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# Colorado Woodworkers Guild

## November 2024 Newsletter

### President's Corner



*Dennis Edmonds, President*

### Holiday Gifts

Only one month left to build your Holiday gifts!

There are two ways to approach building a project:

- Find a plan, go buy the materials (add 20%), and then build according to your plan.
- Gather scrap around your shop and ask what do these pieces want to become?

For Holiday gifts, I suggest the second approach:

- You already have the material on hand, so it costs very little money.
- You can open up space in your shop.
- Since it takes 50 years to grow a tree, we should strive for minimal waste. (Native Americans demonstrated this concept by using all parts of the buffalo.)
- There is deep satisfaction in making something beautiful from what might otherwise be tossed or burned.
- Small gifts are generally quicker to make so you can give nice gifts to more people.
- Hand-made gifts generally mean more to family and friends than what you buy.

So, lay out your scrap on the bench and get started.

- Generate ideas, think outside the box, and try something new
  - Scan books and magazines
  - Browse online
  - Brainstorm with a friend
- Start with the larger pieces and work down to the smaller ones
- Consider laminating smaller pieces
- Use contrasting colors of wood

If your experience is like mine, once you begin thinking, you will come up with a whole range of ideas. Pick the best ones and get started.

*Dennis Edmonds, President*

# Show and Tell

At the October 15<sup>th</sup> 2024 meeting we had four Show & Tell (S&T) entries.

- First our illustrious president showed us a Jewelry Rack watch the video [here](#)
- Second , Gary Glatthar showed off a restored Stanley #12 Cabinet scraper plane video [here](#)
- Next to last we see a freshly restored wood body jointer plane from David Simon video [here](#)
- Lastly, we saw a Moxon Vise from Karl Chwe video [here](#)

The beginning of the S&T presentation starts [here](#). **To view the S&T presentations, you may have to “right click” on “here” and select “Open Hyperlink” to get to the videos.**

Here are a couple of pics of Dennis talking about his Jewelry Rack entry



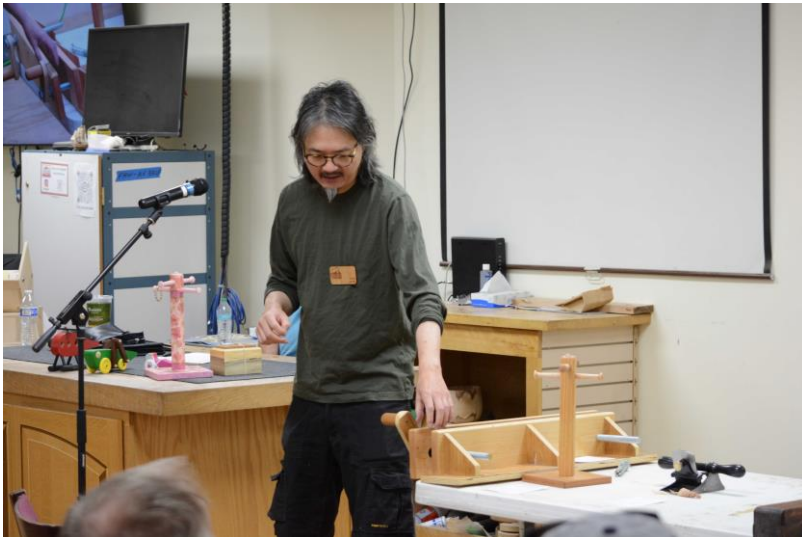
Gary showed us his #12 Stanley



Next was David and his jointer plane



Karl discussed and showed us his Moxon Vise



And the S&T winner was Karl.



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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

### October 2024 Meeting

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, up-and-coming furniture maker and designer, Reagan Zubiato, presented at the October meeting of the Guild. She talked about her Morii chair. Among the fascinating steps she followed, Reagan explained how she used coopering techniques to create the curve of the seat to imitate the lily flower. Also, she explained how one of her glue-ups took an entire month. For each individual lamination, Reagan let the mold set for 24 hours. She had 30 laminations in all!

The entire presentation can be viewed online at the guild's website by clicking [here](#). **Again, for the presentation, you may have to “right click” and select “Open Hyperlink” to get to the video. The presentation starts at 1h.03mm into the meeting video and goes until near the end of the meeting until 1h.46mm.**

## November 2024 Meeting

This month the guild welcomes Jim Brandt, of [High Country Doors](https://www.highcountrydoors.com/about_us.html) in Colorado Springs. Jim will speak about doors as functional art. As he writes on his webpage, "With doors, it is even more enjoyable because of how they can be such a personal expression of the space; one of the few architectural items we come into direct physical contact with. Our interaction with the mass, the texture, the beauty is all literally at our fingertips." We look forward to learning about Jim's work. For more information, please visit [https://www.highcountrydoors.com/about\\_us.html](https://www.highcountrydoors.com/about_us.html)

