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craftsmanship and knowledge

# Colorado Woodworkers Guild

## August 2012

### ***Upcoming Events***

#### ***August Meeting***

Aug 21 6:30 PM  
Rockler Store

#### ***Raffle Items August Meeting***

Austin Hardwoods: wood.  
A Cut Above: assorted non-woven hand pads,  
about one dozen.  
Engineers squares 6 inch, four inch, two inch.  
Wixey digital calipers.  
Wixey digital angle gauge.

#### ***August Presentation:***

*Walnut Side Chairs Ethan Hutchinson*

#### ***September Presentation:***

*Pat Morrow a teacher at Red Rocks and  
a professional Woodworker.*

#### ***Veneering Workshop***

Aug 25  
Viki Hennon's shop

#### ***Auction***

October 16

The first guild auction will be held during 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.

### ***President's Message***

As I write this I feel overcome with unfinished  
tasks, some related to the summer, some  
related to my professional work, and some  
related to Guild activities. I have registered to  
take John Hammer's class in Shaker boxes. At  
the same time the cabinet construction class is  
beginning, and I have been contacted by two  
separate individuals who want walnut trees  
taken down and the wood hauled away from  
their residences. Additionally, the Guild is  
attempting to establish better ties with our  
sponsors so we need to take care when making  
our presentation to these valuable sources. All  
in all, though, I am sure I would be bored if all  
I had to do was look at the passing clouds and  
imagine the whimsical creatures they may  
represent.

I am personally pleased that the Guild has been  
able to accomplish what it has up to this point  
in the year. We have had a sharpening class, a  
veneering class, shop tours, and chair sculpting  
classes. Participation has been good, and I  
hope the new skills acquired have been put to  
good use in projects. We continue to have  
some fabulous completed projects at our show  
and tell, and I hope viewing these and  
discussing techniques with the participants  
encourages others to start their own projects  
and that they will be willing to bring their  
products into our meetings and share their  
efforts with all of us.

As an aside I just discovered a new product

## ***Workdays and Workshops***

### ***Veneering Workshop***

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### ***Christmas Toys Workdays***

Friday Sept. 7th 8:30 AM– 3:00 PM

Saturday Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM– 3:00 PM

Jeff Roth's shop.

## ***Community Service - Toy Program***

We need your help making toys for kids this Christmas. Most of the toys are easy to make and I have all the patterns and wood you will need. Our goal is 500 toys to be distributed to shelters and other charitable organizations. We will be doing two toy making works days in September. The first one is on a Friday Sept. 7th and the second is on Saturday Sept. 29th. Both work days start at 8:30 and end around 2 or 3, so please bring your lunch. Coffee, Danish and water will be provided. They will be held in my shop in Parker. Please rsvp with an email, so I can send you the address and directions.

***Jeff Roth, Community Service***

jeffroth@myawai.com

## ***Special Announcement***

Rocky Mountain Tool Collectors annual meeting is being held at  
The Table Mountain Inn located at 1310  
Washington Ave. Golden Co.80401  
Sunday Sept.2nd 10:30am-1:00pm

There are tools for sale, displays of rare tools of many different trades, and some very knowledgeable folks. At past RMTC events I have seen rare tools that I have only seen in books.

***Dennis McCaigue***

that may be of interest to our members at large – General Finishes has recently released a high solids water based finish that will have the amber color of traditional polyurethane when dried. Cleanup is with water and the explosive fumes are not a consideration. I have not used the product yet but have seen the finish used and am impressed with the result.

I urge all members to consider their potential role for volunteering for our various outreach activities. The recently completed “Kids Spree” with birdhouse building was manned but no participant had time to catch their breath. If only four more people had participated, everyone would have been more relaxed and not totally exhausted after the event. Remember, also, that the event was one thing, but the wood needed to be procured, measured and cut. We are also approaching the season to start preparing toys for the Christmas season. Whether you are interested in cutting, sanding, assembly, painting, delivery, or full participation from start to finish your efforts are needed for this valuable project. Our librarian could use an assistant, just during the monthly meetings. Our refreshment team could use another volunteer. If you want to contribute through volunteering, just contact one of the officers or board members during our meetings and let them know. Next year will also see a change in your officers, so consider participation in this form if you have the time and commitment.

