



*Encouraging all woodworkers in self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge*

# Colorado Woodworkers Guild

## April 2014

### *Upcoming Events and Classes*

#### **April 15, 2014 Meeting – 6:30 PM Rockler Basement**

Paul Seiple will be doing a presentation on the setup and use of a bandsaw. Paul has extensive experience with the bandsaw. If you have a bandsaw, come and learn something about its use.

#### **April 27, 2014 Gathering Of the Guilds**

This is the annual gathering of the guilds. It's at The Boettcher Mansion, on Lookout Mountain, 900 Colorow Road, Golden, CO 80401. We generally have a presence there, stay tuned for more info.

#### **April 19, 26 and May 3, Finishing Class**

The Guild will hold its first finishing class of the year on these three days at Jeff Roth's shop in Parker. The class be finishing six species of wood Maple, Oak, Walnut, Cherry, Mahogany, and Alder. We will be making our own wipe on finish. We will be using oil based polyurethane, varnish, shellac, lacquer and tung oil. We will also be learning how to do French Polish using shellac. We will learn how to rub out a finish using rottenstone and pumice stone. The class will cost \$150.00 and the Guild will supply all the wood and finishing supplies. You can pay and signup here. Login to this web page, click "Pay For Classes" under "Members Corner" at the right and click on "2014-04-19 Finishing Class". The class is limited to 12 students. More details will be given out at the April meeting.

#### **May 20, 2014 Meeting 6:30 PM Rockler Basement**

Dick Boss, a custom archery bow maker.



### *Presidents Message*

Wow! Another month gone. What can I say, time flies like an arrow fruit flies like a banana.

Our March meeting was held in the newly refinished meeting room in Rockler's basement. This was accomplished by members of the Woodworkers, Woodturners and Shipwrights guilds. Of course the materials, flooring and paint, were provided by Rockler.

Rich Johnson gave us a great presentation on finishing there is a separate article on that in this newsletter.

There was good participation in the Show And Tell. I'd like to encourage all members to bring in something for Show And Tell. It's a great way to learn from one another.

While sending an email announcement of the upcoming finishing class, I inadvertently put the list of addresses in the subject line. My apologies to the members for this.

***Cary Goltermann - President***

## ***More on the Finishing Class***

When I sent out an email announcing the availability of this class to the guild members, I received a response from guild member Jim Myers. Here is a quote from him:

*"In case you get questions or need a reference for the class, I took the class with Stan previously. It was the best class I ever took on any woodworking skill. I have been taking woodworking skill classes for 30 years. Stan does an outstanding job of teaching the finishing class. He teaches the use and application of multiple finishes and components. You leave the class with examples, in hand, that can be reviewed in the future as you determine which type of finish you would strive to achieve. Since I took the class I have had nothing but excellent comments on my finishes.  
Jim Myers"*

## ***How to sign up***

At this writing two people have already signed up on the web. So, there are only ten openings left before the class closes.

If you wish to sign up on line here are the instructions

Go to <http://coloradowoodworkersguild.org>

Login (if you have a problem with this send an email to

[president@coloradowoodworkersguild.org](mailto:president@coloradowoodworkersguild.org))

Click on **Pay For Classes** under **Members Corner** at the right of the home page

Then click on **2014-04-16 Finishing Class** this will take you to the Guild Finishing Class page

The fields on the Guild Finishing Class page should already have your name and email filled in. Fill in the characters in the image at the bottom left of the page and click the PayPal button. You do not need a PayPal account to do this. On the PayPal page click Pay with a credit or credit card and provide the card info.

***Cary Goltermann***

## ***March Presentation***



At the March monthly meeting we enjoyed a presentation by Rich Johnson on finishing techniques.

Rich started by explaining the different methods of coloring wood. These included dyes, stains, glazes and chemicals. He showed us a sample of a combination of these methods used to produce an authentic Arts and Craft finish on quarter sawn white oak. During the Arts and Craft period in the early 1900s this affect was achieved by fuming wood with ammonia. Modern products allow us to achieve the same results without the risk to our health.

Rich also explained some simple old finishes such as tung oil and linseed oil. He stressed the importance of proper protection and ventilation. The rags from these applications have been known to spontaneously catch fire, so taken the warning on the can seriously.

Rich then moved on to top coats, stressing that there are many choices available depending your project. He started by passing around an example of a poorly applied top coat on a piece of cherry. He showed us how to rub out this less than perfect example to produce a very fine finish. Here is his technique to be started after the top coat has cured.

