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craftsmanship and knowledge

# Colorado Woodworkers Guild

## May 2011

### Vice President's Message

There's one thing in life that is certain. Change!

Our Guild president, Mark Gering called me early last week with news that he was having some health issues and would not be able to attend the board meeting and would be out of pocket for a while, while he is recuperating. He asked me to fill in at the board meeting which I did and now here I am writing this article. This is certainly not what I was expecting to be doing just a short week ago. However, life is full of surprises and changes and sometimes we all have to step up to the plate and carry the load.

One of the goals of the Guild is to sponsor activities that our members will receive benefits from. There are many types of benefits you can get by attending the many functions of the Guild, whether that's a Saturday workshop, Christmas dinner, or a birdhouse building event. We all receive benefits in different forms. For instance, when I attended the sharpening workshop at Stan Wolport's a couple of months ago, I not only got the benefit of learning new skills but I also got the benefit of meeting and getting to know several of the other members that I didn't previously know.

We are striving to offer more hands on workshops. We're planning a day trip to C.S. Woods, a Saturday visit to Austin Hardwoods, a summer BBQ and many more to be announced.

It takes a lot of hard work, time and effort to put on all these different programs. We have many volunteers that spend their precious time, scheduling, making phone calls and running around town to make these things happen. It is a labor of love. I would like to thank all of those folks in the past and the present who have worked so hard to make the Guild what it is today.

Certainly there is room for improvement in the Guild, there always is. It's come a long way and it continues to improve. But it does take effort and

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### Upcoming Events

Sat., May 14<sup>th</sup> 9:30 - Noon Guild Tour at *Austin Hardwoods* See page 2

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

Fri. - Sat, May 20-21 Guild Craftsman Show  
At *Rockler* See page 2

Sat., May 21<sup>st</sup> Tool Swap and Sale  
At *Rockler* See page 2

Tues., May 24<sup>th</sup> 6 PM Board Meeting (Open to all)  
At *Panera Bread*

Sat., June 4<sup>th</sup> 9 AM - 4 PM Scary Sharp Class  
At Stan Wolport's home, please see page 6

Sat., June 11<sup>th</sup> 9 AM - Noon? Shop Tour  
please see page 6.

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

Sat., June 25<sup>th</sup> Trip to CS Woods (further details to be provided at May Guild meeting)

Tues., June 28<sup>th</sup> 6 PM Board Meeting (Open to all)  
At *Panera Bread*

Other upcoming events are listed on the Guild Website [www.coloradowoodworkersguild.org](http://www.coloradowoodworkersguild.org)

*Austin Hardwoods* is located at 975 W. Mississippi, Denver, CO

*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.

### *Vice President's Message, Continued*

hard work and lots of it. It takes people just like you to make these things happen. Ask yourself. Is it time you step up to the plate and volunteer to help out?

I would like to send a shout out to Mark. I'm sure you all are with me in wishing him well and a speedy recovery.

**John Dunn,**

Vice President, Colorado Woodworkers Guild  
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### **May Guild Meeting and Presentation**

The May program is being presented by Rich Johnson (the Rockler store manager). He will be covering the correct steps in preparing wood for finishing and the order of steps in finishing. Rich has been teaching finishing for about 25 years and is sure to have something of value for all of us.

Also at this month's Guild meeting, we will be passing out the sandpaper purchased last month. During the social hour from 6 to 7 you will be able to see and try out the dovetail vises we built (see page 3) and also look at or check out many new books purchased for the Guild library.



### **Austin Hardwoods tour**

On Saturday, May 14th (this coming Saturday!) the Guild will be given a behind the scenes tour at Austin Hardwoods. They have added many new wood species and finishing products geared to hobbyist woodworkers. Austin is planning on having special handouts for us, so if you are planning to attend, please let Stan Wolport know at [bigstan39@gmail.com](mailto:bigstan39@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

We will meet at Austin, 975 W. Mississippi, Denver, at 9:30. Austin has also said they may have some surprises to hand out, so make sure to join us!

### **Shows & Exhibits: Rockler Craftsmen Show and Tool Swap**

First I would like to thank those that are bringing pieces to the Craftsmen show we will be holding at Rockler on May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The list looks great with some very interesting descriptions. You can all be expecting a call from me before the May 17th Guild meeting to discuss the bringing of pieces to Rockler. I would also like to extend any invitation to those that may have missed the sign-up sheet at the last meeting and would like to bring something to the show. If you have something to enter then please contact me.

An even bigger request now is that I will need help from some members to stand guard essentially, but more importantly to be ambassadors of the Guild. We will need people there for the full day on Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Rockler is hosting a tool swap in the parking lot that Saturday so there is a good chance that there could be a lot of people. If there are those of you that would like to team up that would be great. We really need to have at least one person on site the entire two days. If the makers would like to be there that would be great but it is not a requirement to submit a piece. I will have volunteer sign up sheets for people to fill out at the Guild meeting. The more representatives the Guild has these two days the better.

