



Encouraging all woodworkers in self-expression,  
craftsmanship and knowledge

# Colorado Woodworkers Guild

## April 2012

### *Upcoming Events*

#### **Guest Presentations:**

**May Guest Speaker – Doug Borer:** So, you want to catch more fish. Well, build a better fly rod. That's just what Doug Borer will be demonstrating as the May guest speaker for the Colorado Woodworkers Guild. Doug will be bringing years of experience in making custom bamboo fly rods. These aren't just pieces of wall art, although these look great too, these bamboo fly rods are built to be used out on the river. Doug will be giving a slide presentation in addition to showing the guild the specialty tools it takes to make one of these hand-crafted gems.

**June Guest Speaker – John Hammer:** Colorado Woodworks Guild member John Hammer will be giving a presentation on 'shaker boxes'. Stay tuned for more information on this presentation as it will be followed by a July hands-on class. We'll know more about the pricing for the July class at the June Guild meeting.

#### **Tours:**

**Austin Hardwoods:** On June 9, Austin Hardwoods will be giving Colorado Woodworkers Guild members a tour of their mill and facility. You'll get to see the specialty woods on hand and will also get to see how easy it is to order specialty pieces from this long time Guild sponsor.

**Shop Tours:** On June 30, The Colorado Woodworkers Guild will once again be sponsoring a shop tour of some of our northern Front Range guild members. Bob Beason, and

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### ***CWG President's letter 5/1/12***

If you are reading this newsletter, you know that we have gotten back on track with our primary means of communication among our members. The board has been active in planning and coordinating skill enhancement classes for the membership, reintroducing the Guild to our active sponsors, and using different means of introducing ourselves to the woodworking community of the Denver area. We exhibited the "raffle rocker" at the Boetcher mansion meeting of the guilds exhibition and had member participants showing some of their work to the public at this venue. We will be discussing with certain of our sponsors rotating the "raffle rocker" for display in their places of business in an attempt to increase our profile, attract new members and to demonstrate the skills that can be gained through participation in our workshops.

My experience with the Guild is that members become occupied during the warmer months with other activities such as travel, gardening, fishing, and excursions. These activities are all a part of our experience of living in this state and taking advantage of this good fortune. Whenever we participant in these other activities we perhaps have less time for Guild programs. Remember, however, that all these endeavors can be enriched when we integrate our woodworking interests. Will you encounter an undiscovered artisan using woodworking skills in a manner unfamiliar with your

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Viki Hennon / Donna Cuning will be opening their shops to guild members. You'll get to see first-hand solutions to some of your shop dilemmas and will undoubtedly come away with ideas to make your workshop more customized to your needs.

**Classes:**

**June 16, 23, and 30<sup>th</sup> – 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 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.

**July (dates and cost to be determined) – Shaker Boxes with John Hammer:** You'll get to see John's boxes at the June Guild meeting.

***April Guest Speaker – Steve Shapland***

The Colorado Woodworks Guild was treated to a real Scottish treat in April. 20-year Guild Member Steve Shapland gave the guest presentation. Decked out in his kilt, Steve gave a thorough review of specialty hand tools. Steve also gave a slid show of his workshop of hand tools – specifically void of any large machines or power tools.

Scrapers and scraper planes were just a couple of tool that Steve discussed. Steve also gave demonstrations on edge preparation, edge squaring, honing and burning. The Guild also saw a demonstration on scraper profiles and their specific uses, and was shown the proper way to hold a scraper.

Thanks again Steve for your dedication and contributions to the Colorado Woodworkers Guild.

***Stan Wolpert, Program Chair***

experience? Did you come across a source of woodworking materials that was previously unknown to you? If so, share these encounters with other members upon your return to the fold, and we may be able to introduce these techniques or supply sources to the membership at large.

I have found that there are a plethora of approaches to working with wood. Some techniques are hazardous, some are very safe, some reflect real innovation, some are expensive, and others have a very narrow range of application in providing the final result. Some methods require an extensive amount of time and care in their application, but all require application of technique. Occasionally, we witness a demonstration or participate in a discussion that turns on the "light" that provides us with the insight and confidence to attempt new approaches. This is all part of the woodworking experience. If you have an epiphany with woodworking, please share with fellow members.

Though you may be weary of hearing this – the success of the Guild is singularly dependent on the members and their volunteer efforts. Keep in mind that you may be able to contribute to Guild activities and success through a short term time commitment or on a longer term basis through participation in many of our activities. The only requirement is enthusiasm for a successful outcome. If you have any ideas for Guild participation that would contribute to the membership experience, please contact an officer or committee chair and pose your suggestion.

If you have demonstrated the patience to have read this far, may I direct you to other parts of this newsletter that offer details of our upcoming meeting demonstrations, schedule of classes, and shop and business tours. We are still planning other activities to include a cabinet building class and even a fishing rod construction class.

The latter is not strictly woodworking, but may be

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## ***April Show and Tell***

The April Show & Tell had 5 participants bring in their pieces.



