

COLORADO Woodworkers NEWSLETTER

Encouraging all woodworkers in
self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge

November 2009

November Presenter

Our speaker at the November meeting will be Fred Wilson from Longmont. Fred is an amateur woodworker who exhibits his creativity and design skills in his projects. His projects cover a wide range including: furniture, water craft, sculpture, and simply creative art. He uses a wide range of ideas and skills to build some stunning pieces, one of whom was featured in the February issue of Fine Woodworking in 2007. His shop appears like most amateur hobby shops; however, the items that it creates belies the simplicity of the workshop. He uses a strobe light and an overhead projector to create a three dimensional image, his projects tend to have no square corners, his work is structured from sensuous curves and seemingly light airy frames that are surprisingly strong. His chairs are held together with a small joint that he invented and the joints are almost indestructible, yet his chairs flex when you sit on them. His paddles have ergonomic curves and lightness that makes one want to touch and hold them; they are created from layers in a vacuum jig that he invented; which is powered by his shop vac. He heard about the French traders who had chests shaped like a canoe to carry their goods; so he too developed chests shaped like a canoe. His shop is strewn with objects that intrigue, inventions, ideas, curved shaped things, pieces from past projects, and ideas that flow across the walls and peek out at you from his creative diamond shaped shelves. This might well be a presentation that shakes all of us from our standard methods and approaches to design and move our projects into a curved world.. the natural world that is around us.



Bob Beason

CWG Calendar

Nov. 17 - Fred Wilson - Furniture designer; mini-demo
- Fred Matzen - Photographing your crafts

Dec. 5 - Christmas dinner @ First Plymouth Congregational Church 3501 S. Colorado Blvd.

Note: This is in lieu of the monthly meeting

In addition to our monthly meetings, watch for these:

Nov. 20-22 - Woodworking Show @ Merchandise Mart

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

CWG Christmas Dinner

The Colorado Woodworkers Guild annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday December 5th 2009. The Guild will furnish meat, drinks, plates and utensils. Each family will be asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. There will be door prizes given away during the party. There will also be a White Elephant gift exchange. Each family who wishes to participate should bring a gift worth no more than \$15.

We need to make certain that we have enough food and place settings for everyone, so please RSVP by either:

- Signing up at the CWG meeting
- Sending an e-mail to postmaster@coloradowoodworkersguild.com
- or calling the Guild phone at 303-523-8960

Where: First Plymouth Congregational Church; 3501 S. Colorado Blvd. (southwest corner of Colorado and Hampton)

When: December 5th, 2009 6 PM – 10PM

If you wish to help setup and decorate please be there by 5PM

RSVP: By November 27th, 2009

Friday Nov 20th	Demonstration
12 - 2 Bill Huffer Jeff Roth	Christmas Toy Program
2-4 Paul Seipel Arny Silverman	Bandsaw Boxes
4-6 Rich Gady Bob Beason	Marquetry
Saturday Nov 21st	
10-12 Paul Seipel Mark Klosky	Flocking
12-2 Mike Seymor Lindy Baer	Scroll Saw
2-4 Ed Herst Leon Niemann	Wood Identification / Collecting
4-6 Cal Noguchi Dick Heckman	Doll Case
Sunday Nov 22	
10-12 John Hammer Fred Matzen	Shaker Boxes
12-2 Dennis McCaigue Marshall Maxwell	Violin History & Construction
2-4 Jeff Herring Bill Hoppers	Intarsia

Contrary to what was reported in last month's newsletter, tickets will **not** be at the front desk of the show. For members listed above, if you are not attending the November CWG meeting, then please contact me by November 15th and leave your name, address and phone number on my answering machine.

ShowOFF Showcase

A new feature to the Wood Working Show will be a contest for those of you who wish to enter your craft. The Grand prize (at the end of the season) will be a Delta Porter Cable UNISAW. See details at TheWoodWorkingShows.com

Bill Hoppers
303-424-6052.

