

Colorado Woodworkers Guild July 2012

Upcoming Events

July Meeting

July 17 6:30 PM Rockler Store

July presentation: Veneering

By Guild member Viki Hennon.

Viki gave a demo on veneering about a year ago and it was one of the best presentations the guild has ever had.

She will be going over the basic tools needed for Veneering and will be demonstrating these tools.

Viki will also be giving a hands on workshop at her shop on Aug 25th.

There is still room for about four more participants. The cost will be \$75.00 and all tools and materials will be provided.

Raffle Items July Meeting

From Austin Hardwoods a piece of Avodire. It is 4/4 stock that is 10" wide and 5' long

Porter cable multi tool

Folding aluminum platform

16pc forstner bit set

Anti-vibration gloves from A Cut Above

Sandpaper purchase

We will be taking orders for sandpaper at the July meeting please bring your checks made out to the Guild.

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CWG President's Message

Well, we have had one of the hottest Junes on record, seemingly the state was on fire, and finally some much needed rain that has eased the severe dryness along the Front Range, but like many natural blessings, the rain complicated the situations in the burn areas. I hope that all our members have been safe and were not victimized by the devastation of a fire. If any of our members have the opportunity to lend assistance to a fire victim and would like some help, please inform a board member and an announcement will be made to the overall membership. We have many resources within the membership that may be able to lend a hand.

The board has been busy planning and coordinating events both within and outside our regular monthly meetings. The outside activities include shows for any member interested in displaying and/or selling their woodworking efforts and community outreach programs. Internally, we have shop tours, classes for skill development, and the upcoming Guild auction. Concerning the auction, Stan has already received some items, so if you have any duplicate or unused items gathering dust in your shop and would like to donate such for the auction, bring it in to the next meeting for cataloging and lot number assignation. Additionally, we are approaching our sponsors for donations to the auction. If a member is patronizing one of the sponsors,

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August Presentation: Walnut Side Chairs Ethan Hutchinson

September Presentation: by Pat Morrow a teacher at red rock and a professional Woodworker.

Classes:

Cabinet Construction & Installation Aug 11, 18, 25 Sep 1, 8, 15 See page 6 for full details

Making Shaker Boxes Aug 11 and 18 Stan Wolpert's shop

Veneering Workshop Aug 25 Viki Hennon's shop

Auction

October 16

For those guild members that have missed the last two meetings we announced the first guild auction to be held at the October meeting. We are accepting donations of any tools or accessories that have been sitting in your shops that you are no longer using. Please bring any item you would like to donate to the auction to the July meeting.

We have received about 25 items so far and will be posting these items soon.

take the opportunity to introduce yourself to the manager if possible and extend the appreciation of the Guild for their support.

At the risk of being accused of harping, the Guild needs volunteers to help in many of our regular and special programs. The time commitment is typically short-term but really helps our efforts to run smoothly. Many of our activities may only require one person for the organization of the event, but then need assistance in the culmination, so if anyone has an interest, please step up. We can use assistance in the library, setting up and clean up for the pre-meeting social time, the monthly auctions, and the special events outside the regular meetings. Contact any board member to express your interest.

One item of note: Tom Bloom and I "rescued" a short stump and root ball from a non-member Denver resident. We think the wood is from a choke cherry tree. Maybe some of you observed the item residing in Tom's pickup bed at the last meeting. Rather than slice up the piece in a haphazard manner, we thought certain members might be interested in "taking a slice" for their own use. The specimen has both some root sections that could result is accent pieces and we think has an interesting "burl" section in the center. The stump appears air dried and ready to be milled. If anyone is interested, contact me or Tom at the monthly meeting.

We have built a strong membership base this year with two hundred members. Perhaps this is the result of the "baby boomers" with more free time and a latent interest in woodworking. I think the membership increase is because the word is getting out through our present members that we have a viable group of people who are accepting of all skill levels and we offer the opportunity for developing new skills and activities through our classes, plus the monthly meetings present the opportunity to socialize and discuss woodworking

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June Presentation: Shaker Boxes



The June presentation was given by John Hammer a guild past President and member for over twenty years. John gave his demo on shaker boxes. He went through the basic tools and jigs needed to make the boxes. He brought his own steam box and explained how to steam the wood so it can be bent to form the top of the box and the body of the box. John will be giving a hands-on class on making shaker boxes on Aug 11 and 18 at Stan Wolpert's shop.

The cost of the class will be \$60.00 and will include the materials to make four boxes of different sizes.

We still have room for five more guild members to sign up.