- 400 grit wet/ dry sand paper, rub not just with the grain.
- 600 grit wet/dry sandpaper.
- Liberon Steel Wool 0000, *do not use* regular 0000 steel wool as it will scratch the finish.
- Pumice Stone powder, regular grit - dispensed with a salt shaker and rubbed with a sponge.
- Rotten Stone powder, dispensed with a salt shaker and rubbed with a sponge.

After which the original piece of cherry with the not so desirable finish was passed around for all to see the fantastic finish accomplished with the Rich Johnson technique.

Thank you Rich.

***Laura Peterson - Treasurer***

## Show and Tell

### Doug Pinney

Doug brought a fine adjustable shooting jig he fashioned from the plans in a recent issue of ShopNotes. He customized it to fit his Veritas Plane.

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Doug also showed us a very nice segmented bowl he made from walnut and maple. The fine detail of the seams showed Doug's efforts to get the best results possible. Doug received the most votes and award of the best of the show and tell.

### Mike Brey

Mike shared with us, a wonderful keepsake box he made in his shop. Very nice!

### Chris Woychak

Chris showed a new cutting board he made of walnut and maple. He carefully finished it with a mineral oil so it would not have the possibility of spoiling and can be easily renewed to keep the wood protected for years of service.

### Cliff Ferns

Cliff made a wonderful sounding Aztec Tongue Drum. The rich sound of this percussion instrument he said, took quite a bit of work to "tune" by reducing the thickness of the wood of each key.

### Curt Vogt

Curt brought seven magic wands he turned on the wood lathe. Six were made of red oak, and one of walnut.

### Cary Goltermann

Cary brought in an old plane he had rebuilt. Based upon an Ohio Tools transitional plane, he had fashioned new walnut handles, cleaned up the beach body, and added a new Padouk base plate.

### Chris Close

Chris displayed the mortising jig he learned to make in a recent class. A great tool to use with your router to easily make sturdy joinery.

## Curt Vogt



## ***Chris Gochmour Tool chest Raffle***

Last summer (2013) we had a "Visiting Professional Seminar" starring Chris Gochmour, a long time contributor to Fine Woodworking.

Over the course of two days Chris, with help from the audience, built an "Heirloom Tool Chest". If you are interested, the same chest is featured in Issue #169 (March/April 2004) of Fine Woodworking. When the seminar was finished, the guild was presented with the tool chest.

Since last September, we have been selling raffle tickets for the chest. At the March Guild meeting the raffle was concluded. The lucky winner is Ted Smathers. The raffle raised \$360.00 which the guild will use to help in its operations.

Ted says "To win the tool chest is a privilege and an honor. It is displayed in a prominent location at home."

## ***Cary Goltermann - President***



Ted Smathers

## ***Community Service***

The guild, thanks to the efforts of Charlie Kuechenmeister and Jeff Roth, just made a purchase of wood which will be used in this year's Kid's Spree birdhouses and Christmas Toys. Thanks to all who are involved in these efforts. Also thanks to Paxton Lumber for giving the guild a great price.

There will be a work session to build kits for the upcoming Kids Spree on April 11th at Jeff Roth's workshop in Parker (or was when you read this). I'm told there are already many volunteers for this. Thanks to all who participate.

Recently I received a letter from one of the organizations we donate toys to at Christmas Time. The letter contained a Crayon drawing from one of the toy recipients.

## ***Cary Goltermann - President***





## *Sponsor's Corner*



### ***Paxton: The Wood Source***

The Frank Paxton Lumber Company (see [www.paxtonwood.com](http://www.paxtonwood.com)) has been associated with and supported the Colorado Woodworkers Guild for many years. In fact, years ago, the Guild used to have many of their meetings in the Paxton facilities.

The Paxton Lumber Company began business in Kansas City, Missouri in 1914. They established a Denver presence in 1931 and moved to their current location in 1950. Today, besides Denver, Paxton has locations in Kansas City, Chicago, Cincinnati, and San Antonio. In 2012, Paxton was purchased by Hardwood Specialty Products, Inc. (see [www.hardwoods-inc.com](http://www.hardwoods-inc.com)), a company with many distribution centers throughout western Canada and the U.S. The Paxton name will continue in the middle America region.