As has been mentioned in the monthly meetings we are having a Guild auction in October. Initially, we are asking for members to bring in “dust collectors” from their shop or duplicate items. Recently we have received pledges from some of our sponsors to contribute items that we will announce. I think you will all be impressed when the items are presented, so start saving the petty cash now for the big event. We are anticipating having a fun evening with everyone enjoying themselves.

## ***July Presentation Veneering***



***Viki Hennon***

The July presentation was given by Viki Hennon a fantastic woodworker. Viki has been building furniture and many other types of woodworking including Shaker boxes that she has veneered the top.

Viki's presentation on veneering was organized and went over some of the basic tools that she uses in her veneering projects. She explained why she uses a scalpel for cutting her veneers instead of a veneering saw. She showed how she uses different size MDF spacers to create the patterns. She explained the difference between marquetry (pieces of veneer to form a pattern or picture) and Parquetry (using veneer to create geometric designs). Viki showed pictures of a table that she veneered using a geometric design that required hundreds of pieces.

Viki's veneering class on August 25th is sold out and the twelve guild members are looking forward to her class.

***Stan Wolpert, Classes/ Speakers***

As I mentioned earlier, we are reaching out more actively to our sponsors. We are attempting to provide more advertising of the Guild with the sponsors as well as periodically bringing in a representative from the sponsor to make a short presentation to the membership. Certain sponsors have assumed the regular role of supplying items for our raffles. The rocking chair raffle has also brought in some funds that will go into the Guild coffers. Rockler has graciously allowed us to display the rocker in their store providing the Guild exposure and greater participation among the woodworking community. We are also redesigning our brochure and hope to have these distributed at our sponsor locations. Whenever you are visiting one of our sponsors take the time to introduce yourself and don't forget to take advantage of the members' discount if you purchase an item not on sale.

My summer is passing way too fast, and I have managed to have only minor scrapes associated with my exploits. Also, if any of you would be interested in harvesting walnut wood, please contact me for more information. I hope you are all doing well both in your woodworking and in your personal endeavors.

***Travis Brown, President***

## Member Profile for August 2012

Beginning with this edition of our newsletter we feature a profile of one of our members. Each of us has interesting stories to tell about how we began our woodworking adventures. Revealing some of those stories will help us get to know our fellow members.

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**Bill Huffer**

Bill Huffer, recently “retired” Chairman of our Community Service Committee, is originally from Omaha, Nebraska where he became a Nebraska Cornhusker fan. Following his high school years, Bill joined an Underwater Demolition Team (UDT- forerunner of the Navy Seals) in the U.S. Navy. After a 9 year stint with the Navy on the west coast (San Diego and San Francisco), and college at California State University in Sacramento, Bill joined Pinkerton Consulting and Investigations as an undercover agent, especially around the docks in San Francisco.

Like many in large corporations, Bill moved around the country with Pinkerton, eventually settling in Aurora Colorado as a regional manager. With two daughters and their families in the area, Bill and his wife, Joyce, are now enjoying being grandparents and the retired life.

Retiring in 1999, Bill set out to pursue a long-time interest and one of the items on his “bucket list:” to become a woodworker. Rich Johnson at Rockler helped him get started and

## Show and Tell



The winner of the Show and Tell was Cal Noguchi with his Origami Crane in wood.



The turned bowl with inlays was done by Doug Pinney.



Storage Chest by ????

*Editor's note: Apologies to the builder of the Storage Chest, Kevin Loyd who normally reports the results of the Show and Tell arrived late and did not get all the details of the event.*



directed him to the Guild, where he became a member in 2000. Over time Bill grew his shop from the garage to the basement and, of course, like most of us, began acquiring more tools.

In 2003 Bill Hoppers, the then Guild President, convinced Bill to take on the responsibilities for coordinating the production of the toys that the Guild donates each year during the holidays. So, he remained in that position until this year, finally retiring after nine years with 2,500 to 3,000 toys donated. Along the way he coordinated the Guild's participation in the Aurora "Kid's Spree" event and also helped to make many birdhouse kits.

