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Colorado Woodworkers Guild

June 2012

Upcoming Events

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: 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: 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 Viki Hennon / Donna Cunning 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:

Relief and Face Carving: June 16, 23, and 30

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

CWG President's Message 6/1/12

Well, we are entering the summer season and for many this means either doing woodworking in the great outdoors (possibly just the yard) outside the confines of our woodworking shops or a decrease in wood working activities supplanted by fishing, hiking, snoozing in the hammock, or taking strolls along the shore.

I have been lately involved in planting my garden and cleaning up the yard from the winter season. I also looked into my woodpile and discovered that many of the log pieces I was attempting to dry for projects required additional work with the master woodworking tool – the chainsaw. If any of you are faced with the same situation, just ensure that you have an adequate and safe venue for this work.

Many of the tools we use daily can turn ornery if we do not consider the consequences of improper use and set up. Even the common chisel can inflict debilitating injury if not used properly. So be safe and keep the important parts of your anatomy intact.

At the last meeting Stan Wolpert, our program chairman, announced that we are planning a Guild auction in October. We are excited about this event.

When the membership attending the May meeting was polled for having an unused or duplicate item stuck back in a drawer of their workshop or a "must have" item that was gathering dust from disuse, nearly ninety percent agreed with a raised hand.

If you were among this group or are out there with your hand in the air now, bring this item

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cost is \$130 and we'll need a minimum of 10 participants to have the class.

CABINET CONSTRUCTION/INSTALLATION CLASS:

Two sessions:

Session 1: Jun 23, 30 Jul 7, 14, 21, 28

Session 2: Aug 11, 18, 25 Sep 1, 8, 15

See page 8 for full details

Kidspree – Bird Houses

Saturday July 14th in a park near the Aurora Public Library.

A Call for some Help and an Offer of Some Fun in Return

Every summer the Guild participates with the Aurora Parks and Events Department. This year's event is being called the YumFest and KidSpree and will take place Saturday July 14th in a park near the Aurora Public Library.

The Guild has become known for its involvement with the kids at this event. It's an opportunity to give a young boy or girl a chance to put a couple of pieces of wood together by pounding a few nails with our guidance and end up with a completed project—a birdhouse which is theirs to keep.

In order to make that happen, Jeff Roth has scheduled two work (and fun) days to precut and package birdhouses in preparation for the KIDSPREE.

The volunteers to make this first part happen have stepped up to the tools and are busily making the birdhouse pieces.

The second part happens the day of the event when the booth needs to be filled with enough volunteers to put smiles on the kids' faces as you help them make the birdhouse they take home. There will be two shifts of about 3 hours each—one from 12:00 to 3:00p.m. and

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into a meeting and it will be tagged and used for this impending event.

We don't anticipate that anyone will be donating a cabinet saw, but if you do have an item that will require two men and a boy to move, please let us know so we can make arrangements.

If your item can be hand carried, bring it to a meeting between now and September. This auction is expected to be a lot of fun for the members and will generate funds for the Guild in our activities, either by lowering costs for participants in sponsored workshops or contributing to the general cost of programs such as the upcoming bird house building program for youth in Aurora. Stan is providing additional information in his column of this newsletter.

Additionally, we are initiating having better relationships with our sponsors through direct contact and discussing the Guild. We are anticipating that certain sponsors may want to make demonstrations or will want an opportunity to address the Guild members at a meeting to explain what they do and the products they handle. In this regard I would suggest that anytime a member makes a purchase at one of the sponsors, they show their membership card for the discount and indicate that we appreciate the vendor's participation in sponsoring our organization.

Lindy Baer is organizing the interface with the sponsors, so if you can and want to help with any facet of this relationship building please contact him for guidance and read his enclosed column in this newsletter.

At the risk of being repetitive, our organization's strength resides with the members and their volunteer efforts within the Guild. Some opportunities are limited and short term, other activities have an extended time commitment, but all are rewarding and allow for extending the interactions within the Guild, contributing to its ultimate success.

Check the class schedule if you are interested in learning new skills or want an opportunity in fine tuning an older or underused woodworking technique.

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the other from 3 to 6:00p.m. To be successful and to share the fun, each shift needs at least 4 people. It would be great if you would be one of those volunteers.

If you are able to help, please contact Jeff Roth. He can be reached at **303-517-7095** or by emailing Jeff at jeffroth@myawai.com.

Look forward to seeing you at the booth and seeing the smile on your face as you help a kid and remember your first experience with woodworking.

Jeff Roth, Community Service

Breaking News

As of the afternoon of June 1st—the end of the first workday, Jeff advised that the group comprised of Ann, Charlie, Stan, Doug, Randy, Mick and Jeff were able to produce 125 birdhouse kits. In Jeff's words, "Everybody worked their tails off." With this number and pledges from Pimen Simanovicki (25), John Husner, Jack Kipson, Al Limiero and Bob Beason, the Guild will have enough kits to serve some 250 kids at the KidSpree!!!

