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# Colorado Woodworkers Guild

## June 2023 Newsletter

### President's Corner



*Dennis Edmonds, President*

### Organizing Shop Tools

Last month we discussed how to manage wood storage. This month, we focus on organizing tools.

Over time we tend to collect a wide array of tools. We use some all the time. A few are sentimental. Others simply take up space and make it difficult to quickly find what you need. The solution is to sell or donate any excess tools (consider donating to the Guild).

#### Larger Power Tools

From time to time, we upgrade our tools. To free up shop space, sell or donate that old table saw, drill press or router table that you no longer use. Someone else will be happy to have it.

Make the big tools mobile by adding a mobile base. Replace basic tool stands with rolling cabinets to create storage under the tools. Add flip-up wings to cabinets to increase the work surface.

Benchtop tools can be mounted on cabinets or stored on shelves and brought out as needed.

Arrange tools to facilitate easy workflow. Position the table saw and miter saw so long boards can extend through an open door. Create "work lanes" for you to comfortably work between the tools. Some tools fit nicely along a wall. Others can be placed back-to-back. Use drop-cords to avoid tripping on extension cords.

#### Smaller Power Tools

Sort smaller power tools. To free up storage space, sell or donate duplicates or tools you no longer use.

Smaller power tools that come in cases fit nicely on shelves. Others are better stored in drawers.

#### Hand Tools

Nearly every shop has accumulated excess hand tools. Sell or donate duplicates or tools you no longer use.

To avoid stacking up tools in deep drawers, build or buy tool cabinets with many thin drawers and fewer deep drawers. Store like tools in the same drawer to make it easier to find them.

Hang frequently used hand tools on pegboard (or slats) for convenient access.

## **Guild Tool Sale in October / November**

Please consider donating your excess tools to the Guild's fall tool sale. Feel free to bring them to a meeting or let us know and we will pick them up at your convenience.

It's a win-win. You can free up shop space, the Guild make a little money and members get an opportunity to acquire tools at a reasonable price.

*Dennis Edmonds, President*

## **Show and Tell**

At the May 2023 meeting we had seven entries.

The meeting video is available on the guild web site.

Listed below are links to the individual S&T meeting videos:

- The entire Show & Tell video begins [here](#).
  - First a "Tartan" wood lamp of Paduk, Walnut and Maple shown off by Greg Livingston, See the video [here](#).
  - Second we had an example of Marquetry using fusible webbing and veneer by Bill Schlittler, with the video [here](#).
  - Next we had a Bandsaw Box in Macacauba, Birch and Wenge which Gary Glatthar helped his daughter Christina to make. Video [here](#).
  - Forth was a hand-carved Ladle of Mahogany finished in Linseed oil by Jonathan Carlyon. [Here](#) is the video of Jonathan showing this off.
  - Fifth was a "Simple Cross" of Tiger Maple and Walnut by Dennis Edmonds. View Dennis showing this off [here](#).
  - Our sixth S&T was from Dennis Fanning, a bowl, carved with an Arbortech power carving tool. See Dennis showing this off [here](#).
  - The seventh and final entry for the evening was an African Mahogany end table from Roger Abraham. See the video [here](#).



**Figure 1: Greg showing Off His Livingston Tartan Lamp**



**Figure 2: Livingston Taran Lamp**



**Figures 3 & 4: Bill's Discussing His Fusible Mesh Veneer Marequetry and the Finished Piece**



**Figure 3: Cristina's Bandsaw Box**



**Figure 4: Gary and Christina Explaining the Box**



**Figure 7: Jonathan Describing His Ladle**



**Figure 8: The Finished Ladle**





**Figures 9 & 10: Dennis Explaining His Construction Process and the Finished Cross**



**Figures 11 & 5: Dennis Fanning Describing His Bowl and the Finished Piece**



**Figures 13 & 14: Roger Abraham Explaining His End Table and the Finished Table**

And the winner for the evening was the Bandsaw Box presented by Christina and Gary