For the members that have signed up for the class please bring your checks to the July meeting.



Stan Wolpert Program

techniques, view members' completed projects, observe the result of application of new woodworking techniques, and even enjoy the humor of missteps in the process of building unfamiliar woodworking endeavors.

I am proud to be a member of our Guild, and especially proud to hold the position I have for this year. I hope every member is also proud of belonging to our organization and that we can continue to build our skills programs, share our efforts with each other, and expand our abilities in woodworking. Woodworking brings me peace of mind and pride of accomplishment like few other activities outside my chosen career.

I hope you are each having an enjoyable summer filled with activities you enjoy. Stay cool and go out there and make some "happy sawdust".

Travis Brown, President

Austin Hardwoods Tour

On Saturday June 9th the guild was treated to a guided tour of the Austin Hardwoods facility. Our tour guide was none other than Randy the General Manager. Randy took us through the sheet goods warehouse where he explained the multitude of different varieties of plywood, particle board, MDF and melamine that they stock. He pulled out a new melamine product they had only had for two weeks. It was a sheet that had all the appearance of a veneered panel including the texture of the grain and was already finished. Many were amazed at the authentic appearance of the new class of melamine product.

We then toured the hardwoods area and the production area. During this tour they were running their centerpiece rip saw with computer guided lasers and automatically adjusted blades. That was a very interesting process to watch as the two guys ran through board after board getting the best yield thanks to some serious technology.

We then passed through to the back warehouses where the bulk of the timber is kept. There were boles and bundles of all kinds of wood from all over the world. The only thing you need to do to pick through is ask them and they will bring it out for you to look through.

When the tour was over the group returned to the showroom and we had a drawing for some very nice pieces of wood. Strangely enough the two winners were Viki and Donna. An investigation into a potential conspiracy has been opened but has yet come to any conclusions.

It was another great informative tour put on by one of our generous corporate sponsors and one not to miss the next time it comes around.

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Show and Tell

The June Show and Tell had a good selection of pieces brought in making it a difficult decision as to who the winner would be.

Curt Vogt brought a collection of three ornaments that he made. He used Yucatan rosewood, ebony, diamond wood and acrylic to great effect. There was one wood in particular that was only known to be from a tree, but which tree was a mystery. Curt informed the group that he has a one-man show coming up of his pieces, well done Curt.



Viki Hennon brought in a pair of small boxes. She explained that one was a prototype and the other was the finished product. Viki is a fan of prototyping and making pre-production models. She found in the prototype a few things that she wished to change and it can be agreed that the finished box of maple and walnut turned out very nicely.





I didn't bring a hot dog but maybe.....?





Kevin Loyd, Exhibits

Linden Snyder brought a donkey head that he made. And what Linden referred to as a donkey head is also known as a pump jack. When he was pressed further for where all the oil was he said he wasn't sharing that part of the project.



Our young Daniel Scher brought in his first turning. Dan's bowl of curly maple came out very well for a first attempt at turning. Those of us that have turned curly maple know how it can be very prone to tear out and sub-surface damage making this quite the success.



Bob Beason brought in a pair of drivers that he was commissioned to make. These drivers are for special security screws that are 80 years old. The problem is that the company was running out of drivers and these are your standard off the shelf bits. Bob's machining skills are taking on a new life of their own and keeping him busy.

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.



Jim Barry brought in a pair of Victorian styled entry tables. These were designed and built in a class at Red Rocks under the supervision of Pat Morrow, the Red Rocks furniture design teacher. Jim's major achievement in these two tables was the cabriole legs. Jim had never done a cabriole leg and this project required him to do eight of them and all come out identical. It would be safe to assume that on that task Jim got an "A" from his teacher for consistency.



Our winner of the night was Doug Pinney with his Greene and Greene side table. Doug being a general contract and designer of residential and commercial buildings found himself facing retirement. When the question of what to do came up Doug's wife suggested that he finish his workshop and without hesitation Doug went to

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task on finally completing his shop. Doug had an interest in woodworking prior to retirement, but it was not until then that he was able to really spend some time. Doug has been a fan of Greene and Greene furniture for a while, but he found an opportunity to take a class from Daryl Peart. So Doug went to Washington and took a class from the Greene and Greene master. With his notes from the class he returned to the shop and implemented some of the detail work in the table that he brought to show the guild. Doug has plans for more Greene and Greene furniture in the future though Doug's retirement is filled with quite a few other tasks than just woodworking. It will be good to see what comes out next.



Well done to all those that brought their efforts to be shared and continue to bring your pieces.

Kevin Loyd, Events

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