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craftsmanship and knowledge*

Colorado Woodworkers Guild

July - August 2011

Vice President's Message

The Future of The Guild

As I'm sitting here writing this article and thinking about the past few months, it is hard for me to believe that seven months of 2011 are already behind us. Time goes on and life gets away from you in the blink of an eye. There are five months left for 2011 and a lot of activities planned for the balance of the year.

Many things are coming up real fast; by the time you read this our summer picnic will have come and gone, I hope you took the opportunity to participate. Bill Huffer is already working on the Christmas Toy project. If you're new to the Guild, this is a project where volunteers build wooden toys for small children and they are donated to different organizations.

The Woodworking Show is coming up in November and the Guild will have a booth at the show where members have a chance to display some of their projects as well as volunteer their time to cover the booth and talk with interested visitors and fellow woodworkers. We'll be seeking volunteers to help with that project.

The election of officers and new board members will be coming up in October. And, the annual Guild Christmas Party will be coming up in December.

Stan Wolport, our program committee chairperson, is working hard and planning on more "hands on" classes. We've had a lot of positive response from members that have participated in these classes. They've had the opportunity to improve their skills and techniques as well as get to know fellow members of the Guild.

I do have some bad news to report. Our president, Mark Gering is back in the hospital for more treatment. I wish him well and a speedy recovery and hopefully he will be out

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Upcoming Events

Tues., Aug. 16th 6-7 PM Social Hour
At Rockler 7 PM Guild Meeting
Presentation: Corbin Clay, Furniture Maker

Tues., Aug. 23rd 6 PM Board Meeting (Open to all)
At Panera Bread

Tues., Sep. 20th 6-7 PM Social Hour
At Rockler 7 PM Guild Meeting

Tues., Sep. 27th 6 PM Board Meeting (Open to all)
At Panera Bread

Tues., Oct. 18th 6-7 PM Social Hour
At Rockler 7 PM Guild Meeting
Guild elections will be held

Tues., Oct. 25th 6 PM Board Meeting (Open to all)
At Panera Bread

The November meeting will be on the 15th. November is a busy month, with the Guild exhibit at the Lakewood Gallery opening on the 18th and continuing until December 22nd. The Woodworking Show at the Merchandise Mart runs from Nov. 18th-20th. Further information about these events will be provided.

Other upcoming events are listed on the Guild Website www.coloradowoodworkersguild.org

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.

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soon. You can send your well wishes to Mark at president@coloradowoodworkersguild.org. I'm sure he would love to hear from you.

John Dunn, Vice President

August Program - Beetle Kill Pine Furniture

Our August program will be given by Corbin Clay a furniture/cabinet maker from Aurora. While he has made custom cabinets and furniture from traditional furniture woods, Corbin is now developing a reputation for his work with beetle kill pine. The distinctive look of beetle kill pine is produced by the infestation of the beetles into the bark of the tree. A blue fungus carried by the beetles stains the wood, leaving a telltale blue, green and grey streaks. Corbin will be bringing some of his furniture and pictures of the building and finishing process.

Dennis McCaigue - Mini Demo

August is going to see the return of the mini-demo with Dennis McCaigue giving a short presentation on scrapers. Dennis has been making fine musical instruments for many years and in the traditional method using hand tools for the majority of the process. One tool he has at his disposal is a scraper or a box of scrapers with different shapes and sizes. These are not your typical glue scrapers from Home Depot, but rather the tools used to finesse the surface of the wood prior to finishing.

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.

We will also be selling \$5 tickets for a Delta Table Saw to be held raffled off in October.

Summer Blast!

The Guild Picnic was held on August 6th at Congress Park and attended by many members and their families. John Hammer brought some excellent smoked brisket, Kevin Loyd some great smoked chicken and John Dunn proved to be the grill master cooking up burgers and hot dogs. There was a wide selection of side dishes, drinks and desserts that made for a great meal.

The event was relaxing, with lots of opportunity to talk and get to know one another, along with meeting the families.

There were games, but the highlight of the day (besides lunch) was the raffles, where many free prizes were given out. There were lots of nice boards won by Guild members, but there was a lot of non-woodworking items to choose from as well.

Our next family social event will be our annual Christmas party in December. You do not want to miss it!



Lakewood Cultural Center - Fall 2011

The guild's much talked about venture into offsite exhibitions is moving along nicely. We have provided photos necessary to create a spread in the magazine Bravo. Bravo is the official magazine for The Denver Center for Performing Arts. This has a fairly large distribution and should bring in a lot of attention. There will also be an invitational postcard mailed out leading up to the gallery opening. The exhibition will go from Friday November 18, 2011 and run through Thursday December 22, 2011. There will be a free artist reception Thursday December 1st from 5-7pm. The turn out could be very strong so it is on the Guild's shoulders to put our best foot forward and properly fill the gallery space with the great works we produced. There is a correction that needs to be made regarding the allocation of proceeds. The Lakewood Center gets 40% like a standard gallery as opposed to the 10% that it was misunderstood to be. Sorry for the confusion. They will still allow pieces to be mark "not for sale".

An additional item beyond just the pieces to show in the gallery, are photos of the processes employed. They would like to also have a display of the progression from start to finish to help viewers more fully appreciate what is involved in fine woodworking.

