds raised from the raffle will be used to support the Guild's many activities and programs throughout the year. Here's your chance to help support the Guild and win big!

For more details on the system, you can visit Kreg's website by clicking on these links.

<http://tinyurl.com/48h8jl3>

<http://tinyurl.com/4vv8k7b>

<http://tinyurl.com/4uauqhr>



Upcoming Gallery Showing!

The Guild is being given a unique opportunity--to be showoffs! All we have to do is build the pieces to show off! The Lakewood Cultural Center is offering to host the Colorado Woodworkers Guild this fall in one of its galleries. We will be showing woodworking pieces that have been made from start to finish by our members. To give you an idea of how large this will be for us--the area that has been set aside for our display is just about 750 square feet. The gallery is prominently located inside the Cultural Center. It will accommodate large pieces with plenty of floor space and no crowding. In addition, there are pedestals with and without acrylic enclosures for the smaller pieces.

It gets better folks! The curator will post, in tastefully done acrylic lettering next to your piece, a short biography of you, the woodworker. In addition, as we discussed it, there will be a few "process" photographs of the piece as it is being built. Woodworkers are also given the latitude to offer the piece shown for sale. The gallery does receive a percentage of the sale. This is a huge opportunity for those members who want to take their first step into the arena of showing and selling their work! For those who have already shown or sold work it is yet another opportunity for exposure.

AND, (you gotta love this), there will be display materials provided including pamphlets that will be mailed out prior to the opening. Speaking of openings, the curator is also proposing that we hold an Opening Night, with invitations going out to any in our database, the local folks, and others. It can include appetizers and wine! Dust off the sawdust and bring those important to you for this event.

This may seem like a very early announcement but as usual there is some prep work to be done. First, we need to know what the interest level is within our group of woodworkers. Are you interested in having the opportunity to have a gallery showing for your work? If there isn't enough interest, we may have to let the Center know we cannot fill the gallery.

Then there is the opposite side of the coin--if there are too many pieces to fit into our allotted space, we will have to come up with a process to select pieces for entry.

This opportunity will not come without work and

participation on our part. What else is new? That said, there may come a time (that's a good bet!) when the committee will need more volunteers to get it all done and have it done as only we can do it. Please don't be shy because with your efforts, we can make this event a resounding success for our Guild!

Please let me hear from you with questions you may have or to get involved as we move forward. The email address that will reach me for this is:

Shows@ColoradoWoodworkersGuild.org

Viki Hennon

Show & Exhibits Chair

New Guild Library

The Guild is happy to announce that we are forming a new woodworking library. We have already received generous donations from David Johnson and John Dunn of a complete collection of Fine Woodworking magazines. We also have some books and other magazines that were in various corners of the Rockler basement.

We would like to expand on this by seeking donations of any woodworking related books or DVDs that you may have that you no longer need or use. They will still be available to you, as we intend to make all the materials available for checkout to members. You will be able to check out any available materials at our regular Guild meetings, and return them the following month. In the next few months we hope to have a listing of materials on the website and allow reserving materials.

To make the large collection of magazines more useful, I will be able to search an index of all the magazine articles, and identify the specific issues that cover a subject you are looking for. For example, if you want articles on making a bandsaw circle jig, or French polishing, I will be able to find it for you. Please send me an email at library@coloradowoodworkersguild.org if there is something specific you are looking for, or if you have materials you wish to donate.

We will have a library table set up at our meetings for you to look through our materials and check out those of interest.

Richard Gonzalez Guild Librarian

February Program Speakers

Our February demo is being presented by Henry and Charlie Smith a husband and wife team.

Henry, a wood enthusiast, has always liked working with his hands and wood. Prior to starting Mountainview Woodcrafting as a full time endeavor Henry was a software engineer.

Henry and Charlie (she's the wife) work side by side crafting jewelry and keepsake boxes. In the woodshop Henry uses fine woods and crafts each box to a smooth polish. Charlie works on cutting and pressing the veneers and creating decorative intarsia pieces that often adorn the finished boxes, as well as



the rich linings. Each box created by the couple is more like a work of art to them. Please join us Tuesday, February 15 to hear from this woodworking couple.

Community Call for Help

We have a call for help from our local community. Mark Mahoney is the advisor for a group of students looking to win a robotic competition who was at our last meeting asking for help. He needs someone to build a large box to carry a robot, tools and the spare parts. The case needs to be 4'x4'x70". This shouldn't take a long time to make so please step up and lend a hand. If you have some spare time to knock this box out, please contact Mark at: yenoham.mark@gmail.com or (303)520-4639.

Do you have your new membership Card?

The new membership cards are black and have the new logo (as seen on page 1). A reminder to returning members - starting this year all memberships are for the calendar year, if you have not gotten your new card, you need to pay your annual dues. You can do so at a Guild meeting or on the Guild website via paypal.

Our sponsors have been given the new membership cards as samples, and all prior versions will no longer be honored.

Sandpaper Group Buy Opportunity

At the February Guild meeting, there will be an opportunity to order sandpaper at wholesale prices. A wide variety of types and grits will be available, pressure sensitive rolls, 9" X 11" sheets, hook and loop rounds, etc. Please be prepared to write a check, we will not be collecting cash or accepting credit cards for this group buy. Order forms will be available at the February Guild meeting. Stock up and save now!

Did you fill out a Survey yet?

We have created a survey to collect information that will help us determine how the Guild can best serve its members. If you have not filled one out yet, they will be available at every Guild meeting. We are also working on a version that can be filled out from the web site. We really need to hear from everyone so that we know the kind of information that people are looking for.

Classified Ads

Guild members may place classified ads in this newsletter. Do you have tools, wood or other related items you'd like to see go to another local woodworker? If so, please send your ad request to newsletter@coloradowoodworkersguild.org.

For sale: Shopsmith V with lathe, bandsaw, table saw and dust attachments. If interested, contact Lindy Baer, pastpresident@coloradowoodworkersguild.org.

GUILD MEMBER DISCOUNTS

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Abilene Awards & Logos

www.AbileneAwards.com

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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

Offers Contractor Discount (roughly 20%)

Austin Hardwoods

www.AustinHardwoods.com

975 W. Mississippi, Denver, CO.

303-733-1292

Monthly Board Meeting - help needed

The CWG Board Meeting is held on the fourth Tuesday at 6 p.m. The meeting is open to all members. We have many opportunities available if you wish to help with the operation of the Guild.

We need someone to take charge of hospitality - providing the snacks and coffee at meetings and planning the summer barbecue and year-end holiday dinner. We need help with Membership, manning the sign in tables and taking new memberships.

Our Videographer Cal has asked for someone to be available for days that he is out of town. Most of the committees also can use new blood, and we can always use more toy makers!

WOOD OF THE MONTH - February

Centennial Wood

5/4 Rough African Mahogany at \$5.00/bf

Paxton

4/4 Brown Soft Maple at \$1.76/bf

Austin

Lots of new exotics in!

CWG Website

Our new and growing website is up and running. Please point your browsers to www.coloradowoodworkersguild.org and take a peek. All paid-up members will have access to the member-only area where you will be able to gain access to many additional features not available on the public side. Explore and, most importantly, complete your profile!

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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.

Hands-On Opportunities -- We will have several events every year where you can get hands on to learn new skills.

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

Community Service 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 or teach at other events like fairs and children's expos.

Field Trips -- To local lumber yards, mills and member 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.

Our website is now set up to allow you to join and pay your dues using PayPal, or you are welcome to join by mail using the form below, or sign up at any regular Guild meeting.

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