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Colorado Woodworkers Guild

March 2014

Upcoming Meetings, Classes, and Events

March 15, 2015 - Mortise Jig Class - Folks attending the January meeting were able to see the mortise jig that Doug Pinney built for his Greene & Greene table class.

The Guild is conducting a class to build this jig on March 15 at Jeff Roth's shop in Parker. Tuition for the class is \$85, and you may sign up and pay with PayPal in the Members' Corner by clicking Pay for Classes then Mortise Jig Class 2014-03-15, or by simply —>[Clicking here and Log in](#)<—

Attendees at this class will go home with a completed jig of this identical design. You can find the plans in the Members' Corner by clicking Plans & References and then Tools & Jigs, or, through the marvels of hyperlinks, simply

—>[Click here and Log in](#)<—

March 18, 2014 Meeting - Rich Johnson, of Rockler fame, will be demonstrating finish techniques.

April 22, 2014 Meeting - Richard Gonzalez is tentatively setting up a presentation from The Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative in Denver <http://www.kirklandmuseum.org/>. Stay tuned for more on this.

March 22, 2014 Handplane Restoration Class - Stan Wolpert is conducting another Handplane Restoration class. This perennial favorite will be at Stan's shop in Parker on March 22, 2014. Tuition for the class is \$45. For details, look for the registration and PayPal payment form in the Members Corner under Pay for Classes. Hurry up and register as class size is limited to twelve Guild members.

April 27, 2014 Gathering Of The Guilds - This is the annual gathering of the guilds. It's at The Boettcher Mansion, on Lookout Mountain, 900 Colowrow Road, Golden, CO 80401. We generally have a presence there, stay tuned for more info.

Presidents Message

Well time is certainly flying. Presiding over the Guild takes a lot of it. As usual, I'd like to thank those who help and invite any interested in volunteering. We can always use more help.



The March meeting will be held in the basement at Rockler. This is normal. What is not normal is that the basement is partially under construction. On March 5th, members of the Woodworkers, the Turners and the Shipwrights guilds met in the basement, moved everything out, cleaned, speckled and gave the walls a fresh coat of paint. On March 12th and 13th (the future at this writing) we will meet, tear out the old carpeting and prepare the concrete to receive the new flooring. Currently the flooring is scheduled to be installed on March 19th and 20th, we are hoping to accelerate this. This means our next meeting may be in a partially finished meeting space or it might be in a newly refinished space. Come and find out, the March meeting will feature Rockler's own Rich Johnson on finishing.

There were about 90 members present at the February meeting, a good turnout. If you missed the meeting, you missed a great presentation by Chris Connor of Connor Wood Bicycles. Chris gave a presentation of his bicycles, covering his background and the construction of his bicycles. He included some of the jigs he uses to align and create the various parts. He had one of his bikes with him for us to be inspired by. These are graceful, strong, lightweight and very serviceable works of art. If you are interested, take a look at <http://connorcycles.com>.

Cary Goltermann - El Presidente

February Presentation

The February Guild meeting featured Chris Connor, a local woodworker who builds wooden bicycles.

Chris started off discussing a little about his woodworking history and how he first started building furniture. As he progressed he became more interested in pieces that were more organically shaped, such as the well-known chairs by Sam Maloof. His brother had established a business building classical guitars, and asked Chris to come out to the East Coast to help as the business was growing. Working with his brother, Chris learned to develop jigs and production processes necessary to ensure how to build repeatable, accurate, very high quality, yet still handmade, pieces. After a few years he came back to Colorado and tried thinking about what direction his hobby would take him.

Being a lifelong bicycle enthusiast, he finally decided to try building a bicycle, not as an art piece, but as a functional, rideable one. He has since branched out to make 3 different designs, a cruiser style (single speed), a “Scorcher” model that features a multi-gear rear hub and a mountain bike. All of the bikes are made to order so the customer can choose the components, gear ratios and frame size to truly make each one bespoke (translation made to order).

Chris then talked about the sustainable wood he uses, Ash for strength and Walnut as a contrast color. Wood actually make for a very comfortable ride, the combination of stiffness, flex and damping proving to be very suitable. The bikes have also proven to be very durable, one was ridden in and completed the demanding Leadville 100 mile mountain bike race. He showed a video of one of his handle bar blanks supporting a car driven up onto it with minimal flex.

The final part of his talk went through his build process. His bikes are actually hollow - the example bike he brought in was surprisingly light, very comparable in weight to other high end bikes. The bi-



cycles are made from steam bent laminated plies with some areas reinforced with Kevlar for strength. Chris has developed a number of jigs both for speed and accuracy of geometry and to ensure the type of quality that he developed when he was helping his brother build guitars.

Chris truly epitomizes the type of creativity and craftsmanship to which we can all aspire as woodworkers.

Richard Gonzales – Programs



Show & Tell

Curt Vogt

Curt brought in all of the magic wands he has made on his lathe since the start of the New Year. Examples were of single stick design and multiple wood component style with “magical cores”.

Charlie Kuechenmeister

Charlie shared a wonderful cherry bench with a very nice satin finish. The bench that he made for his wife, has found a great spot in the hallway within their home.

Jim Barry

Jim showed a live edge walnut memorial to a cherished pet “Shark Dog”. The shelf design was made from wood he acquired in the October guild raffle and reminded him of the dog.

Jim Ruby

Jim showed a carved stack laminate foot stool. The plywood was laminated with walnut highlights and the smoothing was painstakingly perfected before the finish could be applied. Some of you will remember this styling from the folks who attended the guilds class on carving a shaped rocker. This foot stool was made to match Jim’s rocker, that he completed from that class.

Jim McNamee

Jim made us all a little hungrier by showing us a pizza peel he made for the McNamee kitchen. The maple design was finished with mineral oil and had a custom handle that allowed the peel to sit flat on the counter.

