



Encouraging all woodworkers in self-expression,
craftsmanship and knowledge

Colorado Woodworkers Guild

April 2012

Upcoming Events

April Guest Speaker:

This month's presentation will be given by long time Guild member Steve Shapland. Steve will demonstrate the use of hand scrapers and scraper planes. Steve will also discuss proper edge preparation, squaring the edge, honing and burnishing. This is a must see event!

May Guest Speaker:

If you're into fishing, you won't want to miss the May guest speaker. Doug Barer is an accomplished fly-rod maker and is a member of the American Bamboo Rod Makers Association. Doug teaches bamboo rod making at his Denver workshop. He'll be showing a slide presentation on rod making. The Guild is working on the possibility of a hands-on rod making class. There will be an update on this at the April Guild meeting.

Classes:

May 12 & 19 – Band Saw Box:

The Guild's next hands on class will be a band saw box class. This will once again be held at Rockler. Paul Seipel will be sharing his knowhow and skills in helping make the perfect band saw box. The cost is \$95.00 – and that includes the wood.

June 16, 23, and 30

Relief and Face Carving:

After much praise and positive feedback from the December 2011 class, Charles Milliser will once again be teaching skills, techniques, layout and approaches to wood carving. As a former teacher, Charles has a

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President's Report

Hopefully this newsletter finds you occupied with thought of sawdust and wood shavings. Unfortunately we have had a stuttering start to this year with the Newsletter, but we are in a better place now. I appreciate your patience in this matter and share your frustration, but this points out the importance of this newsletter to our members and the degree of communication transported through its content. I consider this communication the flagship of our organization and want it to serve the members whether they are able to make every meeting and event or just show once a year at a workshop. Please accept my thanks for your patience and my apology for the publication delay and be assured that we have everything in place to continue with the newsletter.

The primary goal of the Guild is to sponsor activities that the membership will enjoy in skill building and benefit from the instruction as well as the interaction and sharing between members. We have a full schedule of demonstrations and workshops planned, and I would urge all interested members to participate. We will keep the costs for all of the workshops down as much as possible through Guild sponsorship, utilizing the expertise of Guild members for the instruction, conducting the sessions in Guild member shops, and on the support of anonymous "angels" for certain projects.

The projects are not utilized as fund raising for the Guild, though a profit may be realized. Any profits are returned to the Guild members through the monthly raffles and the social time before monthly meetings. Member dues also contribute to both activities. Please check in other sections of this newsletter for a schedule of workshops, shop tours, and other Guild activities.

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unique and concise way getting the point across – or in his way, getting the ‘groove across-grain’. The cost is \$130 and we’ll need a minimum of 10 participants to have the class.

Shop Tours:

The Guild also held its first shop tour of the year on Saturday March 24. Fifteen Guild members attended and were treated to a five shop tour throughout the Parker area. These shops range in size from 500sf to 3000sf. Don’t miss the pictures from the tour – these will be posted on the website.

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Get ready for the next shop tour, starting at Austin Hardwoods. Stay tuned, there will be more information to come on this.

March Guest Speaker:



Rich Johnson, the manager of Rockler gave a terrific presentation on wood finishing at the March Guild meeting. Rich discussed the importance of sanding your project and making sure to follow the grain of the wood when sanding. Rich also discussed the differences between dyes and stains. Driving home the importance of professional finishes, Rich then emphasized the importance that after four applications of finish, the real shine comes from ‘rubbing out’ the finish using pumice stone and rotten stone. Thanks again Rich for another fantastic show.

Stan Wolpert, Program Chair

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A recent and significant example is the two day seminar presentation by Marc Adams. Marc runs a school of wood working activities in Indiana, bringing in experts from all parts of the country for intense sessions of woodworking. He shared some of his work with us and I found his presentation not only entertaining but very instructive with ideas and techniques. The Guild purchased a set of his presentations that is available through our library and will be posted on our members’ section of the website. We are working on getting more information out on the website for members, so keep checking.

Please keep in mind that all of these various activities require a great deal of time to bring off and this is being performed by volunteers from our ranks. If you have an idea for a workshop or would be willing to volunteer for an activity, even short term, please contact one of the officers or committee chairs with your suggestion or help offer.

Keep in mind that the Guild is very dependent on every member and their level of interest. I know I am always interested in at least learning about a new woodworking technique, though I may never actually use the technique in my own work. There are a lot of other wood-centric organizations in our area here and if you may attend just one other meeting a year, you may be surprised at what you can learn and then bring back to our organization for discussion and refinement. This type of exchange also will illuminate our activities and introduce others to our presence.