As many are probably thinking about the Woodworking Shows that come in the late fall each year it is time to mark your calendars. The Show will be here November 18-20th. Like last year we are going to need volunteers to staff the booth, to do demonstrations and provide examples of work to display. There will be plenty of opportunities for everyone to help and more details to follow.

Kevin Loyd

Shows & Exhibits Chair

Veneering Class

After her presentation on veneering at the June meeting, Viki Hennon (assisted by Donna Cunning) held a veneering workshop on July 9 for 12 Guild members. Everyone in the class received a veneer press, along with a full kit of spacers, straight edges, scalpels and blades. There was also a large selection of veneers that everyone was able to select from and use for class then take home.

Viki demonstrated a number of techniques, starting with how to prepare a 4-way bookmatch, starting with a flitch of 4 consecutive veneers. After the demonstration, everyone was given the opportunity to prepare their own. Next was shown how to make an inlaid compass rose and checkerboard patterns. Everyone had a great time and were shown some simple, yet sophisticated techniques.

John Dunn was the only one fast enough to complete his project to the glue up stage during class, but everyone learned enough to be able to go home and finish the project, and explore the world of veneer.



June Presentation

The June presentation was given by Viki Hennon an accomplished woodworker and Guild member.

Viki started with a mini demo on the proper method to sharpen a veneer saw. She illustrated that the very inexpensive saw is not sold in a usable state, but must be sharpened prior to its first use. She showed how to flatten one side of the blade and bevel the handle side. She illustrated how she sharpened each tooth using a small file. The entire process only took a few minutes and resulted in much cleaner cuts.



Viki then started her program on veneering. She illustrated how to make a basket weave pattern using strips of veneer and sand shading. Not only did Viki bring many samples of the cutting and shading process but she also had a power point presentation in conjunction with her live presentation. I have been told by many members that have been in the guild for many years that Viki's presentation was the best in the last couple of years. I know that Viki spent many hours preparing for the program and it showed. The guild is fortunate to have a Viki as a member.

Stan Wolport

Programs Chair

Show & Tell

The June show and tell started not with something a member made, but a product that a member wanted to share. Dennis Machlica brought a planer/jointer knife sharpening guide made by Devlen. For many the need to sharpen 6" and longer knives requires ingenuity and a shop made jig. The fact that someone is making these will undoubtedly be a relief to those who have put off making their own.

Second in the line up was another jigs and fixtures entry, but this was purely a creation of Bob Bea-



son. Bob has been honing his skills with his milling machine and milled the pieces necessary for a new feather board system he invented which locks into a miter gage slot, but also features an anti-rotation feature. This was a great example of problem solving, one of the much loved aspects of woodworking.



Randy Weems brought in a nice pair of pens that he had made that featured inlays of woodworking tools.

Richard Barr brought in a night stand that he made to fit his extra tall bed. Speaking from experience a tall bed does call for a taller than standard night stand. Richard made the stand to fit the rest of the bedroom suite he had made. Made of lyptus and alder the piece was very



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nice looking. The discussion about how well the lyptus worked was very informative as well such that I will be putting that in the personal inventory.



Dennis McCaigue brought in one of his great violins. Without strings we were unable to have a recital, but maybe next time. Does anyone know how to play “Devil Came Down to Georgia”?

And finally the winner of the night, Dave Dent with his hall table. Dave a retired college professor of 35 years first became interested in woodworking as a child making model airplanes. In high school shop class he learned to use heavy machines and his interest grew. Now, of the many aspects in woodworking, joinery and the use of fine woods, are what he looks forward to most. In making his table he built a jig that simplifies the making of tapered curved



legs. His next project will be another hall table with a surfboard top of maple and canary wood, which will likely offer more opportunities for development.

Thanks to everyone for another great show and tell, from the cabinet work to the inventions and product sharing. This was a perfect example of the great opportunity the Guild meetings provide us to

share and gain knowledge about products and ideas.



There were no show and tell items entered at the July meeting, but a gift card awarded to Anna Phillips by acclamation as she brought in the piece she started during the veneering class. Her clipboard featured a compass rose on one side, and a chess board on the other. Each chessboard square was bordered in a contrasting inlay. She says that this was not only her first veneered project, but the her first woodworking project of any kind at all!

Kevin Loyd

Shows & Exhibits

Labor Day Sale at TC Woods

Guild Sponsor TC Woods in Lafayette is having a 15% sale on everything this coming Labor Day weekend. We usually get a 10% discount, but this weekend they are providing more savings.

Looking for a project to do?

The Guild has been contacted by a couple of people looking for some custom work to be done. One is a woodworker from Australia who is looking for a custom entertainment unit for his condo in Breckenridge.

The other is an artist looking for a simple box for his pastels.

If you are interested, contact info will be provided at the August Guild meeting.

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

ToolKing www.toolking.com
11111 W 6th Ave
Lakewood, CO 80215
303-237-7779

ToolZone www.toolzone.com
8651 Grant St., Unit 1A
Thornton, CO 80229

Woodcraft Denver www.Woodcraft.com
6770 S. Peoria St. Centennial, CO 80112
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