



Encouraging all woodworkers in self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge

# Colorado Woodworkers Guild

## March 2025 Newsletter

### President's Corner



*Bill Bixby, President*

March is here, and spring is just around the corner. With the bitter cold and snowy days nearly behind us, it's the perfect time to get out into the shop and build something new.

#### Upcoming Meetings

Looking ahead, we have some incredible presentations lined up:

- **April Meeting** – Scott Shilling and members of the **Rocky Mountain Shipwrights** will showcase their expert craftsmanship in model boat and shipbuilding.
- **May Meeting** – Jeremy Cox, department chair at the **Red Rocks School of Fine Woodworking**, will share insights into fine woodworking techniques.

But first, for this month's meeting on **March 18th**, we have something special planned:

#### March Meeting – JIGS, JIGS, JIGS!

Instead of a single speaker, we're bringing you **seven** hands-on demonstrations! Members will move from workbench to workbench, where our talented presenters will share their expertise on a variety of jigs. This interactive format ensures plenty of opportunities to ask questions, see techniques in action, and engage with fellow members.

Here's what's on the docket for the evening:

- **Kevin Loyd** – Dovetail-cutting jig
- **Gary Glatthar** – Router jigs for mortise & tenon joinery
- **Jesse Anthony** – Five (!) jigs used in crafting veteran urn boxes
- **Mikey Cunningham** – Vacuum clamps and workholding jigs
- **Jonathan Carlyon** – Box joint jigs from his class at the Denver Tool Library
- **Scott Roth** – Thin strip jig for resawing thin veneers on the table saw
- **Kaja Pool** – Layout and work holding jigs for the Shaper Origin CNC machine

It's been years since we've hosted a meeting in this format, and past events like this have always been a hit. If you've ever wanted to learn how the right jig can improve accuracy, efficiency, and finish quality in your work, this is a can't-miss event.

We'd love your feedback on this meeting style—if you have ideas for future themes, let us know!

---

## **Potential Impact of New Tariffs on Woodworkers**

As many of you have heard, new tariffs are being implemented on goods from Canada, Mexico, and China. While we won't get into the broader economic or political implications, I do want to highlight how these changes might affect the prices of tools and materials we rely on.

## **Tools & Equipment**

Some Canadian manufacturers known for high-quality woodworking tools may see price increases, including:

- **IBC** – Premium chisels and plane blades
- **Rob Cosman Hand Tools** – Specialty woodworking tools
- **Lee Valley & Veritas** – A massive catalog of hand tools, hardware, and specialty items
- **JessEm Tools** – Router lifts, fences, and precision jigs
  - Check out this article about the owner of JessEm Tools, discussing the direction of his company with the new tariffs ([link here](#))

Additionally, American manufacturers may see cost increases on raw materials, as a result of the tariffs on imported steel & aluminum. Within the woodworking world, these two companies come to mind:

- **Incra & Woodpeckers** – Precision layout tools, fences, and extrusions made from anodized aluminum

Chinese manufacturers like TTI (who owns Milwaukee, Ryobi, Ridgid, & more), and bigger power tool companies like Grizzly (see the Toolbox Alert Column below) & Rikon may increase prices to offset the tariff duties paid for importing their products into the U.S.

*Bill Bixby, President*

## **Notes From the Treasurer**

### **Colorado Woodworkers Guild Dues Renewal**

Renew your dues for 2025 before the end of March or your membership will be put on inactive status.

Our dues structure and payment methods are listed on our website under “About Membership”.

If you have already renewed, thank you. We look forward to sharing our woodworking passion with all of you in 2025.

*Larry Christensen, Treasurer*

# Show and Tell

At the February 18<sup>th</sup> 2025 meeting we had five entries from four presenters. Normally, I provide links into the video from the meeting to each of the S&T entries. Unfortunately, there were some issues with the video arising from the disappearance of [president@colowood.com](mailto:president@colowood.com). This email is essential to starting a zoom meeting which is how our video is recorded. To further complicate matters, I was ill and did not attend. So, this S&T article is assembled from pictures provided by our camera man Jesse.

