



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

Colorado Woodworkers Guild

March 2011

President's Message

After lots of hard work, we are finally starting to get things in order. The website is starting to take shape, and we are currently building our library which should be available at the March meeting. In addition we held this year's first (and very successful) hands-on workshop. This is something we are going to try to do on a monthly and hopefully biweekly basis but that will be determined by the amount of interest we get from our members. We are currently in the process of creating a schedule of hands-on workshops for the next few months and a few topics have been discussed include Hand Cut dovetails, Bandsaw boxes, and Veneering, along with some tours of woodshops belonging to Guild members.

These hands on workshops will be similar to the class that Stan Wolpert put on over the scary sharp sharpening method, which we will try to do again within the next few months. The success and continuation of these classes will be dependent upon the level of interest and getting adequate volunteer support to put them on. PLEASE do not hesitate to request a topic for a hands on class. Even if we do not get enough people to put together a class, we may be able to pair you up with a member that can give you some one on one training. Who knows you might even make a new friend!

We will announce the topic for the next class at the March meeting. If you have any suggested topics or would like to volunteer to assist or teach one of these classes please send an email to President@coloradowoodworkersguild.org.

Mark Gering

President, Colorado Woodworkers Guild

Upcoming Events

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

Sat., Mar. 19th 8:30 AM-Noon Guild member
Shop Tour in Parker/Elizabeth area. See Page 3 for details.

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 Log Sawing by Paul Seipel

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

Sat., Apr. 30th 9 am-4 pm **SketchUp Class** At
Front Range Community College, Room 1502. See
page 3 for details.

Tues, May 17th 6-7 PM Social Hour
At *Rockler* 7 PM Guild Meeting
Presentation: Finishing by Rich Johnson

Tues, May 24th 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.

Front Range Community College is on Miller Drive
in Longmont.

Breaking News: Many of you know Pete Holtus, a member of the Front Range Woodturners, and frequent teacher at Rockler and Woodcraft. Pete has been diagnosed with a serious medical condition, and is experiencing significant medical bills. The Turners are holding a benefit auction and fundraiser for Pete, for details, please see frontrangewoodturners.org/PHBA/index.html. Please help support an ailing local fellow woodworker!

February Show and Tell

February's meeting brought in half a dozen projects to share with the group. Again, all were interesting, thought provoking and informative. We continue to encourage our members to bring a project to share with all of us. You will have a chance to win a Rockler gift card if your project is voted best of the group for that month. All you need to do is fill out the little information sheet at the Show & Tell table. As always, we encourage everyone present to vote for their favorite project.

Curt Vogt, our host at Rockler, brought in a vessel he had turned showing how we all learn from the trials and tribulations of woodworking. It had blown out once it got just a "shade" too thin.



Jeff Herring brought in yet another wonderful intarsia piece he had spent approximately 70 hours to complete. He copied

one of his wife's quilts in wood and it was amazing in its attention to detail.

Mark Klosky showed us a very special Val-

entines 'card' he had made his wife. He created a heart shaped bowl made from walnut (air dried not steamed and kiln dried) with 2 inlays of hearts on the back out of cherry and bloodwood.



Dennis McCaigue showed us what can be done when you have a spare moment and some scrap wood. He made his sister a little gift that was a very creative design done with several different species of wood. Amazing what happens when you combine a bit of creative genius with some wood lying around the shop.



Doug Pinney brought in a hand plane he made from beech. He spent time explaining the process of how to make a plane including the special features of his. He had to work to get the angle correct and he used a very hefty plane blade to keep it from chattering. These planes are



March Raffle

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 690 Router!



fun and rewarding to make.

Our winner for that night was Bob Brewer. He had a large ladder fire truck made from oak and maple-- all recycled woods in his shop. This truck along with several other toys that Bob made, were made from plans readily available from catalogues. The specialty items on the truck were also available for purchase from the company. Any questions about how to get the plans, see Bob.



Viki Hennon

Shows & Exhibits Chair

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Guild Member's Shop Tour!

On Saturday, March 19th, we are offering a tour of four member's shops. These vary from large dedicated buildings, to a basement shop and small garage shop. Maps and a signup list will be available at the March Guild meeting. This tour will be in the extreme south-east area (Parker and Elizabeth). Come along and get ideas for your shop! We will meet in the Sprouts parking lot on the corner of Lincoln and Parker at 8:30 and carpool from there.

SketchUp Class for Woodworkers!

This is the class you've been waiting for. A full 6 hours of classroom hands on training in the use of SketchUp. SketchUp is a free, easy to use and powerful 3D design and modeling program by Google. SketchUp can be downloaded at SketchUp.google.com. This class will be tailored specially for us woodworkers.

