



Encouraging all woodworkers in self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge

# Colorado Woodworkers Guild

## April 2024 Newsletter

### President's Corner



*Dennis Edmonds, President*

### The Majesty of Trees

Friday, April 26 is Arbor Day. This article is a salute to the majesty of trees.

For centuries, people have had a symbiotic relationship with the trees around us. Since ancient times they have provided food, shelter, and warmth. And they have also helped keep the planet healthy.

Let's take a moment to highlight how special trees really are:

- While many trees take 20 to 30 years, some take 40 to 50 years to reach maturity.
- Trees at the equator often mature in 10 to 20 years whereas trees in the northern latitudes can take 80 to 100 years.
- Trees generally live from 20 years to 2000 years with an average of 300 to 400 years.
- A bristlecone pine in Utah is nearly 5000 years old.
- African Blackwood is the rarest and most expensive wood in the world costing \$138 per board foot.

We woodworkers have the privilege of using one of the world's oldest materials. We have a long tradition with this unique material we call wood. Different species have different characteristics, and no two trees are alike. The vibrant colors, grain patterns, and the tactile feel of wood all combine to inspire our creativity.

Over time, most of us develop a sort of reverence for trees and feel an innate connection to nature when we work with wood. A friend suggested that woodworking can be a form of meditation. In the shop, many of us become so engrossed that we forget life's other challenges and totally lose track of time.

The next time you head to the shop as part of our long tradition, take a moment to feel your connection with nature and let your creativity flow.

*Dennis Edmonds, President*

## Membership Renewal

Membership renewals are due on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year and are delinquent after March 31<sup>st</sup>. Members who have not renewed by April 30, 2024 will be considered lapsed and will lose membership privileges until they renew.

The CWG Board has approved the following annual dues categories:

Individual	\$30
Family - member + partner, minor child or grandchild	\$50
Full-Time Student (with current ID)	\$10
Co-Dues with Front Range Woodturners	\$52.50
Does not include Family Memberships	

Payment options:

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

Send payment via Venmo to @treasurer-colowood.

We cannot accept credit cards at this time but hope to be able to by mid-year.

*Larry Christensen, Treasurer*

## **Some Notes from the March 2024 CWG Meeting**

- The group has been meeting to eat at the Panera across the street from Rockler around 5 PM.
- Dates for the interment ceremony for unclaimed veterans' remains placed in Urns made by CWG members were published in the March 2024 newsletter in Dennis' President's message. April 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> are the dates at 1 PM at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver. Denver NBC and FOX TV stations have done pieces on the CWG project with Dennis and they are airing in April.
- Toymaker events are starting with a group build at Dennis' shop from 10 AM-4 PM, and parts are available at the meetings for individual home building of toys.
- DUES ARE DUE AND WILL SOON BE OVERDUE. See Larry Christenson's article above.
- The CWG website is being updated, so be patient if you experience any issues accessing info there.
- The Guild's Tool Sale will be later this year, so if you have any duplicate or unused tools you want to donate for the sale, bring them in to the next meeting. Sales help the Guild greatly.
- Brice is offering his services for free if you need advice on any home-building projects.

# Show and Tell

At the March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting we had 3 entries from 3 people.

The beginning of S&T on the video is [here](#). **For the S&T videos, you may have to right-click on "here" and select "Open Hyperlink " to view each video.**

- Don Prorak showed us a turned-lidded box made of Ash and Elm Burl. The video is [here](#).
- Devon Lindsley brought a "Finish Bottle" of Spalted Maple from her scrap pile, finished in beeswax. Click [here](#) for the video.
- Janice Gilmore showed off a "Leather Stitching Pony" made of (and I quote) "Wood, Metal Fixtures and Leather". Click [here](#) for the video.

Here is Don's Lidded Box and a pic of Don talking about it.



Devon's "Finnish Bottle" is shown next along with Devon herself



And finally, Janice is shown with her "Stitching Pony"





The winner of the evening was Devon and her Finish Bottle



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 2024 Meeting

Kyle Welsing of Welsing Heritage presented a demonstration on hand carving spoons. He got into spoon carving out of an interest in traditional, country woodcraft and green woodworking. One advantage he spoke of was the availability of stock, in the form of branches, and tree trunks: all of which are free! Kyle also spoke about the basic tool kit: an ax, a knife, and a carving gouge. Finally, Kyle stressed the importance of keeping the end user of the product in mind when carving spoons. He recommends not worrying about millimeters or inches. Instead, just use your fingers to determine the width, and your thumb is a quick measure with which to determine where to cut your triangles. In all, Kyle gave a fascinating talk and demonstrated his process throughout the presentation.

The beginning of the presentation by Kyle Welsing can be viewed by clicking [here](#). Again, for the presentation, you may have to right-click on “here” and select “Open Hyperlink” to view the video. The presentation starts at 56mm into the meeting video and goes until near the end of the meeting which was at 1hr.54mm.

## April 2024 Meeting

Scott Roth will present on marquetry techniques in person, at Rockler. Scott is the Inventory Tool Coordinator for Denver Tool Library, where he also teaches Woodworking II: Practical Joinery. He serves as the vice-president of the Rocky Mountain Marquetry Guild. Scott brings woodworking and marquetry knowledge and practice from a lifetime spent in the trades. He has owned a cabinet shop, worked as a licensed remodeling contractor, and taught at numerous universities, including Red Rocks. Scott will show us how, with tools as simple as a straight-line knife for cutting and a simple homemade jig and assembly, you can add decorative embellishments to your woodworking projects.

NOTE FROM SCOTT ROTH: "Along with my talk/demo on 4/16, the Rocky Mountain Marquetry Guild will have a large selection of FREE veneer available at the meeting."

*Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair*

## Education Corner

[Ed Note: Look for this column next month]

## Toolbox Alerts

### Hinge Repair Business

- If you attended last month's meeting you would know that during the Solutions portion of the meeting, I let the group know that I found a solution to my aged and failing Ajax kitchen cabinet hinges. The rep at Amerock (who took over Ajax) was kind enough to put me on to a small business fellow who repairs old, discontinued hinges. I contacted him and found he does a great job repairing old hinges. His contact info is shown in the image below.



## Rockler

- The current Rockler sale is called out in their April 2024 flyer/catalog and continues through 30 April. They are offering \$25 off a \$100 purchase through the same date with free shipping on orders of \$49+. The catalog has too many sale items to mention with up to 25% off. Check it out.

## Woodcraft

- For the whole month of April Woodcraft is offering some great sale and clearance items. You can check them out by going online and searching on Woodcraft of Denver or on Woodcraft of Colorado Springs. Classes continue to be offered ranging in price from \$85 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 bring it online to the Denver or to the Colorado Springs locations 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, Newsletter Editor/Publisher & Communications Committee ViceChair*

## CWG Sponsor Update

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#### **Paxton Woods - April Wood of the Month**



- **4/4 Select & Better**
- **Birch**
- **S2S 13/16" + SLR1E**
- **HL06342253T**
- **Regular Price \$9.56/BF**
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Dennis Stephens, [denniss@paxtonwood.com](mailto:denniss@paxtonwood.com)

*Larry Christensen, Sponsor Liaison*

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