Thanks to all who participate. Please consider sending me some pictures prior to the next meeting. Include a brief description of the project and a couple of pictures. If possible, get them to me a week before the meeting so I can prepare for the meeting itself. I can be reached at [showandtell@coloradowoodworkersguild.org](mailto:showandtell@coloradowoodworkersguild.org)

Thanks, and see you at the next meeting,

*Cary Goltermann, Show and Tell Administrator*

## Meeting Presentations

### May 2023 Meeting

On May 20th, 2023, we had a live presentation by Mr. Brian Nyberg North America and Canada Marketing Manager from Arbortech demonstrating the power carving tool and attachments his company sells and what they can do to speed up the carving process.

The entire presentation can be viewed online at the guild's website or by clicking on <https://youtu.be/NtE3jLY5qoA?t=3843>

Again, for the presentation you may have to “right click” and select “Open Hyperlink” to get to the video. The presentation starts at 1h.04mm into the meeting video and goes until near the end of the meeting until 1h.54mm.

## June 2023 Meeting

At our June 2023 meeting Luke Shuler, of [Stains and Woodgrains](#), will present on creating customized art with wood. Luke draws inspiration from the beautiful environment of Colorado.

*Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair*

## Education Corner

### The Trusty Hammer

In Ira Griffith's 1912 *Advanced Projects for Woodworkers*, the second exercise high school students were given was to make a handle for a Ball Peen Hammer.

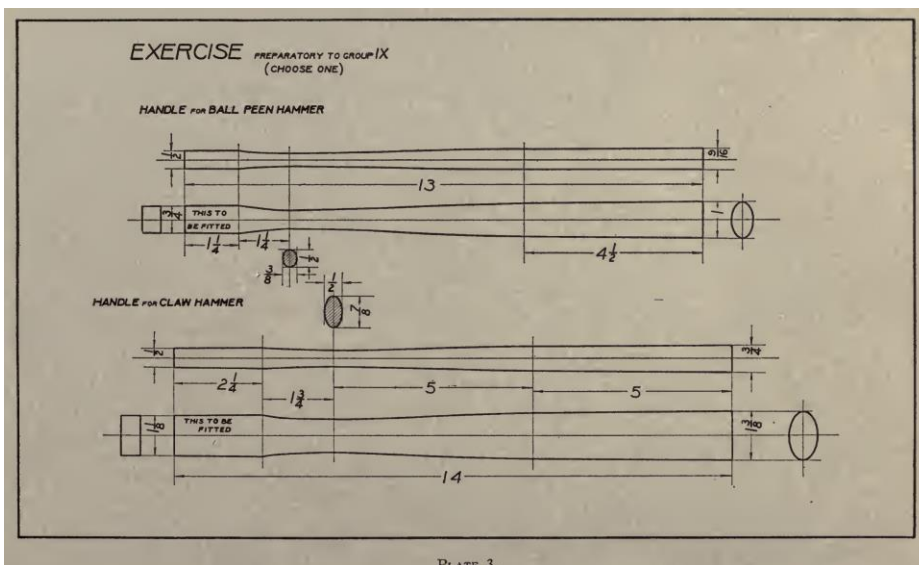


Image from Griffith, 1912.

Many of you will have heard of the expression, to a hammer, everything looks like a nail. However, this doesn't take into account the numerous types of hammers available to woodworkers.

According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the word 'hammer' was inherited from the Germanic language. However, versions of the word could be heard in Old English, Dutch, Old Norse, and Russian, where the word meant stone (perhaps because the first striking instruments were likely rocks or tools used to shape stone). hammers do not necessarily need to have handles. There is even an old Latin expression, taken from a Roman playwright named Plautus, "The hammer is wiser than the handle." (the fourth act of Plautus's play, Epidicus: [http://www.intratext.com/IXT/LAT0177/\\_PB.HTM](http://www.intratext.com/IXT/LAT0177/_PB.HTM)). However, the benefits of adding a quality handle are obvious to everyone.

