



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

Colorado Woodworkers Guild

September 2011

Vice President's Message

Summer is gone! Fall is upon us and we'll soon be into winter. The fall and winter season brings a lot of opportunities for all of our Guild members which you will learn about many of them throughout this newsletter. I mentioned many of them in last month's newsletter and I know I must sound somewhat repetitive but I want to make sure we get the word out and everybody has an opportunity to participate.

We've got several "hands on classes" lined up throughout the balance of this year and a good start to 2012. If you need more details or have suggestions, please contact Stan Wolport, our Programs Chair, programs@coloradowoodworkersguild.org. Stan is always looking for opportunities to bring top notch woodworkers and teachers to the Guild. By the way, if you have an interest in teaching a class on a topic, let Stan know. Stan has done a fantastic job this year putting together our monthly programs as well as the hands on classes.

The Woodworker's show is coming up in November. Not only do you have the opportunity to display your work but you also have the opportunity to volunteer at the Guild's booth. By volunteering at the show for a few hours, your name will be entered into a drawing for a couple of great woodworking tools. There is a big show coming up in Lakewood in November that members of the Guild are participating in. You will not only have the opportunity to show your work, you will have the opportunity to sell it as well. Kevin Loyd, our Shows and Exhibits chairperson is working hard and organizing these events and is the person to contact for additional information shows@coloradowoodworkersguild.org.

We've got a big raffle coming up in October. We have a table saw that was donated to the Guild. It is only a couple of years old and is very slightly used. I've been told that the table saw new would sell for

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Upcoming Events

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

Tues., Nov. 15th 6-7 PM Social Hour
At Rockler 7 PM Guild Meeting
Guild elections will be held

Fri. Nov. 18-Sun, Nov 20 The Woodworking Show at
Denver Merchandise Mart (I25 exit 58th).

Tues., Nov. 22th 6 PM Board Meeting (Open to all)
At Panera Bread

Sat., Dec. 10th 5 PM Guild Holiday Party
First Plymouth Congregational Church
3501 South Colorado Boulevard
Englewood, CO 80113

There will be no regular Guild meeting in December

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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over \$1,000. It has a lot of extra accessories, blades, owner's manual and a great motor. Everything is there, all you'll have to do is haul it to your workshop, set it up and you've got a fantastic table saw that will last for many years to come. The drawing will be held at our regular meeting in October. The raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. Not many tickets have been sold and guess what, that increases your chances of winning! So, don't forget to buy your tickets at our September meeting.

The last thing I would like to leave you with is the upcoming election for officers. The election is scheduled for October. I've spoken to you previously about the "Future of the Guild" and how important it is for our members to step up and participate. There are several positions on the Board that will become vacant this year and we need your help. The time is here for you to step up and volunteer. The future of the Guild is in your hands. If you're not willing to step up and help out, then who is? What if nobody steps up? What happens to the Guild? We all have a tendency to stand back and wait to see if someone else will do it. Don't wait too long, now is the time. If you are interested, please let us know. You can contact me at vicepresident@coloradowoodworkersguild.org or see John Hammer at our next meeting. Step up!

John Dunn, Vice President

September Speaker

The September program is being presented by Guild member Dennis McCaigue, an accomplished violin maker and restorer. Dennis has studied his craft in the US and Europe with some of the most renowned makers and restorers of stringed instruments and working with some of the world's finest violins, including Stradivarius. Dennis will demonstrate the many uses of the hand tools utilized in the making of stringed instruments and their use in anyone's woodshop. Dennis will demonstrate the utility of hand tools and techniques that would be useful in any woodworking shop accomplishing woodworking tasks that can be best completed with hand tools.

The Woodworking Show 2011

The Woodworking Show is coming back around again from November 18th-20th, the weekend prior to Thanksgiving. The Guild will have a big booth which will need help from our members to look good and operate well. Last year was a great success and this year we are going to try to improve even more. We will need volunteers to represent the Guild at the booth throughout the three days, we will need pieces provided by members to display, we will need members to do demonstrations and members to help with the taking of applications when new members join. As an incentive there are going to be some prizes available to those that volunteer. The difference between this year and last year is that we will have more time slots this year as the allotted times will be shorter (knees don't fail me now). Also, with more volunteers we will have more than one prize. What they will be will be announced at the next meeting. There will also be two benches instead of one so that we can have more demonstrations through out the show.

At the next meeting please come by and see me at the small raffle table. I will have the sheets for signing up to volunteer for the show. If you want to bring something to display let me know. If you want to do a demonstration let me know. If you have an idea about what you think the booth should include or what you liked most about previous years, let me know. There will be more details given at the September meeting so don't miss it. We will also be having a work day soon to make some improvements to the backdrop we use in our booth. Details to be announced at the September meeting.