Rich Gady

Rich brought in a jewelry cabinet he made for his wife. An amazing marquetry design of honey bees upon a parquetry honeycomb background graces the front with lacewood along the sides and walnut base and top. The queen bee has a shell dot upon her back to represent the dot of paint beekeepers put on the queen to identify her within the colony. This spectacular marquetry garnered him the praise of the group and it was voted the best item in the show and tell.

Curt Vogt (standing in for Kevin Loyd) Shows & Exhibits



Bits and Pieces

Greene and Greens Class Photos



Membership Report

At this writing we have 196 members who are paid up for 2014. This leaves 78 members whose membership expired on 31 December 2013. If you have re-upped and not received your membership card for 2014, please drop a line to either

membership@coloradowoodworkersguild.org

or president@coloradowoodworkersguild.org and we will try to get it fixed.

As usual, I am interested in any feedback from our members. What do you want from the guild? What sort of presentations and classes do you want to see? Input from our members is always helpful.

***Cary Goltermann - President and
Helper for Membership Committee***

Community Service

KIDS'SPREE COMING UP!

The Community Outreach Committee reminds all Members that we will be looking for volunteers to help with the Kids' Spree event sponsored by the City of Aurora this summer. Guild Members cut and assemble bird house kits, and then man a booth at the event, where we help the kids assemble the bird houses. It's a great experience for the kids, and for the Members as well. We expect to begin work on the kits early in April, with one or two work sessions at Jeff Roth's workshop in Parker. This year's Kids' Spree is scheduled for June 7. We can use volunteers to help with the kits, staff the booth, or both. If you are interested, please contact Charlie Kuechenmeister or Jeff Roth at charlesk13@gmail.com or jeffroth@myawai.com or let one of us know at a Guild meeting it's a fun time. . All are Welcome!

***Charlie Kuchenmeister - Community Service
Chair***

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Sponsor's Corner

New Sponsor



We welcome Tom Kirk with his **Reclaimed Boxcar Flooring.com** business as a new sponsor. Tom has been recycling these hefty oak or maple flooring pieces for some time. He covers middle America to recover these heavy pieces of hardwood when train boxcars come to the end of their life cycle. His stock fluctuates, but when he has a supply, it's worth a look and he will offer Guild members in excess of 15% discount. Reclaimed boxcar flooring can be used for tables, counter tops, flooring and workbench tops. Look to his website for more information: www.reclaimedboxcarflooring.com.

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware has been one of the Guild sponsors for a long time. But how many of our members know some of the background of Rockler? Probably very few.

Rockler started out, not as "Rockler," but as Minnesota Woodworker's Supply Company in Minneapolis in 1954. Later the firm became the Woodworker's Store with locations in Minneapolis, Seattle and Denver (Store #3 in 1981). Eventually the Denver store moved to its present location on South Colorado Boulevard and the firm was renamed Rockler Woodworking and Hardware (1998) after Nurdy Rockler, the founder. Today, Rockler Companies, Inc., a family owned business, has 29 Rockler retail outlets, publishes the Woodworker's Journal, and manages several websites including Women in Woodworking and Woodworking.com.

Manager of our Denver store is Mr. Rich Johnson. Rich was first introduced to woodworking as a youngster by his grandfather in New York. At a young age, Rich moved to Colorado with his family. In Junior High School and High School he took every opportunity to pursue his woodworking and then went on to Western State to study Industrial Arts and Business. Rich began his work life in the grocery and real estate businesses, but when the opportunity presented, he joined the Rockler businesses. He has been with them for 28 years.

Rich manages 12-14 employees and a store that regularly stocks approximately 15,000 products. The store stocks major woodworking power tools, hand tools, lumber, finishes, and a wide variety of hardware. Among the many products handled by the store, Rich is especially impressed with the Festool line for its quality and versatility. While the store does very well with its sales, nationwide, approximately 50% of all sales take place through Rockler's online presence.

His greatest challenges are finding employees that possess woodworking knowledge in combination with people skills and also managing to stock the amount of product to match the demand. Rich is proud that for 12 of the past 14 years the Denver store has been tops in sales among the other Rockler stores. The top competitor among Rockler stores is the store in San Diego. In his store, Rich hosts not only the Guild, but also the Front Range Wood turners, Rocky Mountain Shipwrights, and a model club. When the current building was selected, he was especially excited because of the potential that the basement held for gallery, meeting and shop spaces.

We at the Colorado Woodworkers Guild appreciate the support provided by Rockler Woodworking and Hardware and look forward to continuing with our mutually beneficial relationship.

Lindy Baer – Publicity and Public Relations

Rockler Basement Rehab

Wednesday morning brought the results of a nice ice storm and a bunch of woodworkers, wood turners, marqueretians, and shipwrights to the basement of Rockler. We were gathered to paint the walls of the meeting room where each of the clubs occasionally meet to make wood chips. By the end of the day, some of the volunteers looked suspiciously similar in color to the walls. However, despite the abundance of spilled and splattered paint, the walls actually looked good! The next step is to remove the old carpet (week of 11 March) and then the new flooring will be installed (week of 18 March). If you can, come on down to help! Give the folks a Rockler call for details.

Curt Vogt



CWG Sponsors

The Colorado Woodworkers Guild is fortunate to have several companies as Sponsors. The Sponsors help the Guild with programs, materials, supplies, facilities, display space, financial, and other means. In many cases, Guild members are able to obtain discounts from our Sponsors (except for power tools and sale items). Please note: the Guild discounts only apply to in person purchases in the store (except where noted), and are not available at any sponsor's online store. You must show a current membership card to obtain the discount

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(this is their Denver showroom and warehouse)

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