The Denver retail store is managed by Jack Egan. Jack, with Paxton for 37 years, is a 1974 graduate of the forestry program at Ohio State University. He began his career as a timber "cruiser," locating hardwood logs for harvest. He learned to practice "release cutting," cutting the larger trees to make room for the new growth. It didn't take long after this beginning, however, for Jack to find his new home with Paxton in Denver.

Jack explained that the Denver store supplies sheet goods, veneer, hardwood lumber, edgings and mouldings. The entire Paxton team takes pride in the fact that they are Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) certified. Jack and his team stock over 50 species of hardwood, 15-16 of which are imports. When possible they buy plantation grown wood and

their sheet goods have no added formaldehyde.

The biggest challenges that Jack and Paxton face are customer education and sometimes the supply of materials, especially as it might be effected by the national economy and international geopolitical situation (for example, getting Baltic Birch sheet goods when there is unrest in Russia). He is proud of the fact that his staff has been very stable. He explained that large parts of the Paxton-Denver business is industrial (selling to industrial shops) and also their custom moulding services, though the Denver store does extremely well with its retail lumber sales.

The most satisfying aspects of Jack's work involve supplying materials to customers who have complex, custom projects and, after the project is complete, to have the customer come back with compliments and thanks for a job well done.

Paxton Lumber has been supporting and helping the Colorado Woodworkers Guild for many years. Only this past month, Paxton provided a great price for lumber that our Community Services Committee will use for bird house kits for this summer's charitable activities, especially Kid's Spree in Aurora. The Guild appreciates the support and looks forward to continuing this mutually beneficial relationship.



## *Bits and Pieces*

### *Views of the Guild*



**Stan on Classes**



**More Stan on  
more classes**



**Interested  
Audience**



**Greeting  
Newcomers**



**Announcements  
from  
President**



**Administration  
Hard at Work**

## *Plane Restoration Class*



## ***For Sale***

Denver area woodworkers:

I have my 1725 RPM grinder with accessories for sale via Craig's List.

<http://denver.craigslist.org/tls/4396494120.html>

Paul Stafford

303-972-2335

## ***2014 Guild Officers***

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Phone: 800-444-2999

Website: [www.acutabove.com](http://www.acutabove.com)

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975 W. Mississippi  
Denver, CO 80223

Phone: 303-733-1292

Website: [www.austinhardwoods.com](http://www.austinhardwoods.com)

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Denver, CO 80205

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### **Collector's Specialty Woods**

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4355 Monaco Street, Unit A  
Denver, CO 80216

(this is their Denver showroom and warehouse)

Phone: 720-278-7797

Website: [www.cswoods.com](http://www.cswoods.com)

#### **Collector's Specialty Woods**

8055 County Road 570  
Gardner, CO 81040

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Phone: 800-746-2413

### **Denver Woodworking Company**

2062 S. Bannock Street  
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Phone: 303-733-3130

Website: [www.denverwoodworking.com](http://www.denverwoodworking.com)

### **Frank Paxton Lumber Company**

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Phone: 303-913-6373

Website: [www.reclaimedboxcarflooring.com](http://www.reclaimedboxcarflooring.com)

### **Rockler Woodworking and Hardware**

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Website: [www.rockler.com/retail/denver-colorado-hardware-store.cfm](http://www.rockler.com/retail/denver-colorado-hardware-store.cfm)

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5406 County Road 23  
Ft. Lupton, CO 80621

Phone: 3-666-8989

Website: [www.tcwoods.com](http://www.tcwoods.com)

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Thornton, CO 80229

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### **Woodcraft of Denver**

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Centennial, CO 80112

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Website: <http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=305>



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## Guild Participation Profile

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|                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Furniture      | <input type="checkbox"/> Small projects   | <input type="checkbox"/> Turning          | <input type="checkbox"/> Veneering, Inlay  |
|                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Bending   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other            |   |  |
| Willingness to Mentor | <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet making | <input type="checkbox"/> Home remodeling  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hand tools       | <input type="checkbox"/> Tools, jigs, shop |
|                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Furniture      | <input type="checkbox"/> Small projects   | <input type="checkbox"/> Turning          | <input type="checkbox"/> Veneering, Inlay  |
|                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Bending   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other            |   |  |
| Willingness to Serve  | <input type="checkbox"/> No Interest    | <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe Later      | <input type="checkbox"/> Elected office   | <input type="checkbox"/> Community service |
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☐ Yes ☐ No

Woodworking Biography:

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