The class will be held on Saturday, April 30th in a computer lab at Front Range Community College-Boulder campus in Longmont, CO. Each attendee will have the full hands-on use of a computer. The class is being taught by Steve Dapkus (who is also a woodworker) on Google's SketchUp team. The plan is to introduce you to the capabilities of SketchUp and to actually work on the design of woodworking projects.

Here is a description of what will be covered:

Morning: The basics about making shapes, manipulating them, and extruding in 3D space

Afternoon:

- 1) A small bench with a few important joints (dovetails and mortise/tenon).
- 2) A basic cabinet (basically how to make a box).
- 3) A shop table. One that could be tailored for specific uses, like an outfeed table or a router table. (This one may be optional due to time).

Here are the details:

When: April 30, 2011 from 9:00-4:00 (1 hour break for lunch)

Where: Front Range Community College, Room 1502, Miller Drive, Longmont, CO.

Cost: \$50.00 for CWG members and \$75.00 for non members (includes CWG membership for 2011).

Seating is limited! If you are interested in this class, we must receive a commitment and **full payment** by April 1st. We will be passing out flyers with complete details at our meeting in March. In the meantime, if you would like to sign up early to reserve your seat, you can email John Dunn at vicepresident@coloradowoodworkersguild.org or call 720-353-0353.

To whet your appetite, a quick demo of SketchUp will be provided at the March Guild meeting.

February Presentation

The February presentation was given by Henry Smith, a woodworker from Longmont. After he and his wife Charlie moved to Colorado, Henry told us how they started their jewelry box business (which both he and his wife work together on) and shared with us some of the problems he had when he started.

One of his biggest problems was burning the wood when he was making bevel cuts in woods like cherry. He spoke to his table saw blade manufacturer who suggested he raise the blade to the full height when making the cuts. This stopped the burning.

Other problems are avoided because Henry has developed a very specific and well documented work flow for each of his designs. He has written down step by step directions and measurements for each piece and uses them to reduce variability in his production. He has also developed jigs that help him with certain steps, such as adding the tiny biscuits he uses to reinforce his mitered corners.

He also shared that when finishing his boxes he uses up to 2000 grit silicon carbide paper which he

lightly sands in only one direction, and he finishes by applying five coats of lacquer.

The Jewelry boxes that the Smith's produce feature veneer tops and velvet interiors that Charlie creates. They always use 1/2 inch MDF as the substrate for the veneer work, and have found that this is stiff enough that they do not need to veneer both sides to avoid warping.



After starting out by selling at craft shows, the Smith's now sell mainly through galleries, and online. To prevent issues with the Gallery owners, they make sure that their online prices are never lower than the Gallery prices.

Stan Wolport

Programs Chair

\$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. 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!

The Router Lift included in the package is designed to hold the powerful Porter Cable 7518 and similar sized routers (the router is not included in the prize package).

Al Cummins will be using this table for the March presentation, so you will get a chance to see it in action.

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>

Lakewood Gallery Showing

The City of Lakewood Cultural Center has offered to host a display of work from members of our Guild! They host ongoing and rotating exhibits throughout the year. They have offered the Guild a nearly 750 square foot gallery to display a variety of work done by our membership. The gallery includes both floor space for furniture and pedestals with or without plexi covers to accommodate and secure the smaller items. The Center also provides printed brochures discussing the pieces displayed and the woodworkers doing them. In addition, the brochure will include pictures of the process involved in making the item displayed as well as a short biography of the woodworker. They encourage the items be made available for sale although this is not mandatory. A percentage of the sale is kept by the Gallery as a way to help cover costs.

This is a very exciting opportunity for the Guild! If you have wanted to sell your work this is an excellent starting point. If you already sell your work it is yet another venue. If you have no interest in selling your work you can still display your work as 'not for sale' (NFS) and represent the varied interests and talents of the woodworkers of our Guild. Please don't be shy!

If you have an interest in getting involved in this incredible opportunity, please let me know as soon as possible (there will also be a sign up sheet at the March meeting). The display of our work is set for later in the year probably sometime in October or November. The lead time will allow us the time we need to coordinate with the Gallery and for you to create your pieces. We need information about size/type of piece or pieces you are interested in having displayed. If you are in the midst of creating something or have been thinking about that special piece and it is not yet finished, please let me know. There's plenty of time to create your project and have it finished in time to display.

Wouldn't it be disappointing to have to tell Lakewood we don't have enough interest to participate in this really remarkable opportunity? Please talk with me today!

