

COLORADO Woodworkers GUILD

March 2006

Encouraging all woodworkers in
self-expression, craftsmanship and
knowledge

Upcoming meetings

April 18th:

Lourdes Mila: Furniture Design

Location: Red Rocks Community College

May 16th:

Craftsman Show Awards & Guest Speaker

Location: Red Rocks Community College

June 20th:

TBD

Location: Paxton

Visit our website for latest updates on meetings and locations:
www.coloradoodworkersguild.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MARCH 21st

Speaker: Dennis McCaigue
Topic: Building Violas & Violins

Where: Rockler

2553 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO

When: Tuesday, March 21st, 7-9pm

Join us for an evening with Master viola and violin maker, Dennis McCaigue, as he shares his knowledge and expertise on all aspects of building these fine musical instruments. Dennis' instruments have received high acclaim from professional musicians around the globe, as noted in last month's newsletter. This presentation is sure to leave our members in awe and inspired!

These photos of violins made by Dennis were respectfully borrowed from the website of Richard Gagliardi, Violin Maker (www.rgviolins.com)



LAST CALL! Rocky Mountain PBS Art Auction Deadline is Approaching!

Have you ever wanted to be rich and famous? Well, here's your chance to see your work on television. KRMA Channel 6 is looking for your donation for their art auction. The value of your donation should be at least \$75, which isn't that much. A couple hours of your labor and materials should meet this requirement. The majority of art is two dimensional so they are looking to add diversity to the auction. If at least eight guild members make contributions, we will have a complete table and it will be billed as the Colorado Woodworkers Guild table.

Your art is to be delivered to the KRMA studio at 1089 Bannock near downtown Denver by March 18th. Your donation is tax deductible.

We had several members make contributions last year but would like to see enough this year for a table of our own, so think about supporting this function. John Hammer has entry forms. Contact him if you need one. 303-972-8065 or jvhammer@msn.com. We can also arrange for a group delivery if you can't make it. You may not get rich and famous, but it will be fun to watch your item during the auction.

Woodworker Trivia Question:

What wood were most old wooden planes made from? Ash, beech or cherry?

(Answer on Page 4.)

February's Event Review

Rich Johnson - Finishing

Submitted by Joe Kuter

Photo by John Hammer

The speaker at our February meeting was Rich Johnson, manager of the Rockler store. He delivered an excellent presentation on Finishing, a topic that all of us can use a little help with.

He started with some history. Going back 20 years to the Broadway store there was an abundance of instructors for all classes except finishing. Rich studied the subject in detail and began teaching the classes himself.

He emphasized the impact a poor finish can have in the appearance of an otherwise finely crafted piece. Examples were passed around to illustrate the point.

The technical part of the presentation began with an explanation of the difference between stains and dyes. Dye particles are substantially smaller than stain and therefore penetrate the wood to a deeper level.

Sanding was discussed from the perspective of which grits to use for open and closed grain woods. Finishing oak requires a 180 grit and closed grain woods should be finished with a 220 grit paper.

He mentioned a neat trick for aging cherry by applying a mixture of lye and water. The result is a darkened patina that makes the cherry look 50 years old.

A couple of items were highlighted for polyurethane finishes. He emphasized the importance of sanding between coats to facilitate adhesion to the previous coat. Multiple coats of semi-gloss will give a milky finish so he recommended using gloss for the first coats and semi-gloss only on the final coat.

Shellac is the oldest finish and its use dates back to ancient Egypt. It is a resin produced by an insect, the *Coccus lacca*. Mixing the resin with alcohol produces the finish. The consistency is defined by the number of pounds of resin mixed to a gallon of alcohol. He introduced the interesting tidbit of information that shellac is used in some products we eat, such as glazed candies and time release medications. Precautions should be taken with furniture finished with shellac since a spilled alcoholic drink could cause the finish to dissolve.

He had an interesting story regarding the use of steel wool to finish oak. When steel wool is used, small pieces of the metal remain in the wood. If a water based finish is used it acts as a catalyst to activate the tannic acid in the oak. The acid reacts with the small pieces of steel and turns them black. This results in back blotches covering the surface. Once it happens, it is near impossible to fix.

It was a very informative presentation and I'm sure everyone took away something that will come in handy in the future.



