



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

Colorado Woodworkers Guild

April 2011

President's Message

We have had some recent changes to the board of directors. We would like to thank Kevin Loyd for his service to the Guild as the secretary. Due to time constraints with his work schedule, Kevin felt that he would no longer be able to fulfill the duties of his position. He will continue being an active member and a vital asset to the Guild. The board has found and approved a new secretary. Viki Hennon will now fill the Secretary position for the remainder of the year. With Viki becoming the new secretary she had to vacate her position as the Shows and Exhibits committee chair. Kevin Loyd volunteered to man Viki's old post.

We are also in desperate need of a replacement for our treasurer Laura Peterson. As most of you know Laura lives in Granby which is a minimum of a 2 hour drive in the best of conditions. This commute has become too burdensome for her to continue on as the treasurer. Anyone willing to volunteer please contact any of the board members or send an email to info@coloradowoodworkersguild.org.

Here is a list of our current board of directors:

President: Mark Gering
Vice President: John Dunn
Treasurer: Vacant
Secretary: Viki Hennon
Director at large: Duane McBride
Webmaster: Vacant
Librarian: Richard Gonzalez
Shows and Exhibits: Kevin Lloyd
Programs : Stan Wolport
Membership: Travis Brown
Community Service: Bill Huffer
Nominations: John Hammer
Socials: Vacant
Audio Video: Cal Noguchi

We are also still looking for volunteers for our committees. We currently have openings on

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Upcoming Events

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

Sat., Apr. 23rd 9:30 AM Dovetail Vise build / Hand cut dovetail class \$20 fee (see page 4 for details)
At *Rockler*

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 4 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*

Tues., June 21st 6-7 PM Social Hour
At *Rockler* 7 PM Guild Meeting
Presentation: Veneering by Viki Hennon

Sat., June 25th Trip to CS Woods (further details to be provided at April Guild meeting)

Tues., June 28th 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 across 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.

President's Message, Continued

every committee. Without volunteers we will be limited in what benefits we can offer our members. Please speak with any officer/board member at the April meeting or send an email to president@coloradowoodworkersguild.org

For those of you that were not at last month's meeting we had a guest from the Front Range Woodturners. Mr. Ron Ainge, their current President, notified us they were having a benefit for the family of Pete Holtus who was battling cancer. Pete is a fellow woodworker and long time friend of the Guild and a very close friend of many of our members. It is with great sadness that I notify you that on Sunday April 4th 2011 Pete passed away while in the Denver Hospice Inpatient Care Center. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED!!!

Please also see an important safety message from the Board on page 7.

Mark Gering

President, Colorado Woodworkers Guild

President@coloradowoodworkersguild.org.

April Presentation

The April program is being presented by Paul Seipel. Paul is a longtime member of the guild. Paul's woodworking speciality is the band saw. He has taught many classes at both Rockler and Woodcraft on bandsaw boxes. He will be demonstrating a new carter bandsaw sled for cutting logs into slabs and will then cut a bandsaw box.

April 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. You can also receive 1 free ticket for each woodworking related book or video you donate to the guild library!

Remember, the April meeting is also when we are holding the drawing for the Kreg router table, so this will be the last opportunity to buy tickets for a chance to win it!

Guild Member's Shop Tour

On Saturday, March 19th about 15 Guild members went on a tour of 4 member's shops in the Parker/Elizabeth area.

The first stop was at Jeff Roth's shop. His shop is large, approximately 2000 sq. ft. and was once a dairy barn. Jeff has used the space to his advantage, with plenty of space between tools, large worktables and outfeed tables on his two table saws, one of which is a Sawstop. Along with his power tools, he also has a very nice hand tool cabinet that holds a good selection of tools, some of which are heirlooms passed



down to him through his family.

Jeff also allowed us into his home, where he showed us several beautiful pieces he has built, mostly in an Arts and Crafts style. If you'd like to learn about fuming White Oak, ask Jeff, he has the process mastered!