- David Howard presented some of his End Grain Cutting Boqrd and a glue holder.
- David Shih showed us a “Little Bench” made of Cherry and Walnut.
- Dennis Edmonds had several pieces of art, made of various woods which were cut using a 3d Compound Bandsaw and Scroll Saw technique.
- Jerry Thelander’s S&T entry is titled “Guide Saw” and made of WOOD (this according to his entry form).

I have no way of knowing the order of the S&T presenters, I present them to you in random order.

First, we have David Howard and his cutting boards.





Next is David Shih and his “Little Bench”



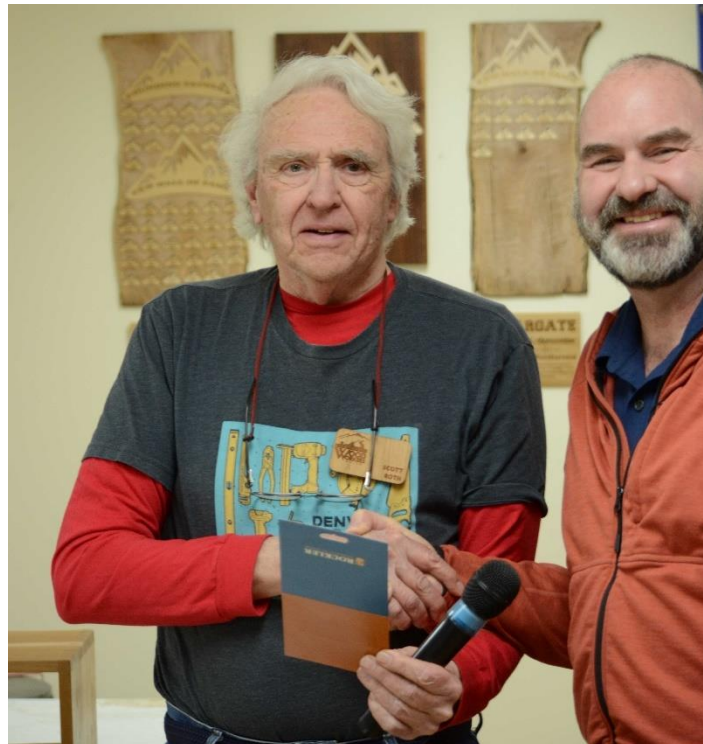
Following that, we have some “Compound Cut Scroll/Bandsaw Art” from Dennis Edmonds.



Lastly, we have Jerry Thelander's "Guide Saw" Jig used to hold a Japanese saw blade straight.



The winner of the evening was David Howard and his Cutting Boards.



Thanks to all who participated. 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

## February 2025 Meeting

On February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the CWG welcomed Carlos Flores, of Una Raiz Woodworks to present on Hand Tools and Culture in Fine Woodworking. Carlos focused on the narrative capacity of wood. He illustrated how hand tools provide him with the time to interact deeply with the wood. He also stressed how the quiet environment allows him to listen to and hear the wood. Lastly, he spoke about how the hand tools we use - properly sharpened - enable woodworkers to grow closer to the story the wood wishes to tell.

Carlos shared numerous works with us, such as his Roman Bench; his projects in the green woodworking style, such as bowls and canes; and his Güembé Chairs. The Güembé Chair seeks to adapt Taino rhythms of the music of Puerto Rico into a fluid design style that plays with calmness and power, lightness and strength. One interesting feather Carlos incorporated into his chair is the bricking technique commonly used when making demilune tables. That is, his seat backs were formed using brick lay which adds strength by taking advantage of the long grain.

In all, with a nod to James Krenov and an eye toward cultural hybridity, Carlos provided our Guild with a fascinating and inspiring glimpse into what studio furniture artists of his generation are creating today.

