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# Colorado Woodworkers Guild

## March 2024 Newsletter

### President's Corner



*Dennis Edmonds, President*

### CWG Veterans Urns Project

The motto of the Honor Burial Program is “Never Again will one generation of veterans abandon another”. Local volunteer veterans spent months going to funeral homes, inventorying unclaimed remains and then cross-checking the names against military records to identify 27 unclaimed remains of veterans.

Here is an overview:

Army	15
Navy	7
Marines	2
Airforce	2
Total	27

WWII	15
WWII Korea	3
Korea	1
Korea Vietnam	1
Viet Nam	3
Peace	4

Colorado Woodworking Guild members built 30 urns. Some of the urns were built during group builds. Others were built by individual members in their own shops. Wood was donated by members and sponsors.



Many thanks to Jen Seim for leading the project and to all the members who contributed their time and talent to build such nice-looking urns. The military branch symbol specific to each veteran was laser engraved on the lid of each urn.

We were fortunate in having Channel 3 and Fox 31 come to my shop to film and interview for a TV news segment that will air in late April after the internments.

Two internment ceremonies are scheduled to honor these veterans:

Fort Logan National Cemetery, Commitment Shelter B:

April 16, 2024 at 1:00 pm

April 30, 2024 at 1:00 pm

I am told the ceremonies are very moving experiences for those in attendance. All members of the Colorado Woodworkers Guild are invited to attend.

*Dennis Edmonds, President*

## Show and Tell

At the February 2024 meeting we had 5 entries from 5 people.

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

- Andy Towt presented a hand carved Leaf of Basswood with an Oak base, finished in CA glue. Video [here](#)
- Jason Matisheck brought a turned Box and Bottle Stopper made of figured Box Elder, The box is finished in “Shine Juice” and the stopper if finished in CA. Video [here](#)
- Bob Good showed us a Routed Fruit Bowl made from Sapele and finished in General Finish Salad Bowl Finish and Wax. Video [here](#)
- Jim Barry had a Stool made of Beech and Paracord to show us. Video [here](#)
- David Howard gave us a “Knife Block” and the jig he used to make it. Made of a “Bunch of Hardwood” and finished in Osmo Wood Finish. Video [here](#)

Below are pictures of Andy and his Leaf carving.



Next, we can see Jason and his Box/Stopper.