The next stop was at the home of Stan Wolport. Stan's shop is in the basement of his home. A large unfinished area is the machine room, with a large Powermatic lathe along with many other tools. Stan is primarily a turner, but his shop is well equipped to do many kinds of work. Besides the machine room, a basement bedroom has been converted to his hand

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tool room with two cabinetmakers benches and a large collection of hand tools. This room holds his extensive book, video and magazine library, a DVD player, TV and is even carpeted!

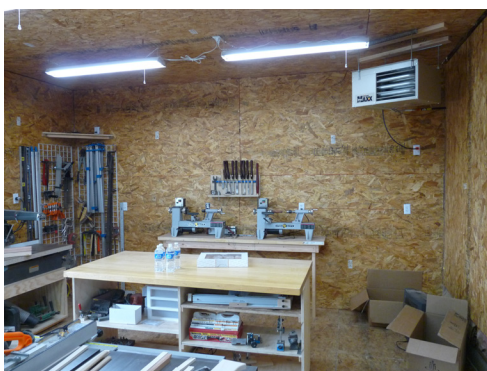


Throughout Stan's shop you can see his penchant for organization. Everything has its place, and every drawer or cabinet is labelled with its contents. You can also see the results of his many years of tool collecting, with hundreds of planes and other tools arranged neatly around the walls.



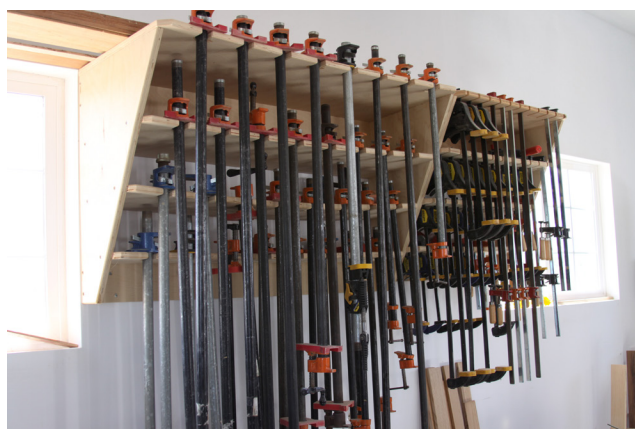
The third shop belonged to Richard Gonzalez. His shop is a 16 x 24 addition behind his garage.

Richard had just spent a month totally gutting the shop, adding insulation, a window and a heater to a formerly unfinished space. He also added an insulated wood floor, allowing for power to be run under the floor as well. He completed the work and moved his tools back in just the day before the tour! The entire shop is sheathed in OSB, allowing for



things to be hung wherever he needs them.

The last shop we visited belonged to Marcel Braun. His shop is a large dedicated outbuilding, approximately 1000 square feet. Marcel showed us



a large notebook that has photographs of the many projects he has build over the years. There were many custom built workstations in his shop and some innovative storage ideas such as his clamp storage rack that holds quite a few clamps in a compact area. He uses an interesting old Craftsman table saw that has a digitally controlled blade depth.

After the tour we all got together for lunch. It was a great time to get to know each other a little better, and I think everyone agreed that we had all learned a thing or two that we can use in our own shops.

Quite a few additional photographs are posted on the Guild website, check them out for many other views of these shops.

The Guild hopes to conduct further shop tours, in other areas of the front range. If you are willing to let us visit your shop, please let us know! Whether large or small, it is always great to see a fellow woodworker's work space, and since we are all woodworkers, you don't even have to clean up the sawdust!

Hands-on class – Dovetail vise

On Saturday April 23rd the guild will be having a class on building a dovetail vise. The class will be located in the basement of Rockler and will begin at 9:30 in the morning. I will be leading the class in which we will review the purpose and design and then build the vise. The price of admission includes the materials for the vise so that participants may build the vise and have a new tool for the shop at the end of class. Additionally, after we have completed the construction we will go over the use and procedures for making hand cut dovetails with the new vise. The price of the class is going to be \$20. There are still a couple of openings. For those interested please contact me.

