



Encouraging all woodworkers in self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge

# Colorado Woodworkers Guild

## October 2024 Newsletter

### President's Corner



*Dennis Edmonds, President*

It's time to make holiday gifts again! People can buy all kinds of things, but they really appreciate handmade items.

Historically, I waited a little too long and had to rush to get them done. So, get creative, pull out your scrap cutoffs, and see what you can make for your family and friends. Focus on small, easier projects that can be completed in a short time rather than a single large project.

Try something new to expand your repertoire. Bring them for show and tell at our next meeting.

Ideas are everywhere around you, but here are a few ideas to get you thinking:

- Small Boxes or Shelves
- Holiday Ornaments
- Cutting Boards (Engrain this time?)
- Oven Rack Pullers
- Tea Lights
- Toys
- Walking Sticks
- Picture Frames
- Carved Images, Spoons, Bowls
- Turned Bowls, Vases or Tops
- Candle Holders
- Napkin Holders
- Napkin Rings
- Intarsia, Inlay
- Wood Burning

So, quit procrastinating, get creative, and get started. Your friends and family will love getting something you made for them.

*Dennis Edmonds, President*

# Show and Tell

At the September 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 meeting we had two entries from two presenters.

The beginning of the S&T presentations is [here](#). For the S&T presentations, you may have to “right-click” on “here” and select “Open Hyperlink” to get to the video.

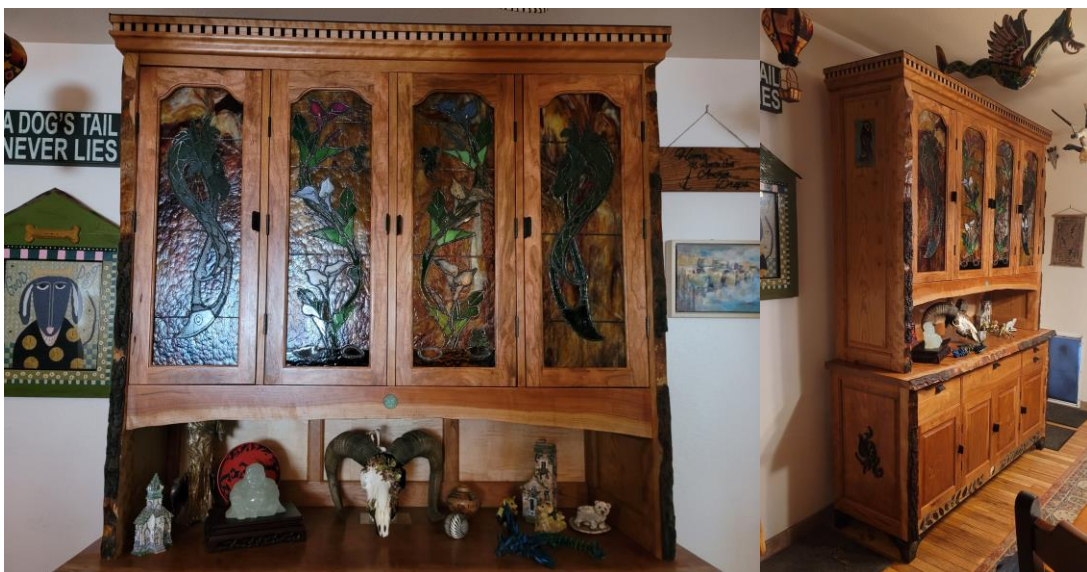
- Duane Holmes showed off a China Cabinet via pictures as it was too large to bring in.

Video [here](#)

- Karl Chwe showed us a “tool” which keeps glue from freezing in his shop.

Video [here](#)

Here are pictures of Duane and his “China Cabinet”



Next we see Karl, presenting the pieces of his “Glue Freezer Preventer”



The winner of the September S&T was Duane Holmes and his China Cabinet. Thanks to all who played. See you next month.



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](mailto:showandtell@coloradowoodworkersguild.org)

Thanks, and see you at the next meeting,

*Cary Goltermann, Show and Tell Administrator*

# Meeting Presentations

## September 2024 Meeting

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Kevin Loyd and Bill Bixby gave "part 2" of their presentation on hand tool restoration techniques, with a special focus on how to tune up hand planes.

The beginning of the presentation Hand Tool Restoration & Tune-up is [here](#). It goes from about 54mm into the meeting until the end of the meeting at about 2hh24mm. **Again, for the presentation, you may have to “right click” and select “Open Hyperlink” to get to the video.**

Kevin went into detail on how to diagnose problems associated with a used hand plane, and what steps are necessary to properly tune that plane for peak performance. This included frog alignment, correcting improperly machined castings, what to do with cracks, and how to adjust wooden bodied planes. Bill covered how to re-do the black japanning on hand tools, and how nickel electroplating can be done at the home shop. They also talked about which after-market upgrades and modern steel blade replacements folks should look for. They capped things off by having participants of the "Rust Bucket Challenge" present the tools they had restored to their former glory.

