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# Colorado Woodworkers Guild

## April 2025 Newsletter

### President's Corner



*Bill Bixby, President*

[Ed. Note: Look for Bill's President's Corner article next month]

### Show and Tell

We had seven Show & Tell entries at the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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.

- George Tavarez presented a Fly Rod and Box of white oak, cork & maple. Finished in Tung Oil. The video link is [here](#)
- Don Prorak turned up with a "Fluid Bowl" made of maple, finished with Walnut Oil. The video link is [here](#)
- Matt Coupas showed us some "Baby Rattles" formed from Maple, Rosewood, Paduk and Cherry. Finished with a food grade salad bowl finish and filled with BBs to rattle. The video link is [here](#)
- Jerry Thelander showed off some Boxes he made. The video link is [here](#)
- Rolly Sorrento displayed a pair of Book Ends made of Walnut. Finished in Oil. The video link is [here](#)
- David Howard demonstrated some Jigs he uses in his shop. Made of Baltic Birch Plywood. The video link is [here](#)
- Cary Goltermann (me) brought in a Vise, purchased at the Guild's tool sale, which I restored. The video link is [here](#)

Pictures of the presented items are shown below in the order they were presented.

George and his Fly Rod / Fly Rod Box



Don and his bowl are shown below.



Matt and his rattles are shown next.



Jerry's boxes were presented next.





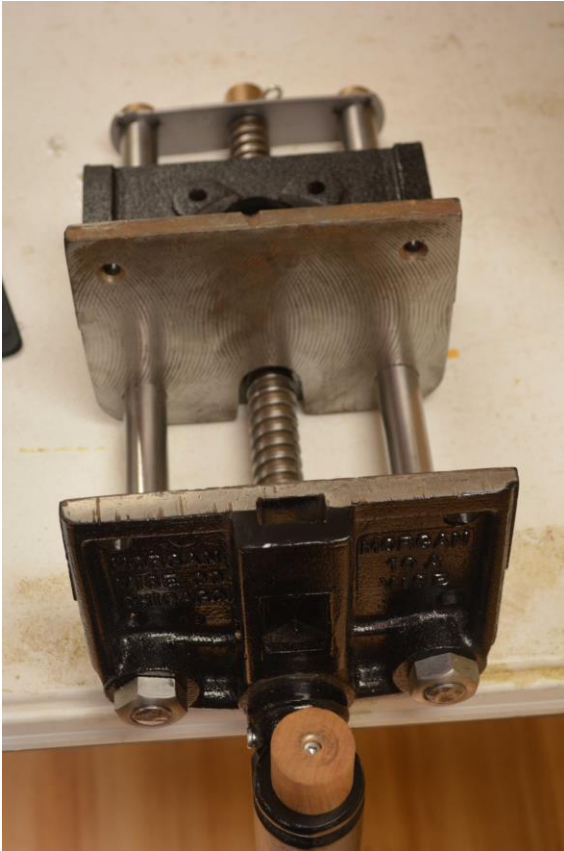
Rolly and his book ends are shown on the next page.



David and his jigs are pictured below.



And finally, we see Cary and his vise



And the S&T winner was David Howard and his Jigs, but he escaped early from the meeting without his gift card and winner's picture

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

### March 2025 Meeting

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the Guild enjoyed “pick your own adventure” demonstrations by members of jigs they constructed and techniques for many different woodworking projects and purposes. There were demonstrations of dovetail cutting techniques, an Urn production jig, a router mortise and tenon jig, a table saw veneer cutting demonstration, and a vacuum clamping vice.

The presentations 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 51mm into the meeting video and ends at 1h.38mm, but unfortunately, the system did not capture all the additional demonstrations presented after that time.**

## April 2025 Meeting

On April 15<sup>th</sup> Scott Shilling and members of the **Rocky Mountain Shipwrights** will showcase their expert craftsmanship in model boat and ship building.

*Joe Lenhoff. CWG Newsletter Editor & Publisher*

## CWG Pikes Peak Chapter News

### Quick Announcements:

Bill Schlittler reviewed the Survey results that were returned, which showed particular interest in Bandsawn & Decorative Boxes, Lutherie, & Parquetry techniques, as well as Resawing & Bent Lamination.

### Meeting Presentation:

Bill Schlepuetz demonstrated Decorative Box Making Techniques. He brought dozens of beautiful boxes of various sizes & shapes, with a variety of woods in many decorative patterns. He's been making them for 15 years, & regularly sells them at craft shows.

