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Colorado Woodworkers Guild February 2024 Newsletter

President's Corner



Dennis Edmonds, President

Rebuilding Membership and Strengthening Infrastructure

Since the pandemic, our Board has focused on rebuilding the Guild by growing membership and strengthening infrastructure:

- Creating Strategic Goals, Objectives, and an Action Plans
- Developing the Leadership Team
- Growing Membership
- Enhancing AV Capabilities
- Reviewing Bylaws
- Refining Dues Structure and Accounting Processes
- Recruiting and Deepening Sponsor Relationships
- Updating the Website
- Submitting a 501.c.3 Application

We have made good progress, and we are now turning our attention toward building a robust and sustainable organization for the future. To be successful, we need a capable leadership team to effectively manage a wide array of Guild activities and projects staffed by committed volunteers.

Capable Leadership

The attached organization charts show Board Members, Committee Chairs, and Project Leaders. To create depth in the leadership team, we have added Committee Vice Chairs and Project Co Leaders.

Note that there are some vacancies.

We have 3 core committees and 3 support committees:

- Core
 - Education
 - Social
 - Community Service

- Support
 - Membership
 - Communications
 - Information Technology

Each committee coordinates a portfolio of projects and activities.

Committed Volunteers

Committed volunteers are at the heart of any successful nonprofit organization. Your active participation is essential for the Guild to succeed.

Experience shows that the people who volunteer get the most from their Guild membership. By looking at the organization charts, you will be able to see where you can best contribute your time and talent to help make a difference.

The ROI for volunteers often includes:

- Learning and Sharing Knowledge with Others
- Expanding Your Social Network and Making Friends
- Contributing to the Community
- Having Fun

How to Volunteer

Don't wait to be asked. Follow your interests.

Reach out to Board Members, Committee Chairs or Project Leaders to say how you want to become involved so we can help you find the right fit.

Working together we can create the vibrant Guild experience we all hope for.

Dennis Edmonds, President

Organization Chart

Colorado Woodworkers Guild

1/31/2024

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Board and Committees

Board Member Responsibilities

- Governance
- Fiscal / Legal Oversight
- Policy and Leadership
- Budget and Action Plans
- Committee Organization & Staffing

Board of Directors

President – Dennis Edmonds
Vice President – Bill Bixby
Secretary – Jason Matishek
Treasurer – Larry Christensen
At Large – Jonathan Carlyon
Past Pres.- Wilbur Goltermann

Committee Chair Responsibilities

- Program Planning & Development
- Project Launch & Support
 - Objectives
 - Schedule
 - Volunteers
 - Communication

Education

Chair – Jonathan Carlyon
Vice Chair – Don Prorak

Social

Chair – Open
Vice Chair – Bryce Slaby

Community Service

Chair – Jen Seim
Vice Chair – Scott Roth

Project Leader Responsibilities

- Project Work Planning
- Implementation
 - Scheduling (Time & Location)
 - Tools, Materials & Supplies
 - Volunteer Coordination
 - Communication

Membership

Chair – Cary Goltermann
Vice Chair – Larry Christensen

Communications

Chair – Devon Lindsley
Vice Chair – Joe Lenhoff

Technology

Chair – Bill Bixby
Vice Chair – Cary Goltermann

Education Committee

Chair: Jonathan Carlyon
Vice Chair: Don Prorak

Monthly Programs & Demos
Leader - Jonathan Carlyon
Co Leader - Open

Hands-On Member Classes
Co Leader – Dawn Comstock
Co Leader – Bob Good

Show & Tell
Leader - Cary Goltermann
Co Leader - Open

Member Mentoring & Coaching
Co Leader – Dawn Comstock
Co Leader – Bob Good

Library
Leader Jim Barry
Co Leader - Open

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Community Service and Outreach Committee

Chair: Jennifer Seim
Vice Chair: Scott Roth

Veterans Projects
Leader – Jennifer Seim
Co Leader - Open

Colorado STEM Academy
Leader - Don Prorak
Co Leader – Open

Makerspace Partnerships
(Denver Tool Library)
Leader - Scott Roth
Co Leader - Open

Toy Builders
Leader - Marty Bartholomew
Co Leader – Jeff Abedisoolari
Co Leader – Margaret Arnold

School Partnerships
Leader – Open
Co Leader - Open

The Master's Apprentice
Co Leader – Bryce Slaby
Co Leader - Marty Bartholomew?