Kevin Loyd

Shows & Exhibits Chair

Long time Guild member Bill Youngblood recently fell and suffered a head injury. The 10 staples used led to heart problems so a stent was inserted. He had an infection in one leg which has improved but he is in still receiving therapy, care, etc.

August Presentation

The August program included a mini demo on hand scrapers by Dennis McCaigue. Dennis demonstrated how to sharpen a hand scraper showing how to flatten the scraper on a stone and then how to burr the edge. He also showed several of the scrapers he uses in building his violins.

The main presentation was given by Corbin Clay a furniture and cabinetmaker from Aurora. Corbin was one of four furniture makers featured in the Denver Post article using beetle killed pine. Corbin uses beetle kill pine because of the varied colors in the wood and it's low cost per board foot compared to other woods used in cabinet and furniture production. Corbin brought with him a natural edge coffee table that he made and shared how he built the table



including flattening the top using hand planes and scrapers. He also brought a drawer made from solid beetle kill pine with dovetails, and a bow front door that he made by cutting thin strips to laminate the top and bottom stiles and the panel.

Stan Wolport

Programs Chair

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.

August Show & Tell

Following July's lack of submissions for the show & tell we had a fantastic turnout for August. There was a very nice clock by Cal Noguchi with split lami-



nated legs and a nicely sculpted working pendulum.

Paul Siepel brought one of his bandsaw boxes. This one featured birdseye maple drawer fronts and a claro walnut base.



There were three submissions that we unfortunately lost their names. We would appreciate if the members who brought them would let us know and we can make sure to give them credit on the website.

The first was a chess set with the distinguishing feature being the tops of liquor bottles. The pieces



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were all turned but then they had different bottle tops for each of the different pieces.

There was a beautiful jewelry box of cherry with an inset walnut burl top.



Another member brought in a stool. The stool was made in a classic mission oak style and was part of an entire bedroom suite that he had built.



Chuck Hevenor brought pictures of a beautiful tiger maple hall cabinet he made.

Because of the great showing there was a tie for the winner. Bob Brewer's Hummer and Richard Barr's Windsor chair each earned them first place. Bob was happy because he was finally able to give his wife a Hummer like she wanted. Richard explained some of the trickiness that comes from the construction of the bent crest rail/ arm rest among other things that make chairs such a challenge. It was a great turnout for the August show & tell so keep bringing your pieces.

Kevin Loyd

Shows and Exhibits



New Library Additions

Thanks to your participation in our raffles, the Guild is able to keep expanding our library. Here are the additions this month:

The first are two books and three DVDs by David Charlesworth. The books are David Charlesworth's *Furniture Making Techniques Vol. 1* and *Vol. 2*. David Charlesworth is a master teacher and furniture maker in England. These books are collections of articles he has written for the English Woodworking magazine *Furniture and Cabinetmaking*.

The three DVDs are:

Hand Tool Techniques Part I - Sharpening This first video explores David's techniques for sharpening plane blades. Learn how to get a razor sharp edge in minutes, and how to camber an edge with confidence.

Hand Tool Techniques Part II - Hand Planing - This video explores David's hand planing techniques for precise, efficient preparation of furniture-size components that will give you exhibition-quality results. You will be astonished by the precision that is possible with a well-tuned, sharp hand plane.

Chisel Techniques for Precision Joinery

David Charlesworth unlocks the secrets of chisels, simple but sophisticated tools. Properly tuned and used chisels are capable of very precise freehand work.

The two next book/DVD combos are by Paul Schürch.

DVD & companion book ***Decorative Veneering*** An informative, detailed, and high-quality video on the art of Decorative Veneering. The companion booklet includes information from the DVD, and additional information on design theory, detailed instructions, illustrations, and an extensive glossary, resource list and tool catalog.

DVD and companion book ***Marquetry*** This comprehensive video demonstrates the process of creating Marquetry. It is a project-oriented study that includes step by step instructions for creating a circular 16 piece radial match and a floral marquetry panel, start

to finish.

The next set of items is by Rob Cosman, his "Dove-tail Degree" set which includes 3 DVDs: ***Mastering the Dovetail Saw*** (42 min) , ***Hand-Cut Dovetails*** (45 min.) and ***Advanced Hand-Cut Dovetails*** (60 min.).

We also bought Rob's new ***Hand Cut Dovetails - Shop Copy*** book. This coil-bound 87 page book features full-color step-by-step captioned photographs to coach you through the dovetail joint.

