



Encouraging all woodworkers in self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge

Colorado Woodworkers Guild October 2023 Newsletter

President's Corner



Dennis Edmonds, President

Basic First Aid

Shop accidents happen. You can treat many minor injuries yourself. But, when in doubt, call or visit a doctor for advice and treatment.

A. Shop First Aid Kit

A basic first aid kit should include the following:

- Sharp Tweezers
- Thin Needle
- Medical Scissors
- Plastic Gloves
- Adhesive Paper Tape (Non-Allergic)
- One Package of Gauze Roll Bandage (At Least 2 Inches Wide)
- One Package of 2-Inch Square and 3-Inch Square Sterile Pads
- Box of 1-Inch by 3-Inch Sterile Bandages
- Two triangular Bandages
- Two Large 8 X 10-inch Gauze Pads
- Antiseptic Wipes
- Antiseptic Ointment or Antiseptic Pads
- Instant Cold Compress

B. Splinters

Splinters occur frequently in the workshop. You must remove splinters and to prevent infection.

Do

- Wash and dry the area
- Inspect the splinter to determine how deep it is in the skin
- Use tape to remove a very fine splinter that is sticking out above the surface
- If the splinter is near the surface, use tweezers to remove it
- If the splinter is deeper, pierce the skin surface at one end of the splinter. Keep lightly pushing out part of the splinter until you can see the tip. Then use tweezers to remove it.
- A quick soak of your hand in hot water may make it easier to remove a deep splinter

- If the splinter is buried deep, cover the area with a hydrogen peroxide-soaked cotton ball or tissue to help raise the splinter.
- Make sure you get all of the splinter out
- Clean the area again, apply antibiotic ointment or petroleum jelly, and bandage it until the wound heals
- If the splinter too large or deep and you can not remove it yourself, seek medical assistance

Do Not

- Do not leave a splinter embedded. Organic splinters are themselves likely to carry bacteria and fungi that can cause infections.

C. Minor Scrapes, Cuts, and Abrasions

Minor cuts, scrapes and abrasions occur regularly in the shop. If you learn the basic care techniques, you can generally avoid infections.

Do

- Wash your hands with soap and water before beginning to treat the injury
- Wash and dry the wound with soap and running water to prevent infection
- Apply pressure to a clean bandage over the wound and raise the wounded body part to slow the bleeding
- When bleeding stops, apply antibiotic ointment or petroleum jelly
- Cover the wound with a fresh sterile waterproof bandage to maintain the natural moisture that helps keep the cells alive.
- The original dressing can be left in place for up to 2 days if it is kept dry. Continue applying a fresh bandage with salve until the wound has fully healed
- Make sure your tetanus vaccination is up to date if your wound is from a dirty or rusty object
- If you notice continued redness and swelling around the wound, you may have an infection that needs medical attention. Red streaks moving up your arm signals a serious infection.

Do Not

- Do not use hydrogen peroxide or rubbing alcohol to clean an injury. They can harm the tissue and delay healing.
- Do not leave a wound uncovered and exposed to air until it heals. Five days is a good start.
- Do not get the wound wet for 24 to 48 hours.

Dennis Edmonds, President

Show and Tell

At the September 19th 2023 meeting we had six entries from three people

- Marty Bartholomew showed off two pieces
- Dennis Edmonds had three entries
- Devon Lindsley had a wall-hanging entry

Below are pictures of the entries in the order they were presented,

Here are some pictures of the table from Marty made of Beetle Kill Pine





Here is a “secret” box from Marty. The box is made of Cherry and finished in Tung Oil



Here are three entries from Dennis – two boxes and a puzzle.



Here is Devon's Wall Hanging



And the winner of the evening was
Marty's Secret Compartment Box



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

September 2023 Meeting

On September 19th, 2023, we had a live presentation by Ryan Cheney, of The Mountain Top Joinery Shop. He presented the 'Five P's of Furniture Design'. These were Proportion, Palette, Projection, Positioning, and Preservation. Ryan originally published these ideas in volume 305 of Furniture & Cabinetmaking magazine. During his presentation he reviewed all his ideas by talking about one of his best-designed furniture pieces, the Wall Hung Mirror.

The entire presentation can be viewed online at the guild's website or by clicking here on <https://youtu.be/lpqhuwPWVhs>

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.

Below is an image of his mirror presented in Fine Furniture magazine, May/June 2021



RYAN D. CHENEY

Louisville, Colo.

