

COLORADO Woodworkers GUILD

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Encouraging all woodworkers in
self-expression, craftsmanship and
knowledge



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR JANUARY 17th**



Speaker: Steve Shapland

Topic: Tools for a Desert Island

Where: Paxton

4837 Jackson Street, Denver, CO

When: Tuesday, January 17th, 7-9pm



Ever watched those episodes of Gilligan's Island and wondered what you would do to survive on a deserted island? Well, "sit right back and you'll hear a tale" as told by our very own Guild member, Steve Shapland, on what he would have wanted in his tool bag if he had been aboard the S.S. Minnow on that fateful day.

Yes, Steve will be discussing the basic hand tool kit for woodworking on a deserted island. Okay, so it's only January... but feel free to dress in your island woodworking attire! See you at Paxton's for what will certainly be a fun and informative presentation.

BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

We will be postponing the election of new board members until later this year. We will hold the election at that time for President and Vice President. Our current Secretary and Treasurer, which we reelected last year, have one more year on their term.

Upcoming meetings

February 21st:

Rich Johnson, Finishing Techniques

Location: Rockler

March 21st:

Tentative: Furniture Design

Location: Red Rocks Community College

April 18th:

TBD

Location: Red Rocks Community College

*Visit our website for latest updates on meetings and locations:
www.coloradoodworkersguild.org*

HOLIDAY PARTY - FOOD & FUN!

The December Holiday Party wrapped up our 2005 activities in a fun way. First, a big THANK YOU to Paxton for once again hosting us and allowing us to use their break-room and office area for the festivities. In addition, Paxton's manager, Jack, was very generous in donating Gift Certificates for our door prize drawing. Thank you Jack! We also appreciate everyone bringing food to compliment the sandwich buffet with several yummy delights.

Of course, the entertainment of the evening was the White Elephant gift exchange. It took several rounds before the "stealing" began...perhaps people were being polite. But once the first trade happened, all bets were off on whether you would be able to keep your gift. A very nice hand saw was traded three times, while an "As Seen on TV" egg extractor had a hard time finding a happy home...even with a \$10 bill was attached! Other gift items included a very used set of chisels (Dave, our President, will surely put them to good use), books, hand crafted items, work shop accessories, a bucket of holiday brews(!) and more.

The evening ended with a drawing for several door prizes including gift certificates, guild apparel, guild memberships and the grand prize of the Woodline box joint jig that was recently donated to the guild. The event was filled with many smiles and lots of laughter as we celebrated the season with fellow members.

Woodworker Trivia Question:

What is the favorite wood for wooden golf club heads? (Answer on Page 4.)



**TOOL KING
COLORADO WOODWORKERS GUILD
JANUARY 2006 SPECIALS**

Remember to ask for assistance from Rick Peil and Marc Hardesty during the week to receive these discounts. If Saturday is your only opportunity to visit the store, please give Rick or Marc a call during the week and they will arrange for a manager to assist you with the discounts on Saturday.

31-735A - Delta Belt/Disc Sander Combination w/
Dust Collection (4400168)

Guild Price: \$819.99 Reg Price: \$929.00

37-380 – Delta 8" Pro Jointer (443780)

Guild Price: \$936.99 Reg Price: \$1,049.99

28-682 – Delta 18" Woodworking Bandsaw
(4400009)

Guild Price: \$1,099.99 Reg Price: \$1,219.00

1791263K – Powermatic Floor Model Mortiser (1
only)(11091263)

Guild Price: \$740.00 Reg Price: \$849.99

Note: Only 1 Available

DW735R – DeWalt 13" 2 Speed Planer –
Reconditioned)(2200050)

Guild Price: \$329.99 Reg Price: \$429.99

DW708R – DeWalt 12" Sliding Dual Compound
Miter Saw – Reconditioned (2211708)

Guild Price: \$359.99 Reg Price: \$429.00

MIISF – Bostitch Flooring Stapler (6400039)

