



Encouraging all woodworkers in self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge

Colorado Woodworkers Guild

May 2024 Newsletter

President's Corner



Dennis Edmonds, President

Spring Shop Cleanup & Organization

No matter how large, all shops seem too small. Remove clutter and organize your shop to move around more easily and find things more quickly. Here are some tips.

Clear Out Non-Shop Items

- Identify items not needed in the shop (old furniture, holiday decorations, lawn tools, lawn equipment, fertilizer, gas, and oil)
- Discard or donate unwanted items.
- Move remaining items to basements and storage sheds.

Shop Supplies and Hardware

- Sort and discard unusable finishes, glue, caulk, tape, and other supplies.
- Take hazardous materials to the county disposal location.
- Habitat or Goodwill will take old hardware (nails, hinges, and doorknobs).
- Give useful items to other woodworkers.
- Store remaining items in a garage wall cabinet, the basement or a storage shed.

Wood Storage

- Examine each piece of wood to identify potentially unusable wood.
- Discard the bad pieces directly into your burn box.
- Salvage usable wood from damaged boards and discard unusable parts.
- Give away usable wood to other woodworkers.
- Store good short pieces in a clear box so you can see them.
- Build a vertical wood storage box on wheels for your short boards.
- Use lumber racks to store longer boards on the wall.
- Build small projects regularly to keep your scraps from overwhelming your shop.

Shop Tools, Equipment and Fixtures

- Identify tools, equipment, and fixtures you no longer need.
- Discard those that don't work.

- Sell or donate those that have value (Guild tool sale).
- Store tools in cabinets, on shelves, or on a pegboard.
- Put wheels on shop furniture and tool stands to make them mobile.
- Clean the rust off your tool tabletops.

Now you can finally clean and organize your shop to make it a more enjoyable experience.

Dennis Edmonds, President

Notes From The Treasurer

501C3 Designation - CWG has received its 501C3 designation from the IRS. This opens the door to applying for grants, receiving tax deductible donations and other fundraising opportunities.

PayPal – We will be applying for a Nonprofit account with PayPal. This will allow us to accept credit card, and Venmo, payments.

Insurance – Our liability insurance renews towards the end of this month. We will need to start having liability waivers signed by participants of group builds, classes, mentoring sessions or other guild sponsored events where tools are used.

Larry Christensen, Treasurer

Some Notes from the April 2024 CWG Meeting

- The group has been meeting to eat at the Panera across the street from Rockler around 5 PM.

Show and Tell

At the 18 April 2024 meeting, we had 5 entries from 5 people.

The beginning of the S&T presentations on the video is [here](#). **For the S&T videos, you may have to right-click on "here" and select "Open Hyperlink " to view each video.**

- Don Prorak showed us a Display Stand. The video is [here](#).
- Dennis Edmonds brought some "Holiday Icicles". The video is [here](#).
- Bob Good showed us two different finishes. The video is [here](#).
- Mike Boggess displayed and described several of the toy cars he made. The video is [here](#).
- Bill Schlittler described the Lighthouse Lamp he made years ago for his Mother. The video is [here](#).

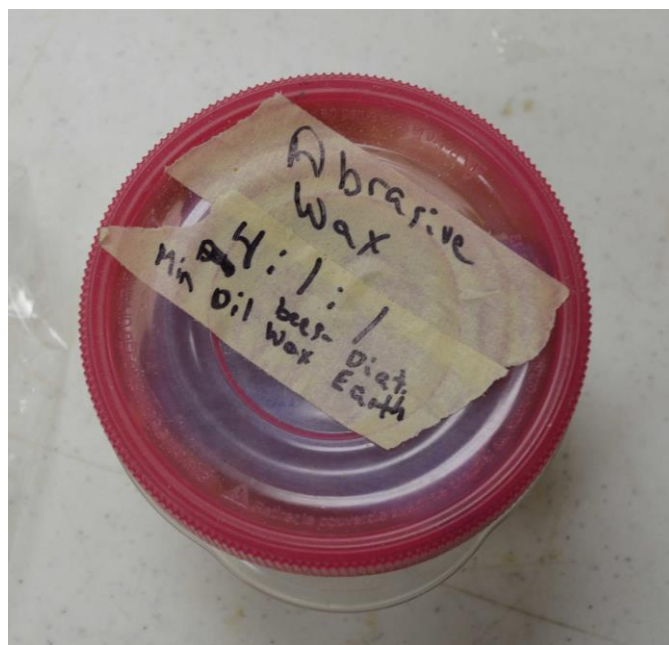
First, we have a couple of pics of Don talking about his S&T "Display Stand" made of Cherry and finished in Maloof Oil and Renaissance Wax.



