

COLORADO Woodworkers GUILD

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Encouraging all woodworkers in
self-expression, craftsmanship and
knowledge

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE AUGUST 16th MEETING

Rich Gady, Marquetry: Part 2

Location: Paxton

4837 Jackson Street

Denver, CO

Tuesday, August 16th, 7:00-9:00 pm

This is a continuation of the very impressive Marquetry presentation by Rich Gady at our May Guild meeting. Rich is a fellow Guild member, the past president of the International Marquetry Society and an outstanding teacher of this craft. Please join us at Paxton!



Guild's New Website is Now ONLINE!

Our new Colorado Woodworkers Guild website went live a few weeks ago and offers improved features and easier navigation. It is also more flexible in our ability to add new content and will allow us to keep the site current with calendar events, discount information, photographs, weblinks and other items of interest to our members.

The website is still located at the same domain name: www.woodworkersguild.org. Some of the content is for "Members Only" and requires you to login with your login and password. If you have not yet received your login and password, please contact our webmaster, Frederick Matzen, at webmaster@coloradowoodworkersguild.org. From the "Your Details" page, you may edit your system-generated login and password to whatever you would like to use. Please take some time to look at the new website and provide your feedback, suggestions, and CONTENT! We'd love to include more photos of your projects, classified ads, woodworking website links and articles from our members. Our goal is to make the new website a valuable resource for all of our Guild members.

Upcoming meetings

September 20th:

Leslie Kennedy, Band Saw Boxes

Location: Rockler

October 18th:

Quick Things to Make for Holiday Gifts

Location: To be announced

November 15th :

Rich Johnson, Finishing Techniques

Location: Rockler

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



Our Member Discount Stores Now Includes Tool King

We are pleased to announce the addition of Tool King to our list of Member Discount Stores. To obtain the discount, you must purchase your merchandise through Rick Peil or Marc Hardesty. Here are the discounts:

- Woodworking Accessories.....10%*
- Woodworking Floor Machinery:*
 - ◆ 1% for 1 Machine
 - ◆ 2% for 2 Machines
 - ◆ 3% for 3 Machines
 - ◆ Up to 5% Max
- Cordless Power Tools & Accessories.....2%*
- Corded Power Tools & Accessories.....2%*
- (Reconditioned or New)*

Let's welcome Tool King by supporting their store at 11111 West 6th Ave, Lakewood, CO 80215 (On the North Frontage Road between Kipling and Simms) 303.963.4500

To kick off our venture, Tool King has put together a large list of specials for Guild members only. **See the attached flyer for this month's specials.** The flyer will also be posted on our website.



July's Event Review: Hope You Didn't Miss the Fun At Stickley

by Dave Villella

The folks at Stickley provided an enjoyable evening for our members. We were treated to a brief history of the business and even were provided the company limerick used by Stickley to remember the features of the furniture.

Stickley has been in business since 1900 when Leopold and George Stickley bought a factory in Fayetteville, New York. Their first line was Mission Oak—simple furniture built along mission lines. Alfred and Aminy Audi bought the business from Leopold's widow in 1974 and personally interviewed all applicants for employment.

We were treated to a video hosted by John Ratzenburger, *Made in America*, which included interviews of employees in the plant. They are proud of their furniture, as they should be. The drawers have three guides and can be operated with one finger at any point. The drawers are strong enough to stand in, as was demonstrated to us several times. Each piece has a bar code indicating part and finish so you can always order matching pieces or replacements.

The evening ended with a treasure hunt. Several pieces were marked with a green dot. This indicated there was a prize hidden in the secret compartment of that piece. All you had to do was find and open it.

Members were also offered a 43% discount in the store through September 15, 2005, on casegoods (i.e., non-upholstered furniture). A big thanks to Stickley for a wonderful event!