Sponsor Liaison
Leader - Larry Christensen
Co Leader - Open

Individual Tool Sales
Leader – Open
Co Leader - Open

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Social Committee

Chair: Open
Vice Chair: Bryce Slaby

Hospitality, Parties & Picnics
Leader – Open
Co Leader – Jeff Abedisoolari

Sponsor Tours
Leader - Larry Christensen
Co Leader - Open

Shop Tours
Leader – Cori Preftakes
Co Leader - Open

Tool Sale
Leader - Cary Goltermann
Co Leader - Open

Meeting Greeters
Co Leader – David Villella
Co Leader – Jeff Gifford

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Membership Committee

Chair: Cary Goltermann
Vice Chair: Larry Christensen

Membership Database
Leader– Cary Goltermann
Co Leader - Open

Member Name Tags
Leader - Open
Co Leader - Open

Chapter Development
Co Leader - Jim Barry
Co Leader - Jonathan Carlyon

Member Recruitment
Leader - Larry Christensen
Co Leader - Open

Ride Sharing
Leader – Open
Co Leader - Open

New Member Orientation
Leader – Open
Co Leader – Open

Special Interest Groups
Leader - Open
Co Leader - Open

Regional Subgroups
Co Leader - Bill Bixby
Co Leader - Jason Matishek

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Communications Committee

Chair: Devon Lindsley
Vice Chair: Joe Lenhoff

Communications Strategy
Leader - Devon Lindsley
Co Leader - Open

Member Materials
Leader - Devon Lindsley
Co Leader- Open

Newsletter
Leader - Joe Lenhoff
Co Leader - Open

Website Content Mgt.
Leader – Joe Lenhoff
Co Leader - Open

Photographers
Co Leader - Jesse Anthony
Co Leader - Open

Social Media Content Mgt.
Leader – Open
Co Leader - Open

Google Drive Content Mgt.
Leader - Devon Lindsley
Co Leader- Open

Local Media Relations
Leader – Dennis Edmonds
Co Leader - Open

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Technology Committee

Chair: Bill Bixby
Vice Chair: Cary Goltermann

Website Platform Mgt.
Webmaster - Wilbur Goltermann
Asst. Webmaster - Larry Davis
Consultant – Wes Song

Audio Visual Team
Leader - Larry Abrams
Co-Leader - Jason Matishek

Social Media Platform Mgt.
(Facebook & Instagram)
Leader - Devon Lindsley
Co-Leader - Open

Google Drive Platform Mgt.
Leader - Devon Lindsley
Co Leader - Open

Zoom Platform Mgt.
Leader - Wilbur Goltermann
Co-Leader- Larry Abrams

IT Account Mgt.
(Email, Hosting, Payment)
Leader - Devon Lindsley
Co Leader - Open

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Notes from the Treasurer

2024 Membership Renewal

It is that time of year again. Membership renewals are due.

The CWG Board has approved the following annual dues categories:

Individual	\$30
Family - member + partner, minor child or grandchild	\$50
Full Time Student (with current ID)	\$10
Co-Dues with Front Range Woodturners	\$52.50
Does not include Family Memberships	

Payment options:

Cash or check to the Treasurer or Membership Chair at the monthly meeting.

Check mailed to:

Colorado Woodworkers Guild
C/O Rockler Woodworking and Hardware
2553 S Colorado Blvd., #108 (please include the suite #)
Denver, CO 80222

Send payment via Venmo to @treasurer-colowood.

We cannot accept credit cards at this time but hope to be able to by mid-year.

\Donations

The Colorado Woodworkers Guild has always accepted donations but they have never been tax deductible to the Donor. We are working to change that. We applied to the IRS for nonprofit 501C3 status on 2/7/24 and believe that we will be approved by the end of March. Once approved, all donations to the Guild in 2024 will be tax deductible to the donor. I will keep you updated on the progress of this application. In the interim, please donate to the Guild to help keep us financially viable and allow us to keep adding to our member benefits.

Larry Christensen, Treasurer

Show and Tell

At the January 18th, 2024 meeting we had 5 entries from 5 people.