Guest speaker Steve Shapland brought in a box made of poplar designed to hold a 1/2" set of Mini hollow and round blades for his Clark & Williams Planes. Steve also brought in a handmade scraper plane designed to hold a 19<sup>th</sup> century blade.



Doug Pinney showed his handy work with a detailed, walnut burl walking stick crafted to look like a pilot's flight stick strait out of a fighter jet.

of interest to many of our members. We will be conducting informal polls of the membership at the monthly meetings to determine interest, and if enough members are interested, we will attempt to act on these and other ideas. As a group I have found woodworkers to be good people; willing to share personal triumphs and failures with one another. This is all a part of the joy of woodworking and belonging to our membership.

***Travis Brown, President***



Andrey Belous recently took a class in marquetry and brought in his work of a bird that was very reminiscent of a woodpecker.



Chris Zeh also took the same marquetry class and showed us his teddy bear, inspired by his daughter.

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Daniel Scher continues to 'WOW' the guild with his enthusiasm for woodworking. Daniel brought in a couple of mini baseball bats turned on a lathe.

The April Show & Tell winner is Doug Pinney. Congratulations on making an amazingly detailed jet fighter walking stick.

Don't be shy about showing off your work. Each month, the winner of the Show & Tell receives a Rockler Gift Card.

***Kevin Loyd, Events Chair***

### ***Community Service:***

Who are the real heroes of the Colorado Woodworkers Guild? You don't have to look far. The next time you see one of these fellows make sure you thank them making a difference. The 2011 Toy Brigade (lead by Bill Huffer) added to the Christmas joy for countless children around the Denver Metro area. Rumor has it that if you look close, these fellows have the beginnings of pointy little ears:

Bob Brewer	Dennis Fanning	Jack Garrett
John Hammer	Jeff Herring	Vic Hoops
John Husner	Mark Klosky	Bob McDaniel
Doug Pinney	Jeff Roth	Paul Seiple
Curt Vogt	Bill Youngblood	

Want to become an elf? Jeff Roth will be leading the 2012 Toy Brigade.

### ***What's Happening in the Membership?***

Last month, there was no sign in—did you notice? Lots of folks were wondering why we didn't have a sign in. Just trying to see if not signing in helped with the bottom of the stairs "clog". It really didn't appear to and as a result, we really didn't get an accurate count of how many members were at the April meeting. A quick head count came up with 87 people at the meeting.

Sign in returns with the May meeting and we will be asking you to tell us what you do for a living. If you are retired, what did you do all those years you worked?

The Board is really trying to get a sense of our membership and to find out what resources might be available to the group and to individual members. It's a work in progress just as the Guild is so we will keep you informed via the newsletter, the website and you taking the time to email or talk with members of the Board at the meetings. We will also be putting together a survey that will be sent to you via email and returned the same way. We are anxious to find out what folks do when they go out into their shops to make sawdust, what hands on classes would be useful, what should our meetings include—how the Guild can help you be the woodworker you want to be.

The idea is to make this Guild your guild so that future events continue to be in line with the needs and wants of the members. Please don't be shy—tell us what will make the Guild work better for you. You may not get all you ask for right away but there's more of a chance than if you don't share your thoughts.

Only three newsletters were returned last month—two for what appeared to be because the newsletter looked like "spam" and one from an EarthLink account requiring pre-approval. Sean is working diligently to get the newsletter out the week before the meeting. If you don't receive it by Monday before the meeting, please contact me at:

[membership@coloradowoodworkersguild.org](mailto:membership@coloradowoodworkersguild.org) so

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## ***Want Ads***

The guild has received an email request for someone to work on a project.

The project is to convert a recycled baby crib to a bench.

The idea was found by doing a Google search for “baby cribs recycled”.

The original was sent to Cal Noguchi. Cal is unavailable to work on this project.

The photo shown below was submitted with the request. If you are interested in working this project contact:

Gayl Suits

[noegayl@yahoo.com](mailto:noegayl@yahoo.com)



The picture was found on the following link:

<http://www.regives.com/blog/19/ways-to-reuse--recycle-old-or-recalled-baby-cribs>

we can figure out why you aren't getting all that good information.

Finally, if you are a current (paid) member and have not yet picked up your name badge, please do so when you sign in. Otherwise, once we receive your renewal, or you join the Guild, your name badge will be ordered and available at the next meeting. We encourage you to wear your badge—it's an easy way to get to know more members.

See you at the meeting—

***Donna Cunning, Membership Chair***

## ***May Raffle Items:***

***Be sure to show up early for the next guild meeting to buy your raffle tickets.  
This month's raffle prizes include:***

- *Groz – 3 Piece Precision Square Set*
- *17 Piece T-Track Jig Kit*
- *Starret Miter Protractor*
- *iGaging 8" Digital Inside Calipers*
- *And don't forget about the monthly 'Mystery Wood' from our sponsor Austin Hardwoods.*

***Support our Guild Member Sponsors.  
Show your CWG Cards at the counter  
and receive extra discounts at these  
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