Thank you,

**Kevin Loyd**

Shows & Exhibits

### **Monthly 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!

Our congratulations go to Ben Anderson who won the Kreg Router table raffle. Ben joined the Guild this year, and purchased the winning ticket that night!



## ***Dovetail Class Turns into a Series***

### ***What happens when one day isn't enough, Alex?***

The Guild held its first hands-on dovetail class at Rockler on April 23. It was a success in the fact that 12 of us went home with a new dovetail vise. Additionally, it was good to see everyone working together in teams to efficiently make and assemble all the parts. In an often solitary craft the comradery



and cooperation made for a fun and productive day. Given that there were some that had to leave early and there was in general too much information for one day the class has been transformed into a more thoroughly structured four part series.

The first step was building the vise. The next step will be during the social hour at the May 17th Guild meeting. There will be a few saw vises set up and a variety of hand-saws for the students to use. This will allow them to see the



difference the saw makes and help them understand better the affect the saw has in the process and on the results. There will then be two Saturday classes at Rockler. The next will be in the later half of July. This class will be focused more on the saw, the geometry



and sharpening of the teeth, setting the teeth, technical exercises for sawing and ending the afternoon with everyone having cut a simple set of dovetails.

The following class will have a more intensive focus on dovetails. With everyone having completed their vises, become more proficient with their handsaws and done some dovetailing practice this final gathering will go into the difference between the two classes of dovetails. This will involve a little discussion and a lot of cutting of dovetails. This is when we can all go through the process and work on techniques together to move our dovetails from the construction grade to possessing the knowledge necessary to make the showpiece joinery. I look forward to moving through the steps with everyone. Times and dates will be announced as soon as they are set.

***Kevin Loyd***

Shows & Exhibits

## ***April Presentation***

The April presentation was given by Paul Seipel. Paul demonstrated the new Carter bandsaw jig for resawing logs up to 23" long and approximately 6 to 8 inches round. Paul feels the quality of Carter products for the band saw is excellent.

He then gave a demonstration on bandsaw boxes and went over the basic steps used to make a box. The following are the steps:

1. Make sure to flatten the bottom square to the back of your box.
2. Cut a 1/4" thick back off the box blank.
3. Make a copy of the pattern and glue it to the front of the box.
4. Start cutting out the pattern following the arrows on the lines, if given.
5. Cut out the drawers.
6. Glue the back on the box.
7. Cut out the outside shape of the box..
8. Sand all of the box. Sand some more.
9. Cut the front and back off the drawer.
10. Cut out the middle of the drawer.
11. Glue the front and back on the drawer.
12. Sand all parts and finish the box.

Paul highly recommended the Carter blade stabilizer for cutting the bandsaw boxes. This replaces the upper guide with a single bearing with a groove to support the blade. The lower guides are removed or backed off when using the blade stabilizer. Using the stabilizer allows for much tighter turns. Paul also recommends using a 3/16" blade.

At a later date, Paul will also be demonstrating how to flock the inside of the drawers.

Many thanks to Paul for an informative evening.

***Stan Wolport***

Programs Chair

## ***SketchUp Class Held***

If you missed the SketchUp class held April 30<sup>th</sup> you missed a great opportunity. Thanks to Al Limiero who set everything up with Front Range Community College and Steve Dapkus from Google SketchUp. Steve was one of the original employees of @Last Software in Boulder, which then got bought out by Google to then become SketchUp.

We were able to fill all the seats in the computer lab and everyone showed up bright eyed and ready to learn at 9A.M. Each person had their own computer and the instructor's computer screen was displayed on a large smart board at the front of the class room. There were a broad range of people who attended. From people with minimal computer experience to several who had used SketchUp to create very complex drawings. There were 5 Guild members who had experience with SketchUp who helped out with the class. Thanks to Al Limiero, Cal Noguchi, Richard Gonzalez, Chuck Hevenor, and Viki Hennon for helping. I think I can speak for all of us, whatever our experience level we all left knowing more about SketchUp than when we walked in.

Steve said he would be willing to teach another class for the Guild. The Guild will be working on setting that up later on this year. Look for an announcement in the newsletter and/or at a meeting.

If you were unable to attend and have an interest in SketchUp or have used SketchUp, Steve set up a blogspot with some useful information for Guild members. Please go to the following website: <http://cwngsu.blogspot.com/2011/04/class-resources.html>

Richard Gonzalez has set up a Forum on the Guild website. This is accessible from the "Member Home" area, click on CWG Forums link on the left. This is a place where you can ask questions, share what you have done, share useful web sites or other interesting things about SketchUp. You can even post SketchUp files you need help with.

