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Colorado Woodworkers Guild

May 2025 Newsletter

From the President's Workbench



Bill Bixby, President

Dear Guild Members, Sponsors, and Friends,

As we move into spring, our guild continues to thrive with active participation and community engagement. This month's newsletter highlights several important developments and upcoming opportunities that I'm excited to share with you all.

Changes at Rockler

It is with mixed emotions that we announce Tye Mundie, the store manager at Rockler where we hold our monthly meetings, is leaving to pursue other career opportunities. Throughout his tenure, Tye has been an exceptional manager who, like his predecessor Rich Johnson, recognized the value in maintaining strong relationships with local woodworking groups including the Front Range Woodturners, the Rocky Mountain Shipwrights, and our own Colorado Woodworkers Guild.

Tye's support and collaboration have been instrumental to our guild's activities, and he will be greatly missed by all. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for his service and wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

In the interim, Kaja will be stepping in as Store Manager until the new permanent manager arrives at the end of the month. I believe it is incredibly important that we maintain our positive working relationship with Rockler's management and staff. To this end, I propose that the leadership of all three woodworking clubs act as a coordinated front to welcome the new manager as he steps into this role.

Our continued partnership with Rockler provides us with an excellent meeting space and resources, and nurturing this relationship remains a priority for our guild.

Additional Thoughts on the March Meeting Format

Our March meeting adopted a format we haven't used in several years, featuring multiple presenters stationed around the meeting space, each covering different woodworking topics. I'm pleased to report that this approach was a tremendous success!

These multi-presenter meetings are always a big hit, as they allow members to focus on the topics that interest them most while encouraging social interaction and knowledge sharing. The positive feedback and sense of community that emerged from this format was truly remarkable.

While these meetings require more time to organize and plan, the benefits far outweigh the additional effort. The enthusiasm and engagement we witnessed have convinced us to schedule another meeting in this format later this year.

We'd love your input! What themes would you like to see for our next multi-presenter meeting? Some ideas include:

- Finishing techniques
- Joinery methods
- Tool maintenance and restoration
- Wood selection and preparation

Please share your suggestions at our next meeting or email them to president@coloradowoodworkersguild.org

Veteran Urn Ceremony

The most recent honors burial ceremony for lost veterans took place this past week, and I want to express my deepest gratitude to all who contributed to this meaningful project.

Special Recognition

- **Jennifer Seim and Larry Davis** continue to be silent rockstars operating behind the scenes, coordinating the logistics of getting the urns engraved, finished, and delivered to the Colorado Veterans Group.
- **Jesse Anthony** deserves special thanks (again) for helping put a final finish on all of the boxes used in this most recent ceremony, including several beautiful urn boxes used during the ceremony he built himself.

Bill Bridges of VVA, chapter 1071, shared this touching video of the most recent ceremony, which you can view below:

Video: Veteran Urn Ceremony

Watch Video Here: [Veterans Ceremony](#)

The Veteran Urn Project remains one of our guild's most impactful community service initiatives. The craftsmanship and dedication shown by our members in creating these dignified final resting places for our veterans exemplifies the spirit of service that defines our organization.

Group Purchases & Discounts

At our last meeting, we discussed pursuing opportunities for group purchases that would offer discounts to our membership, similar to what the Front Range Turners have successfully implemented with their group buys.

Jesse Anthony's Suggestion: Investigate the possibility of organizing a large group purchase from **Klingspor Sandpaper and Abrasives**.

This is an excellent suggestion that could provide significant savings to our members on essential consumable supplies that we all use regularly. Klingspor is known for their high-quality abrasives, and a group purchase could make these premium products more accessible to everyone.

To move forward with this initiative, we're forming a small committee to:

- Contact Klingspor to discuss group purchase options
- Survey member interest and potential order quantities
- Coordinate logistics for ordering, payment, and distribution (or allowing individual transactions amongst members with a discount code)

If you're interested in helping with this effort or have experience with group purchases, please contact me at president@coloradowoodworkersguild.org. Additionally, if you have suggestions for other suppliers we should consider for future group purchases, please share those as well.