The beginning of S&T on the video is [here](#)

- Dennis Edmonds showing off his power-carved bowl, with the video [here](#)
- Jeff Gifford and his bar tray video is [here](#)
- Jim Barry shows us his wall panel video is [here](#)
- Rick Tronvig brought a circle cutting jig for S&T with the video [here](#)
- Ron Ainge produced a coffee grinder to show off. The video is [here](#)

Dennis showed off a “Power Carved Bowl” made of “Found Wood (Dennis’s words not mine) and finished with Tung Oil. Note the Picture below includes both a finished bowl and a blank. The blank is drilled in a number of places to indicate to the “power carver” how deep to go. A clever trick.



Jeff shared a “Bar Tray” made of Walnut and Olive and finished in Rubio (according to the entry form, Rubio Monocoat I think).



Jim presented a “Wall Panel” made of Basswood, Mahogany and Jatoba and finished with a wipe on poly.



Rick brought a jig to S&T. This is a great idea, feel free to bring in Jigs and share them with us. The jig is used to cut circles on a bandsaw.



Ron showed off a Coffee Grinder. The mechanism was purchased but the wood was turned by Ron.



The winner of the January S&T was Jim Barry with his Wall Panel



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

January 2024 Meeting

On January 18th, 2024, the Guild hosted Graham Blackburn. Graham spoke about hand planes.

While there are many advantages to using electric tools, especially for mass production, non-electric tools offer many advantages. For one, they are less expensive than table saws and thickness planers. Also, they are safer. Planes can be a lot quicker than spending time setting up jigs. Lastly, there are more choices on what to do with hand tools, and, what you do by hand is better quality.

Hand Tools often lead to doing better work. Graham showcased this potential by reviewing hand planes. He divided them into three groups of planes: Bench Planes, Molding Planes, and Special Purpose Planes. He also said that wooden hand planes are surprisingly easy to find at garage sales and flea markets. In fact, Graham once found an 1886 wooden hand plane at a flea market. He was able to purchase it for one dollar!

Graham suggested that if anyone wanted to take up hand tool woodworking, the best plane to get started is the Jack Plane, because it's the jack of all trades.

For more information, watch his presentation by clicking on the link.

The entire presentation can be viewed online at the guild's website by clicking [here](#). **Again, for the presentation you may have to “right click” and select “Open Hyperlink” to get to the video. The presentation starts at about 1h.45mm into the meeting video and goes until near the end of the meeting around 2h.15mm.**

February 2024 Meeting

Kailee Bosch, of [Kailee Bosch Art](#) (in person at Rockler): Kailee is from Fort Collins, Colorado. She has a BFA in Sculpture and Pottery from Colorado State University. Kailee has participated in several residency programs, including Anderson Ranch Arts Center's (CO) Artist-in-Residence program, and The Center for Art in Wood's (PA) Windgate Wood Residency. Her work has been included in numerous juried and group exhibitions across the US. Kailee's work stems from her background in woodturning, growing up in her father's shop, but has evolved to include a variety of materials and processes. Kailee is interested in blending traditional craft practices with digital fabrication, making both functional objects and speculative designs (bio from her [website](#))

Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair

Partnership Between CWG and RMSCOT

This past summer (2023) the Colorado Woodworkers Guild (CWG) decided to revive its charitable toy-making project, wanting to generously give wooden toys to little girls and boys during the Christmas/Holiday season. We have a great membership with a desire to serve those in need. With that in mind, we started making cars, trucks, Scottie dogs, crickets, dinosaurs, puzzles, and a bevy of other toys for children between toddlers and young teens. However, we had a dilemma, once the toys were made how do we get them to the children? Santa, Mrs. Claus, and their elves to the rescue!

That's right, we got in contact with Mrs. Claus (Margee Arnold), who then got us in touch with her husband (Santa Bruce) and the Rocky Mountain Santas' Convoy of Toys (RMSCOT), www.rmescot.org; Santa Bryan (Chairman and CEO) and Santa Dave (President).

We got together one Saturday with Margee and several of the Santa's and showed them what we were doing and our plans, hopes, and desires. What a joyous time it was. Margee took right to the jigsaw and fell in love; as a result, she has since joined our membership.

