



Encouraging all woodworkers in self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge

Colorado Woodworkers Guild

August 2013

Calendar of events

August 20, 2013 General Membership Meeting

Rockler Basement 6:30 PM

Long-time Guild member, and hand tool lover, Kevin Loyd is this month's presenter. Kevin truly is an expert in the use, maintenance, and restoration of hand tools. Tonight's program covers hand cutting dovetails. And, since such a task requires a proper, and sharp dovetail saw, he will begin with a presentation on sharpening a back saw.

August 10, 2013 - The Guild's annual picnic that was to be held at Congress Park, has been cancelled!

August 3rd, August 31st and September 28st, 2013 - Master finisher, Randall Marder, specializes in renovating Greene & Greene and Stickley furniture. He is one of the few people in the world who knows the formulas for finishes used in these classic furniture designs. In this hands-on class, Randall will share these finishing formulas (not all, but some), and class participants will have opportunities to create finish samples and storyboards. We are pleased that the class has been sold out.

Please note that the third instalment of this class was originally scheduled for September 21st, and has been changed to September 28th.

August 24th and August 31st, 2013 - John Hammer will present his seminar on building a Shaker box on two consecutive Saturdays. The class will be held at Rockler Woodworking and Hardware. Class will start at 9:00 AM and will wrap up at about 5:00 PM on both days. Tuition for this course is \$95.00. Only members of the Guild are permitted to register for the class. We need two more people to sign up, so belly up to the bar and join the fun.

Presidents Message

Before I moved to Colorado from San Diego almost four years ago I was very involved in the San Diego Fine Woodworkers Association (SDFWA). They are a group of woodworkers very much like the Guild. There was a time when I was involved the membership was over 1600 members! Because of the economy the membership has shrunk to over 900 members. They have, besides the executive Board of President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer 22 committees with 35 committee members. Very often there would be over 200 members attending a meeting.

The Guild does not have anywhere near those kinds of numbers. But in the past 4 years the Guild has made an impressive turnaround. When I first joined there would be 25 or 30 people at the meetings. Membership

was low and there were no classes. In the past few years the Guild has grown the membership to over 200 members and has maintained a steady stream of popular classes and seminars. All of this was done by people like you. People interested in woodworking who have a few hours a month to spare to make the Guild fun and interesting. This year we have a perfect storm of Board and committee members who will not be serving another term. We need your help in stepping in and filling those spots to keep the Guild running. There are several committee members and a Board member who are going to remain on the Board to keep the flow going. The exiting Board and committee members are very willing to help their replacements get off to a running start. Below I have listed the Board and committee positions that will be opening up next year.

If you have a few hours to spare a month and are interested in any of these positions please let me, or anyone else on the Board know. Listed below are the positions opening up and who is currently in that position and a very brief description of the duties of that position.

President – Viki Hennon. To run the Board and general meetings. Check the PO Box and be a signer on the Guild bank account.

Vice President – Tom Bloom. To fill in or take over if the President is unable. Coordinate the Guild annual picnic and holiday party. Be a signer on the Guild bank account.

Treasurer – John Willcox. Maintain bank and PayPal account, provide treasures report for Board meetings. Writes but does not sign checks.

Programs – Stan Wolpert. To provide the program speaker for the general meetings. Stan will have programs set up for the first few months of the next year.

Classes – Stan Wolpert. To schedule classes, mentoring sessions or seminars that may be of interest to Guild members. This position does not have to be held by the same person doing programs.

Membership – Donna Cuning. To maintain membership applications, to process new and renewing memberships. Issue membership cards and maintain data base of membership information.

Audio Visual – Cal Naguchi will continue to do his excellent job with the video camera but needs help when he is unable to attend a meeting.

Please take an interest in one of these positions; we would be happy to have you on the Board.

Viki Hennon President

July presentation

The July presentation was given by Randall Marder a master finisher and a general contractor that does restoration of vintage houses. Randall worked on the Gamble house (Greene & Greene) in Pasadena.

For thirteen years he restored some of the furniture and most of the woodwork including windows and doors.

He showed lots of pictures of the Gamble house and how he restored the woodwork. He also passed around a piece of Oak that he finished with a hand rubbed finish and some of our members added another coat to the wood. Randall taught the first session of the finishing class on August 3rd.

