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Colorado Woodworkers Guild December 2024 Newsletter

President's Corner



Dennis Edmonds, President

Introduction

Because this is my last article as President, I will summarize the “State of the Guild”.

Three years ago, our Board set out a comprehensive action plan with five **Strategic Goals**:

- **Membership** - Retain, Grow and Diversify Membership
- **Education** – Provide Member Education and Skill Development
- **Social** – Connect Members, Share Ideas, Have Fun
- **Community Service** – Contribute to our Community
- **Guild Capabilities** – Strengthen Organizational Capabilities and Funding

Our Guild has accomplished a great deal during these last 3 years. I thank each of you for helping the Guild recover after COVID-19 and begin growing again. We are stronger now, but future progress will depend upon our committed volunteers.

Key accomplishments and some potential next steps are shown below.

Key Accomplishments

Membership – Retain, Grow and Diversify Membership

- Statewide membership grew from about 60 to 170
- New members were recruited and many past members rejoined
- More younger people, women and people with different ethnic backgrounds joined
- The new Pikes Peak Chapter has nearly 50 members

Education – Provide Member Education and Skill Development

- Monthly educational presentations have been exceptional
- Some individual and group mentoring and coaching sessions were held
- The monthly newsletter was timely and informative
- The library was reorganized, and publications were added

Social – Connect Members, Share Ideas, Have Fun

- Shop tours were well received, and great ideas were shared
- Sponsor field trips were informative and fun
- Holiday parties and summer picnics allowed members to get better acquainted
- We made \$4,700 at the tool sale

Community Service – Contribute to our Community

- We produced around 40 urns for unclaimed remains of veterans (Covered by two TV stations)
- We built and the Santas distributed over 400 toys for needy children. They loved them.
- Members taught 7th and 8th graders at the Colorado Stem Academy
- Members taught classes at The Masters Apprentice and the Denver Tool Library
- Our Guild collaborated with the Front Range Woodturners and the Shipwrights
- We have begun collaborating with makerspaces and college woodworking programs

Guild Capabilities – Strengthen Organizational Capabilities and Funding

- Detailed action plans were created and implemented
- An organization chart was developed, and volunteers were recruited
- Bylaws were updated
- Audio visual capabilities were greatly improved In person and remotely
- Board meetings were organized and productive
- Budgets and reporting were maintained effectively
- The Guild received a 501.c.3 federal tax exemption
- Comprehensive Safety Guidelines were developed
- All sponsors were contacted and new sponsors recruited

Some Potential Next Steps

Membership – Retain, Grow and Diversify Membership

- Grow statewide membership to 250
- Recruit more younger people, women and people with different ethnic backgrounds
- Develop chapters in other cities around Colorado

Education – Provide Member Education and Skill Development

- Maintain excellent monthly educational presentations
- Expand individual and group mentoring and coaching sessions
- Develop and deliver member educational classes
- Actively use the Comprehensive Safety Guidelines in all educational efforts
- Maintain the monthly newsletter and promote the library
- Leverage web capabilities to support education

Social – Connect Members, Share Ideas, Have Fun

- Maintain robust shop tours and sponsor tours
- Continue social events such as holiday parties and summer picnics
- Reexamine the opportunity for regional subgroups and special interest groups
- Prepare for and hold another guild tool sale and help sell tools at estate sales
- Explore the possibility of selling member projects to support fundraising

Community Service – Contribute to our Community

- Continue to refine the veterans' and the toy building projects
- Continue teaching at community organizations such as the Colorado Stem Academy, The Masters Apprentice and the Denver Tool Library
- Enhance collaboration with other Colorado guilds
- Expand collaboration with makerspaces and college woodworking programs

Guild Capabilities – Strengthen Organizational Capabilities and Funding

- Maintain detailed action plans to drive success
- Actively recruit and recognize volunteers
- Maintain effective audio-visual capabilities
- Maintain good budgets and reporting
- Leverage the 501.c.3 federal tax exemption to support education and community service
- Maintain strong relationships with sponsors
- Strengthen and enhance both the website platform and website content
- Develop and implement a comprehensive communications plan (including website and social media)

Summary

Together we have made great progress, but we still have some work to do. It will take all of us working together to reach the next level.

Dennis Edmonds, President

[Ed Note: I think we all owe a personal “Thank You” to Dennis for his outstanding and dedicated service to the Guild for the last three years. Please tell him in person at the next meeting!]

Notes From the Treasurer

Membership Renewal

CWG dues renewal for 2025 are due on January 1st. There are two major changes this year. The board raised the dues, for the first time in over 20 years, by \$5 to \$35 for a single membership. Secondly, it is now possible to pay your dues online as described below.