The next addition is Bob Lang's ShopClass: ***SketchUp for Woodworkers Part 1: Getting Started*** (CD) and ***Part 2: Advanced Techniques CD***. Bob Lang is one of the editors of Popular Woodworking magazine, and these step by step videos work you through using Google's free SketchUp program, tailored to typical woodworking modeling techniques. These are videos and files to be used on your computer, not a DVD player.

Lastly, we also got ***Basic Box Making - Doug Stowe*** (DVD). Box making is perfect for beginning woodworkers interested in gaining skills, experimenting with design, and feeling satisfaction at a project that can be completed without the time and expense commitment of a bigger project. This DVD will offer basic designs, as well as many variations to teach different woodworking techniques while the audience learns to create a practical item or a gift that will become an heirloom.

These, like all our books and videos can be re-served by sending me an email requesting them at library@coloradowoodworkersguild.org.

Richard Gonzalez

Guild Librarian

Donations for Empty Bowl Event

You can bring your bowls for the Empty Bowl event this month to the guild meeting. A representative from the event will be present to collect your donation.

Sandpaper Bulk Buy

Last month I handed out sandpaper order sheets. We will be placing an order at the end of September. Please bring in your sheets filled out with your name and phone number with your check made out to the guild. For those of you that still want to order I will have blank order forms at the September meeting.

Thank you,

Stan Wolpert

Classified Ads

I would like to list 2 compressors I have for sale, a Sears Craftsman, 5.5hp, 25 gallon, 130psi unit with 50ft of hose, \$250, and a Porter Cable pancake type, 6 gallon, 150psi, with hose, \$100. Both like new. Call Arnold Silverman 303-692-8965.

Mark Klosky is looking for for a Porter Cable router plunge base, model 8931 type2(?) that fits a Porter Cable 892 router. This particular base has not been made for at least 4 years and so is not available in stores. Perhaps someone has one laying around that they do not or rarely use that they might be interested in selling. The newer type 3's are quite different, the plunge action is around 13/16" less, but more importantly the plunge lever's action is the opposite of the earlier model. Mark is trying to come up with a matched pair of the older style plunge routers. Please take a moment to give him a call at 303-906-1197.

From the News

Bob Beason sends along this article from Nashville:

MAYBELLE CARTER strummed one with a smile. Slash, the lead guitarist of Guns N' Roses, thrashed one with a snarl. One would be hard-pressed to find two carbon-based life forms more different than Carter and Slash, but they both loved Gibson guitars, as do thousands of amateur bards. So it struck a jarring chord when federal agents raided Gibson's factories in Nashville on August 24th.

Agents barged in and shut down production. They were hunting for ebony and rosewood which

the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) alleges was imported from India in violation of the Lacey Act, a 1900 law originally designed to protect fauna from poachers. This law has metastasised: it now requires Americans, in essence, to abide by every plant and wildlife regulation set by any country on Earth. Not having heard of an obscure foreign rule is no defence. Violators face fines or even jail. FWS claims the ebony sent from India was mislabelled, and that Indian law forbids the export of unfinished ebony and rosewood. Gibson denies wrongdoing.

This is the second time in two years that federal agents have raided Gibson. In November 2009 they seized guitars and ebony which they say may have been illegally imported from Madagascar, an island of rainforests. Gibson has filed sworn statements and documents from Madagascar's government which, it claims, show the wood's importation was legal. Nearly two years later, no charges have been filed, but the government still has Gibson's wood. Gibson has sued to recover it.

Guitarists now worry that every time they cross a state border with their instrument, they will have to carry sheaves of documents proving that every part of it was legally sourced. Edward Grace, the deputy chief of the FWS's office of law enforcement, says this fear is misplaced: "As a matter of longstanding practice," he says, "investigators focus not on unknowing end consumers but on knowing actors transacting in larger volumes of product." But Americans have been jailed for such things as importing lobsters in plastic bags rather than cardboard boxes, in violation of a Honduran rule that Honduras no longer enforces. Small wonder pluckers are nervous.

New Photo Tents

In an effort to improve the photos of the Show and Tell items, the Guild purchased some photo cubes with backdrops, lights and a tripod. This will allow taking photos of items without the distracting backgrounds and more uniform lighting. We have 12, 30, and 60 inch cubes, which should fit most of the items likely to be brought in. If you are interested in helping photograph the show and tell items, please let us know at the September meeting, we could use some help.

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
303-290-0007

Offers Contractor Discount (roughly 20%)

Austin Hardwoods
www.AustinHardwoods.com
975 W. Mississippi, Denver, CO.
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