Rich Johnson, Store Manager at Rockler, provided an outstanding presentation and demonstration on a variety of finishing tips and techniques, and answered several questions from the audience. Thank you Rich!

2006 CWG Craftsman Show Highlights

Submitted by: Andy Zartman

The 2006 CWG Craftsman Show will be held at Red Rocks Community College Library on May 12th -14th and May 19th -21st. An opening reception will be held on the first Friday of the show, May 12th. Judges will evaluate the entries on Sunday, May 14th, and the Awards will be presented at our May 16th Guild meeting which will be held at the Red Rocks Library.

All entries must have been completed within the last two years, and items cannot have been previously judged in a CWG Craftsman Show.

ENTRY FORMS

We would like to have entry forms (distributed with the this newsletter and also available on our web site) filled out and returned by April 15th in order to create marketing information and advertising for the show. Please include your check or money order made out to "Colorado Woodworkers Guild" with your entry forms, along with a photo or a sketch of your work. Mail to the guild's P.O. Box (see address on page 5).

ENTRY FEES & GUIDELINES

We are limiting the number of entries per person to 5 judged pieces and entry fees will be \$15 per piece for CWG Members and Red Rocks Students.

Non-members fees will be \$45 (includes a one year guild membership) for the first item and \$15 for any extra items.

There will be no cost to display non-judged items but we are limiting the number of items to 3 per person. Please provide display stands for your pieces if they are needed.

JUDGING CRITERIA & PRIZES

Judging criteria will be based on design, originality, quality of finish, joinery, and craftsmanship. Red Rocks is offering a prize for a free class for the "Best In Show" prize.

CATEGORIES

Furniture, Carving, Turning, Decorative, Accessories and other small items, Toys, and Musical Instruments. If there are not at least 3 items for a category, the pieces may be combined into a similar category.

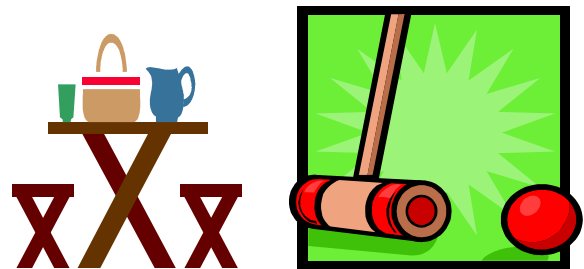
Do you have suggestions or feedback about the 2006 Craftsman Show? If so, please contact Andy (andrew.zartman@sun.com) with your ideas, or better yet, volunteer to join the committee. This is YOUR show and your input and participation are welcomed!

CWG SUMMER PICNIC

Plans are coming together for our summer picnic. This summer's get together will be held at Bill Hoppers' place in July. Thanks Bill!!! The exact date will be forthcoming. Bill and his neighbor will be preparing a roasted pig for our consumption. This will be a real treat!

You and your families are invited to enjoy a great day in the outdoors, including a croquet tournament, wonderful food and a craftsman show on croquet mallets, which our very own members will have handcrafted for this tournament. The guild will provide the pig, drinks and restrooms. You can bring an assortment of side dishes, your mallets and suntan lotion.

Should be a wonderful day in the sun. Further details will be up coming as they are finalized.



Watch for more information in future newsletters on the croquet mallet competition at the CWG Summer Picnic.

Woodworker Trivia Answer:

Beech

From Woodwright's Shop,

<http://www.pbs.org/wws/wwit/trivia.html>

Learn European Woodcarving! Nora Hall at Rockler!



European master woodcarver, Nora Hall will be at Rockler Woodworking & Hardware March 31st thru April 3rd 2006. On Friday, the 31st, there will be a **free slide show presentation** on her work. Nora's class will be on Saturday and Sunday, April 1st and April 2nd, with a continuing, additional class available Monday April 3 for those who want to continue "honing" their skills. Check at Rockler Woodworking & Hardware for times and availability. The classes meet from 10 AM to 4 PM. The fee for Saturday and Sunday is \$275. The fee for Monday is \$125. ***Guild members get a 10% discount!***



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REV IT UP!!!