Payment options:

Online (PayPal, Venmo, Apple Pay and Credit Cards)

Go to “About Membership” on our website

Click on the > on the second line of the page which will take you to the New Member and Renewing Member page.

Under the renewal section, click on the link immediately after “Online”.

Click on method of payment and follow directions.

Give cash or check to the Treasurer or Membership Chair at monthly meetings.

Check mailed to:

Colorado Woodworkers Guild

C/O Rockler Woodworking and Hardware
2553 S Colorado Blvd., #108 (please include the suite #)
Denver, CO 80222

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in 2025.

Larry Christensen, Treasurer

Show and Tell

At the November 20th, 2024 meeting we had nine entries from nine presenters.

The S&T presentation starts about 35 minutes into the meeting.

For the S&T presentations, you may have to “right click” on “here” and select “Open Hyperlink” to get to each S&T video.

- First up, our illustrious leader, Dennis with several Oval Scroll saw Boxes. Video [here](#)
- Second, Urns for the guild’s veterans urn project from Roger Rayburn (proxied by Joe Lenhoff). Video [here](#)
- Third, Toys for the guilds toy project also from Roger Rayburn (once again proxied by Joe Lenhoff). Video [here](#)
- The forth entry of the night, is a Flooring Saw, restored and presented by Don C (looking through the guilds membership the only Don C we have is Don Chandler). Video [here](#)
- Next!, Mike Boggess showed us a Moxon Vise and a Recipe Box. Video [here](#)
- Our Sixth S&T this evening is a Box, made of wood, from Jerry Thelander. Video [here](#)
- Seventh is a Power Carved Bowl, from Larry Christsen. Video [here](#)
- Eighth we have “Drunken Tops” from Don Prorak. Click [here](#)
- Ninth and last, a Jewelry Box made by Dennis Gerlach. Click [here](#) for video

Dennis (Outgoing President) shared four “Oval Scrollsaw Boxes” made from glued up block of scrap Maple and Birdseye Cherry and finished in Tung Oil.





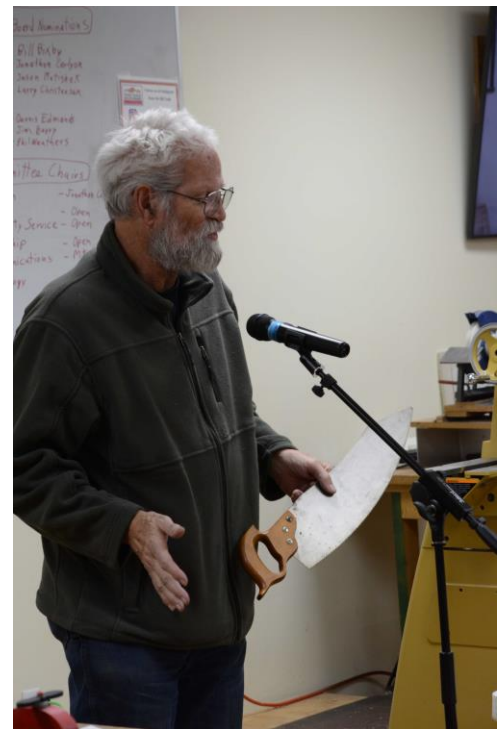
Roger Rayburn from the Pikes Peak Chapter (presented by Joe Lenhoff) sent in some Veteran Urns for S&T.



Roger also sent in some Toys for S&T



Don Chandler showed off a “Flooring Saw” he found on line.



Mike Boggess showed us a Moxon Vise and a Recipe Box both made of Cherry, Bloodwood and Maple and finished in Odie’s Oil.



Jerry Thelander showed off a Box made of wood (that's all the info on the S&T info card)



Larry Christensen showed us a Power Carved Bowl made from Soft Maple and finished in Hemp Oli.



Don Prorak showed us some “Drunken Tops” made of Various Materials and finished in Walnut Oil.