Ryan designed this wall-hung mirror/cabinet at his wife's request. Decorative details abound in this piece; the door alone is made up of more than 53 individual pieces, including bits of beading, edge banding, copper, leather, and handmade paper. The design was inspired in large part by the work of furniture designer Carlo Bugatti, "but ultimately, my own design," Ryan says.

CHERRY, WALNUT, EBONIZED WALNUT; 5½D X 35W X 28½H

For more information about Ryan's presentation, take a look at his YouTube channel, here: <https://youtu.be/HIFKefOUz3M?si=COeqdZhg7KRckwLQ>

October 2023 Meeting

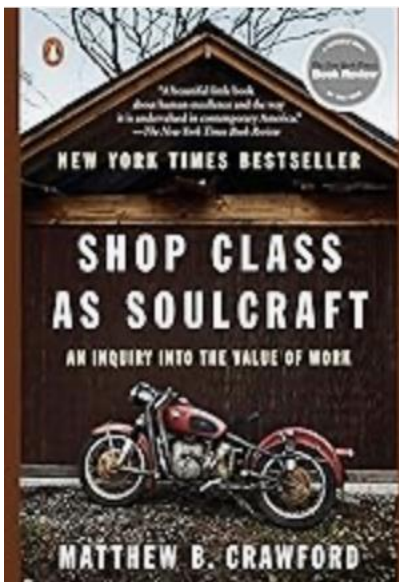
At our 17 October 2023 meeting **Laura Kishimoto**, of Laura Kishimoto Furniture & Object Design, will offer an in-person presentation. Laura's Yumi Chair was featured by the Denver Art Museum. She will present on her bent lamination process in the design of her furniture

Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair

Education Corner - Books, books, and More Books.

With the holiday season coming up, it's a good time to think about some possible gifts. Books are great because, on the one hand, you can give people a book on woodworking, and they will learn more about the craft we all love. On the other hand, if you are worried about someone getting you "the perfect tool" for your workshop (say, plastic calipers), you could preemptively recommend these books as presents for yourself. Luckily, the three books I'm going to mention below are good ones for everyone and they are not too expensive.

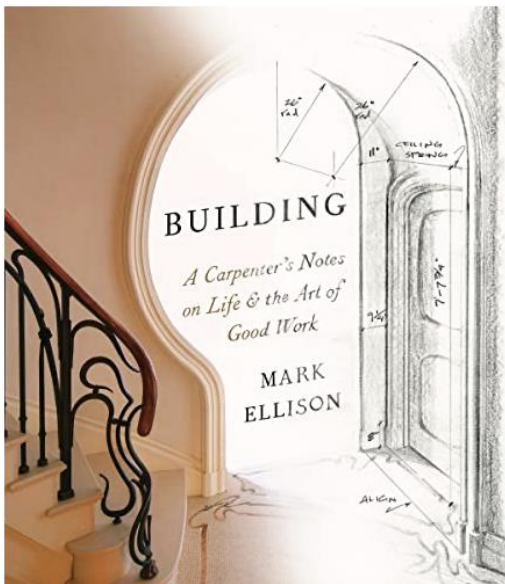
The first book is from 2009, Matthew Crawford's *Shop Class as Soulcraft* ([Amazon link](#)). This one asks the question: where is real knowledge found? Some people think philosophy only exists in the Universities. Philosophy actually means love (philo) of wisdom (sophia). However, one of the first things you learn when reading Crawford's book is that since the beginning of Western civilization, some 4000 years ago, the word 'sophia' meant skill. The skill and knowledge of carpenters is seen in how they understand the geometry of right angles or in how they distinguish universal characteristics in species of wood. Becoming the master of a discipline is urgent for today's society. As Crawford says, you can't hammer a nail over the internet.



The second book is *The Wisdom of the Hands*, by Doug Stowe ([Amazon link](#)). It was published in 2022. Stowe is a woodworker and shop teacher who lives in Arkansas. He has dedicated his life to working with kids, and teaching them the craft. You won't be able to read this book without wanting to grow as a teacher / mentor yourself. Young people are the future, and they need mentors to show them the importance of craft. It's our chance to pull them out of their phones and into a shop. Stowe's book will give us a model for how to do this.