Stan Wolpert Programs



Membership Tidbits

Watched a huge gully washing rain with all the wind and thunder bumper activity a person could ask for Saturday night. Whatever else a person can say about Colorado—the weather can keep your interest up. I hope you all have been able to keep your woodworking interest up these past couple even with all the summer activities abounding. I would love to see more of your work in the Show and Tell. It's great to see what part of woodworking holds other woodworkers' interest and certainly I always learn a little (read a lot) something as I'm sure other members do as well.

While we are on the topic, please be sure you let the Board folks know about programs or classes you would like the Guild to hold that you would commit to attending. We look to you for your ideas and help as well. The injection of new ideas can be invigorating for all of us, so don't be shy. Participation is the key to our overall success.

On that note, I have been Membership Chair for two years now and will be stepping down with the installation of the new Board. I can't tell you how enriching my experience has been, particularly getting to know some of our members and say "hi" to lots more. When I joined the Guild I was still living in San Diego so I certainly knew no one in the Colorado woodworking community. Getting involved as a volunteer did nothing but enhance my experience in the Guild just because I had people asking me questions about their membership, I got to work with a great group of Board members to give input into the programs, classes and other woodworking experiences, work with Wilbur to create an easier way to work with the member database, think about creating a members online directory, and other fun things along the way.

We've seen some good changes I think with the introduction of an online application and being able to use PayPal. Our Webmaster, Wilbur Goltermann continues to be instrumental in making this a reality. Now that we have the ability to renew online, the renewal experience should be much easier for both you and the Membership person. This is a perfect Segway to ask you to please consider becoming the new Membership Chair for the coming year. Working with Wilbur and the rest of the Board, you will certainly have their assistance as well as mine to become familiar with maintaining the database and getting new membership cards to our renewing folks but you will also have a great opportunity to see what your ideas can do to improve the membership experience. I would suggest if you are interested you talk with me at next meeting so that I can answer any questions you might have and start sharing with you what you need to know.

I want to let you know that we will be making changes in our membership dues for 2014. We have been evaluating our current dues structure in light of the cost of offering classes, speakers fees, the ancillary benefits the Guild offers (name badge, refreshments, underwriting the cost of apparel items, raffle prizes, etc.) as well as what other woodworking groups charge for their annual dues. While we will be increasing our dues a bit, know that they haven't been raised for quite some time. In addition, we will be offering an early renewal special that I will outline for you in September's newsletter. Know that our intent is to find the right balance between the cost of membership and the overall value of the experience. We hope that you will agree the Board has worked hard to be sure you do have a good experience here all the while, making sawdust.

Donna Cuning Membership

Community Service Toy Program

This September and October we will have several toy work days. Please sign up or talk to me at the meeting in August. I will send out emails to the volunteers with times and places. Thanks,

Jeff Roth Community Service

Program Report

Our August presenter is Kevin Lloyd a long time member of the guild. Kevin will be demonstrating how to tune up a dovetail saw and will be showing how to cut hand cut dovetails. Kevin will also be teaching a tune up and hand cut dovetail class on September 7th at Stan Wolpert's shop. The cost of the class is \$55.00 those, who attend the class will be given a drawing of a dovetail vice that they will make before the class.

The September presentation will be given by Wilbur Goltermann on the Sketch up computer program. Wilbur will be showing how to use the program to draw details drawings for cabinets and furniture. Wilbur will be teaching a class on sketch up and the date will be announced at the August meeting. The cost of the class will be \$35.00. You will need to bring a lap top computer to the class

The October meeting the guild will be holding its second annual auction. We need the help of all members to donate items from their shop that they are no longer using. All of us have bought tools when we first started woodworking and as we progressed we bought better quality tools or accessories. Please bring this unused items to the next two meetings so the guild can have a successful auction.

The guild had its first master finishing class on Saturday August 3rd and all of the members who were there learned a lot about creating their own stains and hand rubbed finishes. If anyone is interested in attending the next master finishing class date and location to be determined please see Stan at the meeting he will have a sign-up sheet.

Stan Wolpert Programs

August Presentation

For the August presentation the topic will be tooling and procedures for doing hand cut dovetail joints. Because of the process the saw is the most important single tool. For this reason it is worth taking the time to sharpen and tune your saw. When you understand the simple process and the variables involved the mystique around hand cut joints of all types fades and the concept becomes less daunting.

Following the saw the next most important item is the vise. Years ago I designed my dovetail vise to aid in the process of cutting dovetails. I will go over the design and process of how I use the vise and the benefits it provides over conventional bench vises. Lastly I will go through the steps that I use to layout and cut a simple dovetail joint.