The last entry of the evening was a Jewelry Box made of Walnut and Brass presented to us by Dennis Gerlach



The S&T winner for November was Mike Boggess and his Moxon Vise



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

November 2024 Meeting

On November 20th 2024 we welcomed Jim Brandt, of [High Country Doors](http://www.highcountrydoors.com) in Colorado Springs. Jim spoke about his life and career in woodworking. He first hung his shingle out in 1975. Jim was our Guild's first president. 44 years ago, a group of local woodworkers were attending a lecture given by James Krenov. Afterwards the participants had a chance to meet Krenov following the talk. At the end of the meeting, Jim asked "if anyone would be interested in forming a guild or just meeting as woodworkers." The initial meeting was held on a Saturday in November 1980. During our November meeting, Jim shared his love of craft with all of us. There was a true sense of motivation hearing him speak. We enjoyed learning about Jim's extensive work, including pictures he showed of amazing doors his company built for the five-star Broadmoor hotel entry and other buildings on the property. It is impossible to sum up the amount of knowledge he shared with us. His love of the craft is infectious. One thing is certain, however, that without his initial call for a meeting, our guild may not have been here today. For more information, please visit his web site at https://www.highcountrydoors.com/about_us.html.

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.00mm into the meeting video and goes until near the end of the meeting until 2h.00mm.**

[NOTE: No regular December CWG Meeting. See you at the Holiday Party or in January 2025]

January 2025 Meeting

[Andrew Klein](#), a wood working maker, inventor, and entrepreneur will present on tool invention and design. You can visit his website at <https://www.in-kleind.com>

Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair

Education Corner - [No article this month]

CWG Pikes Peak Chapter News

Tuesday, December 3, 2024 Pikes Peak Chapter Meeting Notes

We had about 25 members attend the meeting, including a new member, Scott Thomas.

Pikes Peak Chapter Show & Tell - We had only a few items.

Dan Sullivan showed us some ornaments shaped like Christmas trees that he made on his band saw. He stained them with a green stain and painted on some colorful ornaments.



Jim Barry showed a hexagonal shaped coffee table made from walnut and walnut veneer. Top was finished with hard wax oil.



Jim also showed a sample Green Man from a pyrography class that he took from Dan Noble through the YMCA/Senior Center. Dan currently teaches at the Westside Community center. Information for the

remainder of the Fall term is available by selecting “Fall Community Schedule” on the YMCA website - <https://ppymca.org/colorado-springs-senior-center/events-programs/classes> Information on the 2025 Winter term will be posted soon.

Q&A/Solutions Forum – we had several donated items:

Jim Densford brought some resawn walnut pieces from a door project. They were roughly 6-9” wide and up to 20” long and roughly ¼” thick. Members were invited to take what they could use and were urged to bring the result to a future meeting for show & tell.



Bill Schlittler offered a quantity of 3”x24” sanding belts that he doesn’t need. If interested, contact Bill at b2schlittler@gmail.com

Bill also brought some decorative pieces (Teak?) donated by The Guild’s president that could be used for coasters, etc. Most of these were taken; the remainder will be available at our January meeting.

Ben Meyers announced that there Woodcraft is offering a free demo of the Shaper Origin this Saturday, Dec. 7th from 11 AM to 12:30 PM showing some of the many uses of the Shaper Origin and its accessories..

Demo on sharpening a card scraper

Jim Barry gave a demo on how to sharpen card scrapers. The only tools needed are a single cut mill file, sharpening media (diamond stone or wet dry sandpaper up to around 2,00 grit) and a burnisher. There was a lively discussion including helpful additions by other members on alternative methods and also on scraper use. One suggestion was to explore a special burnishing tool (ACCU-BURR) that makes the process of getting the final burr a bit simpler. Woodcraft doesn’t carry this but it’s available from many on-line sources.

On-going activity reports:

Shop Tours: Dan Sullivan is looking for members to host our monthly shop tours starting in January. Contact him at dansullivanstl@gmail.com

Toy Project: Mike Hughes gave an update on the toy project. Through the efforts of many members both at group builds and at their own shops he has over 200 toys to deliver a remarkable achievement in just 3

months!! (see samples in pictures below) Sometime in the next 2 weeks we will be delivering them to Ronald McDonald House; we'll all be invited; we hope to get some media coverage. Details will be sent out once they're finalized. He also introduced the owners of Brush Crazy, who hosted a fundraiser to help paint some toys and raise some money. They are exploring with Ronald McDonald House the feasibility of doing a painting session at their facility so kids can paint their own toys that the Chapter will be making. *Next toy build day at Woodcraft will be from 1:00 to 4:00 on Thursday, January 28th.*



New Sponsor: Metal Supermarkets (<https://www.metalsupermarkets.com/location/colorado-springs/>) is offering Guild members a 10% discount. Check them out for your metal needs. See the updated Sponsors list.

Finances (Joe Lenhoff):

2025 CWG Membership Dues (\$35) -

Pay online at <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/W7TZ25JNHK7HE>

Cash or check to Joe Lenhoff at our next meeting, or mail check to:

The Colorado Woodworkers' Guild

% Rockler Woodworking and Hardware

[2553 South Colorado Blvd. Denver, CO 80222](#)

Joe is also managing the PP Chapter petty cash funds that we raise through occasional item sales.