He reviewed many of his techniques -- more than we could possibly recount here -- but here are a few highlights:

1. He typically makes the top first, then makes the box to fit (rather than the other way 'round).
2. He's found that simply mitering & gluing the corners is all that's needed to make a permanently strong box. Both for corners & for gluing up the cut wood pieces he arranges in geometric shapes, he uses Titebond Original glue (switching to Titebond III for darker woods).
3. Large rubber bands (available on Amazon) are his choice for "clamping" box corners together as glue sets. He's found that using a plastic straw, end cut at an angle, is handy for removing excess glue [What a great idea!] ... followed immediately with a wet toothbrush, to thoroughly clean up leftover glue.
4. His hardware source -- hinges, clasps, handles, etc. is right here at Woodcraft!
5. He's made some cool jigs for the tablesaw to make repeatable angled cuts, & he uses a thin kerf, 60 tooth sawblade in his SawStop to keep the cuts neat & precise.
6. His favored finish: first sand wood to 150; then 3 coats of clear shellac (full strength, right out of the can), light sanding with 220 sponge between coats; then 3 coats of lacquer -- both finishes sprayed on.

### Upcoming Events, etc.

**Shop Tours:** No shop tours scheduled this month. For info or to volunteer to hold an Open Shop anytime this year, call or text Dan at 314-882-1248 or email: [dansullivanstl@gmail.com](mailto:dansullivanstl@gmail.com)



## **Toy Builds (Mike Hughes, aka Gepetto)**

The Pike Peak Chapter has already delivered hundreds of toys this year, & hundreds more are in the pipeline! Thanks to everyone who has lent a hand to this much-appreciated endeavor (especially Mike!!)



The April toy build day will be at Woodcraft on Tuesday, 4/22 from 1-5:00 PM.

April's Toy Painting Day will be a few days later: Friday, 4/25 also from 1-5:00 PM at Ken Oliver's shop, 4409 Settlers Ranch Road. On a related note: Mike mentioned that the Ace Hardware on N. Academy/Austin Bluffs continues to be very generous with regard to our toy project, donating paint, brushes & other supplies.

### **"Show & Tells" at the April 1st Meeting:**

Ken Sanders showed some router bases & explained why having an enlarged base -- bigger than the one that comes standard with the router -- can improve the safety & accuracy of router use. He also showed a handy wheeled guide for use on table saws. It appears to work much like a featherboard, helping to hold the workpiece against the fence, while providing good stability.

Jeff Urban showed some "Winding Sticks," the straight-line edges of which help you evaluate the flatness of a board as you're gauging & eliminating "twist" He also showed a handy "bow," made of a flexible piece of wood & a string, for easily making reproducible curves.

### **Future Meeting Demos/Presentations.**

- Jim Brandt – CWG Founder – High Country Door
- Bandsawn boxes (Date is TBD)
- Specialty methods in lutherie (Date is TBD)
- Parquetry (July 2nd) ... Demo by Scott Roth of Rocky Mountain Marquetry Guild Future Workshop
- Loose tenon joinery (Ben Myers) Festool domino and Woodpeckers mortising jig
- Resawing/bent lamination (Jim Barry/Jim Densford)

Details will be provided as times & locations are determined.

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

# Toolbox Alerts

## Rockler

- Rockler sales continue in April. They are offering \$299 upgrade on any SawShop purchase, a portable drill guide at a \$30 savings, 41% off on a sanding block set, and a number of Rockler router lift, table, and jig devices are on sale. Check it out on their website at [rockler.com](http://rockler.com).

## Woodcraft

- For the whole month of April Woodcraft has some great up to 50% off savings on a number of items including Araracanga 12" to 48" boards, a razorcut Dozuki saw, a Woodcraft 6" woodworking vice and a three-piece stainless steel engineer's square set. Classes continue to be offered ranging in price from \$85 to multiple-day classes at \$500.

[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.]

*Joe Lenhoff. CWG Newsletter Editor & Publisher*

## CWG Sponsor Update

### **Paxton Woods**



### **April Wood of the Month**

- 4/4 FAS 1F & Better White Oak
- Regular Price \$13.00 / BF
- Sale Price \$8.78 / BF
- 32% Off

### **Flash Special (While Supplies Lasts)**

- 4/4 Select & Better Natural Birch
- Regular Price \$9.56
- Sale Price \$4.74
- 50% Off

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



# **SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT & SHOP TOURS**

**Our first shop tours of 2025 are as follows:**

**Stan Wolpert**

Saturday, April 19, 2025

10 AM to 1 PM

At 841 West 126<sup>th</sup> Court, Westminster, CO 80234

Stan has been a member of the Guild for many years and is an expert at all things related to hand planes.

**Cary Goltermann**

Saturday, May 10, 2025

10 AM to 1 PM

At 4481 E Colorado Avenue, Denver, CO 80222

Cary is our Membership Chair and Show and Tell Coordinator. Cary has also been a member for many years and has held many other Guild Positions, including President.

**Sign up for one or both of these shop tours by sending me an email at [treasurer@colowood.com](mailto:treasurer@colowood.com) or signing up at the next Guild meeting on 4/15/25**

*Larry Christensen, CWG Treasurer, Shop Tour Coordinator & Sponsor Liaison*

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