Kevin Loyd

March Presentation

Our March presenter was Al Cummins. Al, at 94 years old, is a frequent demonstrator at Rockler and was a founding member of the Colorado Woodworkers Guild thirty years ago.

Al is an expert with the router. He believes the router is the most flexible and versatile tool in the shop. He explained about the different types of router bits, and the grades of carbide. He demonstrated how a router, mounted to a router table, can be used as a small edge jointer, by adding a thin shim (such as a metal ruler) to the outfeed fence, and aligning the bearing of a pattern bit to this outfeed fence. He also demonstrated how to make a “5 point” box joint, by dadoes spaced the bit thickness from the fence.

Many thanks to Al for sharing his enthusiasm for the router and router table with us.



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 wish to sign up, please bring your payment to the April Guild meeting, there may be a few openings left. For any questions, please email John Dunn at vicepresident@coloradoodworkersguild.org or call 720-353-0353.

Show & Tell March 2011

Cal Noguchi brought in a collaborative work titled "First Light". Cal built an elegant frame of mahogany, maple and bubinga, that holds a two pane glass photograph of a landscape. A striking piece of art that will look nice wherever it finds a home.



Al Limiero brought in a bench mount dovetail vice as depicted in Joseph Moxon's classic book *The Art of Joinery*. Al's vice was accurate down to the two



threaded wood screws. He explained some of the interesting lessons that came from threading wood. Not all woods are suitable and you only get one chance to get it right. Made of oak, like the original probably was, this was a solid well made addition to Al's shop and no doubt will see plenty of use. Kevin Loyd brought in a mutated version of a dovetail vice also based on the piece from Moxon's book. Suffering a lack of storage the primary goal of combining several functions yielded this odd duck. And yes I took the easy way out using threaded rods because I was not about to undertake threading wood (a tip of the hat to Al).



Mark Klosky brought in a salad bowl that teaches a lesson. Nothing says improvised artistic expression like the pass of a router set too low. A well done bowl that didn't reveal its secret.



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\$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, adapters are available for other routers (the router is not included in the prize package).

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>

Shows & Exhibits

A rare opportunity has come to the Guild. There is going to be a gallery opening to kick off the display of the Guild's work. More specifically the Guild is going to have a gallery space at the City of Lakewood Cultural Center. This is not going to be a collection of works that are only seen by passers by. This is going to be a organized and advertised gallery opening with flyers and postcards inviting people to come see the wonderful works of the Colorado Woodworkers Guild.

There will be roughly 750 square feet that will be arranged to best display the works that we submit. If we submitted only tables the wall would be bare. If we only submit artistic items then the floors would be open. So to remedy this we need the diversity of our group represented. There is floor space, wall space and pedestals to fit virtually anything we can make. The show and tells have been great and if we submitted half of the different pieces from those over the last few months, and the coming months no doubt, we will have a broad example of the talents we possess.

So to those that have wanted to put things in a gallery here is your chance. If you, like me have looked at an artist's co-op but can not manage the full commitment then this is perfect. You can bring things to show and you can bring things to sell. Most important we need to have the Guild well represented by its wide range of crafts from cabinetry to inlay to intarsia and beyond.

This opportunity for the Guild to have an advertised gallery opening has not happened before and if we make it a success then we may find more opportunities in the future. Do not hesitate come find me at the coming meetings and sign up on the roster. This will take place in the late fall, but to make this really impressive we need to start now. More information is coming to keep listening for details.

Kevin Loyd

Shows & Exhibits Chair

Shows@Coloradowoodworkersguild.org

Show and Tell, Continued

Ron Ainge, President of the Front Range Woodturners, came to provide news and show off three nice pieces. There was a hollow form with flower decoration, a scroll sawn collapsible basket and a segmented vase. Ron, did I hear you right over 1,000 separate pieces of wood? Wow, someone qualifies as being a teacher of patience, preparation and very fine turning.

