



Encouraging all woodworkers in self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge

Colorado Woodworkers Guild August 2023 Newsletter

President's Corner



Dennis Edmonds, President

Safety (Part Two CWG Workshop)

This is the second in a series of articles on workshop safety extracted from our new Guild Safety Guidelines (still in first draft form). Please feel free to comment directly to me at edmondsdennis670@gmail.com.

B. Shop Management

1. Maintain Good Shop Lighting

You can't work safely without seeing your work clearly.

Do

- Assure ample overhead LED lighting across the whole shop
- Use task lights focused on the work

Do Not

- Do not work in a dark shop or with shadows on your work

2. Maintain an Organized Shop

Disorganization is inefficient and unsafe.

Do

- Keep shop surfaces and walkways clear
- Return tools to their proper place in drawers or on a pegboard
- Store lumber securely on lumber racks or in vertical storage bins
- Store short pieces in clear plastic boxes on shelvel
- Store supplies on shelves or drawers

Do Not

- Never leave work surfaces and walkways dirty or cluttered

3. Practice Good House Keeping

A dirty or cluttered shop can cause injury.

Do

- Maintain good lighting to avoid accidents and eye strain
- Sweep floors regularly and clean up liquids immediately to avoid slips and falls
- Keep work surfaces clear so there is room to work safely
- Place scrap in the scrap bin as you make cuts
- Use drop-cords for power tools located in the middle of the shop to avoid tripping

Do Not

- Don't allow layers of dust to accumulate on equipment or heaters.

4. Manage Airborne Dust

Airborne dust can make you very sick and may even cause a fire or explosion.

Do

- Wear a dust mask
- Collect dust at the source with a dust collector or shop vacuum
- Work outside or open the doors to facilitate good cross ventilation
- Remove indoor dust from the air with an air filtration system

Do Not

- Never sand in a closed environment without dust collection
- Do not sand near sparks or an open flame
- Never smoke near solvent vapors

5. Use Machine Safety Fixtures, Devices and Guards

Safety fixtures, devices and guards exist for a reason.

Do

- Read each machine manual carefully before using the machine
- Get help from a more experienced woodworker if you have questions
- Use fences, miter gauges and jigs to stabilize materials
- Use push sticks to move materials

Do Not

- Never remove machine safety equipment and guards

6. Manage Fire and Explosion Risk

Fire and explosion can occur suddenly in your workshop.

Do

- Spread oily rags out to dry before disposal or place them in a closed bucket filled with water
- Know where fire exits are located
- Keep a fire extinguisher handy
- Know how to report a fire

Do Not

- To avoid spontaneous combustion, never pile oily rags up or put them in the trash until they are thoroughly dry
- Never use or store flammable solvents, adhesives and finishes near sparks or flames

7. Manage Electrical Hazards

Do

- Inspect and repair all damaged power cords
- Only use a grounded extension cord which is rated for use with that specific tool

Do Not

- Do not expose power tools to rain.
- Never use power tools in a wet or damp environment
- Never remove the grounding pin on a plug
- Don't use power tools with damaged cords
- Never string extension cords across walkways
- Never use the cord for carrying, pulling, or unplugging a tool

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Show and Tell

At the July 18th, 2023 meeting we had six entries.

The entire Show and Tell YouTube video starts [here](#). Right-click the word "here". select "open hyperlink" and view the presentations.

- Walnut Bowl by Larry Hughes video [here](#)
- Three-Legged Pot by Don Prorak with the video [here](#)
- A "BS Award" by Mike Seymore with the video [here](#)
- Celtic Trivet by Dennis Edmonds with the video [here](#)
- Earrings of Silver and Wood by Linda Lewis with the video [here](#)
- End Table by Larry Christensen with the video [here](#)

My apologies, pictures of the earrings were not taken during the meeting.