We have had growth in the number of memberships, the monthly meeting attendance, and a steady influx of visitors, and many of the latter have decided to join the Guild as a result. While I would like to claim that the apparent increased interest is because of my pretty face, any suggestion of the sort would be met with well-deserved derision. I believe the increased interest is because word is out that we are for real and are offering a good place and time to meet others with a common interest of learning and utilizing better woodworking practices in our own efforts.

Bravo to all!

Travis Brown, President

Marc Adams Seminar March 16-18

The Marc Adams seminar was a great success. Forty woodworkers participated in the two and half day seminar. Friday evening Marc introduced himself and detailed his career as a woodworker. Starting out Marc made items for friends and family which he grew into a large custom cabinet shop, then did consulting work for the US State Department and ultimately turned to teaching woodworking after his encounter with a group of Egyptian woodworkers while serving as a government consultant. Marc brought along numerous slides of his work for his family including bedroom suites for his children and he and his wife. All three bedroom suites have a Walt Disney theme using carvings, inlay and marquetry to illustrate characters from Snow White, Mickey Mouse and Pocahontas. All the pieces had unique design features such as his bedroom suite that honored the Native American teepee from the animated film Pocahontas. Examples of Marc's cabinet work were also shown and included a wooden spiral staircase.

Saturday's sessions were joinery and design. The joinery session discussed the elements of a joint including stress, grain direction, dimensional change, and surface conditions. Marc emphasized the concept of order of work: square first, joint, then shape. Marc went on to detail his three categories of joints: fastened joint (butt joints using nails and screws), glue joints (edge joints), and worked joints (dovetail). In this session Marc then turned to elements of wood, where he discussed moisture, movement, strength and grading. Marc demonstrated how to cut a hip joint using a router & his method of cutting dovetails.

The design session was devoted to developing expression of an individual's

work through embellishments. Marc outlined some sources for embellishment such as life, nature, continuity and color. Marc detailed the design process he uses which is: determining the project, creating a requirement list, visual reference, form and finally drawings and models. Marc showed examples of form, composition, color and texture, and human scale. He encourages everyone to experiment with designs both on paper and models. Marc Adams expressed his love of design continuity throughout a room.

Sunday's sessions were on cabinets and methods of work. In the cabinet session Marc detailed the difference between production cabinets and custom cabinets. He explained the difference between cabinet making and furniture making. Then Marc went into designing cabinets based on the where the cabinet will be used and for what purpose. Marc also explained his preference for building face frames for cabinets before the boxes.

In the session on Methods of Working with Wood Marc explained some of his tips and tricks including his method of using a cabinet scraper. Then went on to demonstrate how to make several router jigs including a jig for cutting circles and ovals and a mortising jig.

Over all, the weekend was enjoyed by all, nearly everyone took away several useful ideas and all were excited to get to the shop to try out some of Marc's ideas.

The guild purchased a set of Marc Adams DVDs and Marc gave permission for the Guild to post the set on the Member Only section of our website. Richard Gonzalez expects to have the DVDs posted by April 15.

Tom Bloom, Vice President

March Show & Tell

The Guild's Show and Tell for March was the biggest collection we've seen in a while. Thanks to all who participated.

Dennis Fanning brought in a bowl he turned from a burl. There was some debate as to the species until Dennis surprised us with the fact that it was beetle-kill pine. Some of us were unaware that the pine tree produced such nice burls.

Jack Garrett's scale replica of a Chevy stock car chassis was quite impressive. Made of oak, walnut, balsa and bass it was very interesting to see what all is under the skin of a race car. There were a few boxes brought in.

Daniel Scher brought a small box made of ash, maple, walnut and cherry. For those that didn't know it was our youngest member's first complete project with hand-cut dovetails. His lid was attached via a wood pin hinge.

Steve Catts brought two stacks of Shaker style boxes. One stack was of solid cherry with cherry lids. The other was made of cherry sides with lids of birds-eye maple. They were very nice looking in graduated stacks. The night also saw three tables.

Charlie Kuechenmeister's coffee table was of classic mission style. Made of white oak with a reddish cinnamon stain and poly finish it was very solid and ready for a couple of lifetimes of use.

Kevin Loyd brought in a Christmas present that he completed only three months later than expected. A small table made of walnut with a pair of book matched boards cut from maple burl it was designed for a small space that needed a place to hold a drink.

The winner of the night was also a table.

John Kilrow's side table was a mix of woods. The top had a segmented construction giving it an appearance of having a border inlay that wrapped the edges. In addition, John added ribbing similar to a cockbead that ran down the legs and along the skirt. Very nicely done John! and very nice work everyone.

It was a great show and tell with another diverse showing of skills, styles and processes. Keep up the good work and keep bringing it to the show and tell.