Guild Price: \$400.00 Reg Price: \$439.99

4410 – Bosch Dual Bevel Sliding Compound Miter
Saw 10" – Reconditioned

Guild Price: \$379.99 Reg Price: \$469.99

DWM406L – Bosch Digital Miter Finder (2102448)

Guild Price: \$100.00 Reg Price: \$114.99

DW706R – DeWalt 12" Dual Bevel Compound Miter
Saw – Reconditioned (2298820)

Guild Price: \$259.99 Reg Price: \$329.00

**Upcoming Classes Taught by
CWG Guild Members**

Class: "Hands On Scroll Saw"

Instructor: Harold Foos

Date: Saturday, January 21, 2006, 9-Noon

Class Fee: \$65

Location: Rockler - Denver Store

303-782-0588

www.rockler.com



Class: "Beginning Intarsia"

Instructor: Marvin Benson

Date: Wednesdays, Feb 1,8,15,22, 5-7pm

Class Fee: \$100

Location: Woodcraft- Denver Store

303-290-0007

www.woodcraft.com



For information on other classes at Rockler and Woodcraft, please call them or visit their websites.

Remember, too, that Red Rocks Community College offers a full curriculum of fine woodworking classes and workshops. Check out their offerings at www.rrcc.edu/finewood.



CONGRATULATIONS TO MIKE & HOLLY!

CWG Members Mike and Holly Burns received a VERYspecial delivery on December 22nd with the birth of Karlie Rae and Kaylin Rose, identical twin girls. Best wishes to the Burns on their "instant family"!

Voices from the Guild

This month's voice:

Joe Kuter



On our recent trip to Northern California, my wife and I had an opportunity to tour a unique shop and visit with the owner, Eric Hollenbeck. Eric has developed a reputation as the premier architectural millwork restoration expert in the country. The waiting list for his services is currently two years. His business, Blue Ox Millworks, is located in the town of Eureka.

Eureka is on the coast about 200 miles north of San Francisco. The oldest part of town contains about 25 well-maintained Victorian buildings and boasts the most photographed private residence in the world, the Carson Mansion. It is also home to the original store that inspired the "Restoration Hardware" chain.



Paul Bunyan greets visitors (left), while Eric demonstrates treadle powered table saw (above).

Guests are greeted by a 15-foot carved and painted statue of Paul Bunyan located next to the main entrance. Once inside, visitors are first presented with a display area containing a treasure of 19th century human powered woodworking machines. The collection included numerous scroll saws, drill presses, table saws and shapers all powered by treadles or bicycle-like pedals. The picture above shows Eric operating a treadle powered table saw.

The collection also includes a large shear used to cut spade shaped points on the top of fence pickets with a single motion of a 5-foot arm. I was particularly impressed with the scroll saws; each was equipped with a drill head immediately adjacent to the scroll blade (see photo)..



Unique scroll saw that was restored and is in use at Blue Ox Millworks.

Power is supplied to the scroll saw by pressing down on the drill assembly creating a downward thrust and rotary motion in a single stroke. Must have been a great time saver when performing center cuts.

Eric has done restoration work in the White House and two Governor's Mansions. During our visit, he was working on ornate balusters, railings and raised panels for a Napa Valley winery chateau. The picture below displays the technique he was using for the raised panels. The raised section was produced by first routing the primary outline. Corners were then squared by hand with chisels. The difference, after chiseling, is dramatic.



Eric shows the method he uses for creating raised panels.

His main shop consists of modern machinery typical of most professional mill shops. The shop also has two engine lathes with 13 and 19-foot beds. The swing on these machines appeared to be about 5 feet. We discussed one of his upcoming projects to construct a series of columns that are 3 feet in diameter and 30 feet long for a 17th century church in Boston.

I was fascinated by his use of a lost art called "Compo" to produce complex decorative moldings. A jig containing a rotary drum with a three-dimensional pattern carved in the surface and a feed mechanism is used for this process. The raw stock of 1/2" X 2" pine is fed into the jig. A gooey mixture of whiting, linseed oil, resin and hide glue is applied to the drum as it turns, laying the decorative pattern on the raw stock. Once dry, the molding is painted and appears to be a solid carved piece.