Our first Show and Tell was a segmented bowl of Walnut, Yellow Heart, and some sort of Red Wood, finished in Poly, and was made by Larry Hughes



Larry's Walnut Bowl

The next S&T entry was from member Don Prorak. Don showed us a Three-Legged Bowl made of Sycamore and Maple, finished with "Beall Buff" and Black Lacquer.



Don's Three-Legged Bowl

The third S&T entry was from “Mr ScrollSaw” Mike Seymore. It was a BS Award.



Mike's BS Award Creation

Next up was a Celtic Trivet of Oak, Cherry and Walnut by Guild President, Dennis Edmonds.



Dennis' Celtic Trivet

Entry number five was a pair of Earrings made of silver and wood by a new member. Unfortunately, the member and earrings left before I could take pictures or verify her name. Sorry for this - my bad.

Our sixth and final entry for the evening is an End Table made of Siberian Elm Slab with a walnut base. Finished in Poly over Penetrating Epoxy. Guild Treasurer Larry Christensen showed this off for us.



Larry's Live Edge Table

The S&T winner for the evening was the End Table from Larry Christensen.



Larry Receiving His Rockler Gift Card

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
Thanks, and see you at the next meeting,

Cary Goltermann, Show and Tell Administrator

Meeting Presentations

July 2023 Meeting

[Ed. Note: Due to a scheduling misunderstanding our presenter for July, Mr. George Vondriska was scheduled instead for presentations at Rockler during the day on Thursday 20 July.]

August 2023 Meeting

At our August 2023 meeting George Vondriska, of Vondriska Woodworks, has agreed to do an online presentation. He has been teaching woodworking since 1986 and is the managing editor of Woodworkers Guild of America. He will present Table Saw Techniques: cool things you can do on your table saw; cutting rabbets and cutting aluminum.

Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair

Education Corner - The Chechen Tree

The **Chechen Tree** could kill you!



At least, that is what early Colonial explorers thought. When Christopher Columbus landed in the Virgin Islands, some of the sailors died after eating the fruit from the trees.

Known as **black poisonwood** or **Caribbean rosewood**, **Chechen** wood's scientific name is *Metopium brownei*. Chechen is native to the Caribbean region. Due to its abundance, the wood of this tree is a valuable source of lumber in Central America and the West Indies. Most vendors of the wood indicate it is safe to handle once processed. However, at a recent scholarly conference, Thomas Anderson, a graduate student from Yale, presented his work with the species. He had made a table using kiln-dried chechen. Just as the colonial chronicles indicated, he noticed similar effects of the toxicity on his hands and arms.



The name 'Chechen' is from the Mayan language. There is even myth associated with the tree: the legend of the Chechén and Chakáh trees. According to the myth, Kinich and Tizic were two brothers and great warriors. Kinich was known for his kindness, Tizic for his ruthlessness. Both brothers, however, fell in love with a beautiful young woman named Nicté Há.

Like Apollo chasing Daphne, Kinich and Tizic both pursued Nicté Há. Eventually, the brothers ended up fighting for her love to the death. When the gods learned of this tragedy, however, they returned Tizic to Earth as the poisonous Chechen tree. On the other hand, his kinder brother, Kinich, was returned as the Chacá tree. The leaves of this tree provide an antidote to the poison of the Chechén. But what happened to the lovely Nicté Há?

In Greek mythology, Daphe escaped Apollo's pursuit when Zeus transformed her into the Laurel tree. In Maya legend, Nicté Há died of sadness at the loss of the two brothers. She was turned into a beautiful water flower with white leaves.



If you're ever in Cancún, be on the lookout for the Chechén tree. You will have a great story to tell your friends.

Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair

Hold Harmless Agreement & Liability Waiver

CWG's current liability insurance requires that a Hold Harmless Agreement and Liability Waiver be used for any event held at a location other than Rockler Woodworking and Hardware if hand or power tools are to be used. Examples of these activities are classes, mentoring of a fellow member in a home shop, group builds or other activities.