***Viki Hennon***



## Show & Tell April 2011

There were only three submissions to the Show & Tell in April, but they were very nice. Mike Seymour brought in two pieces. The first was a very nice example of scroll work. The flowing writing with the mirror reversal made for a very nice effect. At first what appeared to be a decorative piece stood out as a



name with a second look. Mike's second piece was a jewelry box with even more fine detailed scroll work. There was a bit of controversy when he said it was walnut. With some debate as to what wood it was it may be that Mike is an owner of mystery wood. I



know I have a few pieces of mystery wood that need using. There is no mystery though regarding Mike's skills with the scroll saw. Very nice work indeed.

Our second entrant and winner for the night was Chuck Hevenor with his Koa topped occasional table. Chuck explained that one of the learning experiences gained from this project was that smoothing planes and wood don't always play well together. Finding that his plane was leaving tear-out regardless of technique or approach he eventually moved to sanding the top. The base was made of tiger maple, which contrasted well with the top. He also attached the top to the base to give the illusion of the top floating above. With good lines and a nice selection of com-

plimenting woods Chuck's table will add to the room it is placed in.



Chuck had some experience assembling things made of wood, but it wasn't until after retiring around 2001 that he really went head long into woodworking. Chuck was faced with the time and desire to make some built-ins in their home, but wanted to learn more about woodworking before starting the project. At this point in time Chuck and his wife were living in New England so he had a very easy time finding a class on the subject. Like many of us a couple steps in and the woodworking bug had bitten him. Before it was over he had taken a great deal more classes (nearly 20) than he initially set out to take. But with the likes of Garret Hack and others roaming the classrooms of the New England countryside there was no shortage of inspiration or opportunity to learn. When the classes were over and they moved to Colorado they had to move the shop that included 7,000 pounds of equipment. Diving into woodworking Chuck has continued to encounter challenges and opportunities to learn, which is one of his favorite aspects. Never repeating a project and always seeking a challenge he enjoys the planning phase with its problem solving. One challenge in the last year was going from using CADD to using SketchUp. He was an assistant at the recent SketchUp class helping others become more comfortable with the software.

**Kevin Loyd**

Shows & Exhibits Chair

## ***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

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## ***Next Shop Tour date Set***

Our next shop tour will be on June 11. So far, we have lined up Mark Klosky's shop, a commercial shop. His shop is near the intersection of I25 and 6th. If there is anyone else within 15-20 minutes of this area that would like to open their shop for a brief tour, please let Stan Wolport know, [bigstan39@gmail.com](mailto:bigstan39@gmail.com), ideally, we would like to see 3-4 additional shops.

## ***Scary Sharp Class***

Stan Wolport will open his shop for another Scary Sharp class. The class will be \$10 and all materials will be provided. You will need to bring a chisel or plane that needs to be sharpened or tuned, and you will be taught the Scary Sharp method, using sandpaper on a glass plate. This is a repeat of a class held earlier this year that was very well recieved. Sign up sheets and directions will be available at the May 17<sup>th</sup> Guild meeting.

## ***Website Updates***

We are making changes to the Guild website. We have added links to our sponsors, a forums area where you can post questions or your recent projects. We are also working on adding a listing of our library materials. We now have nearly 60 books available, and will soon have an index of the Fine Woodworking magazines online as well. Make sure you periodically check in to see what's new.

[www.coloradowoodworkersguild.com](http://www.coloradowoodworkersguild.com)

## ***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](mailto:newsletter@coloradowoodworkersguild.org).

### ***Guild Member Discounts***

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

**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

**New! ToolKing** [www.toolking.com](http://www.toolking.com)  
11111 W 6th Ave  
Lakewood, CO 80215  
303-237-7779

**New! ToolZone** [www.toolzone.com](http://www.toolzone.com)  
8651 Grant St., Unit 1A  
Thornton, CO 80229

**Woodcraft Denver** [www.Woodcraft.com](http://www.Woodcraft.com)  
6770 S. Peoria St. Centennial, CO 80112  
303-290-0007

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

**Austin Hardwoods**  
[www.AustinHardwoods.com](http://www.AustinHardwoods.com)  
975 W. Mississippi, Denver, CO.  
303-733-1292

### ***New Sponsor, Tool King***

We have a new sponsor for the guild, Tool King in Lakewood. Tool King will be offering all guild members 5% off everything in stock, except Festool. Tool King offers a very complete line of both portable and stationary power tools. Check out their website to see the brands they stock, but discount is only offered at their retail store.

Remember, you need to be a paid up member and show your current membership card to receive Guild discounts.

### ***Wood of the month for Paxton***

1 x 10 Red Oak \$3.59 per LF

and they still have 4/4 Brown Soft Maple  
(S3S 13/16") \$1.65 per BF

### ***Please always show your membership card!***

Did you know that the prizes we give away for the Show and Tell come from our members showing their 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. Austin has been providing beautiful wood. Even if you are buying only sale items (sponsors 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.

You are welcome to join by mail using the form below, or sign up at any regular Guild meeting.

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