Kevin Loyd, Shows and Exhibits Chair

Membership

Turnout for our Guild meetings has been blowing the socks off most of the members all year. We've gone over 100 folks at least twice this year and in March we had 86 people fill the chairs and mill about. More important than ever to come early and claim a chair to enjoy the program.

These numbers are no doubt due to a combination of the excellent programs that our own Stan Wolpert has been able to put together for us as well as the raffles, the camaraderie that starts with the "social hour", and the hands-on classes that have become a regular part of what we do. Let me not fail to mention the terrific Board that is working hard to make this a top notch organization where you can learn a little something about creating sawdust.

The other big draw of course is the refreshments we offer up to folks who are coming from work, or home (lucky enough

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to be retired) need a little something sweet, a cup of coffee etc. all brought to us by Randy Weems. He's usually the first member at Rockler on meeting nights setting up the coffee and putting out the treats.

We currently have a total of 178 paid members in our Guild. Since I took over as the membership person, we've added at least 25 new members. This number could include people who joined at the Woodworkers Show in November. This show offers us such a great opportunity to let other people interested in woodworking in on what the Guild is about. I have it on authority that we had 135 or so active members last year so we are growing at a fast clip.

All who are paid should have received a current discount card which may be one of the most appreciated benefits the Guild offers. In addition, you should be able to access the member's only portion of the website. If for some reason you can't get on to the site, remember to try your first and last name with a space in between as your ID. Then, unless you've changed it, your password is your zip code.

If that doesn't work and you want to see what's going on in the backroom, drop me an email at membership@coloradoodworkersguild.org so I can give you a hand. It's a great place to find out about our current sponsors, upcoming meeting programs, past meetings etc. And it will be getting better as we have more people willing and able to volunteer some much needed help to keep this valuable asset current.

That said, if you have some time on your hands and a little bit of skill, please lend a hand,—the Guild needs you!

Our informal "check-in" survey reveals that our group has a lot of folks interested in making furniture, doing cabinetmaking,

finding out about and doing more with veneering including resawing and vacuum veneer, making toys, improving joinery skills and the last but by no means least is creating sawdust.

Our goal with these surveys is to create hands on classes and find good programs designed to fit our group.

Finally, we have John Husner who is working late into the night, making some pretty darn nice name tags for us all. It's just one more good reason to pay your membership dues and come back to join us at the meetings and classes provided for your benefit.

Donna Cunning Membership Chair

Your efforts and involvement in projects and shows outside the Guild are greatly appreciated.

Thank you Letters

Hi Bill-

Another amazing set of toys this year! The crayon holders, the step stools, trucks, semi-trailer w/ cars.... All those toys are fun and creative – sturdy too! We had some children wanting to paint the 'bare' ones – why not? Great fun all around! I know you aren't 'in charge' next year – it's been great working with you and coordinating all this. Many thanks and blessings to all the Guild members!

Bylo Farmer

Facilities & Donations Manager
Safehouse Progressive Alliance for
Nonviolence

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The following is an excerpt from a letter sent by Gateway Battered Women's Services in Aurora:

Gateway Battered Women's Services is in receipt of your in kind donation of handmade children's gifts which helped to make the holiday a little brighter within our programs for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. On behalf of the staff, Board of Directors and clients, I extend our great appreciation for you thoughtful gift.

Linda James
Executive Director

The following is an excerpt from a letter sent by Warren Village:

Thank you for your generous donation to the Warren Village 2011 Holiday Shop. Your contribution helped make it possible for each participating parent to go home with numerous gifts of books, toys, games and puzzles for each one of their children! Additionally, parents received home necessities such as coffee pots, linens, dishes and cookware – that were selected by their children with the help of a volunteer. Your donation made a difference in the lives of 160 Warren Village families – and made the holiday season very special for all of them!

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Welcome and special thanks to Sean Marshall who will be responsible for the publication of the newsletter
Al Limiero will assist Sean with editing and formatting of the newsletter.

Show and Tell Entries



Charlie Kuechenmeister



Daniel Scher



Dennis Fanning



John Kilrow



Kevin Loyd



Jack Garret



Steve Catts

Tools For Sale:

- 1) Three Wood Carving Tool Sets & Accessories (\$290 Value - Asking \$150) - <http://denver.craigslist.org/tls/2941726795.html>
 - 2) Craftsman Band Saw/Bench Grinder & Accessories (\$320 Value - Asking \$200) - <http://denver.craigslist.org/tls/2949548245.html>
- You can also search on Craigslist Denver by my telephone number below.
Thank you,

Kurt
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April Raffle

Don't miss out on your chance to win this month's donated wood from Austin Hardwoods.

Get your tickets and you could be taking home a curly figured 4/4 piece of American Cherry that is 11" wide by 48" long.