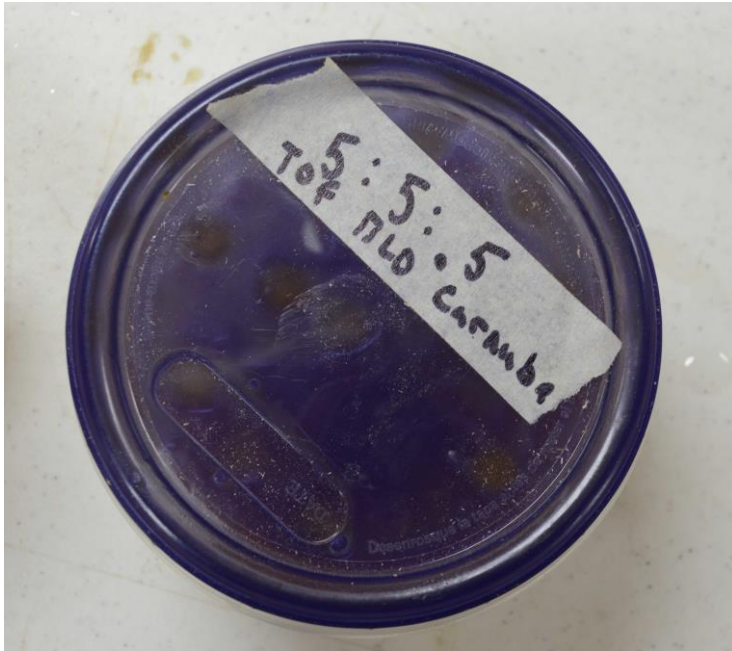
Next Dennis is shown with his “Holiday Icicles” made of laminated scraps and finished in Tung Oil



Bob Good showed us two finishes he made himself. His first finish he calls an “Abrasive Wax”, made of Four Parts Mineral Oil, One Part Bees Wax and One Part Diatomaceous Earth.



Bob's second offering is a Hard Wax Finish made of Five Ounces Tung Oil Finish, Five Ounces Boiled Linseed Oil and Half an Ounce of Carnauba Wax



Mike made a bunch of toy cars which will go into the guild's toy drive for next Christmas. The cars are made of wood scraps and finished in Odies Oil.





Bill showed off a Light House Lamp made of Maple. This was a present for his mom.





And the winner of the evening was Bill and his Light House Lamp!

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

Thanks, and see you at the next meeting,

Cary Goltermann, Show and Tell Administrator

Meeting Presentations

April 2024 Meeting

Scott Roth presented on parquetry, the geometrical cousin to marquetry. Where marquetry is about designing pictures in wood, parquetry deals with patterns. Scott provided an overview class on the topic, filled with many tips and tricks. For example, he showed why it is better to use a veneer saw to make the straight edge cut: while a knife would follow the grain, using saw cuts through the grain. Scott used this technique to cut panels from various strips of veneer. He pointed out how the veneer has light, medium, and dark tones. These tones provide contrast and balance to the parquetry design. One last tip, Scott suggested using designs from quilt making to inspire new concepts for parquetry design. In all, it was a thorough introduction to this woodworking technique.

The beginning of the presentation by Scott can be viewed by clicking [here](#). **Again, for the presentation, you may have to right-click on “here” and select “Open Hyperlink” to view the video. The presentation starts at 56mm into the meeting video and goes until near the end of the meeting which was at 1hr.54mm.**

May 2024 Meeting

Kagen Sound, will present on constructing puzzle boxes. Kagen Sound (formerly Schaefer) is a full-time artist known for his complex secret opening boxes. His work has received grand prize and people's choice awards numerous times in the international NobYoshigahara puzzle design competition. He is acknowledged as a master craftsman by the Karakuri Creation Group, the world's only guild of secret box makers in Japan. Kagen attended Colorado College and received a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics with honors in 2000. He has been a full-time artist carving his own way ever since (bio taken from, <https://kagensound.com/Page1.html>)

Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair

CWG Forgotten Veterans Urn Project Update

from Jen Seim

I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to those of you who provided your unwavering support, enthusiasm, and dedication to the Vietnam Veterans Urn Project. Your commitment to our community and your passion for woodworking are truly inspiring, and I feel immensely grateful to be a part of such a dedicated group.