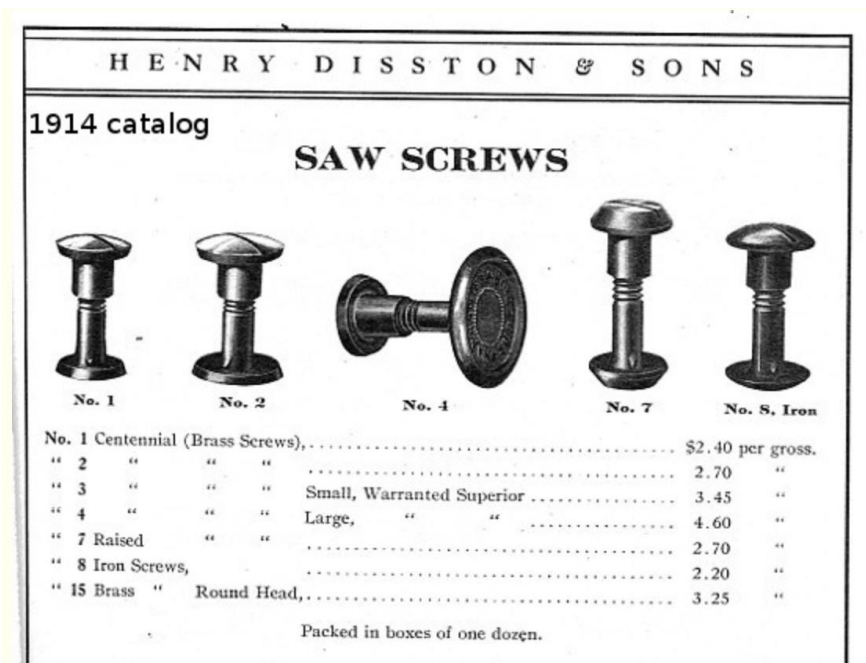
*Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair*

## Education Corner

### The Medallions on Disston Saws

The rust bucket challenge has brought attention to how many excellent tools await us, hidden only behind a bit of elbow grease. I recently purchased two Disston Saws off of Facebook Marketplace. The saws were being sold at an affordable price. But, even so, did I pay too much? Conversely, did I strike it rich?

Disston Saws have an entire institute devoted to their history in the saw making business. The web page <https://www.disstonianinstitute.com/> will provide you with more the most comprehensive information on all aspects of the Disston Saw history. This current education corner will look at only one aspect of this history: the medallions.



The medallions tell an amazing story of each Disston saw. As the Institute indicates, "The medallions on Disston handsaws changed more over time than any other feature on the saw. By using the medallion, you can estimate the age of your saw" (<https://www.disstonianinstitute.com/medv2.html>).

One of the Disston Saws I purchased had this medallion:



According to the Disstonian Institute Website, this medallion is from the period of 1896 - 1917



These medallions are 1" in diameter and found on full-sized handsaws. The reference to "PHILADA" proves that this saw is from the 1896-1917 period. Saws from 1917-1940 had a similar medallion, but the location reference was "PHILA". By 1940, the Disston Company had removed the reference to Philadelphia and started using "U.S.A" as the location. Saws made until 1950 with the U.S.A reference are the last saws made by the Disston family.

Saws in good condition from the earlier part of this period can go for upwards to a \$1000 on Ebay

(<https://www.ebay.com/itm/154399788538?chn=ps&mkevt=1&mkcid=28>). However, the majority are selling for around \$150. So, *caveat emptor*, let the buyer beware!

On the other hand, the other saw I purchased has this medallion:



This medallion is from 1950 or later. The saws with this medallion were made, "after the family sold their company to HK Porter, Inc. The variety and quality of saws decreased immediately, as did the number of employees in the factory" (<https://www.disstonianinstitute.com/medv2.html>). These saws are valued at around \$30.

Every tool has a story to tell. The medallions on the Disston Saws tell the story of their manufacture. However, the more moving story was told by the lady from whom I purchased the saws. She shared with me the memories of her father using the saws as she was growing up. I may not have struck it rich with my purchases, but the emotional durability of making these connections through our tools is priceless.

PS: for a great review of how to sharpen a saw and use hand saws in general, see this Guild presentation from July 20, 2021 with Shannon Rogers, of the Renaissance Woodworker!

<https://youtu.be/zvR-cR6pZiE?si=WGnL3kEjlzlgzIBQ&t=4170>

*Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair*

## CWG Pikes Peak Chapter News

Despite a looming winter storm warning and the timing of our meeting on Election Day, we had 15 brave souls turn out for our meeting. We were happy to welcome Rich Gonzales, longtime WGM member who now lives in Walsenberg, but drove up with a friend to attend.