Stan Wolpert's Shop Tour

This past month, members were treated to a wonderful shop tour hosted by Stan Wolpert at his home in Westminster. Those who attended were fortunate to witness an impressive showcase of tools that Stan has amassed over a lifetime dedicated to woodworking. Go to the Shop Tours section later in this newsletter to link to photos taken during this tour that was held after our April meeting.

Seeing the collection of tools that Stan has amassed over a lifetime of woodworking was truly a delight. His passion for the craft was evident in every corner of his well-organized workshop. Particularly impressive was his systematic approach to tool storage and his innovative solutions for maximizing workspace in a modest-sized shop.

These shop tours provide invaluable opportunities for members to learn from each other, gather ideas for their own workshops, and strengthen our community bonds. A special thank you to Stan for opening his home and sharing his woodworking journey with us.

Interested in hosting a shop tour?

We're always looking for members willing to share their workshops with the guild. Shops of all sizes and specialties are welcome! Contact Larry Christensen, our Shop Tours & Events Coordinator to schedule a tour of your shop.

Upcoming Events [Ed Note: Both are before our next meeting]

As we approach the end of the academic semester across the Colorado Front Range, we have exciting opportunities to view student woodworking projects and support the next generation of craftspeople.

Red Rocks School of Fine Woodworking

End-of-Semester Open House

Date: Saturday, May 17th, 12 - 2 PM

Location: Red Rocks Campus

Come see the impressive projects students have crafted throughout the semester!

Metropolitan State University

Industrial Design Department Student Project Exhibition

Date: Wednesday, May 14th, 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Location: MSU Denver Campus

Auraria Campus – Aerospace & Engineering Sciences (AES) Building

1449 7th St., Denver, CO 80204

Explore innovative designs and woodworking projects from industrial design students!

All guild members are invited and encouraged to attend these open houses. These events provide excellent opportunities to support emerging woodworkers, gain inspiration, and strengthen our connections with educational institutions in our community.

Reminder: Member Contributions

Our newsletter thrives on member contributions! If you've completed a noteworthy project, discovered a useful technique, or have woodworking tips to share, please consider submitting them for our next issue.

Photos of your work, short articles, or even quick tips are all welcome. Send your contributions to newsletter@coloradowoodworkersguild.org

As always, I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve as your president and to be part of such a talented and supportive community of woodworkers. The passion, skill, and generosity of our members continue to inspire me. I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting and hearing about your latest projects and adventures in woodworking. Until then, may your cuts be straight and your joints tight!

Regards,

Bill Bixby, President Colorado Woodworkers Guild

Show and Tell

At the April 15th, 2025 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.**

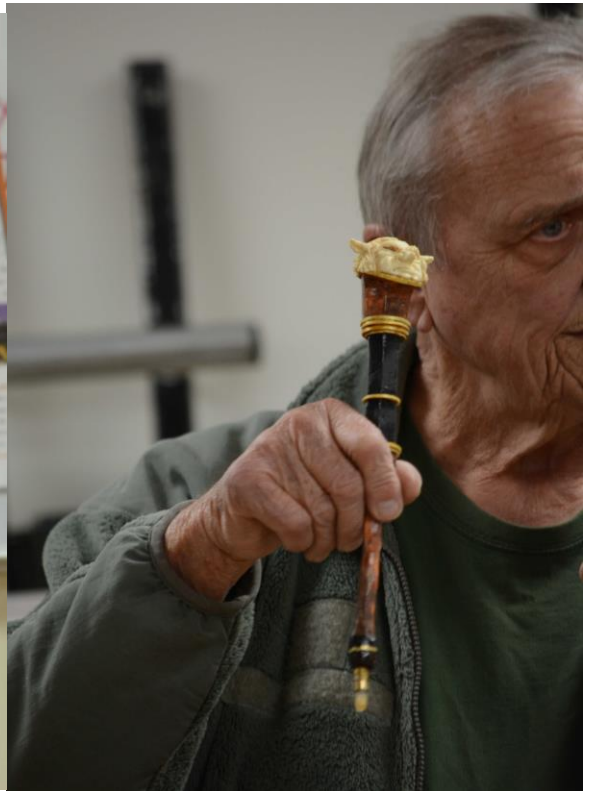
- David Shih presented a "Louie Cube Box" made of Walnut Burl, various veneers and MDF. Click for the video of his presentation [here](#).
- Ron Cable showed off a Wand made of Cast Resin, Wood and Crystal. Click for the video of his presentation [here](#).