The Hold Harmless Agreement as written is for classes and will be modified as needed for other activities.

Please review these documents and if you have any comments or suggestions for changes, please contact Larry Christensen, Treasurer at treasurer@colowood.com.

**HOLD HARMLESS AND RELEASE AGREEMENT
FOR WOODWORKING CLASS SPONSORED BY THE COLORADO WOODWORKERS GUILD,
INC.
AND HELD AT THE INSTRUCTOR'S HOME WORKSHOP**

This agreement made on this _____ day of _____, 20____, by and between the Colorado Woodworkers Guild, Inc. ("CWG") and _____ ("INSTRUCTOR").

INSTRUCTOR has agreed to teach a class titled _____ for interested CWG members ("ATTENDEE(S)") at his/her home workshop on the ____ day of _____, 20____ at (address) _____, Colorado _____.

CWG shall solicit ATTENDEES to attend this class, collect any class fees and have each ATTENDEE sign a Liability Release specific to this class.

INSTRUCTOR acknowledges that they understand, will follow and enforce all CWG's Shop Safety Rules during the entirety of this class.

INSTRUCTOR will collect each ATTENDEE's signed and dated Liability Waiver prior to starting this class and will remit them to the appropriate CWG Officer after the class.

INSTRUCTOR, his/her heirs, legal representatives, executors and assigns, to the full extent allowed by Colorado Law, agrees to release and hold harmless CWG, its Officers, Board members, Committee chairs, attorneys, insurers or other persons acting on their behalf, of any and every claim, demand or action of any kind arising from bodily injury or personal injuries, death and/or property damage without limitation resulting from any incident which occurs during this class or while ATTENDEES are on the INSTRUCTOR's property.

This agreement shall be effective and extend from the date of this agreement to and including the end of the class.

INSTRUCTOR signature: _____ DATED: _____

COLORADO WOODWORKERS GUILD, INC.

BY: _____

ITS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATED: _____

**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT
COLORADO WOODWORKERS GUILD, INC. SPONSORED ACTIVITY**

In consideration for being able to participate in the following woodworking ACTIVITY sponsored by the Colorado Woodworkers Guild, Inc. ("CWG"):

A. Assumption of Risk:

I fully understand that hand and/or power tools will be used in this ACTIVITY and there is an inherent risk of bodily injury, death, economic loss or property damage that may result from my actions, inactions or negligence or the actions, inactions or negligence of others and/or the conditions of the property, and I voluntarily agree to assume this risk.

B. Safety Rules:

I have read, understand and will abide by all CWG Shop Safety Rules while participating in this ACTIVITY.

C. Good health:

I warrant that I am in good health and have no physical or mental condition that would prevent me from participating in this ACTIVITY.

D. Covenant not to sue and release and indemnify and hold harmless:

I, my personal and legal representatives, heirs, successors, and next of kin waive all claims, demands and causes of action, whether presently known or unknown, and, indemnify and hold harmless, CWG and the ACTIVITY Instructor, Mentor or Leader, CWG Officers, Board Members, their attorney's, insurers, and their successors, heirs, assigns or other persons acting on their behalf.

ACTIVITY

CLASS_____ **MENTORING**_____ **GROUP BUILD**_____ **OTHER**_____

LOCATION _____

INSRUCTOR/MENTOR/LEADER _____

ACTIVITY DATES START_____ **END**_____

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY _____

PARTICIPANT

PRINTED NAME _____

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT _____

DATE SIGNED _____

Larry Christensen, Treasurer

Toolbox Alerts

This section of the newsletter now has two subsections to offer members items from other woodworkers that are for sale, and to allow members to ask others for items they need and want to purchase.

Items for Sale

Rockler

- The Rockler August catalog has a number of sale and new items **and they are offering \$10, \$20 & \$50 off purchases of \$50+, \$100+ & \$250+.** A great deal & free shipping over \$49. Check it out.