The participants included:

- Cary Goltermann: Stanley Handyman #4 plane
- Larry Abrams: Stanley #5C Bailey plane, Dunlop #3 plane, Stanley #60 1/2 block plane
- Mikey Cunningham: Stanley #3 plane, Stanley #5 1/2
- Don Prorak: Eclipse #3 plane
- Gary Glatther: Stanley #8 type 11 jointer plane, Stanley #12 cabinet scraper plane

Stan Wolpert also brought in several hand planes from his collection that he had restored over the years, and also helped with judging the competition.

Bill Bixby's google drive folder for all the participants is viewable to the general public, so people can see all of the photos and really understand the serious amount of work that people put into their tools. They can access all of the photos through the following link:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1fUMGjHR6bTIBNnpKRWqTZGL5zkK57NYn?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1fUMGjHR6bTIBNnpKRWqTZGL5zkK57NYn?usp=drive_link)

**[Ed Note: Cary Golterman gets a hearty thanks for his extensive work on the writeup.**

The entire presentation can be viewed online at the guild's website by clicking [here](#).

*Bill Bixby, Current CWG Vice President and 2025 President*

## October 2024 Meeting

At our October meeting [Reagan Zubiate](#), will present on building her Morii Chair. View some of her work on her website at the hotlink in her name above.

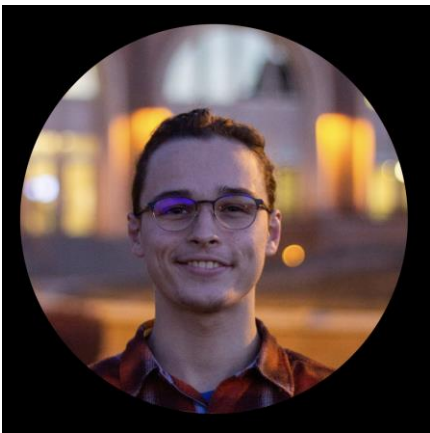
*Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair*

# Education Corner

## The Urban Wood Network

For this month's Education Corner, we are talking with Thaddeus Driscoll about the Urban Wood Network. As you will recall, the Guild hosted Tom Graber in June of this year. As you can read on Tom's website, his goal is to give city trees a second life (<https://urbanforestmill.com/>). As the Urban Wood Network defines it, urban wood is "Any wood that was not harvested for its timber value and was diverted or removed from the waste-stream and developed or redeveloped into a product. Urban wood can come from 3 sources: Deconstruction, Fresh cut urban trees, and Salvaged Trees" (<https://urbanwoodnetwork.org>).

Thaddeus is a great advocate of this thinking. Thaddeus lives in Denver and works as the Urban Wood Program Facilitator for the Colorado State Forestry Service. He and I spoke about the importance of sourcing Urban Woods.



**Jonathan:** What is the Urban Wood Network?

Thaddeus: The Urban Wood Network is an industry group of craftsmen, arborists, sawmills, cities, and designers who come together to educate and support use of city/urban trees in woodworking and craftsmanship.

**Jonathan:** Why should woodworkers care about urban wood?

**Thaddeus:** More trees coming out of cities are thrown away than used. While hard and softwood lumber is shipped in from out of state, country, and continent. Urban wood is inherently local and small business oriented. Sawmills are often artists/craftsman and vice versa. The story of these trees is the story of craftsmanship local craftsmanship Colorado. Often overlooked and forgotten. Swapped out for products and material coming from far away and large companies. Local lumber is inherently sustainable and environmentally friendly. Its story and the story of craftsmanship here are elevated together.

**Jonathan:** How can we get more involved?

The best thing woodworkers in Colorado can do is purchase their wood from local mills and tell people about it. Adam Savage a famous maker has a great quote "make cool stuff but tell everyone about it". I'd like to add to that with "make cool stuff but tell everyone about it and where it came from. A coworker of mine when I worked at Rockler also gave a great piece of advice "when you buy lumber and you don't know where it came from its history starts with you, but when you know its story, its history goes back further and makes the piece more complex."

## Welcome to Urban Wood Network

A Network of Municipalities, Arborists,  
Sawmills, Suppliers, Manufacturers &  
Makers, Professionals, and  
Stakeholders

Discover More

As the Urban Wood Network explains: "We are doing more than just saving trees and wood from a waste stream, we are giving them a second life at their highest use by promoting the robust supply chain necessary to get the highest use product from these trees."

Thaddeus will be joining us at an upcoming guild meeting, where he will be available during the break to talk to anyone interested in learning more. In the meantime, you can explore the Urban Wood Network at their website, <https://urbanwoodnetwork.org>. You can also follow the Colorado Chapter on Instagram, at <https://www.instagram.com/urbanwoodnetworkco/>

*Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair*

## CWG Pikes Peak Chapter News

We had a somewhat smaller attendance this month), with about 20 members at the meeting, but we were competing with the VP debate

### Shop Tours:

Thanks to Dave Sevier for hosting the tour of Makerspace (<https://pikespeakmakerspace.org/>). Some of those who were able to attend reported on the wide range of tools, etc. that are available to members 24 hours a day, 7 hours a week. Prices start at \$55 per month or \$605 per year. There is also an option for 2 people to join together, for a combined annual fee of \$825. Contact Dave ([david.sevier@yahoo.com](mailto:david.sevier@yahoo.com)) if you're interested in joining so he can earn a referral bonus.