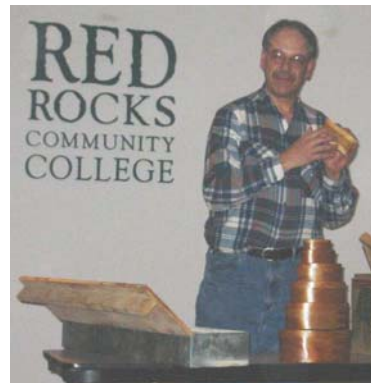
Colorado Woodworkers Guild Opportunity

Here's a great opportunity you won't want to miss. Stickley has invited the CWG to attend a special event in September. Mike Danial, company historian, will share stories about the folklore behind Stickley. His unique road show began in 1985, and has been enjoyed by experts and novices alike. Mike will share stories from several generations that span heirloom quality pieces—to the modern day throw-away mentality of today's buyers. Here is a link to one of Mike Danial's articles: <http://www.iswonline.com/archives/wood/millennium/design4.htm>

While everyone is invited, seating is limited and a reservation is required. Mike will conduct two shows: September 9th at the Centennial showroom, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and September 10th at the Westminster showroom at 11:00 a.m. If you plan to attend one of these exciting road shows, call **Mary Frances at 720-493-5677**. You'll need to let her know which date you plan to attend.

Shaker Box Class at Red Rocks

If you wanted to learn to make Shaker boxes but missed the last class, we have good news for you! John Hammer will be teaching the class once again in October. So clear your calendar for three consecutive Saturdays in October (the 1st, 8th and 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) The class has been expanded to three days from the original two and is now a full credit hour. You will learn to make these beautiful boxes and even make a set of forms and patterns for yourself. Everyone that attended the last class said they had a great time. So, join in the fun. Just go to the Red Rocks Community College website to register.: <http://www.rrcc.edu/finewood/schedule.html>



Voices from the Guild

This month's voices:

Mike & Holly Burns



Mike and Holly in their shop at the Co-op.

This article is based on an interview with Mike & Holly Burns, proprietors of ABC Custom Woodworks. Located in a co-op woodshop and surrounded by a six-foot wall of ABC-made tool chests and a rack that houses 200+ clamps, Mike and Holly shared some tidbits about their past and future.

Chapter 1: It's Not a Bug, It's Genetic!

Adopted into a family where Dad was a salesman, Mike was a bit of a rebel who chose a different path at an early age. Besides majoring in dirt biking in junior high and vocational school, he discovered woodworking in shop class and was "bitten by the wood bug". Then a miracle occurred! At age eighteen, Mike met his birth father and realized they had more in common than being great kidders: They were both woodworkers! Come to find out, Mike was the third generation in the craft, as Grandfather Geyman had also been a woodworker.

Chapter 2: A Craftsman is Born

Out of high school, Mike entered the home construction business and later moved to a commercial woodshop that built display cases for retail grocers. Mike ultimately became the lead machine man in the 60-man shop. His next move was into subcontracting where he repaired and installed kitchens. The repair aspect was a key experience that allowed him to become an expert in cabinet installations—especially how NOT to install cabinets! Each of these jobs became stepping-stones in Mike's journey to becoming a well rounded craftsman. They also created a desire in Mike to have his very own shop and business.

In 1992, ABC Custom Woodworks was launched in the garage of Mike and Holly's home. He outgrew the garage and added a van equipped with a portable woodshop to allow him to be more efficient at job-site installations. Mike's business took off and soon Holly left her job to join him. They now specialize in wall units, entertainment centers, and even libraries. Holly's woodworking skills have expanded as she is getting into lathe work turning bowls and pens. In fact, future

customers might expect to receive a pen and pencil set crafted from the same wood as their new cabinetry. Running their own business requires wearing several hats, from sales through collections, in addition to the actual woodworking. Mike and Holly both agreed that it is hard work, but worth it.

Chapter 3: Life in the Co-op

A couple years ago, Mike had another miracle occur. He spotted an advertisement for a woodshop co-op and jumped at the chance to have a full-size shop. The co-op is conveniently located in central Denver where one hobbyist, one part-time and three full-time woodworkers share space, tools and—perhaps most importantly—experience, opinions and knowledge. And, when situations occur where one partner needs advice or a helping hand, he can usually count on the others for the answer or assistance. While the co-op is a great place for them today, their dream is to eventually live in the Colorado mountains and have a shop adjacent to their home.

Chapter 4: ABCs Take on a New Meaning – Another Miracle is in Store

With the business flourishing, what is next for Mike and Holly? They are expecting their first child in February. Could the expected child possibly be the FOURTH generation woodworker? Time to brush up on those ABCs of woodworking!