Woodcraft

- For the whole month of August Woodcraft has some great up to 50% off savings on a number of items including a steak knife kit, a Gyokucho Razorsaw, a desiccant bag, adrawer knob and pull template, and African Walnut and Movingue woods, and Canarywood at 60% off. They are also offering sale prices on a number of other items.
- Classes continue to be offered ranging in price from \$85 to \$450.

James Talbert

- James still has an entire workshop of items he would like to sell. We provided pictures he sent of his equipment out on a link from the Guild website, showed them at the May meeting, **and he still has all his items for sale. His number is (303) 519-7773 and his address is in Denver. Please call him.**

Frank Paxton Lumber

Wood of the Month – August 2023

4/4 WALNUT – S2S – 13/16” - \$8.80/BF (1/2 price) – Full boards only – This Cart only

Flash Special – Month of August 2023

4/4 WHITE ASH – S2S – 13/16” - \$4.40/BF (Discontinued) – Full boards only – until gone

From Bill Lovingier:

“Joe, my father-in-law, recently passed and he was an accomplished woodworker and had a pretty extensive woodworking shop that his daughters desire to liquidate. I found your group on-line and thought I would share

a list of his equipment and tools to see if these would be appropriate to post in your newsletter. I also have some photos that I will send. The shop is located near Johnstown CO if that is helpful.”

Bill Lovingier

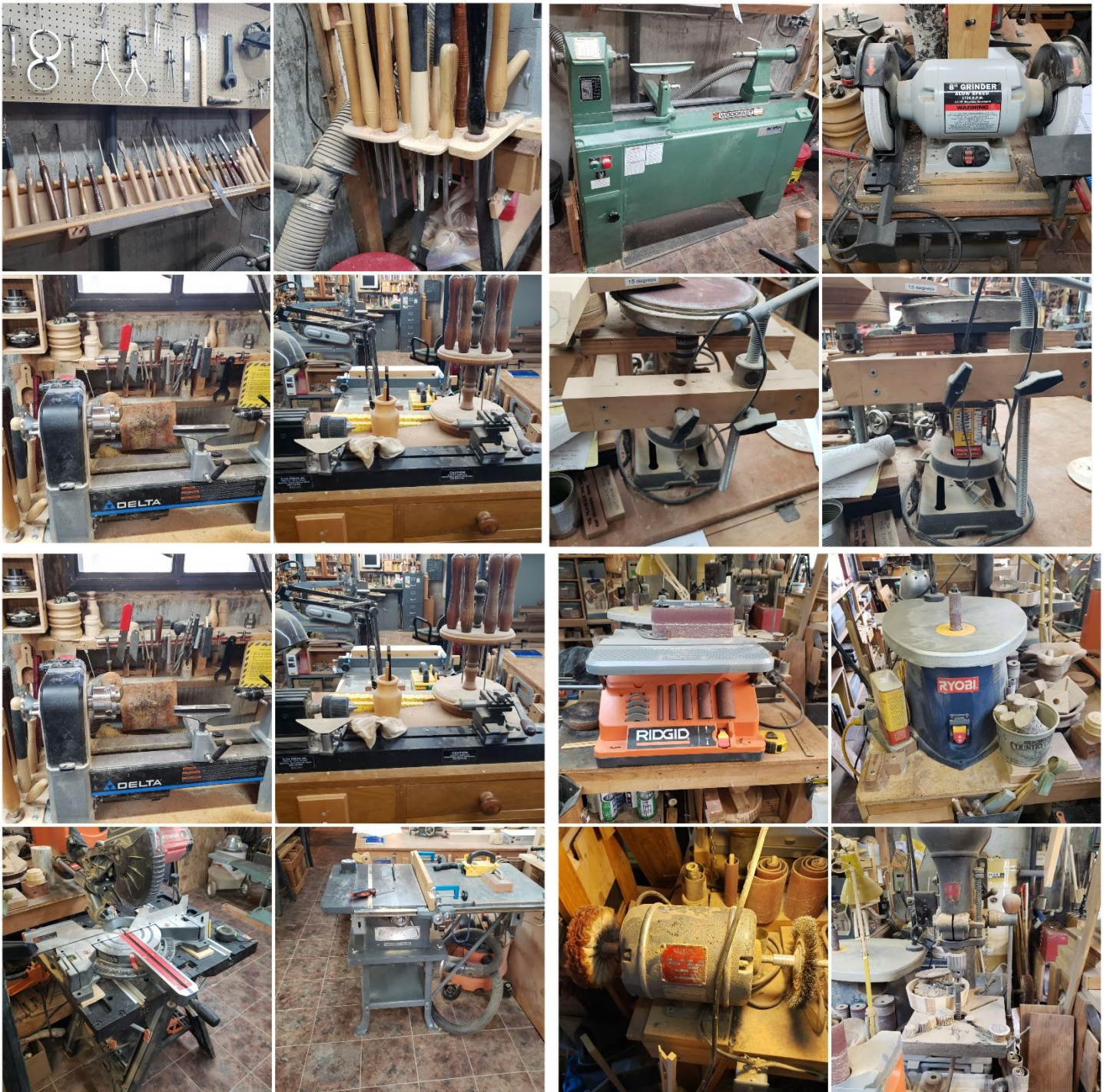
Ph: 720-425-4232”