The annual Belt Sander Race and Tool Swap will be held at Rockler on Saturday, April 29th. Mark your calendars and get your belt sanders "tuned" for this fun event. The Guild took first place last year with their entry...we need to be there again to defend our title! This event is also an opportunity to trade or sell some of those tools you thought you couldn't live without, but later found you really didn't need. Check with Rockler for more details.

GUILD MEMBER DISCOUNTS

20% off of purchases at

The Hardwood Emporium

16043 W. 4th Ave., Golden CO. 80401,
303-277-1488

10% off at:

Abilene Awards & Logos

1730 S Abilene, Aurora, CO. 80012,
303-755-0337

Austin Hardwoods

975 W. Mississippi, Denver, CO. ,
303-733-1292

Centennial Wood Co.

985 S. Logan, Denver, CO.
303-778-6209

Charlie's Secondhand Store

2227 Larimer St., Denver, CO.
303-295-1781

Paxton

4837 Jackson St., Denver, CO.
303-399-6047

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware

2553 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO.
303-782-0588

TC Woods

9776 Arapahoe Rd, Lafayette, CO.
303-494-0425

Tool King (up to 10%, see details on CWG website)

11111 West 6th Ave, Lakewood, CO 80215
303-963-4500

Woodcraft

4403 S. Tamarac Parkway, Denver, CO.
303-290-0007



HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE YET?

Hopefully, all of you have had an opportunity to check out the new, improved CWG website at www.coloradoodworkersguild.org.

Photo Gallery

If you have photos of your woodworking projects or from any of the Guild's events, please either email your digital photos (.JPEG format is preferred) to:

contact@coloradoodworkersguild.org,

or bring a CD with your photos to a CWG monthly meeting and give it to one of the Board Members or Webmaster.

Classified Ads

Got Stuff to Sell? Looking for Stuff to Buy? Please check out our website's Classified Ads feature to post your ads and see what others need or have to offer.

PAXTON: New Discount Policy

The new discount policy at Paxton's is they will only accept one discount per purchase. That discount will be the larger of the discount available to you. An example would be, if you have both a student discount and a guild discount, they would apply the larger discount to you order. They will not apply both, as they have done in the past. This policy is effective 2/1/06.

WOOD OF THE MONTH

Hardwood Emporium:

4/4 #1 common red oak, \$2.10 bd.ft.

NOTE: Member winner of last month's drawing at Hardwood Emporium for the \$200 Gift Certificate was Emmett Malone. Congrats Emmett!

Paxton:

4/4 select and better cherry, 6 ft. lengths, \$3.55 bd.ft.

Centennial Wood Co.:

None this month



A LOOK BACK IN TIME...

One of Joe Kuter's fabulous clocks from the 2003 CWG Craftsman Show held at Ironton Gallery.

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO JOE**

*on being selected for the
2006 Cherry Creek Arts
Festival!*

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Not yet a member of the Colorado Woodworkers Guild?

We invite you to join now. Here are some of the benefits of becoming a member:

Monthly Guild Meetings -- Here woodworkers from novices to highly skilled craftsmen can meet, network, solicit advice, share ideas, and learn

Annual Craftsman Show -- The woodworkers' showcase! A world-class exhibit featuring pieces created by our diverse and talented guild members

Christmas Toys Program -- A great opportunity for novices to work side-by-side with and learn from experienced craftsmen, and in the process create fabulous toys for underprivileged children

Field Trips -- To local lumber yards, mills and workshops

Monthly Newsletter -- That includes meeting announcements, free classified ads and much, much more...

Membership in the Colorado Woodworkers Guild is \$30 per year.

To join, provide the information requested below and return with your \$30 check to:

Colorado Woodworkers Guild
P.O. Box 480561
Denver, CO 80248

Board Meeting Minutes

To conserve space in the newsletter for articles of interest to our Guild members, we no longer publish the Board Meeting Minutes each month. Copies of the minutes are available upon request by contacting a Guild officer.

Visit our web site for the latest information and late breaking announcements:

www.coloradowoodworkersguild.org

Guild Business: Monthly Board Meeting

The next CWG Board Member Meeting will be March 28th, 6 p.m. at Rockler Woodworking. The meeting is open to all members. If you have suggestions on CWG speakers, topics, events or activities, please feel free to contact any Board Member or attend the Board Member meeting.

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Company _____

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