Viki Hennon

Shows & Exhibits Chair

Shows@ColoradoWoodworkersGuild.org

March Presentation

The March presentation is being give by Al Cummins. Al was a founding member of the guild when it got started and has taught classes on using the router at Red Rock Community College and Rockler Wookworking and Hardware.

Al will be using the Kreg router table and demonstrating how to use the router table as a jointer. He will also be making a five point box.

Al's knowledge about routers and router bits will provide many answers about using a router. Al is also willing to answer your questions during his presentation.

We will also be raffling off a router at the March Guild meeting, so not only come to learn, but also to win!

Our CWG Website

Introduction

The purpose of this article is to introduce our new website to the Colorado Woodworkers Guild members. The CWG website is a portal that offers many services, including communication to and between members. It is especially useful to share woodworking tips, techniques, and information.

Our new website at www.coloradowoodworkersguild.org went on line December 8, 2010 to replace the former website that was badly hacked and had to be taken off line. The website went on line after several months of development and will continue to evolve. Comment and feedback is welcome as we continue to make improvements.

What You Can Do

From the website, currently, members can obtain copies of the newsletters, as well as meeting minutes from various meetings, see the results of our Show & Tell events at our monthly meetings, view the Guild calendar of events, and read reports about Guild activities.

In addition, each member can complete her or his individual profile, which may contain information about woodworking interests and skills. Members can also develop their portfolio—a place where they can describe their work and include photographs of some

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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:

Power Craft 10" radial arm saw \$75

Needs a new blade. Model TC2610C w/3 spindles
Not sure of HP rating

If interested, contact Bob Brewer anytime at home 303-795-8664 or email @ pbbrewerjr@hotmail.com

Next Sandpaper Group Buy Opportunity

At the April Guild meeting, there will be another 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 March Guild meeting. Stock up and save!

Guild Display at Arts and Crafts Show

The Guild will have a display table at the Colorado Arts and Crafts Society's *Gathering of the Guilds* to be held on Sunday, May 1 at the Boettcher Mansion on Lookout Mountain, in Golden. Anyone who has Arts and Crafts style projects (including those you may wish to sell!) they would like to display, please contact Viki Hennon at shows@coloradowoodworkersguild.org. The event will run from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. We will also need a few people to man the table, please let Viki or Mark Gering know if you are interested. For more info about the event, please see www.coloarts-crafts.org/events.htm

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of their pieces. Members can also view the portfolios of other members. Further, if members choose, they may elect to place their names and portfolios in the "Find A Craftsman" area, an area available to the public so that they can find a craftsman for some custom work.

The website also permits members to renew their annual membership, to use the Member Roster to contact other members and, in the near future, to participate in topic-specific forum activities. Members, in the "Member Home" area, have access to member-only information such as the availability of special sales and commissions.

Accessing the Website

The address for the website is: www.coloradowoodworkersguild.org. This address will take you to the public area of the website. There is a member-only area which requires that you complete a login in order to see the member-only content. Many of you already have a username and password. If you are experiencing difficulty accessing the website or do not have or know your username or password, please send an email to webmaster@coloradowoodworkersguild.org and we will provide you with the information needed to log into the website.

Looking to the Future

The website will become an important part of our Guild communications. Through it we will provide extensive communication to members. Such communications will include instructions on how to best use the website, educational materials, and links to other woodworking resources and vendors. As mentioned earlier, we also plan to make it possible for members to participate in a forum. Depending upon the interest, we might see forums for turning, antique tool restoration, marquetry or any other woodworking area, depending on interest.

Need Help?

So, if you haven't, please get into the website and complete your profile. If you are having difficulty, contact webmaster@coloradowoodworkersguild.org. Soon we will offer some brief workshops on how to best utilize the website. Watch for the announcements!

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

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.

This month we are looking for a new treasurer. Laura does a great job, but she lives up in Granby and it is very difficult and time consuming for her to get to meetings so she has asked to see if anyone is willing to take over.

We are also looking for additional help for our website. Anyone with web experience (especially if you have used Joomla) is invited to help.

Our Videographer Cal has asked for someone to be available for days that he is out of town.

If interested in any of these positions, please contact Mark at president@coloradowoodworkersguild.org

WOOD OF THE MONTH - March

Centennial Wood, Paxton and Austin Hardwoods have not identified any specials this month, but you can always show your Guild Membership card for a discount!

Please always show your membership card!

Did you know that the prizes we give away for the Show and Tell come from you showing your card to our sponsors? Rockler provides us with a free gift card every time a certain number of people show their membership card when checking out. Even if you are buying only sale items (they cannot offer a further discount off sale prices), show your card so we will continue to earn prizes for our Show and Tell!

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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.

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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