Other work areas included a plaster casting shop to duplicate fancy decorative details such as faces and figures. The rear of the property has a fully operational sawmill with a 42" circular blade used to produce raw stock. The sawmill building also has a molding shaper as big as a car. All shaper knives are custom ground to duplicate moldings on a per job basis.

We really enjoyed the visit. I encourage you to stop in if you're in the area. You can also visit the website at www.blueoxmill.com.

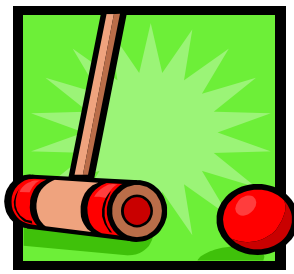
PICNIC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! 2006 CWG Craftsman Show is in May

What's Cookin' for 2006?

New and old members alike might be wondering what activities are planned for the Guild in 2006. In addition to our monthly meetings, our "traditions" will be continued such as the Channel 6 PBS Auction, CWG Craftsman Show, Jeffco 4-H Fair, Christmas Toys Program, Woodworkers Show, and field trips to cabinet shops, furniture builders or lumber mills.

On the heels of our December Holiday Party, the Guild Officers decided that we need a midyear fun-fest, too! This year we will have a CWG Summer Picnic. Although the date and details will be worked as we get closer to summertime, you can count on food and a good time.



You might be asking, "but how can you top the fun of the White Elephant gift exchange at the Holiday Party?" How about this... **a croquet tournament!** But not just ANY croquet tournament. To play in this tourney, you must make your own mallet AND your own ball! Of course, some parameters will be given so that the game can remain fair and somewhat consistent with the intent of croquet (e.g., no King Kong sized mallets). Prizes will be given for categories such as most creative, best craftsmanship, most competitive, and more.

So start thinking about your mallet and ball designs for this summer's CWG Summer Picnic, and, as always, if you have suggestions for other Guild activities or guest speakers, please let any of the Guild Officers know. Happy New Year!!!

A show of hands at our December Holiday Party indicated that several members are already planning to participate in the 2006 CWG Craftsman Show. THAT'S FANTASTIC! The more participants we have, the more interesting the show is for everyone. Last year's show had over 40 entries covering a wide variety of woodworking styles and forms. Our aim is to make this year's show even larger!

The planning is underway! The 2006 Show will be held at Red Rocks Community College in their very spacious, secure and well-lit library alcove on May 12th -14th and May 19th-21st. Guild members, students, and non-members will be invited to enter their items for judging or for display. All entries must have been completed within the last two years, and items cannot have been previously judged in a CWG Craftsman Show.

An opening reception will be held on the first Friday of the show, May 12th. Judges will evaluate the entries on Sunday, May 14th, and the 2006 Craftsman Show Awards will be presented at our May 16th Guild meeting which will be held at the Red Rocks Library.

Entry fees, number of entries per person, judging categories and other details are being finalized by the planning committee, which is being led again this year by Andy Zartman. Some notable differences from our 2005 show include expanded marketing and media coverage, preregistration of entries, and timely judges' feedback to entrants for all judged items. Watch for additional details in upcoming newsletters.

Do you have suggestions about the 2006 Craftsman Show? If so, please contact Andy (andrew.zartman@sun.com) with your ideas, or better yet, volunteer to join the committee. This is YOUR show and your input and participation are welcomed!

Woodworker Trivia Answer:

Persimmon, a relative of ebony, is the preferred wood for golf club heads.

From Woodwright's Shop,
<http://www.pbs.org/wws/wwit/trivia.html>

GUILD MEMBER DISCOUNTS

20% off of purchases at

The Hardwood Emporium

16043 W. 4th Ave., Golden CO. 80401,
303-277-1488

10% off at:

Abilene Awards & Logos

1730 S Abilene, Aurora, CO. 80012,
303-755-0337

Austin Hardwoods

975 W. Mississippi, Denver, CO. ,
303-733-1292

Centennial Wood Co.