Finally, this year, 2023, Mark Ellison published his book, *Building: A Carpenter's Notes on Life & the Art of Good Work* ([Amazon link](#)). Ellison has been a builder in New York City for over 40 years. He has seen it all, and he has clear opinions about the urgency of keeping woodworking alive. You get a sense of his dedication when he writes, "the metric system makes children into humdrum finger-counting simpletons" (63). Ellison uses feet and inches, and he doesn't apologize for it! Whether we agree with this or not, Mark's passion for the tradition of woodworking is contagious.



One last word - the caliper is actually one of my favorite tools. I use it all the time. Although I would prefer saving up money for a Starrett rather than being gifted a \$2 Pittsburg from Harbor Freight, if all I had was a \$2 Harbor Freight, the job would still get done!

I hope you enjoy some of these books!!

Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair

Mentorship Opportunity – The Master’s Apprentice

At our September meeting we had a presentation about an opportunity to provide craftsman mentorship in Denver at a faith-based organization to folks 18 years old and up.

Our Guild contact for this opportunity is Bryce Slaby at CP: (303) 877-2995.

Details are as follows:

THE MASTER’S APPRENTICE INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEER COACHES

- **Our Mission** is to provide young adults a bridge to the skilled trades through basic training, on the job experience and the creation of a career path that will enable transition to financial independence.
- **The Master's Apprentice** is faith-based program that recruits young adults 18-30+ years old from urban churches, community organizations and second chance programs to participate in a 6- week course that includes work ethic, practical math, financial literacy, career counseling and basic workshop skills. The goal of the program is to teach our Pre-Apprentices the fundamental hard and soft skills needed in the workplace and required by employers.
- **The Curriculum** and class schedule is delivered over a 6-week period on Monday-Friday from 8am to 3pm. This allows our students to have a job in the evenings and on weekends. The class schedule includes; Practical Math, Financial Literacy, The "A" Game of Work Ethic, Career Planning and Basic Woodworking & Workshop Skills.
- **The Coaching commitment** is for a minimum of 90 minutes, two days per week for 6-weeks. Our day divided into 3 sessions, 8:15-9:45 am, 10:00-11:30am, (lunch is 11:30-12), then we move into the workshop from 12-2pm. Each class runs twice per week and Fridays are reserved for tutoring as needed. All curriculum is provided with written planned lessons along with the resources needed.
- **Classroom Coaches:** Serve in a classroom environment with approximately 10-12 students and teach one subject for the semester. Ideally one Coach would be in charge of the class, with an Assistant Coach to help.
- **Workshop Coaches:** Serve in our fully equipped professional woodshop teaching general safety procedures, measuring, cutting and simple assembly of merit badge type projects. The Coaches do not need to be experienced craftsmen, but should have basic workshop skills.
- **The Expectations** of a Coach is to be dedicated and dependable in meeting committed schedules, to be open to sharing your life, career experience and testimony in offering wisdom to these young men and women, (many who don't have a father figure) and to be a role model in following the shop rules and job etiquette.
- **Our guiding verse** is 1Thes 4: 11-12 (NIV) "Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody."

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Toolbox Alerts

Items for Sale

Rockler

- The Rockler catalog and the online flyer at Rockler.com both have some up to 25% sale and new items in addition to a long list of woodworking items. Check it out.

Woodcraft

- For the whole month of October Woodcraft has some great up to 50% off savings on a number of items including a dovetail marker, a 4 ¼ in Miter Vice, a Triangle Setup block , and Katalox 1/8 thru 1/2 inch thick boards . They are also offering sale prices on a number of other items.
- Classes continue to be offered ranging in price from \$85 to \$350.

James Talbert

- James still has an entire workshop of items he would like to sell. Dennis Edmonds is working with him to inventory his equipment, determine a desired price and set up an open house for members to purchase desired items. James' number is (303) 519-7773 and his address is in Denver.

Items Wanted

I got this email from Jim Boberg, and I have requested photos of the chairs he wants replicated'

jim boberg <jboberg.320@gmail.com>

Oct 9, 2023, 12:26 PM (1 day ago)

Hi Joe,

I'm looking to have a three kitchen chairs made to match the three I have. I found your contact info on the woodworking guild website. I'm sorry to hit you out of the blue. I know it's not cost effective, but they were my parents. Sentimental value ect, you get it. They are not fancy, and they we're probably bought at the local furniture store. Can you help me?

Take care

Jim Boberg

720-635-6592

[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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