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Colorado Woodworkers Guild

March 2021



President's Corner

Wilbur Goltermann - President

Can you believe that it is March already? Our monthly meeting is, once again, being hosted on Zoom at our regular date and time - March 16, at 6:30 PM.

March is notable for a couple of more things: First, we mark the first day of Spring on March 20. Also, the end of the grace period for expiring members is March 31. If you have not yet renewed, please do so before that date.

On another note, we are collaborating with the Front Range Woodturners (FRW) to capitalize on synergies between the two groups. Out of this collaboration come a number of things of value to Guild members:

- To encourage participation in both groups, we have established a cooperative membership. A Guild member may join the FRW for 50% of their dues, or \$22.50 additional.
- We can do a number of things at Zoom meetings that are impossible at a live meeting. For example, we can do "live" demos using tools in a presenter's shop.

This is so valuable that even when we can have face-to-face meetings, we will broadcast it on Zoom and display it on the monitors in Rockler's basement. This has two advantages: We can do real demos on the Zoom stream. Members at the live meeting can see the demos on the monitors, and members who don't attend can observe the proceedings from the comfort of their armchair, martini in hand.

The FRW and the Guild are collaborating on the development of a state-of-the-art audio/video recording and streaming system. I am on a working committee with a number of FRW board and committee members to come up with plans.

I end with my normal plea to participate in our monthly Show-and-Tell and our almost-monthly shop tours. Enter the show and tell by sending your project description and pics of same to Cary at

programs@coloradowoodworkersguild.org

and stand a chance to win a gift certificate at one of our sponsors.

If you are willing to do a shop tour, please send an email to me at President@colowood.com

Nuff said for now. I hope to see you all on the 16th.

Wilbur

March Membership Madness

Membership Problems??? Send an email
to programs@coloradowoodworkersguild.org

If you go to <https://coloradowoodworkersguild.org/about/about-membership> you can find instructions for either renewing your membership or applying for a new membership. Please note that the guild's address has changed we are no longer using the old PO box. It is still active and I do check it from time to time but CWG will not renew it after it expires in September. Our mail is now being received at

The Colorado Woodworkers Guild
% Rockler Woodworking and Hardware
ATTN: Membership Renewal
2553 South Colorado Boulevard
Denver, CO 80222

Everyone who renewed in 2020 has automatically been renewed for 2021.

At this writing there are 118 members either new or renewed for 2021

Total 158 *active* memberships. What is an active membership? A membership is valid through the end of the calendar year. However, a member is considered active through April 1st of the following year.

Now is a great time to renew your membership!

The 2021 member cards look like this (member name/expiration in Black text on a Orange background).



If your member card does not look like this, your membership has expired.

If you need to renew follow the instructions at

<https://coloradowoodworkersguild.org/about/about-membership>

If your address has changed please login to coloradowoodworkersguild.org and update your information.

Lets talk a little about your membership information. One important element of your user information is your woodworking interests. Of the members in our data base (some of whom are expired) 72 list other as their interests (meaning their interest are not filled in at all. If we better understood your woodworking interests we might better address them in meeting presentations. Please

1. Login to coloradoodworkersguild.org
2. From the menu go to My Account → Edit Your Profile
3. At the top click Extended Profile Fields
4. Fill in your Woodworking Interests

If there is interest, I'd be happy to go through this during a meeting its not very difficult.

Cary Goltermann - Assistant to the Membership Chair

Work Bench

Our construction job had a big chunk of leftover gluelam beam, so I had to make it into a workbench. The base is made from excess lumber and LVL. All joints are drawbored mortise and tenon. The top is about 18" wide x 5.5" thick x 9 ft long. The bench is 35" tall.

Cheers

Jason Matischek



Show and Tell From The February 2021 Meeting

The show and tell items at the February meeting included entries from perhaps two among the most accomplished woodworkers in our membership Arnold Silverman and Rich Macrae.

Arnie's entry was a stunning Seymour Dresser Mirror.

The case is made of Mahogany.

Mirror frame Curly Maple. Banding of various woods.



Out of curiosity I tried to find a picture of the original on the web. Closest I could find is this which is attributed to Thomas Seymour.



Rich Macrae provided two entries. First a beautifully made bookcase. The carcass is made from cherry with maple slats for the back. The second photo show detail of the feet



Rich's second entry is a Keepsake box. As usual Rich's attention to detail is apparent. The box is made of Cherry. The top is "Curly Marble Claro Walnut". The corners are joined with handcut dovetails.



The Show And Tell winner for the evening was Arnie.

February Presentation

The main presentation in February covered the topic of wood-bodied hand planes and was given by our very own illustrious Kevin Loyd. Some say Kevin's fanatical appreciation for the magnificence of wood-bodied planes goes back to the legend that he was miraculously born with a plane already in hand. Others note that it may have been a class with the English master woodworker Graham Blackburn that opened his eyes to these hand-tool wonders. The truth may never be known.

The evening's discussion points began with covering the keys to identifying an antique planes basic structure and potential failure points. With a focus on determining if the plane can be restored and put back to use or needs a more involved re-building, the antique plane can be given a most productive second life over a century after the dragon's breath tempered its edge.

Following this the discussion turned to the making of an entirely new plane body in the fashion most closely associated with James Krenov. Should a very serviceable set of antique plane irons be found with a body beyond repair a new body can be a great project and useful addition to the kit.

For those that were curious the current price of a coffin smoothing plan on Ebay runs from \$10-30 for what appear to be fully restorable tools with enough life to justify the purchase.

It was noted that if groups can return to in-person meetings and Kevin can be persuaded get off his unicorn then classes could be held in which Krenovian-style planes are made.

The undeniable superiority of wood body planes over metal body planes is their ability to be easily repaired, modified, re-crafted, or made from scratch with typical woodworking tools. The use of metal planes is not to be dismissed in anyway as they too possess superior but different qualities that also make them worthy additions to any kit. The best situation is to amass a collection of both types that are individually tuned and setup for specific tasks to yield optimal results. This also provides a plausible response to anyone questioning your need to acquire another plane or any tool for that matter.

I will go so far as to volunteer Kevin's time and brain data should questions arise about hand planes of either wood or metallic construction. Planes can often be persnickety little beasts that don't necessarily do as we ask. Having tamed a few of these he would be happy to help make the unruly plane bow to your will and yield wood ribbons as required. Just send him an email or alternatively when back to in-person meetings bring the defiant tool for direct inspection.

Kevin Loyd

Shows and Exhibits Chair

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