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Colorado Woodworkers Guild

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President's Corner

Wilbur Goltermann President

A last minute pre-dendum to the President's Message

Dear Guild members,

This newsletter is short as a consequence of the fact that we have had no submissions from our regular contributors.

It is the start of the new year, and many of us are preoccupied with the news, which constantly bombards us with reports of the ravages of COVID-19, and of the unconscionable attacks on our Democracy. As all of that sinks in, I feel sapped of the energy necessary to carry on my day-to-day life. I'm certain that I am not alone, and that all of you are equally fatigued by the events of the past year.

However, concentrating on the things which bring us joy is, at least, a partial antidote for this malaise. Woodworking, and the friends I have made in The Guild are a source of some of that joy, and I think that all of us who have been active in The Guild feel similarly.

I look forward to 2021 as providing hope that we can return to some sense of normalcy. Though it will be some time before we can truly put the pandemic behind us, but we can see some light at the end at least see some light at the end of this tunnel (OK, OK, I know that is horribly cliched) in which we find ourselves and are reasonably sure that it is not a locomotive barreling down to run us over.

So, please, let us do our best to help that normalcy return by helping make The Guild a more important part of each of our lives.

Thanks
Wilbur

Welcome to a brand new year with the brand new hope of a COVID-19 vaccine on the horizon.

Despite that promise, it appears that we will be unable to continue meeting in person for some time yet. That said, the Zoom meeting platform offers many things we were unable to do in in person meetings. As one example, live meetings in Rockler's basement do not allow us to do live presentations with power tools, but with Zoom, we can do a presentation from a member's (or a visiting presenter's) shop and have all the tools at our disposal.

Zoom also allows us to provide special interest "breakout rooms" at meetings and allow members to join the room of their choice. This is something with which we would like to experiment in the future.

For the near term, however, we will stick to our traditional format of this sequence of events:

- Announcements
- Show-and-Tell projects
- Break and voting for show-and-tell winner.
- Other events to be described below.
- Main meeting presentation(s)
- Meeting wrap up and closing announcements.

The events we wish to add to occasional meetings (probably only one per meeting) include:

- For the upcoming meeting on January 19, I hope to convince some of you volunteer to describe either:
 - What gift you have received or have purchased as a gift for you shop and how you believe it will benefit your woodworking workflow.
 - Please volunteer to describe something you bought for your shop, and never used (or used simply discovered having bought it was a mistake). Help others among the Guild members from making the same mistake.
 - **Please volunteer by sending a description of your Christmas gift, or of your "white elephant purchase to me at president@colowood.com**

The main presentation at our January 19th meeting will feature member, Bill Knoll, demonstrating the steps in creating a beautiful 3D panorama. Here is a picture of one of his recent creations.



In preparation for that meeting, please submit pictures and descriptions of our show-and-tell entries to Cary at programs@coloradowoodworkersguild.org.

I hope to see a large number of you at the meeting on January 19.

Until next time, stay healthy and safe.

Thanks,
Wilbur

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