Our next shop tour will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 10 to noon at Doug Pinney's shop in Monument Street, Address: 19890 Aries Drive, Monument, CO 80132. You can reach Doug at [pinneydoug@gmail.com](mailto:pinneydoug@gmail.com) or (719) 650-6865.

The chapter is looking for volunteers to host shop tours in November and beyond— contact Dan Sullivan at dansullivanstl@gmail.com

### Toys:

We have rescheduled our first toy Build at Woodcraft to Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 5. Mike Hughes has been working hard to plan our toy making efforts presented an overview of the process along with examples of toys made so far in individual shops. The guild has lots of parts available along with templates for home use. IF you have any questions, you can reach Mike at michael.hughes.az@gmail.com.

### Veteran Funeral Urns

Guild has been asked to resume making urns. A pdf with plans for making urns was attached to the email notice for this month's meeting. Bring any completed urns to meetings here and we'll get them to Denver.

### Discussion topics:

- Need a ride to our meetings? As the days grow shorter, some of our members might not be able to drive in the dark. If you need a ride, email us and we'll get the word out.
- Online resource: As announced last month, there is a Private Facebook Group available called Colorado Springs Woodworkers – 5 chapter members have joined so far. You can find a few items recently posted now including documents about woodworking websites and wood toxicity.
- Holiday ideas - We have a collection of available parts (like shaker pegs, spindles ,etc.) for some simple projects.
- Video for meeting presentations: we're exploring either large screen tv or projector. Anyone knowledgeable about this area? Does anyone have a projector that they could bring to our November meeting? Anyone able to volunteer as video operator?
- Preview of November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting – we've scheduled Rick Peil to talk with us about band saw tune-up and maintenance. As you might recall, Rick has a great reputation for tool repairs. Details to follow.

Show & Tell: There were 6 entries, all of which led to a good conversation among the assembled group:

Bill Schlepuetz (people's choice winner) Showed a zigzag box and some bookmarks made from similar layouts



Eric George brought two bowls - pictured on the left is one he made from aspen.

Del Cox brought a turned Mr. Peanut with a glass eye, decorated by his daughter shown on the right



Jim Barry brought a small table based on a design from the Wood Whisperer



As mentioned, Bill Schlepuetz was the people's choice winner with his inlaid box.

*.Jim Barry, Pikes Peak Chapter Lead & CWG Librarian*

# Toolbox Alerts

## Rockler

- Rockler continues to feature their award-winning innovations on their website at [www.rockler.com](http://www.rockler.com)
- They are offering free shipping on orders of \$49+ for email subscribers. They also are offering 20% off on a number of items at the online site. Check it out.

## Woodcraft

- Woodcraft is now carrying Woodpeckers measuring tools and various jigs. They also have some great up to 60% off savings on Birdseye Maple and Peruvian Walnut and a silicone sharpening mat and a couple of different hand saws and a dovetail marker. Classes in Colorado Springs continue to be offered, including two by Alax Snodgrass on bandsaw methods, ranging in price from \$25 to \$190.

[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. Call me at (719) 964-9570 if you know of an item and then I will ask you to submit a descriptive paragraph to me at [JoeLenhoff@gmail.com](mailto:JoeLenhoff@gmail.com), or to [newsletter@colowood.com](mailto:newsletter@colowood.com) to add to this column. Toolbox Alert descriptions will have to be to me about 9-10 days before each meeting to get them into the newsletter.]

# CWG Sponsor Update

## **Paxton Woods - October Wood of the Month**



- 4/4 F1F & Better Red Oak S3S 13/16"
- Regular Price \$6.44 / BF
- Sale Price \$3.95 (39% Off)

And the **October Flash Special** is:

- 4/4 F1F & Better Sap Walnut S3S 13/16"

- Regular Price \$7.75 / BF
- Sale Price \$5.85 / BF (25% Off)

Questions? Contact Dennis Stephens, [denniss@paxtonwood.com](mailto:denniss@paxtonwood.com)

## SHOP TOUR

Our final shop tour of 2024 is as follows:

### **Ray Villares**

Saturday, **October 12, 2024**

10 AM to 1 PM

At

1045 Newport Street

Denver, CO 80220

941-928-9821

Ray has a woodworking related business from his house.

If you did not sign up at the September meeting, send me a text or email if you are interested in attending.

I hope to see you there.

Larry Christensen

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*Larry Christensen, Sponsor Liaison & Treasurer*

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**Western Hardwoods**, 8980 W 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Wellington, CO 80549. Phone: 970-966-4243. Website: [westernhardwoods.com](http://westernhardwoods.com)

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