Editor's Note: Members can put kits together in their own shop and deliver them to Jeff before the Kidspre event. Contact Jeff and let him know how many kits you plan to make.

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We at the Guild hope your summer activities have gotten off to a good start and you are filling the air with sawdust or wood chips – or at least thinking about doing so while you are enjoying your favorite refreshment in the shade of what may be a future project.

Travis Brown, President

Membership

Short and sweet this month. First, we owe you an apology. Signing in at the bottom of the stairs didn't go well because of an outdated list and the time it took to locate and check the information we have on file. We want to make the sign in process less painful and appreciate your patience as we work through the "kinks." We think though that signing in every month will allow us to get an accurate count of how many people were at the meeting, and also give us an opportunity to "test the waters" to see how we are doing providing interesting and varied information in our programming.

In addition, the membership database is still not accurate. We are continuing to work on that aspect and hope to soon have all the bugs removed. That said, please do bear with us.

Our active membership still continues to grow with three new and renewing members this month.

A reminder to check in and get that new laser cut badge if you haven't already done so.

We asked for occupation, and if you are one of the lucky retired folks, what you did when you were working. This was done to see if we could create a referral opportunity for you to find a service, advice or comrade within the Guild. That is still in the pot simmering.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in June—

Donna Cunning, Membership

Program Chairman Report:

The Colorado Woodworkers Guild board has given me permission to hold the first auction for the Guild in October at our regular monthly meeting date (October 16th). At the May meeting I asked the 70 attending members if during their woodworking experience they had bought a tool or an accessory that they thought at the time they had to have, but was now sitting unused in a drawer or cabinet.

Nearly everyone raised their hand indicating they possessed such an item. We are asking that if you have an item, a tool, or an accessory you would be willing to donate. Bring it to the next meeting you attend between now and September. The item does not have to be a tool, but could be a coffee maker, a small TV for watching DVD's, a DVD player, speakers, or a small microwave: basically, any item that could be used in the shop. Any donated item that can be used in the auction will be appreciated and the funds will be used by the Guild for the benefit of all members through the reduction of class fees, contributing to our monthly raffles, and our presenter's fees.

Also, one note concerning the cabinet building shop. Plans for the cabinets and a materials list are being finalized to determine costs and time for the construction. We anticipate having the dates for the two anticipated classes established for the June meeting.

Stan Wolpert, Program

May Guest Speaker



The May presentation was given by Doug Borer, a custom bamboo fishing rod maker. Doug brought samples of some of his beautiful rods, fly rod cases, and fly boxes. His slide presentation of his construction process for crafting his rods and illustration of some of the tools and jigs he uses in the process of crafting the rods from raw bamboo into the finished rod was informative.

Unfortunately his shop is too small to teach a large class, but he handed out cards for anyone interested in taking a one-on-one class. Judging by the swarm of interested members at the conclusion of his presentation, he was well received and generated a number of interested members.

Stan Wolpert, Program

Show and Tell

The May meeting had a surprisingly smaller turnout for the Show and Tell table

There were two submissions with the first belonging to

Daniel Scher. He brought in a collection of six pens that he turned.

Each was made from a different wood and were very nicely done.



The winner of the night was Doug Pinney for his poplar vase. Doug used the “inside out” technique to turn his vase. Doug gave a nice explanation of the steps in the inside out turning process.



Thank you to both Daniel and Doug for bringing your pieces to the Show and Tell. Remember everyone the prize for the winner is a gift card to Rockler so remember to bring your projects.

Kevin Loyd, Events

Publicity and Public Relations

Watch for More Publicity

Plans are developing to improve our publicity efforts. The goals are to increase our visibility as a Guild and to better communicate out to the wider community. You will soon see occasional announcements in various online sources, in the Denver Post Your Hub publication, neighborhood newspapers, and in Woodworker West Meetings, classes, and shows will all receive some attention. If you have ideas for where we can place announcements or would like to help with the publicity effort, contact Lindy Baer at: 303-989-3310 or clhbaer@earthnet.net.

Lindy Baer, Publicity and Public Relations

Raffle Items

A Cut Above has donated a 3M respirator with filters.

I have picked out at Rockler:

4 Bosch router bits

Mag switch starter kit

Incra V120 miter gauge

Stan Wolpert, Programs

Wood donated by Austin Hardwoods is 2.5 board feet of the new Holly they just got in. This is about \$50 worth of holly. If you recall they have been working on getting this for two years as holly is not a commercially harvested tree.

Kevin Loyd, Events

Initiative to Improve Sponsor Relationships

Your Board is beginning an initiative to improve our sponsor relations. Other than Rockler Woodworking and Hardware, relations with our other sponsors have been very informal and without solid communications. Our goal is to improve the communications and maximize the benefits of sponsorship to the sponsors as well as the Guild and its members.