I would like to recognize all those who supported the efforts:

Thank you, Dennis Edmonds, for graciously opening your home to host group build sessions.

Thank you to our tenacious builders:

Jeff Soolari
Jerry Thelander
Jesse Anthony
Bill Schlittler
Mike Zelman

And thank you to Bill Bixby and Larry Davis for the countless hours of engraving troubleshooting and seeing that we had the perfect finishing touches on our urns. Because of your selflessness and hard work we were able to support VVA Chapter 1071's mission in making sure no veteran is left behind. Through your incredible craftsmanship and generosity, we were able to provide these heroes with the dignity and respect they so rightfully deserve.

These efforts have been captured and shared with the community through two news pieces recently aired; one by Gary Shapiro of 9News and the other by Jeremy Hubbard with FOX News. You can find Gary's coverage [here](#) and Jeremy's coverage [here](#).

Thank you for your tireless efforts and for embodying the true spirit of service.

I look forward to our continued collaboration on future projects and witnessing the positive impact we can make together.

Jen Sein, Veterans Urn Project Lead

Education Corner

A History of the Colorado Woodworkers Guild - Part 2

As mentioned in the February Newsletter, scanned newsletters from the Guild contain a gap between 1084 up until 2004. By then, we had a new logo and pictures were presented in color! In 2004, the newsletter was published five times, between May and November.

The May 2004 meeting featured Rand Richards, who was then head of the Fine Woodworking Department at Red Rocks Community College, who presented on 'Best Joinery Techniques'. The May newsletter also mentions the speakers from the April meeting: Joe Kuter, who spoke about entering juried shows, and Ron Rose, who provided an introduction to edge banding.

During 2004, meetings were held on Saturdays. Many of these meetings, also, were hosted at locations owned by the presenters. For example, the June meeting was held at Hardwood Emporium, in Golden Colorado. On the other hand, the September meeting was held in Lafayette, CO, at Dan O'Dell's bandsaw mill. The October meeting was held at Rockler, and the November meeting at Red Rocks.

The October meeting at Rockler featured the scroll saw techniques of Harold Foos, a guild member at the time. Harold also provided demonstrations for the Guild at the Annual Woodworking Show. Harold continued to share his love and talent for the scroll saw with the Guild throughout the late 2000s. The March, 2010 newsletter, however, indicates that he passed away, February 22, 2010 at the age of 78.

CWG Pikes Peak Chapter is Formally Off & Running

On 7 May 2024 from 6-8 PM the Colorado Woodworkers Guild held the inaugural meeting of its first-ever regional chapter at the Woodcraft #501 store in Colorado Springs. The Colorado Springs Woodcraft store has agreed to host the group as a new CWG Sponsor (detailed in the Sponsor Spotlight section of this newsletter) on the first Tuesday of each month. A hardy thanks goes to Store Manager, Ben Myers for hosting the chapter.

Amazingly, over 40 people were in attendance including four current CWG members that set up the group. The organizing effort was led by Jim Barry, assisted by Bill Schlittler, and myself, Joe Lenhoff, and with the driving force of our president Dennis Edwards.

Dennis was gracious enough to drive down from Denver for the night, and after an initial welcome from Jim to all attendees, Dennis presented an overview of the Guild, its purpose, and goals. Specific topics he covered included: CWG Background, Projects and Activities, The Chapter Idea to leverage the CWG infrastructure to support local groups, and specifics of how the Local Pikes Peak Chapter is expected to run.

Jim Barry then chaired the rest of the meeting by informing attendees about CWGs extensive resources, including the Guild Library, and some of its online resources accessible through its website at <https://www.ColoradoWoodworkersGuild.org>, including presentation videos, archived newsletters, and member contact resources. He described a typical meeting structure and after discussion with attendees, it was decided to meet monthly on the first Tuesday of the month from 6-8 PM, with the possibility of gathering to eat just before the meeting, having a Show & Tell, and possibly raffles, member shop tours, toy and Urn building projects, classes (not to compete with Woodcraft's classes), and presentations at future meetings.

Attendees all introduced themselves and their woodworking interests. An extraordinary array of interests and skills were described, from small projects, to turning, to CNC, to carpentry, to furniture building, etc. Carpooling to Denver for the third Tuesday of the month CWG meeting at Rockler was discussed, as well as Urn builds for COS veterans, resources for tool sales, and a request from Jim for attendees to invite other woodworkers to future meetings, and the interest in other potential Pikes Peak area sponsors.