Laura Peterson - Treasurer

Following is a brief bio written by our newly elected treasurer Laura Peterson:

When we built a home in the mountains in 2003 I wanted a certain type of medicine cabinet and couldn't find one so I enrolled in a woodworking class and made one. I've been hooked ever since. Soon after I retired from working full time and now I spend my time enjoying the great Colorado outdoors, woodworking, horseback riding and volunteering. My husband Cliff and I split our time between Granby and Littleton along with a small menagerie of dogs and horses. I would like to learn more about woodworking and offer my skills as a former CPA to the guild.

Laura Peterson

Have you had a workshop related accident?

In the last couple of months, I've talked to a couple of members that told me they had a workshop related accident that resulted in either broken bones or stitches. Inevitably the conversation usually starts out with "I did a stupid thing....". I'm guessing that when we think about the incident in retrospect, we realize that it was a stupid move, but at the time it happened we thought it was safe or we were just in a hurry. When I had an accident, I didn't think I was doing anything unsafe. I had a work piece that had a piece sticking out which made it impossible to ride flush against my table saw miter gauge. I figured if I just stuck a filler piece of wood between the work piece and the miter gauge everything would work just fine. Wrong! This setup created a kickback which threw my left finger into the blade. I was fortunate in that all I had were a few stitches and didn't lose the finger. If you've had an accident and would like to relate it to us, you could be saving another woodworker from experiencing the same result, especially if you can provide an alternative procedure. To submit your story, send email to us at Newsletter@ColoradoWoodworkersGuild.com.

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GUILD MEMBER DISCOUNTS

20% off at :

The Hardwood Emporium

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

10% off at:

Abilene Awards & Logos

www.AbileneAwards.com

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

Centennial Wood Co.

2775 W. 7th Ave, Denver, CO.
303-778-6209

Charlie's Secondhand Store

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

Paxton

www.PaxtonWood.com

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

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware

www.rockler.com

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

TC Woods

www.TCWoods.com

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

Woodcraft

www.Woodcraft.com

6770 S. Peoria St. Centennial, CO 80112
303-290-0007

Offers Contractor Discount (roughly 20%)

Austin Hardwoods

www.AustinHardwoods.com

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

WOOD OF THE MONTH

Paxton

4/4 White Oak S2S & SLR1E (straight line ripped 1 edge) \$2.33 per BF

7/4 Walnut FAS1F & Better S2S Special cut 1 3/8" & SLR1E \$4.33/BF

Hardwood Emporium

Quarter Sawn White Oak \$4.99/BF

Centennial Wood

6/4 Cherry #2 Common & Btr \$2.00 per BF

Stanley Acquires Black & Decker

The Stanley Works acquired Black & Decker today, creating a company with an estimated worth of \$8.4 billion. Stanley makes the Bostitch line of nailers, and B&D is the parent company of DeWalt and Porter-Cable, brands familiar to woodworkers and builders alike.

The deal, which was approved by the boards of directors of both companies, is expected to close in the first half of 2010. The next step is to put this before the shareholders and regulators.

Stanley and Black & Decker together will have a comprehensive offering across all major tool categories and greater resources to support continued expansion of our combined security and industrial businesses. The transaction is expected to create tremendous value for shareholders of both companies. It's been a tough year for companies in the construction and tool market. Consolidations and mergers can create strength, but they can also cause difficulties. The purchase of Delta and Porter-Cable by B&D from Pentair in 2004 resulted in hiccups with warehousing and distribution. For Connecticut, the home state of Stanley and The Taunton Press, it appears to be good news as a local company with a long history bolsters its size. Some local business leaders were optimistic about the news.

We have no word yet on whether the merger will result in any changes in the current lineup of tools or other products offered by these companies. But as tool news goes, this is one big mashup of global giants.