And finally the winner of the night, Dennis McCaigue, who wowed the house with a little playing of one of his completed violins. A truly beautiful instrument that doesn't look its age. Dennis went to school for violin making out of high school and has worked in the classic journeyman's path to point of being a master of his craft.

Dennis has the rare qualification of having worked for the man known in the trade



as the meanest man in the business. In addition to working for this renowned master his career has taken him around north America and Europe. Overall it was an outstanding show and tell exhibiting the great talents and diversity of the membership. It is always good to share your efforts because we are all curious as to what everyone else is working on, so keep bringing your pieces!



Kevin Loyd

Shows & Exhibits Chair

A message about Safety

After the March Guild meeting, some members expressed concern over the issue of safety during demonstrations. This should be an area of concern for all of us. Woodworking has many potential dangers, due to sharp and high-speed powered tools. Any tool capable of cutting or shaping wood easily has the potential to cut skin or worse.

The Guild wants to ensure demonstrations at Guild events are performed safely. Towards this end, we will be making some safety related changes. Any demonstrator using power tools will be asked to demonstrate and discuss safe operations during their presentations. All members are encouraged to speak up if you see an operation that you think is being performed unsafely. At the raise of a concern, we will pause to make any necessary corrections. If you are uncomfortable with speaking out publicly, please speak to any Board member (board members wear a colored badge with our title in addition to a name badge).

We are investigating the feasibility of a movable shield.

Many members of the guild have substantial experience that allow them to work in a manner that may not be as safe for a less experienced woodworker. Demonstrations may use machines with some guards removed to allow a better view. Knowing that we have both experienced and novice woodworkers in attendance, we will endeavor to work as safely as possible, and discuss the safety aspects of work. In any case, however, we will stop if there is any safety issue raised, and not proceed unless it can be rectified.

We thank those that came forward with their concerns. We encourage all our members to work safely in their own shops. Generally, if it does not feel safe, it probably isn't. Take a moment to think if there is a better way to make the cut. There is usually a safe way, using the proper push stick, guard, hold down or other feature of the tool. Everyone should have a fire extinguisher and first aid kit available in your shop.

A recent news story discussed a young university student who was killed when her long hair was caught up in a lathe. This was a freak accident that was foreseeable and easily preventable with simple precautions. We do not want anyone we know to suffer such needless injuries. As Norm Abram always

said *"Before using any power tools let's take a moment to talk about shop safety. Be sure to read, understand, and follow all the safety rules that come with your power tools. Knowing how to use your power tools properly will greatly reduce the risk of personal injury. And remember, there is no more important rule than to wear these, safety glasses."*

This message from the Colorado Woodworkers Guild Board

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 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 Kevin Loyd 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 Gerling know if you are interested. For more info about the event, please see www.coloarts-crafts.org/events.htm

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.

Guild Member Discounts

Centennial Wood Co.
2775 W. 7th Ave, Denver, CO.
303-778-6209

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

New! ToolZone www.toolzone.com
8651 Grant St., Unit 1A
Thornton, CO 80229
(discount varies per item)

Woodcraft Denver 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

Remember, these discounts require you to show your membership card, if you are not yet a member why not join today!

WOOD OF THE MONTH - April

The wood for the month at **Paxton** is 4/4 Brown Soft Maple (S3S 13/16") \$1.65/bf.

Austin Hardwoods has added over 50 varieties of Domestic and Imported woods to their stock list, which they believe is the largest variety available in the Denver area.

They have also added a full line of Fiddes waxes in seven colors and three varieties of Fiddes shellac for french polishes.

Austin has also added a large selection of Behlen dyes, stains, toners, lacquers and other finishes, along with instructional DVDs.

We have posted copies of some flyers that Austin provided on our website (including their list of stocked hardwoods).

When you visit Austin, thank them for being a Colorado Woodworkers Guild sponsor and make sure you show your membership card to obtain contractor pricing!

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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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.

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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