During and after the meeting over 30 attendees joined the CWG at a special half-year rate of \$15.00, and additional joins are happening to this date. The next meeting of the Pikes Peak Chapter is planned for 4 June 2024 from 6-8 PM at the COS Woodcraft store.

Joe Lenhoff, Newsletter Editor/Publisher & Communications Committee Vice Chair

Toolbox Alerts

Rockler

- The current Rockler sale is called out in their Spring into Savings flyer with prices valid from April 25th – May 29th, 2024. They are offering 20% off one item it an in-store purchase. The Spring/Summer catalog has too many sale items to mention with up to 25% off, so check it out.

Woodcraft (Colorado Springs & Denver stores)

- For the whole month of May Woodcraft is offering some great sale and clearance items. You can check them out by going online and searching on Woodcraft of Denver or on Woodcraft of Colorado Springs. Classes continue to be offered ranging in price from \$85 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. **Members can call me at (719) 964-9570 if you know of an item and then I will advise you how to use the new CWG Website for sale ads function to submit a descriptive paragraph..]**

Joe Lenhoff, Newsletter Editor/Publisher & Communications Committee ViceChair

CWG Sponsor Update

Paxton Woods - May Wood of the Month



- **4/4 Sel. & Better Appl. Cherry**
- **S2S 13/16" + SLR1E**
- **Regular Price \$8.89 / BF**
- **Sale Price \$4.95 / BF**
- **44% Off**

Questions? Contact Dennis Stephens, denniss@paxtonwood.com

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

NEW SPONSOR: WOODCRAFT OF COLORADO SPRINGS. See their address and contact information below in the Sponsors list. They will offer the same discounts that Woodcraft of Denver offers, which is 10% off everything EXCEPT items already on sale, power tools (corded or battery), or other tools where the manufacturer does not allow discounting.

SPONSOR TOURS – MAY AND JUNE

Both Sponsor Tours are on Friday as they are not fully open on Saturday.

May 24, 2024, 2 PM

FRANK PAXTON LUMBER COMPANY

4837 Jackson Street (just North of I 70, Colorado Blvd intersection)
Denver, CO 80216

See the Paxton bio below

June 7, 2024, 1 PM

BALDWIN HARDWOODS

Shop – Meet here first

2324 W County Road 54G – no sign, white mail box on street. Charlie Brown’s Auto is just past it
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Showroom – Meet here after meeting at the shop

1225 Red Cedar Circle, Unit A
Fort Collins, Co 80524

See the Baldwin bio below

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.

For these two tours please respond to treasurer@colowood.com. I will also be passing around sign-up sheets at the May 21, 2024 meeting.

Frank Paxton Lumber Company is one of the longest serving sponsors of the Colorado Woodworkers Guild. Their Denver retail store offers:

- Hardwood lumber, both domestic and exotic, that is milled and surfaced on 3 sides.
- Wood of the month - a specialty buy that is heavily discounted.
- Flash sales on wood.

In addition, Paxton also offers:

- Rough-sawn hardwood lumber
- Sheet goods including hardwood plywood and decorative surfaces.
- Moldings and millwork, both stock and custom profiles.

Phone number and hours:

303-399-6810

Hours – Monday to Friday – 8am – 4pm

Closed Saturday and Sunday

Baldwin Hardwoods specializes in “Wow”. Their hardwood lumber and live edge wood slabs are sustainably produced from urban trees in Colorado. The Fort Collins showroom is fully stocked with dimensional lumber, live edge slabs and woodworking products for sale. All of their slabs and lumber are kiln-dried and include Walnut, Maple, Elm, Ash, Cherry, Oak, and Honey Locust. They design and sell custom furniture, utilizing one-of-a-kind materials to add personality to each furniture piece or architectural woodworking project. They also offer service work (planning, sanding, surfacing, etc) for wood purchased from them.

Baldwin’s phone number and hours are :970-213-8608: Open Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm, Saturday 10am to 2pm

Larry Christensen, Sponsor Liaison

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CS Woods, 4355 Monaco Street, Unit A, Denver, CO 80206. Phone: 720-278-7797. Website: 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

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Where Wood Meets Steel, 4903 Washington Street, Denver, CO 80216. Phone: 720-780-7752. Website: www.wwms.net

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