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Monthly Board Meeting

The CWG Board Meeting is held on the fourth Tuesday at 6 p.m. The meeting is open to all members. If you plan on attending a meeting, please RSVP to one of the board members because the meeting location varies.

Free Wood for Toys

Mark Klosky has wood available for use on the Christmas Toys Program. Please contact him or Bill Huffers about getting some for your toy project.

Mark Klosky - (303) 722-9712 or (303) 906-1197

2009 Election

It is my pleasure to announce that the members have elected Lindy Baer and Laura Peterson to the CWG board of directors. Lindy will serve us as President starting in January 2010. As you probably remember, Lindy stepped up when we were in dire need of a treasurer back in April of this year. We are fortunate to have Laura Peterson as the new treasurer, bringing with her an extensive background in accounting.

Unfortunately, the secretary's position remains open. If you have an adequate background in word processing or the willingness to learn and would like to see the guild prosper, then we need your services. If you are interested or have questions, contact one of the board members or send us an e-mail. Contact information can be found on this page.

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Contact Us

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Questions or suggestions for demos, programs or articles - Programs@coloradowoodworkersguild.org

Web site: www.ColoradoWoodworkersGuild.org

Yahoo Forum: <http://Groups.Yahoo.com/group/ColoradoWoodworkersGuild>

(YAHOO ID and acceptance into this group is required)

Not yet a Member?

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 more...

Membership in the Colorado Woodworkers Guild is \$30 per year PER FAMILY for those with email, \$40 for hardcopy delivery.

Cal's Doll Cases

For our mini demo in our October 20th meeting, Cal Noguchi showed us how he makes Japanese doll cases. The cases are very delicate, of differing sizes, have glass side-walls and top and a solid bottom. Cal explained that he made his first case in response to a request for a case for a doll that was being raffled off for charity. Since then he has made several others. The cases also serve nicely to display small pieces of sculpture.

He uses hardwood materials to assemble the top, bottom and stiles so that they hold the glass panels. These sections are delicate, thin pieces, made with miter joints (for the top and bottom) using splines for strength and all featuring grooves to hold the glass panels.

Cal showed us the jigs he uses for cutting the spline grooves. In some cases the pieces are so thin, he must insert the splines on the outside (top).

Cal has supplied us with his SketchUp drawings, an accessory Excel spreadsheet and a simple set of instructions. All of these are available in the member area of our website. You can use these "tools" to design your own cases. Nice work Cal!

Lindy Baer

Mail this Application and a check to:

Colorado Woodworkers Guild

P.O.Box 100996

Denver, CO 80250-0996

Email members - \$30.00/year

Non-email members - \$40.00/year*

Name _____ circle one (New) (Renew)

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ - _____ - _____ E-mail _____

* Non-email members pay more due to the cost of materials, copying and postage



Jeff Herring (infamously known for his intarsia) brought these intarsia Christmas tree ornaments. Shown here are: Old St. Nick, a penguin and a cat making his way through a reef.



John Hammer shows us the coat rack/shelf that he is making for Christmas



Marshall Maxwell displays a couple of carrying boxes which he claims he has made for every kid in the neighborhood. The kids put everything imaginable in the box and carry them around.

On the right is a lamp that Marshall makes in a variety of configurations. This one is attached to a stand and used as a table lamp.



Joe Kuter showed us a couple "Resonator Guitars" that he has built. A resonator guitar is an acoustic guitar whose sound is produced by a metal cone rather than the typical wooden soundboard. This creates a much louder sound than the conventional acoustic guitar.



Fred Matzen brought in the 4 items above:

Upper left corner is an all encompassing carrying box, below that is a kitchen utensil for measuring spaghetti portions. Center is a picture frame and far right is a shelf Fred made to hold 3 different types of bread.



Dennis McCaigue shows us a viola that he's been working on. The viola is similar to the violin, but is slightly larger with a deeper sound. Unfortunately a picture does not do justice to this beautiful instrument. Dennis also brought with him the hand made plane shown above.