Currently, in our brochure (which will be updated soon), we list the following firms as our sponsors:

Of course, Centennial Wood Company is out of business and we have no confirmation that Klingspor or Woodworker's Supply are actually committed sponsors. Furthermore, we wish to add Tool King and Tool Zone and perhaps others.

To accomplish our goals, we need individuals to step up and take responsibility for contacting one or more of our sponsors. Several members have already developed relationships with specific suppliers. If possible, we will leverage off of those relationships.

Some consistent communication tools and instructions have been developed for use as we work with the various sponsors. Your Board feels strongly that our sponsor relations need improvement, that such relationships should be mutually beneficial, that the relationships can be accomplished through several members, that our communications to our sponsors should be consistent, and that we should coordinate the development and maintenance of these relationships.

If you already have a solid relationship with one of our sponsors or a potential sponsor or if you have an interest in developing such a relationship, please consider stepping up. Material to guide you with your contacts has already been developed, so the time required will be primarily in setting up appointments and then visiting the sponsors.

If you have an interest in participating in this effort and helping the Guild with its sponsor

relationships, please contact Lindy Baer at 303-989-3310 or clhbaer@earthnet.net

Lindy Baer, Publicity and Public Relations

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

Centennial Wood Co. - 303-778-6209

2775 W. 7th Ave, Denver

Paxton - 303-399-6047

www.PaxtonWood.com

4837 Jackson St., Denver

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware

303-782-0588 www.rockler.com

2553 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver

TC Woods - 303-494-0425

www.TCWoods.com

9776 Arapahoe Rd., Lafayette

ToolKing - 303-237-7779

www.toolking.com

11111 W 6th Ave., Lakewood

ToolZone - 303-252-8500

www.toolzone.com

8651 Grant St., Thornton

Woodcraft Denver - 303-290-0007

www.Woodcraft.com

6770 S. Peoria St. Centennial

Offers Contractor Discount (roughly 20%)

Austin Hardwoods - 303-733-1292

www.AustinHardwoods.com

975 W. Mississippi, Denver

Charlies 2nd Hand Store – 303-295-1781

2227 Larimer St, Denver

Book Review

The Anarchist's Tool Chest
by Christopher Schwarz

This book by Christopher Schwarz, the former editor of *Popular Woodworking*, is really two books, three if you get the DVD package. Throughout the book Christopher explores his transition from of "more power" in his days where tool companies were sending the magazine new tools daily to a hand tool junkie. Perhaps you've seen him on Roy Underhill's program, The Woodwright's Shop, extolling the virtues of hand planes or describing the construction of an English layout square.

The first section of the book details a list of essential tools for the construction of quality furniture. It covers planes, measuring & marking tools, edge tools, fastening tools, saws, and the equipment required to maintain these tools. For each he describes what makes a good tool, what makes a bad tool, and why this tool is essential. He does not discuss brand names.

The second section of the book details the construction of a traditional joiner's chest, complete with shop drawings. This is perhaps the second most important piece of equipment in a traditional woodshop. Christopher discusses the differences between this tool chest and other tool storage systems. He also talks about how a traditional joiner's chest is used.

If you also get the accompanying DVD, this is where Mr. Schwarz discusses brand names. He goes through his tool chest and for each tool talks about the particular brand and why he chose it. Some of the tools are vintage; some are new. The DVD also includes a slide show illustrating the tool chest construction.

This book is available from Lost Art Press, Fort Mitchell, KY. ISBN: 978-0-578-08413-8

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CABINET CONSTRUCTION/INSTALLATION CLASS:

The Guild is sponsoring a cabinet construction/installation class open to our members. The first session is scheduled to start June 23rd and will meet for the following five successive Saturdays through July 28th. The second session will start August 11th and will meet for the following five successive Saturdays through September 15th. The Labor Day weekend meeting is flexible and the class participants will decide whether to extend the class an additional week or meet over that weekend.

Unfortunately, the class can only accommodate six people per session. The class will consist of construction and installation of a set of upper and lower cabinets for an apartment sized kitchen to include the sink cabinet and drawer units. Cost of the class will be \$200/participant. The sessions will be held in the professional shop of Mark Klosky, a Guild member and professional cabinet maker, located at 729 Mariposa Street, Denver. Classes will start at 8 AM each Saturday and continue through a typical work hour schedule. Questions concerning the class can be directed to Mark at 303.906.1197.

If a member wants to register for the class, contact Travis Brown during the break period of the June meeting with a check made out to CWG for the tuition. If member interest exceeds the class size, we will conduct a lottery drawing for class participants. Mark will also require signing an injury waiver before the class commences at his shop. All participants must supply their own mandatory safety eye protection. Shop aprons, dust protection, and hearing protection are optional, but strongly recommended.

Materials for this project are provided through the recipient of the cabinets. If a participant would like to make an additional contribution to this effort, it will be gladly accepted.