David is pictured in the following photos showing off his “Louie Cube Box”. The box is made of MDF and veneered with Walnut Burl. The “Louie Cube” marquetry is showcased on the top.





Ron is pictured next showing us his Wand



And the S&T winner of the evening was Ron and his wand.



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

April 2025 Meeting

On April 15th, 2025, we had a fascinating presentation by Scott Schilling of the Rocky Mountain Shipwrights who displayed quite a few examples of member's ship models in various stages of completion. The presentation covered the many steps shipbuilders go through to complete building a model, often requiring over 800 hours of labor.

The entire presentation can be viewed online at the guild's website or 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 about 55mm into the meeting video and goes until near the end of the meeting until 1h.50mm.

Joe Lenhoff, CWG Newsletter Editor & Publisher & Communications Committee Chair

May 2025 Meeting

May 20, 2025: Jeremy Cox, studio furniture artist and educator. The guild is pleased to welcome Jeremy Cox to our May meeting. Jeremy will talk about his pursuit of beauty in his art and the creative processes it entails.



Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair

Education Corner (EC)

[Ed Note: Stay tuned for an EC article starting next month]

CWG Pikes Peak Chapter News

5 May 2025 - 1st Anniversary meeting of the Pikes Peak Chapter of the Colorado Woodworkers Guild.

We started this up after a lot of planning not sure if anyone would come. We now have 41 members, 19 of whom attended the meeting.

Thanks to:

- CWG leaders who were instrumental in making this happen: Dennis Edmonds, Larry Christensen
- Local organizers: Bill Schlittler, Joe Lenhoff and Jim Barry
- Special thanks to Ben Myers and his Woodcraft team – without them this couldn't happen.
- New members who stepped into leadership roles, including Mike Hughes (aka Geppetto) and Dan Sullivan (workshop visits), Jim Densford (user skill/interest survey)

Meeting Presentation: Scott MacCue gave a great presentation on bandsaw boxes that he has made, discussing some of the processes he uses and showing some of the special features he incorporates, e.g. hidden drawers.



Show & Tell (run by Bill Schlittler)

Laura Turner showed us a cat head sculpture she created using her new CNC software



Dan Sullivan showed a number of scroll-saw caricatures he made with his human and canine families in fetching poses.



Doug Reinelt showed us his impossible table and tried to help us non-engineers understand how it works



Bill Schlepuetz won the night with his John Deere tractor, calling to mind his times growing up on a farm. He was presented with a \$20 Woodcraft Gift Card funded by the PP Chapter.



News on Upcoming events:

Toy Builds:

- **Toy Build at Woodcraft on Tuesday, May 13th from 1:00 to 5:00**
- **Toy Painting session on Thursday May 15th starting at 1:00 at Del Cox's place (1135 Chamber Dr. in Pleasant Valley).**
- Small group chats at member's shops: Dan Sullivan continues to invite members to host a visit to their shop for some wood talk

Future Meeting demos/presentations:

- o June 3rd pre-meeting workshop on resawing and bent lamination (please respond to Pikespeak@colowood.com to signup if you didn't sign up at the meeting and plan to attend)
- o July 2nd: Parquetry demo by Scott Roth of Rocky Mountain Marquetry Guild
- o Jim Brandt – CWG Founder – High Country Doors (Date is TBD)
- o Bruce Dellinger - Specialty methods in lutherie (Date is TBD)
- o Loose tenon joinery (Ben Myers) Festool domino and Woodpeckers mortising jig (Date is TBD)

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

Toolbox Alerts

Rockler

Rockler sales continue in May. They are offering 50% off on select shop safety items and on select clamps. On the website if you search on "Clearance" you will find too many items to mention at prices with discounts as high as 70% off. Check it out as well as classes on their website at www.Rockler.com.