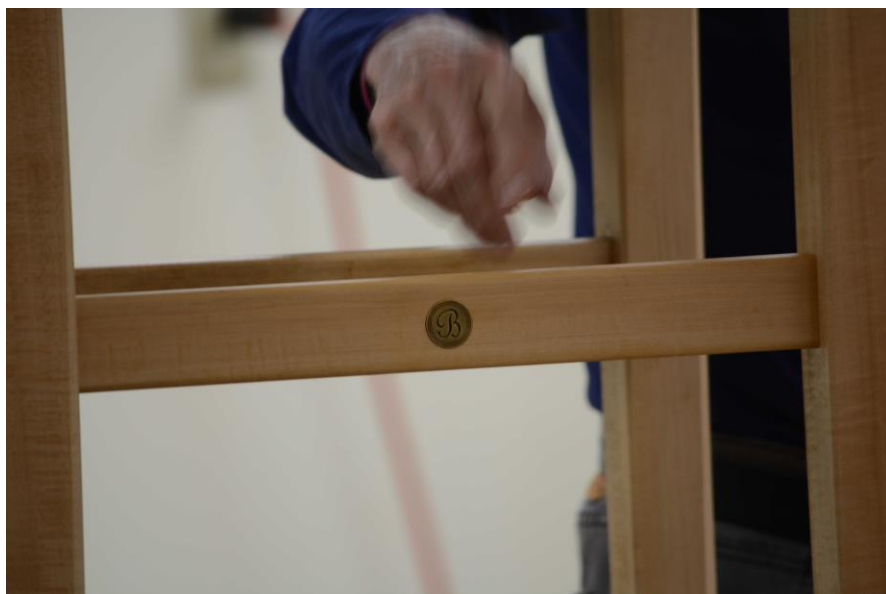
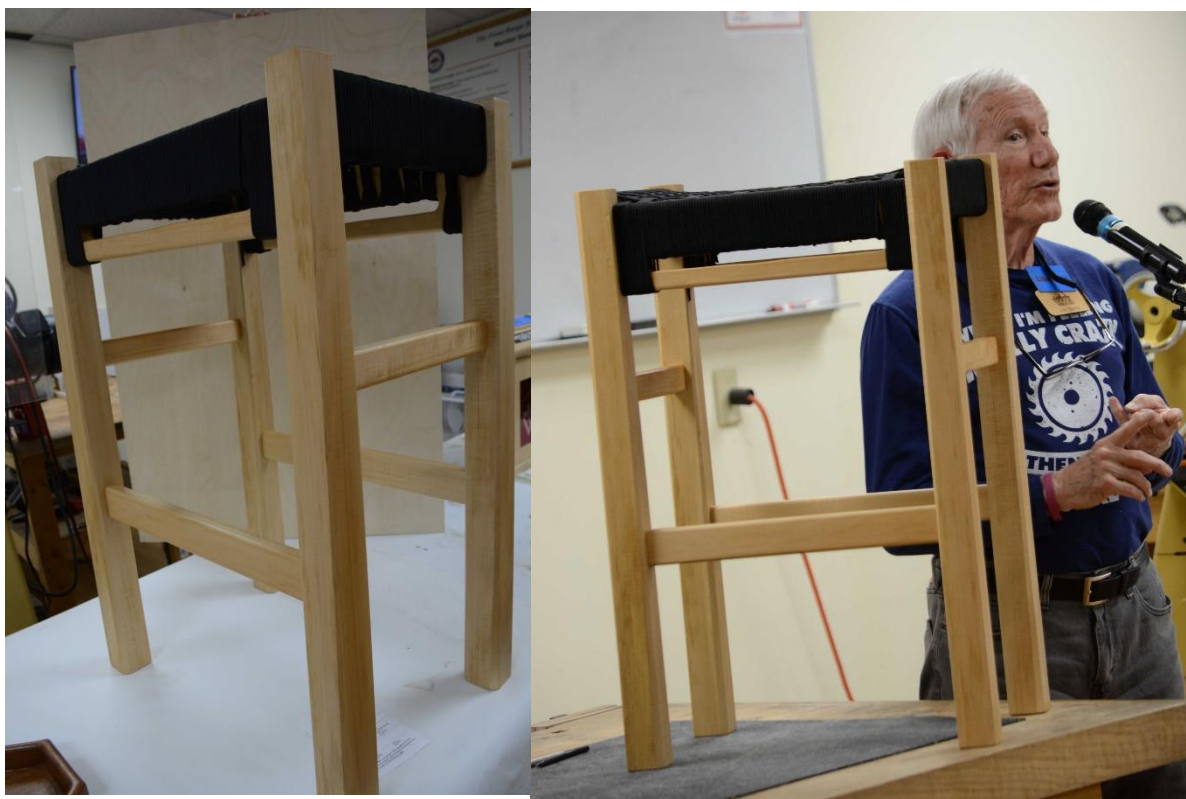




Bob and his Routed Fruit Bowl are shown next.



Jim and his Stool. Note the inlaid medallion in the last pic.



David and his Knife Board / Jig are shown next  
Note the board has embedded magnets so it will hold a knife.





And the winner was David.



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*

## Membership Notice Please Read

I have two notices regarding Colorado Woodworkers Guild Membership

First, If your member card does no look like this image (disregarding the wood background)



Then you are not paid up for calendar year 2024. If there is some problem with this. please email me at [membership@coloradowoodworkersguild.org](mailto:membership@coloradowoodworkersguild.org)

Let me know what your issue is and I will help (or contact me at the next guild meeting)

A little more Membership info:

2024 Members paid in full	93
2023 Members not yet renewed	71
2022 Members who never renewed	19

Second we recently received an email from Rockler Management containing the info in the email copy below. The upshot is this, in order to receive a guild discount for a purchase at Rockler, you will need to show your active guild membership card. This will only need to be done once for the current year. Thanks for your attention.

**From:** Store3 Denver <[Store3@rockler.com](mailto:Store3@rockler.com)>

**Subject:** Rockler Guild Membership updates

**Date:** March 2, 2024 at 4:04:09 PM MST

Beloved Guilds / Groups that are affiliated with Rockler!

I am reaching out to inform you all that our system guild discounts will be reset this Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Please inform your current members (email & announcement at next meetings preferred) that the next time they come in, they will need to present their proof of active guild membership for their discount to be re-activated onto their account.

I have instructed my associates to only apply the guild membership back onto the accounts of those members who present their cards.

Once they do this – guild membership discount will be saved onto their account and active throughout the rest of the year.

If for whatever reason you do not provide guild membership cards or proof of active membership to your members - I have guild cards printed here at Rockler that I can manually write one up for them. I have plenty & I am happy to help with this.