Click [here](#) to see the presentation from its start. **To view the presentation, you may have to “right click” and select “Open Hyperlink” to get to the video. Carlos’ presentation video is about 43mm long.**

## March 2025 Meeting

### JIGS, JIGS, JIGS!

Instead of a single speaker, we’re bringing you **seven** hands-on demonstrations! Members will move from workbench to workbench, where our talented presenters will share their expertise on a variety of jigs. This interactive format ensures plenty of opportunities to ask questions, see techniques in action, and engage with fellow members.

**[Ed: See the Presidents Corner for more details.]**

*Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair*

## Education Corner

**[Ed: No Article this Month]**



# CWG Pikes Peak Chapter News

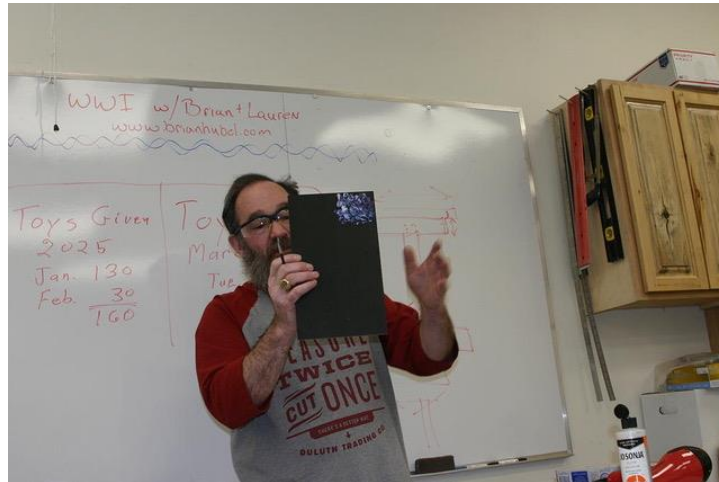
## Notes from March 4, 2025 Meeting of the CWG Pikes Peak Chapter

Despite the cold weather we had a great turnout and a lot of interaction among the attendees.

Two new members joined (Rich Gonzalez and Jeff Urban). We also had visitors from Pueblo and Walsenberg.

### Presentation on Finishing Techniques

Doug Groves gave an engaging presentation on three finish painting methods he's been using: Iridescent (pictured below), Metallic paints and Spirit Stains. Information on the various materials he uses along with some websites for learning more were included in an attachment to an email.



### Show & Tell

We had many items for display, including several jigs.

- Dan Sullivan: Picture frame
- Bruce Dellinger: Landing net
- Charles House: Turned mallets
- Rick Smith: Jig for making wedges of any angle and length
- Doug Reinelt: Norwegian style (Tine) bentwood box
- Bill Schlittler (people's choice): sliding shelf for pots, pans and lids

Dan Sullivan's picture frame is shown first.

Bruce Dellinger's Landing Net.



Charles House: Turned mallets.



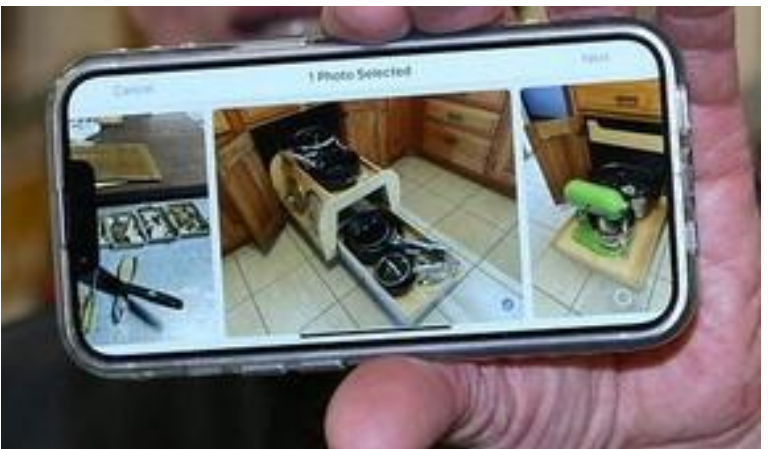
Rick Smith: Jig for making wedges of any angle & length.