To learn more about Mike & Holly's business, you can visit their website at www.abccustomwoodworks.com, visit Booth 598 this September 9th-11th at Denver's Decorating & Remodeling Home Show at the Colorado Convention center, or catch them at the next Guild meeting!

Guild Members' Show and Tell

V-2 Rocket Pen by Chris Pine

Last fall I entered the *Woodturning Design Magazine* contest and was honored to receive second place in the Novice Class for my V-2 Rocket pen. Using a Slimline pen kit, this pen was made from wenge and maple. The base was constructed from walnut. One of my other hobbies is model rocketry and one of my favorite rockets is the V-2 rocket. While in the testing stages, this WW2 rocket had many different paint schemes. The test patterns painted on the rocket aided in the monitoring of the rockets rotation. While my rocket/pen is not a copy or even close to scale of the original V-2, I feel it has that V-2 style. The pen blank was created by gluing two pieces of the opposing materials, then cutting at appropriate lengths, reversing and gluing back together. The pen was finished with Cyanoacrylate and polished with micro mesh. The base is made so the fins of the rocket stay with the base.



Have you finished a project or two lately that you'd like to show off in the Newsletter or on our website? If so, send a photo to newsletter@coloradowoodworkers.org or email directly to any of the Board Members. We will publish it in an upcoming newsletter and on the website. Please include a brief description of your project; what inspired you to build it; materials used, and anything else you think the members would be interested in knowing. Also, feel free to bring your projects to the monthly Guild meeting! Everyone loves a close-up look of the real thing!



Great News—The Woodworking Show Will be Coming to Colorado!

Last month we announced that The Woodworking Show would not be coming to Colorado this year. Our information was incorrect and we apologize. The Woodworking Show will be held in Colorado on **November 18th - 20th** at the Denver Merchandise Mart.. The Guild has requested a 10' x 20' booth and will be looking for volunteers to staff the booth as we have in the past. Dave Vilella will be coordinating the event this year for us. More information will be coming with details on the show.



Kids enjoyed assembling birdhouses with Guild members at the August 6th Jefferson County 4-H Fair.

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

Jefferson County 4-H Fair Community Project

Boys and girls of all ages turned out to assemble and paint birdhouses at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair's CWG Booth on Saturday, August 8th. Some of the kids could barely drive a nail while others were quite able to "Do it myself, thank you!". With the help of a parent, sibling or Guild member when needed, all were able to build their very own treasure for their very own back yard. The paint table was equipped with red, blue, yellow and black paints allowing each kid to customize their birdhouse, not to mention customizing their attire, hands and faces in many cases. Fifty birdhouses were assembled by 2pm, and fifty smiling kiddos toted home their freshly painted birdhouses.

Many thanks to Guild members Mike & Holly Burns, John Hammer, Gordon Johnson and Bill Youngblood who cut parts for the pre-made "kits". Also, kudos to Bob Betting, John Hammer, Leslie Kennedy, Frederick Matzen and Dave Villella who staffed the booth which was located in the Fairgrounds Events Center along with the prize-winning chickens, ducks, rabbits and more. A fun time was had by all and we hope to do it again next year.

More photos are on our website under "Photo Gallery/Community Events/2005 Jefferson County 4-H Fair".



Wood of the Month

Hardwood Emporium has:

4/4 #1 common red oak \$2.00/BF
Rustic birds eye maple \$3.33
1/2 in. baltic birch 4x8 sheet \$45
3/4 in. baltic birch 4x8 sheet \$60

Paxton has:

Alder 4/4 select and better \$2.94/BF

Centennial Wood Co. has:

Centennial 4/4 red oak quarter sawn \$4.28/BF

Got Stuff to Sell? Looking for Stuff to Buy?

Please check out our website's new "**Classified Ads**" feature to post your ads and see what others have to offer. There are categories for Tools, Wood, Services and Free Stuff, and you can indicate if an item is "Offered" or "Needed". You must be a member to post an ad, but anyone who visits our site can view all of the ads. Try it out! Note that when you submit an ad, there will be a slight delay before it is posted by the webmaster.

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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.coloradoodworkersguild.org

Guild Business: Monthly Board Meeting

The next CWG Board Member Meeting will be August 23rd, 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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