Talking with Santa Bryan, we found that the RMSCOT, or Convoy of Toys as they are sometimes called, were on the lookout for ways to serve the communities along the rocky mountain range. As their tagline states:

“RMSCOT provides LOVE, HOPE, JOY and a TOY (all wrapped in a hug from Santa) to children affected by regional disasters. Santa providing disaster relief for children.” Along with this idea they have wanted to expand their services to those children affected by disabilities or are



disadvantaged. Our goals and hearts couldn't have been better aligned. After some conversation, we agreed to make as many toys as possible (almost 250) and give them to RMSCOT for distribution to autistic, disabled, and disadvantaged children. Santa meets a lot of children and always wants to give a little extra for those in need and CWG was more than happy to be Santa's (honorary) elves.



After providing Santa Bryan and Dave with almost 250 toys, they, along with Margee, Bruce and many others went about gifting these to special needs children and in a few cases their siblings (we can't have any rivalries in the family, LOL).



During our January meeting, Santas and Mrs. Clause gave us a report as to what happened. They handed out most of the toys we provided them and told us about how our toys were a big hit with everyone. Moms and dads were speechless, and some tears flowed (keep in mind that Santa doesn't cry, but his eyes do sweat a lot!), when Santa gave them a CWG hand-crafted toy to their special needs children and siblings. They told us many a child immediately got down on the floor and started "vrooom, vroooming" with huge smiles on their faces as they played with their new favorite toy and ignored the rest of the party. Race cars, crickets, Scottie dogs, a pull-along snake and many others were the favorite choices. Santa Dave had a party at an autistic shop and children were able to choose what toy they wanted.



However, this isn't the end of the generosity to others. During the remainder of this year, Santa will be reaching out to Children's Hospital to make arrangements for gifting more of our toys. With such a great start of this project, CWG plans to make even more toys and RMSCTO will be creating new channels of gifting these to more families that could use a beautifully crafted wooden toy from CWG. We hope that you will be a part of this program.

Article Written & Provided by Santa Bryan

Education Corner

A Brief History of the Colorado Woodworkers Guild (Part 1)

The Colorado Woodworkers Guild (CWG) has as its mission the promotion of "learning and excellence in all forms of woodworking" (<https://www.coloradowoodworkersguild.com/>). The current president, Dennis Edmonds, has developed this idea by focusing on three legs of this mission: social, educational, and community

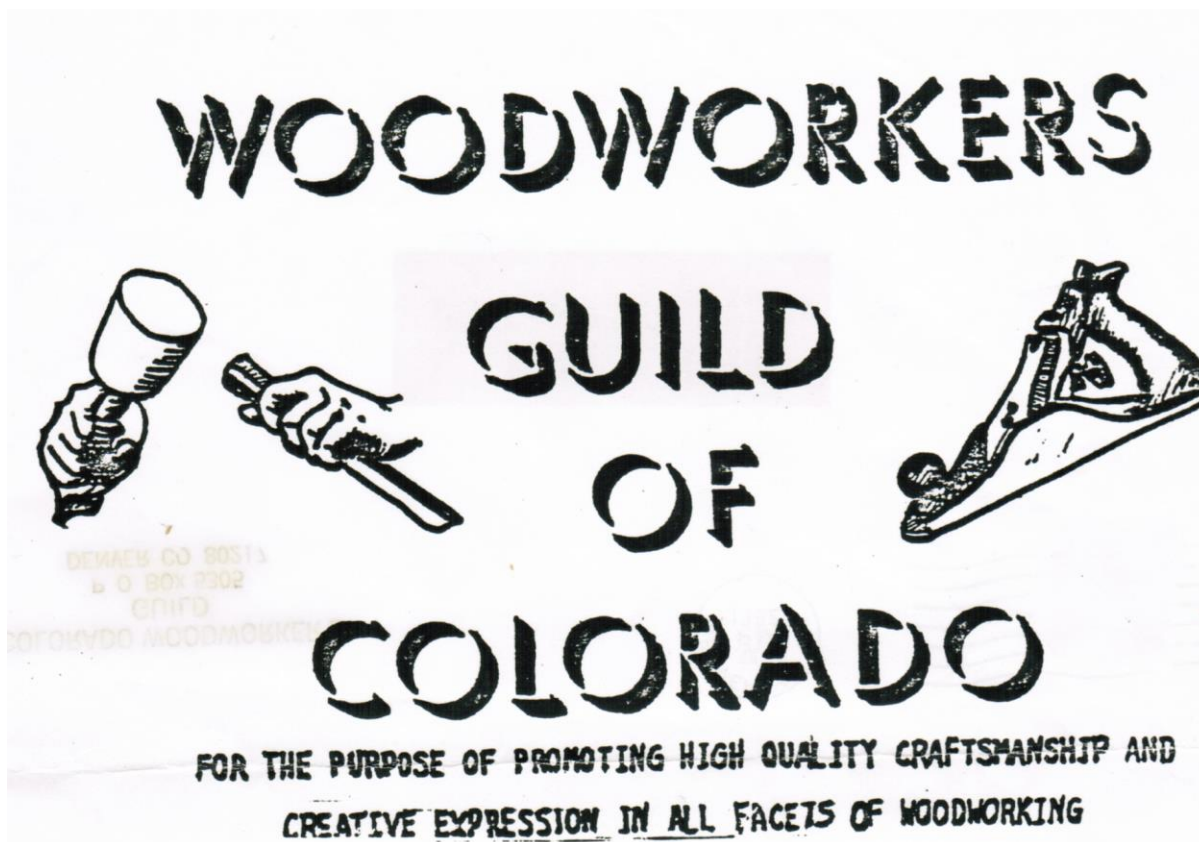
service. In highlighting these areas, the Guild continues a tradition that characterized its earliest years as an organization.