If you need this option for some or all of your members – please email me directly outside of this thread & we will discuss next best steps.

Thank you so much for your understanding & for helping communicate this to your people.

All the best your way & see you next time at Rockler!

With Gratitude,

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# Meeting Presentations

## February 2024 Meeting

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Guild welcomed a rising star in the world of hybrid woodworking Kailee Bosch. Kailee started turning when she was 6. Having recently finished her bachelor's degree in art, Kailee now combines traditional techniques with CNC work and well-developed turning skills to create one-of-a-kind furniture. She explained her technique for furniture building as the development of functional objects. One example is her side table, which includes bronze-casted joinery she made herself. Designed and built by Kailee for her university Capstone Project, she used ash, bronze, and brass.



In all, Kailee showed what the future of our craft will look like. First, combine CAD design on Rhino with traditional techniques like the 5-7 rule for rounding over tight corners (Dan Faia explains this technique well in this YouTube short: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/MqB9l76T0MQ>). Then add solid woodturning skills with a deep knowledge of design for wood. What you get is a talented artist at the start of her career, whose art will be exciting to follow in the years to come. For more information about Kailee Bosch, see this excellent biography in Woodcraft Magazine: <https://www.woodcraft.com/blogs/woodworker-profiles/kailee-bosch>

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. Scroll forward in the video, and the presentation starts at 1h.01mm into the meeting and goes until near the end of the meeting at 2h.14mm.**

## March 2024 Meeting

Kyle Welsing, on traditional woodwork and spoon carving (in person, at Rockler). Kyle is a practitioner of traditional woodworking and craft methods. For the past few years, he has developed a specialty in green woodworking, in the style of Follansbee or Underhill. A proponent of sourcing local and recycled woods, Kyle spends most days carving his spoons and other greenwood craft items, which he sells at local farmers' markets and artisan shows. His work is viewable on his Instagram page, [@welsingheritagewc](#)

*Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair*

# Education Corner

## Early Furniture - The Mayan 'Tortuguero Box'

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One such example is the Mayan 'Tortuguero Box'. Made nearly 1000 years before Mulliner's chest, the Tortuguero Box includes carved hieroglyphs that tell the story of a dynastic lineage of the Maya. Michael Coe, in his 1974 article, "A carved wooden box from the classical maya civilization", asked how, "such a perishable object could have survived almost 13 centuries of destructive forces" (51). The tropical conditions of the Maya lowlands have not allowed many wooden artifacts to survive for archeological study.

It's hard to believe that any woodwork would have survived the harsh conditions of the Mesoamerican climate. However, the Tortuguero box is a famous example to the contrary.



The box was likely found in a relatively dry cave in the area. However, while archeologists have studied the hieroglyphs, one question I want to know more about is the box itself: its construction, the techniques, the wood used, the broader significance for the study of Mesoamerican woodworking. Luckily, we have some information to start with at the Library of Congress. To learn more about this fascinating box, visit their site here: <https://www.loc.gov/exhibits/exploring-the-early-americas/interactives/recording-history/box/index.html>

One last thing, this box was made using Sapodilla wood. A fruit tree species native to Central America, the Sapodilla is also known as the 'chicle' or 'chewing gum' tree, since the sap of this species is used to make chewing gum. So, next time you see someone chewing a piece of gum, tell them they can thank a woodworker!

*Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair*

## Toolbox Alerts

### Rockler

- Rockler has 15% off most regular-priced items if you are on their e-mail list and receive a coupon. They are offering 15% off a number of regularly priced items through 27 March with the coupon in their Power Up sale. Check it out.

### Woodcraft

- For the whole month of March Woodcraft has some great up to 50% off savings on a number of items including a folder knife blade kit, a turner's sanding pack, a zero zero center finder, a 14" backsaw as well as Peruvian Walnut boards. Classes continue to be offered ranging in price from \$150 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](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.]

## CWG Sponsor Updates

### SPONSOR TOURS - MARCH AND APRIL

#### March 23, 2024

10:30 – **TC Woods** - 5406 CR 23, Fort Lupton, CO 303-666-8989

See bio below

1:15 – **Urban Forest Mill** – 33 S Pratt Parkway, Suite 100, Longmont, CO 303-746-6446

See Bio below



Each of these sponsors mill and sell locally sourced wood but have different approaches and feel. Urban Forest Mill is approximately 30 minutes from TC Woods and we are aiming to have lunch in Longmont between the visits. At Urban Forest Mill, we will start at their showroom and then see their processing facility, which is a short distance away.