Another term for hammer is mallet. There are many types of both. The classic is the Straight-Claw Hammer. These are available in different weights. The carver's mallet is the stalwart woodworker's tool, usually made from lignum vitae wood. Known for its strength, toughness, and density, lignum vitae was discovered in Venezuela and the Caribbean by Spanish explorers and conquerors in the sixteenth century.



Image from Fine Woodworking Magazine, No. 160, Winter 2002-2003

The Peen Hammer, however, is particularly interesting. The word 'peen' comes from the Latin word 'pinna' as in 'pinnacle' or 'pin'. The Peen hammer could have a ball peen, a straight peen (with a vertical orientation) or a cross peen (with a horizontal orientation). They are used to get nails started without damaging the wood. However, if you were to sharpen the straight peen enough, you would basically have an axe!

Hammers are important. Send me an email with a picture of your favorite hammer. At our next meeting, we can share a few words about why it's your favorite.

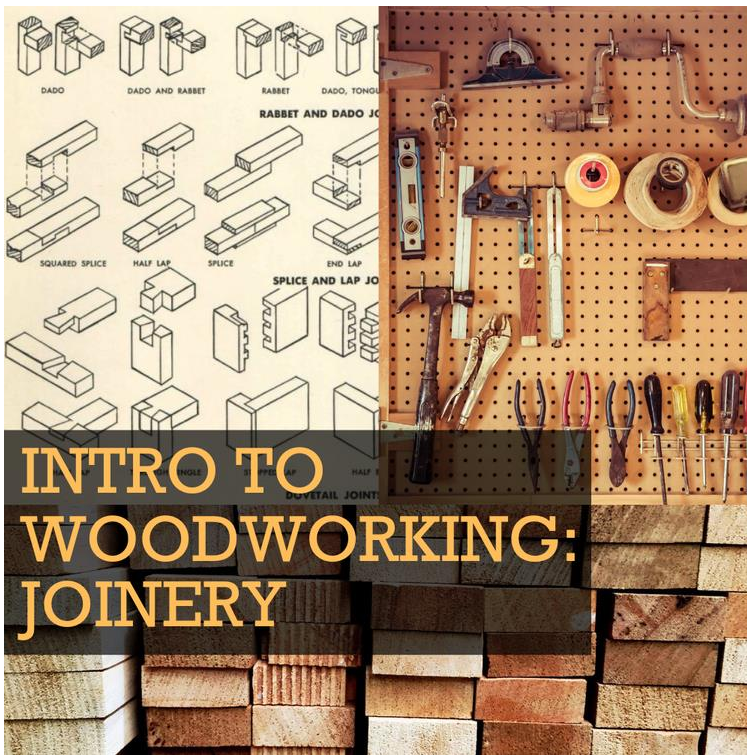
For more information on this topic, consider purchasing Graham Blackburn's *Traditional Woodworking Handtools*. The Illustrated Workshop, Vol 2. Spring House Press, 2016. Or you could ask Graham when he speaks to our Guild in September!

**Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair**

## Education Mentoring Opportunity

Scott Roth will be teaching a new class offering at the Denver Tool Library starting June 26. At the May meeting, he mentioned a mentoring program in association with Colorado Woodworkers Guild and now that the class has come to fruition and has sold out two sessions within the first week of offering, it is apparent that this is going to be a class in demand with built in opportunities for mentoring along with promoting CWG membership. Here is the class as listed in the Denver Tool Library catalogue.