The CWG was founded in 1980. The first meeting was held in November of that year, on a Saturday. Nine people showed up. 44 years later, the Guild continues to meet regularly, now on the third Tuesday of the month. Two score and four years ago, to borrow a phrase, is enough time to call for a brief history of the Guild. Luckily, we have newsletters from 1981 until today from which to learn much about the early years of the CWG.

The first newsletter was published in August 1981. Then President Jim Brandt expressed appreciation for how far the group had come in only 9 months. The group had been organized following a lecture by James Krenov at Paxton Lumber. As guild president Brandt wrote:

“After the lecture, a number of Woodworkers were at Paxton Lumber to meet Krenov. I asked if anyone would be interested in forming a guild or just meeting as Woodworkers. The response was great. In about half an hour I had a list of about 25 names. (1981-08, 1)”

The group quickly developed a social component. Indeed, the first published letter to the editor requested the board consider meeting a half-an-hour earlier for "shooting the bull" (ibid). Social events were combined with educational programming, however, from the earliest years as well. One of the first seminars supported by the CWG was on the "Business Side of Wood Working" (1981-11, 1). As stated in the newsletter for January 1982, 22 people showed up for the workshop (1982-01, 2). The commitment to community service, finally, was seen in the many ways the guild sought to support local woodworking businesses and events.



One of the Guild's earliest logos, from the June, 1982 newsletter.

From 1984, scanned newsletters from the Guild jump to 2004. By then, we had a new logo and pictures in color! All the newsletters which have been scanned are available on our website. Just click on 'Public Pages' and then on 'Guild Newsletters'. Over the next few months, we will continue to devote attention to the history of the CWG. If you have any information to share, please reach out to programs@colowood.com.

Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair

Toolbox Alerts

Rockler

- Rockler has a new Spring/Summer Master Catalog out and if you are on their mailing list you should have received a copy in the mail. They are offering 20% off “most items in the catalog and are offering free shipping on \$49+ orders. Ode on the back of the catalog if ordering on-line or use Code V256637 if buying in store. The sale is on thru March 27, 2024. Check it out.

Woodcraft

- For the whole month of February (yes, even on 29 Feb 2024) Woodcraft has some great up to 50% off savings on a number of items including a 3-lb acrylic grab bag, a salt or pepper grinder mechanism, a silicone non-slip mata 3 piece file set and a diamond-tip carving bur set, among other things. Classes continue to be offered ranging in price from \$100 to multiple day classes at \$650.

[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.]

Tools for Sale

A widow wishes to sell her late husband's Shoptsmith 510 plus accessories. She first contacted the Front Range Woodturners and Dave Hawley assisted her in looking up all of the accessories and suggesting her pricing. If interested, please contact her at the email below. Here are some pictures that she forwarded to us.



Mark V 510 Shopsmith—lightly used and very clean, with Shopsmith Bandsaw, Shopsmith 1.5 HP (110 volt). Dust Collector, Pro Fence, Circular saw blades (4 each), lathe, casters and shop light. You must see how clean this setup is.

\$1,600 and ready to use.

Contact Chris Witmer at (720) 292-9342 or at Cwitmer18@gmail.com.