Bill says that he likes woodworking because it is so rewarding when you can take raw material through to a completed and useful object, whether it be a toy that brings great joy or a fine piece of furniture. Bill likes to make furniture, boxes, and, of course, toys. One of his favorite projects continues to be making the grasshopper toys.

Bill's favorite tools are his band saw, router table, workbench and scrapers. On his "wish list" is a new band saw, an item that could help him with his next project, a New Mexico style chair.

Bill is not only a woodworker. Bill is also a skilled bonsai gardener—he has been doing bonsai for 50 years and is active with the Denver bonsai community.

The Guild has been fortunate to have Bill as an active member and continuing contributor. He holds on to a vision for the Guild where we have more volunteers so that the work is spread around. He also wishes for shorter meetings. Above all Bill enjoys the sharing and camaraderie that the Guild provides and intends to stay with his woodworking hobby as long as he can.

***Lindy Baer, Publicity/Promotion***

## ***Shows and Exhibits***

Elbert County Artisan Rendezvous this summer on the same day as the Aurora Kids Spree there was a new event, the Elbert Historic Rendezvous.

This was the first year for this event and this was not a typical art festival or craft fair.

They had a parade down main street, live music, an antique mall, silent auction and a 15 mile endurance horse race. All this was in addition to the vendor booths including the Guild.

While the Guild may not have signed up any members that day there were several people from Denver, who learned of us. Some people mentioned interest and the possibility of joining, but what was important was making the community aware that we exist.

Something to consider when you go to festivals and fairs is, would the Guild having a booth be a good thing? Ask yourself if you are willing to go to a festival, how many other potential guild members could be there.

As the guild grows and more people become aware of us we can build a community with a depth of talent and friendly faces that can continue making the guild a fun and worthy group to be a member of.

If you find yourself at a festival or fair and it seems like a good place for the guild to have a booth find out who the event coordinator is. Pass along these or any other suggestions to myself or a board member.

There are a lot of Woodworkers and aspiring woodworkers that won't join unless they are aware of us and know what a nice lot we are.

***Kevin Loyd, Shows and Exhibits***

## ***Requests for help***

*We have been contacted by two individuals who want Walnut trees removed:  
One wanting felling and removal  
The other wanting the wood removed after felling.*

**Contact Travis Brown**

## ***Clock Repair request***

*One of the good people that I met at the Elbert Rendezvous was a man by the name of, NNNN. He has a very nice and very old wall clock that fell and broke into more than a couple of pieces. The clock is covered in intricate veneer work, which complicates the repair.  
If anyone knows of a person that can repair both the case and veneer work of a clock that is 100+ years old please contact me so that I might forward the information. Given this is a fairly valuable clock if anyone has experience with a professional in this field that would be very helpful.*

**Contact Kevin Loyd**

## ***Sponsors***

**Centennial Wood Co.** - 303-778-6209

2775 W. 7th Ave, Denver

**Paxton** - 303-399-6047

[www.PaxtonWood.com](http://www.PaxtonWood.com)

4837 Jackson St., Denver

**Rockler Woodworking and Hardware**

303-782-0588

[www.rockler.com](http://www.rockler.com)

2553 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver

**TC Woods** - 303-494-0425

[www.TCWoods.com](http://www.TCWoods.com)

9776 Arapahoe Rd., Lafayette

**ToolKing** - 303-237-7779

[www.toolking.com](http://www.toolking.com)

11111 W 6th Ave., Lakewood

**ToolZone** - 303-252-8500

[www.toolzone.com](http://www.toolzone.com)

8651 Grant St., Thornton

**Woodcraft Denver** - 303-290-0007

[www.Woodcraft.com](http://www.Woodcraft.com)

6770 S. Peoria St. Centennial

***Offers Contractor Discount (roughly 20%)***

**Austin Hardwoods** - 303-733-1292

[www.AustinHardwoods.com](http://www.AustinHardwoods.com)

975 W. Mississippi, Denver

**Charlies 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Store** – 303-295-1781

2227 Larimer St, Denver

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