Doug Reinelt: Norwegian style (Tine) bentwood box.



Bill Schlittler (people's choice): Sliding shelf for pots, pans and lids.



Not pictured: Del Cox showed some stacking toys, a duck call and a caliper tool that displays in multiple formats, including fractional inches. Jim Barry showed a jig for planing end grain designed by Paul Sellers.



## Upcoming Meetings/Workshops:

- We have lined up a selection of topics for upcoming meeting and pre-meeting workshops including: band saw boxes, traditional style boxes, mandolin building and parquetry.
- Also, an upcoming email that will have a simple survey to determine interest.
- The Toy project is progressing nicely, with 160 fully finished toys delivered in January and February.
- A Toy Build is scheduled for March 18 at Woodcraft (1:00- 5:00), and a toy painting day is set for
- March 13 at Del Cox's shop (1:00- 5:00)
- A Shop Tour was set for this Saturday, March 8 at Bill Schlittler's from 10:00 to noon. Address is 4350 Shoup Rd. No signup was needed.

*Jim Barry, Pikes Peak Chapter Lead & Board Member At-Large*

## Toolbox Alerts

### Rockler

- Rockler continues sales this month cited in last month's newsletter continues through 24 December. They are offering 50% off their medium spring clamps , 6-pacustraight clamping Hose Holders, a 24" and also a HD clamp rack. Check out all their sale items at Rockler.com.

### Woodcraft

- Woodcraft is offering a free upgrade worth up to \$308 with any SawStop Cabinet Saw purchase this month. They also have some great up to 50% off savings on a number of items including Tauari boards, a Razorsaw Fluawa skinner knife kit, and \$100 off on their 10 1/2" Quick Release Vice priced at \$134.99. Classes continue to be offered ranging in price from \$85 to multiple day classes at \$500.

### Grizzly

- Grizzly is offering a "Hibernation Is Over" sale on a number of their floor tools, including a 14" Bandsaw at \$765 (10% off), a 19-2/16 3/4 HP Combo Lathe/Mill at \$1,921 (14% off), a 1"x 42" / 8" Belt Sander at \$279 (15% off), and a 14" Drill Press at \$477 (15% off) among other sale items. **These items are on sale until 17 March so check them out soon at Grizzly.com.**

[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**



### **March Wood of the Month**

- 4/4 FAS1Face Red Oak
- S2S to 13/16 + SLR1E
- Was \$6.44 / BF
- Sale Price \$4.00 / BF

### **Flash Special**

- 4/4 Select & Better
- Rift White Oak
- S2S to 13/16 + SLR1E
- Was \$18.00 / BF
- Now \$13.00 / BF

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

## CWG 2025 Sponsors

**Austin Hardwoods of Denver, Inc.**, 975 W. Mississippi, Denver, CO 80223. Phone: 303-733-1292. Website: [www.austinhardwoods.com](http://www.austinhardwoods.com)

**Baldwin Hardwoods**, 1225 Red Cedar Circle, Ft Collins, CO 80524. Phone: 970-213-8608. Website: [baldwinhardwoods.com](http://baldwinhardwoods.com)

**Charlie's 2nd Hand Store, Inc.**, 2227 Larimer Street Denver, CO 80205. Phone: 303-295-1781. Website: [www.usedtoolsplus.com](http://www.usedtoolsplus.com)

**CO Lumber & Real Wood Furniture**, 3636 N Stone Avenue Colorado Springs CO 80907 719-389-0100 Website: [columber.net](http://columber.net)

**CS Woods**, 4355 Monaco Street, Unit A, Denver, CO 80206. Phone: 720-278-7797. Website: [www.cswoods.com](http://www.cswoods.com)