Planning ideas for 2025: We finished up with a group discussion on ideas for next year, including;

- o More woodworking demos
- o Occasional tool swaps or sales
- o Monthly drawings for contributed items (wood, tools, etc.)
- o Additional group build projects (e.g. small boxes, band saw boxes, resawing/bent laminations)
- o Presentations by local speakers: there are many skilled professional woodworkers in the area that could show some of their work once we get the Woodcraft projector system tested out.
- o *Please pass along any ideas of new things can we add to make the chapter more valuable to you. Also, consider how can you personally help to make this all happen.*

.Jim Barry, Pikes Peak Chapter Lead

Toolbox Alerts

Rockler

- The Rockler Holiday Sale continues through 24 December. They are offering 20% off Ricon tools, a mini silicon glue roller and tray, clamps and many other items. Check it out at their website at www.Rockler.com.

Woodcraft

- From 3 through 24 December Woodcraft has some great up to 50% off savings on a number of items including roughsawn olivewood slabs, Eibara and Ligum Vitae boards, a 3-piece diamond stone set, a Razorsaw Kataba saw, a Woodriver silicone glue roller and 20% weekend deals. Classes continue to be offered ranging in price from \$85 to \$190. Also check out their Gift Guide for items on sale through 24 December “while supplies last”.

[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, or to 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 - December Wood of the Month



- **4/4 F1F & Better, White Hard Maple**
- **S2S 13/16" + SLR1E**
- **56.5% Off**
- **Regular Price \$10.33/BF**
- **Sale Price \$4.50/BF**

December Flash Special (Continuation)

- **4/4 F1F & Better Sap Walnut**
- **S2S 13/16" + SLR1E**
- **25% Off**
- **Regular Price \$7.75/BF**
- **Sale Price \$5.85/BF**

Questions? Contact Dennis Stephens, denniss@paxtonwood.com

CWG 2024 Sponsors (Updates)

Austin Hardwoods of Denver, Inc., 975 W. Mississippi, Denver, CO 80223. Phone: 303-733-1292. Website: www.austinhardwoods.com

Baldwin Hardwoods, 1225 Red Cedar Circle, Ft Collins, CO 80524. Phone: 970-213-8608. Website: baldwinhardwoods.com

Charlie's 2nd Hand Store, Inc., 2227 Larimer Street Denver, CO 80205. Phone: 303-295-1781. Website: www.usedtoolsplus.com

CO Lumber & Real Wood Furniture, 3636 N Stone Avenue Colorado Springs CO 80907 719-389-0100 Website: columber.net

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

Denver Wood Slabs, (By appointment only). 4903 Washington Street, Denver, CO 80216. Phone: 720-780-7752. Website: www.denverwoodslabs.com

Frank Paxton Lumber Company, 4837 Jackson Street, Denver, CO 80216. Phone: 303-399-6047. Website: www.paxtonwood.com/denver.aspx

Just Rustic Custom Woodworking, 224 Main Street, Fort Morgan, CO 80701. Phone: 303-324-4342. Website: justrusticco.com

Metal Supermarkets Colorado Springs, 1615 N Academy Boulevard, Colorado Springs, CO 80909 719-413-8948 www.metalsupermarkets.com/location/colorado-springs

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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

Rocky Mountain Saw Blades, 2936 S Zuni St, Unit C Englewood CO 80110 303-761-3000 Website: rmsawblades.com

Sears Trostel, 1500 Riverside Ave, Ft Collins, CO 80527. Phone: 970-482-1928. Website: www.sears-trostel.com

TC Woods, 5406 County Road 23 Ft. Lupton, CO 80621. Phone: 303-666-8989. Website: www.tcwoods.com

Urban Forest Mill, 33S Pratt Parkway, Suite 100, Longmont, CO 80501. Phone: 303-746-6446. Website: urbanforestmill.com

Western Hardwoods, 8980 W 1st Street, Wellington, CO 80549. Phone: 970-966-4243. Website: westernhardwoods.com

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

Woodcraft of Colorado Springs: Woodcraft #501, 4438 Austin Bluffs Parkway, Colorado Springs, CO 80918. Phone: 719-266-9889, Fax: 866-869-2006. Website: 501wc@woodcraftcolorado.com

Woodcraft of Denver. 6770 S. Peoria Street Centennial, CO 80112. Phone: 303-290-0007. Website: <http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=305>

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