The Woodworking Shows 2013

The circus is coming to town. The weekend of November 22-24 will see the annual Woodworking Show return to Denver. The show has returned to the old weekend that everyone had become accustomed to enjoying. As usually there will be thousands of people wandering the aisles looking for that thing they need. Some of those people need information about the guild. As members we are very familiar with the guild and all the benefits we receive as members. The problem is that there are many woodworkers, new and seasoned, that are fully unaware of the guild and the value it presents. These people may be new to Denver or they could be old members that are not aware of the changes the guild has made over the last few years.

We will need booth volunteers to talk about the guild and the benefits that come with membership. We will

also need volunteers to do demonstrations throughout the entire weekend. Additionally, we will need examples of work that we can display. Please contact me individually via email (Shows and Exhibits Chair) or talk with me at the meetings.

Don't forget that volunteers will be entered into a volunteer-only raffle, they receive free entry on the day they volunteer, and something else. Items going into the raffle have not been purchased but you can rest assured that I am scouting out and negotiating to make the selection worthy of great volunteers.

Kevin Loyd Shows & Exhibits Chair

Show & Tell

The July meeting had more great submissions from the members. From the busy and restless shop of Curt Vogt we saw an ornament made of mesquite, ebony, and bocote. Because some woods have an oil content that interferes with the adhesion of some finishes Curt gave a brief description of how he finished his ornament.

Donna has been making more than a few pens recently, which has given Viki cause to make some pen boxes. Viki however found that there was a bit of a learning curve to have the boxes work well. In fact while the maple box with ebony looked nice and held pens it was Viki's lesson that small size doesn't guarantee it is an easy project. Bob Brewer brought in a model of a Fokker D VII. It was made of mostly pine and some hardwoods and given a nice paint job. A historical aircraft from The Great War, but all I could think of was the classic dog fight between the Red Barron and Snoopy. Dennis McCaigue brought in a set of Swedish chisels that he had re-handled. Given Dennis's specialized line of work there is a need for some special tools and these are going to be his cello set. The handles were turned from walnut in the pattern similar to the A E Berg handles.

Wilbur Goltermann brought in a knockdown patio chair that he built. The chair was a very nicely executed piece in solid mahogany. Wilbur qualified the piece as having a design not of his own, but it wasn't until he took the chair apart that the value of the design became apparent. Having personally tested the chair it was indeed comfortable, but the fact that it collapsed in on itself with a handle for carrying made the chair a truly brilliant design.

The winner of the night was Bill Hoppers with his candlestick nightstand. The unique style is a copy of a stand that his grandfather had made. To keep to the era of inspiration Bill used some walnut that was felled around 1800.

Thank you everyone for bringing in your pieces to share with the rest of the group. To all those that have not brought in a piece don't be shy. Bringing in your work helps the rest of the group see what you do. So bring your pieces and see you next month.

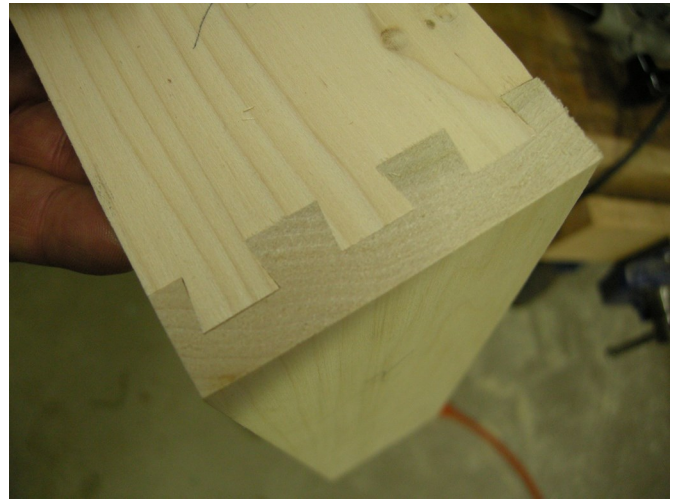
Kevin Loyd Shows & Exhibits Chair



Woodworking 102

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Colorado Woodworkers Guild
Membership Application

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Badge Name: _____ Birthday (Month/Day): _____

Street Address: _____

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EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Woodworking Interests _____

Would you be interested in being a mentor? : Yes No

If yes, in what area (s) _____

How did you hear about us? : _____

What do you want to get out of your membership? : _____

Would you be interested in being on a committee? : Yes No

If so, how would you like to help? : _____

Dues are \$30 annually— your membership card expires 12/31

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Join Date: _____

Payment Received: Cash _____ Check no _____ PayPal _____ Credit card _____

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