985 S. Logan, Denver, CO.
303-778-6209

Charlie's Secondhand Store

2227 Larimer St., Denver, CO.
303-295-1781

Paxton

4837 Jackson St., Denver, CO.
303-399-6047

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware

2553 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO.
303-782-0588

TC Woods

9776 Arapahoe Rd, Lafayette, CO.
303-494-0425

Tool King (up to 10%, see details on CWG website)

11111 West 6th Ave, Lakewood, CO 80215
303-963-4500

Woodcraft

4403 S. Tamarac Parkway, Denver, CO.
303-290-0007



HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE YET?

Hopefully, all of you have had an opportunity to check out the new, improved CWG website at www.coloradoodworkersguild.org.

Photo Gallery

If you have photos of your woodworking projects or from any of the Guild's events, please either email your digital photos (.JPEG format is preferred) to:

contact@coloradoodworkersguild.org,
or bring a CD with your photos to a CWG monthly meeting and give it to one of the Board Members or Webmaster.

Classified Ads

Got Stuff to Sell? Looking for Stuff to Buy? Please check out our website's Classified Ads feature to post your ads and see what others need or have to offer.

WOOD OF THE MONTH

Hardwood Emporium:

4/4 Walnut \$3.99 per bd/ft

4/4 Aromatic Red Cedar for \$2.00 bd/ft.

Paxton:

4/4 FAS Jatoba (Brazilian Cherry) Surfaced three sides, kiln dried. Was \$7.45 now \$4.47. That's 40% off!

Centennial Wood Co.:

5/4 Sepale. Beautiful straight grain. Surfaced two sides for \$8.10 per bd/ft.

LOOKING FOR A SUMMIT COUNTY SHOP?

This email was recently received via our CWG website.

Allen Stone of "A Stone Furniture Design and Woodwork" suggested that I contact your organization. I'm a Realtor in Breckenridge and I have just listed for sale the largest custom cabinet and woodworking shop in Summit County. I can also be contacted at 970-547-4777.

Thank you,
Tom Koch

SPALTED MAPLE NOW AVAILABLE AT PAXTON

Ron Vanous alerted us that Paxton has just received a nice shipment of 1000 BF of 4/4 Spalted Maple. Regular price is \$7.78 per bd/ft, and with the guild discount it is \$7.00 per bd/ft.

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Not yet a member of the Colorado Woodworkers Guild?

We invite you to join now. Here are some of the benefits of becoming a member:

Monthly Guild Meetings -- Here woodworkers from novices to highly skilled craftsmen can meet, network, solicit advice, share ideas, and learn

Annual Craftsman Show -- The woodworkers' showcase! A world-class exhibit featuring pieces created by our diverse and talented guild members

Christmas Toys Program -- A great opportunity for novices to work side-by-side with and learn from experienced craftsmen, and in the process create fabulous toys for underprivileged children

Field Trips -- To local lumber yards, mills and workshops

Monthly Newsletter -- That includes meeting announcements, free classified ads and much, much more...

Membership in the Colorado Woodworkers Guild is \$30 per year.

To join, provide the information requested below and return with your \$30 check to:

Colorado Woodworkers Guild
P.O. Box 480561
Denver, CO 80248

Board Meeting Minutes

To conserve space in the newsletter for articles of interest to our Guild members, we no longer publish the Board Meeting Minutes each month. Copies of the minutes are available upon request by contacting a Guild officer.

Visit our web site for the latest information and late breaking announcements:

www.coloradowoodworkersguild.org

Guild Business: Monthly Board Meeting

The next CWG Board Member Meeting will be January 24th, 6 p.m. at Rockler Woodworking. The meeting is open to all members. If you have suggestions on CWG speakers, topics, events or activities, please feel free to contact any Board Member or attend the Board Member meeting.

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