**Toy Build Update** - Mike Hughes led a team of members who came early to do finish sanding on the cars the team made at our list build day. In a very short time the chapter has built roughly 100 toys nearly ready for distribution. We are pleased to announce a partnership with Brush Crazy a local craft enterprise located a few doors down from Woodcraft that will be holding a non-profit painting session on Sunday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, from 1 – 4

to help us get our toys painted and also raise some funds to support the local Ronald McDonald House at Children's Hospital.

**Presentation:** We enjoyed a discussion of band saw setup and maintenance tips from our guest, Rick Peil, who does most of the equipment repair for our host Woodcraft of Colorado Springs, and their customers. His bottom-line advice was to do periodic maintenance on your equipment to avoid danger and prevent equipment failures.

**Shop Tours:** We offered our thanks to Doug Pinney for hosting the tour of his shop last week. Doug's expertise in CNC as well as other woodworking pursuits was on display as he generously toured his first-class shop and offered expert advice to those interested in getting started in the world of CNC woodworking.

**Show & Tell:** We had three entries this month:

Bill Schlittler showed two electric guitar bodies that he made from wood collected by his neighbor, who had donated the amp and speaker we've been using at our meetings. He gave a nice overview of the process of lying out and routing the various cavities that hold the electronics.



Charles House showed a lathe-turned planter made of walnut, maple and cherry.



Roger Rayburn won “best of show” with a display of funeral urns as well as a sample from a collection of caterpillars and cars he made. The urns were made from Ipe that was recovered from a dismantled deck and finished with a 1-2-3 varnish mix.



Our next PP Chapter meeting will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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*Jim Barry, Pikes Peak Chapter Lead*

**DUES FOR 2025 AND BEYOND**

The Board approved the following dues structure for the calendar year starting January 1, 2025. To our knowledge, this is the first time the dues have increased in 20 years or more.

<b>INDIVIDUAL</b>	<b>\$35</b>
<b>FAMILY</b>	<b>\$40</b>
Member + spouse, minor child or grandchild	
<b>FULL TIME STUDENT (with current ID)</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>CO-DUES WITH FRONT RANGE WOODTURNERS</b>	<b>\$57.50</b>
Does not include family membership	

**Notes:**

- Annual dues are for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- If you join as a new member after October 1<sup>st</sup>, your membership is good for the rest of the current year and the next year.
- Members who renew before January 1<sup>st</sup> need to pay the 2025 dues amounts.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

CWG is forming a Finance Committee. We received our IRS 501(C)(3) designation earlier this year. This allows us many more options for raising money to fund activities and projects that we may have not done in the past, or at least the recent past.

Donations to the Guild, from members or others, are now tax deductible. We are also eligible to apply for grants, hold fundraisers, etc.

If you are familiar with finance, fund raising, grant research and application or just have creative ideas, we would love to have you join this committee.

We will be offering recommendations to the Board on what activities and projects we might add to what the Guild is already doing, and how we fund them.

Please contact me or sign up at the meeting if you are interested in helping at 303-941-9137 or [www.treasurer@colowood.com](mailto:www.treasurer@colowood.com).

## USED TOOL SALE

The Guild had a very successful tool sale on October 19, 2024 in Rockler's basement. We brought in over \$4,700 and still have unsold items in our storeroom. We will be offering some of those items to our members at discounted prices at future monthly meetings.

A big shout out to all our members who donated tools for the sale and those who donated their time before and during the sale. Thank you and thanks also to those who purchased items at the sale.

We will start collecting used tools for next year's sale. So, if you have tools in your shop that you aren't using, and probably won't, please consider donating them to the Guild for our next Used Tool Sale.

*Larry Christensen, Treasurer*

## Toolbox Alerts

### Rockler

- Rockler continues to offer free shipping on sales over \$49 and savings over 20% on many items. Sale items include shop stands, sleds, jigs and clamps among numerous other items. Go to [www.rockler.com](http://www.rockler.com) to view their many items now on sale. Check it out.

### Woodcraft

- For the whole month of November Woodcraft has a black Friday power tool sale and some great up to 50% off savings on a number of items including Purplrheart. Beli and Olivewood, a tool roll and bag, a

pizza cutter tool kit, a glue accessory kit. and numerous other savings. Classes continue to be offered ranging in price from \$150 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. 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 - November Wood of the Month**



- **4/4 F1F & Better White Ash**
- **S2S 13/16" + SLR1E**
- **Regular Price \$7.33 / BF**
- **Sale Price \$4.40 / BF**
- **40% Off**

**We are going to keep the Sap Walnut as our Flash Special in November. Regular Price is \$7.75 / BF and the Sale Price is (25% Off) \$5.85 / BF. This is S2S 13/16" + SLR1E.**

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

## **SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT**

**SPONSOR TOURS – There are no more tours for the rest of the year.**

*Larry Christensen, Sponsor Liaison*

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