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

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

**Just Rustic Custom Woodworking**, 224 Main Street, Fort Morgan, CO 80701. Phone: 303-324-4342. Website: [justrusticco.com](http://justrusticco.com)

**Metal Supermarkets Colorado Springs**, 1615 N Academy Boulevard, Colorado Springs, CO 80909. Phone: 719-413-8948 [www.metalsupermarkets.com/location/colorado-springs](http://www.metalsupermarkets.com/location/colorado-springs)

**Metal Supermarkets Denver-Englewood**, 1500 W Hampden Ave, Bldg 2, Suite A, Sheridan, CO 80110, Phone: 720-722-6317, [www.metalsupermarkets.com/location/denver-englewood](http://www.metalsupermarkets.com/location/denver-englewood)

**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](http://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](http://rmsawblades.com)

**Sears Trostel**, 1500 Riverside Ave, Ft Collins, CO 80527. Phone: 970-482-1928. Website: [www.sears-trostel.com](http://www.sears-trostel.com)

**TC Woods**, 5406 County Road 23 Ft. Lupton, CO 80621. Phone: 303-666-8989. Website: [www.tcwoods.com](http://www.tcwoods.com)

**Urban Forest Mill**, 33S Pratt Parkway, Suite 100, Longmont, CO 80501. Phone: 303-746-6446. Website: [urbanforestmill.com](http://urbanforestmill.com)

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

**Where Wood Meets Steel**, 4903 Washington Street, Denver, CO 80216. Phone: 720-780-7752. Website: [www.wwms.net](http://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](mailto: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>

**YCI Reclaimed Hardwood**, 5699 Washington Street Denver CO 80216 303-847-2200 Website: [ycireclaimedhardwood.com](http://ycireclaimedhardwood.com)



# 2025 Key Board Members, Committee Chairs & Project Leads



Bill Bixby – President, Board Chair & Technology Committee Chair

[President@colowood.com](mailto:President@colowood.com)



Phil Weathers – Librarian Lead & Board Member

[Library@colowood.com](mailto:Library@colowood.com)



Jonathan Carlyon – Vice President, Board Member & Education Committee Chair

[vicePresident@colowood.com](mailto:vicePresident@colowood.com)

[noylrac@gmail.com](mailto:noylrac@gmail.com)

[progams@colowood.com](mailto:progams@colowood.com)



Jim Barry – Pikes Peak Chapter Lead & Board Member At-Large

[PikesPeakChapter@colowood.com](mailto:PikesPeakChapter@colowood.com)



Joe Lenhoff – Newsletter Editor / Publisher & Communications Committee Chair

[newsletter@colowood.com](mailto:newsletter@colowood.com)

[JoeLenhoff@gmail.com](mailto:JoeLenhoff@gmail.com)



Jason Matisheck – Board Member, Secretary

[secretary@colowood.com](mailto:secretary@colowood.com)



Larry Abrams – Audio Visual Lead

[Laabrams.51@me.com](mailto:Laabrams.51@me.com)



Cary Goltermann – Membership Committee Chair

[membership@coloradowoodworkers.org](mailto:membership@coloradowoodworkers.org)

Show & Tell Lead

[showandtell@coloradowoodworkersguild.org](mailto:showandtell@coloradowoodworkersguild.org)



Wilbur Goltermann – Board Member, Webmaster & President Emeritus

[webmaster@colowood.com](mailto:webmaster@colowood.com)



Devon Lindsley – Google Drive Management Lead

[publicity@colowood.com](mailto:publicity@colowood.com)



Larry Christianson – Board Member, Treasurer and Sponsor Liaison Lead

[treasurer@colowood.com](mailto:treasurer@colowood.com)



Dennis Edmonds – Past President & Education Committee

[EdmondsDennis670@gmail.com](mailto:EdmondsDennis670@gmail.com)



Jennifer Sein – Community Service Committee Chair & Veterans Projects Lead

[Jen.Seim@gmail.com](mailto:Jen.Seim@gmail.com)