Below is a sample of the photos he sent of the equipment. He also sent an Excel spreadsheet of the over 32



Tools List Pricing
for flyer.xlsx

items for sale with prices which is copied at the right if you are seriously interested.
If you can't open the file, call me and I will email it to you.



Dan Colao

[Dan Emailed the following request]

“I have several used woodworking tools for sale. For example: a Porter Cable dovetail fixture, large deep throat C clamps, a Rockler router table, as well as other items. Is there a way to offer them to your members?

I finally got my act together and took some pictures. These are of a Bosch vintage dovetail jig. It is in good condition and the template has no cuts in it. The price is \$15.00. or best offer.

Here are the pictures of the Rockler router table. All parts are there and I have added an aftermarket switch to it. It does not include the router. I am looking for \$200, or the best offer.

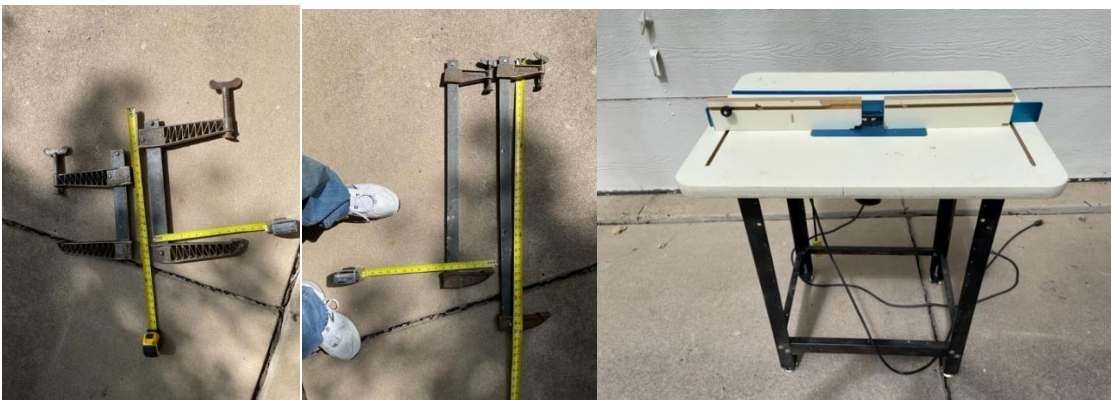
Thanks”

Dan Colao

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[Three of his pictures are below]



Items Wanted - [None this Month]

[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, or to 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.]

Joe Lenhoff, CWG Newsletter Editor/Publisher

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