Car-pooling is encouraged. In signing up, please state whether you wish to car-pool. If so, please state if you are willing to drive or would like a ride.

## **April 13, 2024**

10:00 - **YCI Reclaimed Hardwoods** – 5699 Washington Street, Denver

This our newest sponsor and they sell a unique product – reclaimed wood from over the road trailer floors. It is interesting to see their process. Visit their website and look at the Gallery for examples of how this wood is used.

11:00 - **Where Wood Meets Steel and Denver Wood Slabs** - 4903 Washington Street, Denver

This tour is in conjunction with the Front Range Woodturners. I am told that Ryan will be making barbeque for this event.

For all of these tours please respond to [treasurer@colowood.com](mailto:treasurer@colowood.com). I will also be passing around a sign-up sheet at the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT**

**TC Woods** is a sawmill, lumberyard and woodworking facility located just west of Fort Lupton, Colorado.

They offer:

- Custom sawmilling services, for logs between 8”- 42” diameter & 4-15’ long
- Sales of local hardwood lumber (rough sawn, S2S, slabs and mantels)
- Woodshop services- jointing, planing (up to 25”), finishing...
- A log marshaling yard for receiving urban logs

Browse their inventory - Tuesday-Friday 10-4, Saturdays 10-3  
or email at [contact@tcwoods.com](mailto:contact@tcwoods.com) for specific dimensions or species inquiries.

They are proud to be a member of the Colorado chapter of the Urban Wood Network and have been a sponsor of the Colorado Woodworking Guild for over 15 years.

**Urban Forest Mill** sells the products you’d expect from a local sawmill: sustainable wood milled from urban trees, including live-edge slabs, dimensional lumber, mantles, shelves and cookies. But unlike others, theirs are vacuum kiln-dried to prevent warping and twisting and planed completely flat, so there’s no question what you’ll end up with.

Their wood products are local and sustainable. They work with local arborists and forest agencies to source community trees that are planned for removal because of development or because they’re hazards, dying or diseased. They also strive to find environmentally friendly uses for their wood byproducts. They divert

shavings, offcuts, and sawdust to be used as biochar, compost amendment, and growing medium for mushrooms.

Finally, Urban Forest Mill offers custom milling, vacuum kiln drying, and industrial woodshop services. These include glue-ups, planing, straight-line ripping, wide-belt sanding, and wide-project flattening. This means Urban Forest Mill can take your heirloom tree from log to finished slabs or dimensional lumber on their modern, state-of-the-art equipment. Or Urban Forest Mill can dry and mill slabs or thicker lumber that you already own.

Their hours vary, so check their website, [www.urbanforestmill.com](http://www.urbanforestmill.com), or google business listing for weekly updates.

***Larry Christianson, Treasurer & Sponsors Liaison***

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**Baldwin Hardwoods**, 1225 Red Cedar Circle, Ft Collins, CO 80524. Phone: 970-213-8608. Website: [baldwinhardwoods.com](http://baldwinhardwoods.com)

**Charlie's 2nd Hand Store, Inc.**, 2227 Larimer Street Denver, CO 80205. Phone: 303-295-1781. Website: [www.usedtoolsplus.com](http://www.usedtoolsplus.com)

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**CS Woods**, 4355 Monaco Street, Unit A, Denver, CO 80206. Phone: 720-278-7797. Website: [www.cswoods.com](http://www.cswoods.com)

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**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](http://www.rockler.com/retail/denver-colorado-hardware-store.cfm)

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**TC Woods**, 5406 County Road 23 Ft. Lupton, CO 80621. Phone: 303-666-8989. Website: [www.tcwoods.com](http://www.tcwoods.com)

**Urban Forest Mill**, 33S Pratt Parkway, Suite 100, Longmont, CO 80501. Phone: 303-746-6446. Website: [urbanforestmill.com](http://urbanforestmill.com)

**Western Hardwoods**, 8980 W 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Wellington, CO 80549. Phone: 970-966-4243. Website: [westernhardwoods.com](http://westernhardwoods.com)

**Where Wood Meets Steel**, 4903 Washington Street, Denver, CO 80216. Phone: 720-780-7752. Website: [www.wwms.net](http://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>

**YCI Reclaimed Hardwood**, 5699 Washington Street Denver CO 80216 303-847-2200 Website: [ycireclaimedhardwood.com](http://ycireclaimedhardwood.com)



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