CWG 2024 Sponsors

Austin Hardwoods of Denver, Inc., 975 W. Mississippi, Denver, CO 80223. Phone: 303-733-1292. Website: www.austinhardwoods.com

Baldwin Hardwoods, 1225 Red Cedar Circle, Ft Collins, CO 80524. Phone: 970-213-8608. Website: baldwinhardwoods.com

CS Woods, 4355 Monaco Street, Unit A, Denver, CO 80206. Phone: 720-278-7797. Website: www.cswoods.com

Charlie's 2nd Hand Store, Inc., 2227 Larimer Street Denver, CO 80205. Phone: 303-295-1781. Website: www.usedtoolsplus.com

Denver Wood Slabs, (By appointment only). 4903 Washington Street, Denver, CO 80216. Phone: 720-780-7752. Website: www.denverwoodslabs.com

Frank Paxton Lumber Company, 4837 Jackson Street, Denver, CO 80216. Phone: 303-399-6047. Website: www.paxtonwood.com/denver.aspx

Just Rustic Custom Woodworking, 224 Main Street, Fort Morgan, CO 80701. Phone: 303-324-4342. Website: justrusticco.com

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware, 2553 S. Colorado Blvd, Denver, CO 80222 Phone: 303-782-0588. Website: www.rockler.com/retail/denver-colorado-hardware-store.cfm

Sears Trostel, 1500 Riverside Ave, Ft Collins, CO 80527. Phone: 970-482-1928. Website: www.sears-trostel.com

Signature Medallions, 4218 Ponce De Leon Drive, La Mesa, CA 91941. Phone: 619-303-2876. Website: www.signaturemedallions.com

TC Woods, 5406 County Road 23 Ft. Lupton, CO 80621. Phone: 303-666-8989. Website: www.tcwoods.com

Urban Forest Mill, 33S Pratt Parkway, Suite 100, Longmont, CO 80501. Phone: 303-746-6446. Website: urbanforestmill.com

Western Hardwoods, 8980 W 1st Street, Wellington, CO 80549. Phone: 970-966-4243. Website: westernhardwoods.com

Where Wood Meets Steel, 4903 Washington Street, Denver, CO 80216. Phone: 720-780-7752. Website: www.wwms.net

Woodcraft of Denver. 6770 S. Peoria Street Centennial, CO 80112. Phone: 303-290-0007. Website: <http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=305>

CWG Sponsor Spotlight

Austin Hardwoods (Austin) has been a sponsor of the Colorado Woodworkers Guild (CWG) longer than most (over 20 years) and they offer CWG current members contractors discount on their entire inventory except for items that are already on sale or tools where the manufacturer does not allow Austin to discount them.

Austin is a full line lumber yard offering a wide variety of:

- Domestic and exotic hardwoods – both rough cut and surfaced on four sides (S4S)
- Sheet stock including hardwood plywood and melamine
- Moulding – Over 3000 profiles
- Slabs, Tops and Boules (all the boards cut from one log)
- Tools, hardware, adhesives and finishes

They also have a state-of-the-art milling shop and will straightline, S2S, or S3S while you wait as well as custom orders.

They have been a family-owned business in Denver since 1979 and currently have a 7-acre facility at the Northeast corner of W. Mississippi and S. Jason. You will be hard pressed to find a more extensive selection of wood and accessories for both the amateur and professional woodworker along the front range of Colorado.

Address and phone:

975 W Mississippi Avenue
Denver, CO 80223
303-733-1292

Hours:

Monday to Friday: 7:30 – 5:00
Saturday: 7:30 – 1:00

Austin Hardwoods Tour

Austin Hardwoods is hosting our first sponsor tour of the year on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 8 AM. Their address is 975 W Mississippi Ave. Denver, CO 80223.

The tour is limited to 20 current Guild members. Please sign up by sending an email to treasurer@colowood.com.

Austin Hardwoods current state of the art milling and shop equipment is very impressive and worth the tour. You can learn more about Austin Hardwoods by visiting their website, austinhardwoods.com, and reading the short description of them in the Sponsors Spotlight above in this Newsletter.

We are currently scheduling other sponsor tours this year. They will be announced in the Newsletter as well as announced at the Monthly Meetings.

I hope to see you there.

Larry Christensen, Sponsor Liaison

2024 Board Members, Committee Chairs & Project Leads



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