*Intro to Woodworking covers essential skills, basic tools, and foundational techniques that are used in a wide range of carpentry projects. We strive to make this class fun, friendly, and an ideal starting place for anyone beginning or continuing their woodcraft journey.*

*Get comfortable with wood materials, properties, nomenclature, and how to use them. Know the questions to ask when purchasing/selecting wood materials and products. Hands on applications and use of of nails, screws, bolts, pocket screws along with glues to make and assemble sturdy joints: dado joints, butt joints, lap joints, and miter joints. These will utilize hand tools like clamps, power saws, drivers and drills, brad and finish nailers, hammers, and routers that are readily available to borrow from the Denver Tool Library. You will take home finished examples of wood joinery to compliment the knowledge you will gain and aid you in your woodworking journey.*

*Meet experienced, friendly mentors from the Colorado Woodworkers Guild who will help you bring your projects and ideas to completion outside of class as they help guide you through your in class learning. They will advise on the tools needed, and provide personal hands on help along with expert guidance during and after class.*

This is a three-hour class conducted in the Tool Library wood shop. It will run from 5:30-8:30 PM; 555 Santa Fe Dr, Denver, CO.

First class is Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> class is Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be a third class towards the end of July with more to follow. This introductory class will have the same content in each 3-hour session.

Mentors will need to be available for the length of the class and will be expected to help guide students in the various hands-on practices. Personal mentor contact information will be shared with the students for follow up after class and are encouraged to make themselves available for additional consultation & guidance outside of DTL.

This is also an opportunity for CWG members to formulate their own classes for future teaching at DTL. Teachers will get paid and get ½ the class instruction fee. Scott Roth can put you in touch with the Director of Classes at DTL.

Additional information—Scott Roth, [sroth.sbr@comcast.net](mailto:sroth.sbr@comcast.net); 720-724-0776

## Toolbox Alerts

Starting this month, we are expanding this section of the newsletter to two subsections to offer members items from other woodworkers that are for sale, and also to allow members to ask others for items they need and want to purchase.

### Items for Sale

#### Rockler

- Again, the Rockler catalog and the online June flyer at Rockler.com both have some up to 25% sale and new items in addition to a long list of woodworking items. If you are on their mailing list, they should have provided you with a 10% off coupon good until 28 June usable in-store or online, and which is good for multiple use with free shipping for orders \$49 and up. Check it out.

#### Woodcraft

- For the whole month of June Woodcraft has some great up to 50% off savings on a number of items including a two hand saws, an 8-pocket Chisel Roll, an airbrush kit, and Peruvian Walnut. They are also offering sale prices on a number of other items.
- Classes continue to be offered ranging in price from \$70 to \$450.

#### James Talbert

- James has an entire workshop of items he would like to sell. He says “Hi Joe . My name is James. I’ve been in the Denver area for many years. I got into woodworking in a big way 4 years ago. I’m a self-taught woodworker really from reading publications for most of my creative projects. I’m no longer able to enjoy my passion for health reasons. I have a number of great machines and outstanding power tools that I have to sell. I can’t drive anymore and I would so much like to have you or one of your members (Dennis talked to him) to come and assess what I have and if you members would be interested in buying any of my items. My number is (303) 519-7773 and my address is in Denver. Here are pictures of most of my equipment. Thank you.”

James Talbert

[Ed Note: The compressed zip file below contains 24 pictures of his amazing equipment.]



myequipment.zip

## Items Wanted

**By Kenneth Cleveland**

“Here is a list of what I am interested in acquiring pertaining to power tools:

1. 8” jointer
2. Drum sander
3. Stationary table saw (no portables or contractor’s saws)”

Ken

Email: [goodallcj@comcast.net](mailto:goodallcj@comcast.net)

[Editor’s Note: We are looking for inputs from members each month on great woodworking tool and accessory deals that you are aware of and that are available sometime in the next month or so. The input should include a short description of the item(s), where they can be purchased with web address or location and phone info, price, and any info on your experience with the item(s). Items can include excess tools and items you want to get rid of. Call me at (719) 964-9570 if you know of an item and then I will ask you to submit a descriptive paragraph to me at [JoeLenhoff@gmail.com](mailto:JoeLenhoff@gmail.com), or to [newsletter@colowood.com](mailto:newsletter@colowood.com) to add to this column. Toolbox Alert descriptions will have to be to me about 9-10 days before each meeting to get them into the newsletter.]

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