Woodcraft

- For the whole month of May Woodcraft has some great up to 50% off savings on a number of items including Tatajuba 6" to 48" boards, a Seium Saku Ryoba 300 mm razorcut saw, Japan Woodworker® Socket Awls, and a four-piece stainless steel set of campfire roasting forks turning kit. They are offering \$100 off on a Rikon 10" Bandsaw with stand and miter gauge for \$349,99. Classes continue to be offered on your local Woodcraft website.

[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.]

Joe Lenhoff, CWG Newsletter Editor & Publisher & Communications Committee Chair

CWG Sponsor Update & Shop Tours

Paxton Woods



May Wood of the Month:

- 4/4 WHND Wormy Soft Maple S3S 13/16"
- Regular Price \$5.22 / BF
- Sale Price \$3.75 / BF
- 28% Off

May Flash Sale:

- 4/4 10"+ Wider F1F White Ash S3S 13/16"
- Regular Price \$7.33
- Sale Price \$4.75
- 35% Off

Questions? Contact Dennis Stephens, denniss@paxtonwood.com

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

SPONSOR TOURS – MAY

May 24, 2025, at 10:30 AM

Just Rustic is hosting a sponsor tour on **Saturday, May 24, 2025, at 10:30 AM**. We will start the tour at their production shop at **14494 County Road W, Weldona, CO 80653** and then visit their showroom and design center in **Fort Morgan at 224 Main Street**.

It takes a little over an hour to get there and we will be carpooling, meeting at Rockler and leaving at approximately 8:30 AM. If there is interest in having a second meeting spot on the North side of town, we can arrange that. Let me know.

To sweeten the appeal of this shop tour, the owners Jason and Leah are offering a 50 percent discount on all off their slabs and raw lumber products for participants at this sponsor tour. Since most of us will be carpooling, Jason has also offered to have any large pieces we buy delivered to Rockler within a couple of weeks.

Just Rustic, is a successful example of following your passion. They create custom furniture and ship it across the country. They were featured on the television show, Home Town Takeover when it came to Fort Morgan. For more information, visit their website www.justrusticco.com.

Sign up by sending an email to treasurer@colowood.com or on the signup sheet at our May monthly meeting, May 20, 2025. Please indicate whether you can be a carpool driver or would like a ride.

May 31st, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Environmental Slabs & Timber (Environmental Tree Care) is hosting a tour of their log yard and milling facility at **1195 South Pierce Street**, Lakewood, CO on **May 31, 2025** from 10 to 2. This tour was set up by the Front Range Woodturners and we have been invited to join them.

Environmental Tree Care mills and sells slabs and other wood products from the trees they harvest in the metro area. Mike Roper, who is a professional wood turner, is an employee there. In addition to the opportunity to purchase slabs and other wood products at a reasonable price, there will be a pizza truck there with free pizza for attendees.

Sign up at Signup Genius at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4EACA72DA5FC1-56513850-frwshop>.

You can also sign up by sending an email to treasurer@colowood.com or on the signup sheet at our monthly meeting on May 20th, 2025.

I hope to see you there.

SHOP TOURS

APRIL & MAY TOURS

Stan Wolpert held a shop tour on

Saturday, April 19, 2025

10 AM to 1 PM

At 841 West 126th 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.

Pictures from the tour can be viewed at the following Google Drive share link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1NqvggcFYTsHkbpGvwV4fyX_LdcN7yt8i?usp=drive_link

Click on the first picture and a folder will open with pics you can scroll through.

Cary Goltermann held a shop tour on

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.

Pictures from the tour can be viewed at the following Google Drive share link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RcuhMWbO5NjCudjNqgdOzDINKPLCCHKB?usp=drive_link

Click on the first picture and a folder will open with pics you can scroll through.

Larry Christensen, Sponsor Liaison & Shop Tours Coordinator

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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. Phone: 719-413-8948 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

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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