

COLORADO Woodworkers GUILD

May 2006

Encouraging all woodworkers in self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge

Upcoming meetings

June 10th:

Guild Summer Picnic & Croquet Tournament

Location: The Home of Bill Hoppers

See article for details

June 20th:

Election of president and vice president

Location: Paxton

July 18th: *Rockler, 2553 So. Colorado Blvd, Denver*

Visit our website for latest updates on meetings and locations:

www.coloradoodworkersguild.org

2006 Craftsman Show

The time is upon us. You still have time to get your piece into the show as we have extended the deadline for your entries to May 9th. Send your entry forms to the Club P.O. Box listed on the back of the newsletter. You may drop off your pieces at the Red Rocks Community College (RRCC) Woodworking shop on May 9th and 10th from 10am to 7pm. We will be setting up the show in the RRCC library on May 11th from 4-7pm so if you'd like to help, come on by. The opening night will be Friday the 12th from 6pm to 9pm in the library. Be sure to invite you friends, family and clients to drop by and vote for their favorite piece for the People's Choice Award. Only one vote per person please! We will be collecting ballots throughout the entire show and the winner will be announced in the June newsletter.

There will be signs and balloons to help everyone find their way on the opening night. Judging will be on Sunday May 14th from 11am-4pm and prizes will be awarded on Tuesday night May 16th at our normally scheduled meeting which will also be held in the Red Rocks Community College Library. The Number of prizes are dependent on the number of entries and judges feedback. Participants may pick up their pieces on the last day of the show- Sunday My 21st from 11-4pm.

Mark Your Calendar for
Tuesday, May 16th, 7-9pm
Red Rock Community College
!!Craftsman Show Awards!!

The show will be open the following days and hours to the public.

Friday	May 12	6-9pm
Saturday	May 13	12-7pm
Sunday	May 14	11-4pm
Friday	May 19	6-9pm
Saturday	May 20	12-7pm
Sunday	May 21	11-4pm

We would welcome any feedback you wish to share, positive or negative. We will be putting together a survey to get feedback as well.

Please contact me if you have any questions by email at:

AWZartman@gmail.com or call 303-859-0724

Thank you and good luck.

Marquetry Box by Jeff Tinker



Table by Kyle Pruesser



MAY - CWG Craftsman Show Dates

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Craftsman Show Dropoff 10am to 7pm		Craftsman Show Set Up: 4-7 PM	Opening Night 6-9 PM	Open to Public 12-7 PM	Open to Public Judging 11-4 PM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Awards Presentation 7-9 PM			Opening Night 6-9 PM	Open to Public 12-7 PM	Open to Public Pickup 11-4 PM
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Shut Down Clean Up 4-7 PM						



Furniture by Jeff Tinker



Marquetry by Jack Ipson

Colorado Woodworkers Guild Picnic and Golf Tournament

Location: Bill Hoppers

15451 W. 76th. Dr., Arvada, CO

Link to MAPQUEST on website

Date: Saturday, June 10th. 2006

Time: Golf Tournament: Start 2 PM. (Nine hole course) Small entry fee/ Money and prizes will be divided among top players. Rules will be provided. Members are encouraged to make their own ball, 3 5/8 " dia. and mallet 9" long x 2 1/2 "square or round head. Handle length of choice.

Picnic: Four to seven PM. Guild will furnish BBQ meat, drinks, plates and silverware. Members please bring side dishes or desert. Lawn chairs and folding tables would be greatly appreciated.

RSVP: Please RSVP to one of the following people no later than May 26th. with number in party. Bill Hoppers 303-424-6052, John Hammer jvhammer@msn.com or Dave Vilella davev@a1glassinc.com.

I will be doing the cooking/smoking of the meat using cherry, hickory and apple wood. Cole Slaw, potato salad and beans are great side dishes. Any desert is appropriate.

Members are encouraged to bring a woodworking project to display. A card with your name and a brief description would be appreciated.

Come and bring your significant other and children for a fun afternoon of Golf, pool and foosball.

• *Bill Hoppers* •

June Meeting

During the June regular meeting we will elect a new president and vice-president since these offices are being vacated due to busy work schedules. After the election we will conduct a discussion of where the guild is going.

Please come prepared to share your ideas and concerns with us.

What do we want to do in the next few years?

Do we want to continue with the current programs we are involved in such as the Craftsman Show, Toy Program, Jeffco County Fair?

Bring us some new ideas.

April Event Review:

John Hammer - Turning Spindles

John must have been a Boy Scout as a kid. This past month, he certainly exhibited the scout's oath of being loyal and helpful. When asked — with only 24 hours notice — to fill-in for a last minute cancellation of our planned presenter, he was glad to step in to help. THANK YOU JOHN! Your commitment to our Guild is truly appreciated.

As most of you know, John is an accomplished woodworker in a wide variety of areas. We've seen his demos on Shaker boxes, and also pen turning with his side-kick Chris Pine. Over the years, John also has made numerous furniture items, boxes and more. I'd be willing to bet that he's one of the most well-rounded woodworkers that we have in our Guild and we are always fortunate to learn from John's experiences.

While previous lathe demos for our Guild have focused on pen turning or bowl turning, John selected spindle turning as the focus of this demonstration, which was held in the Community Room at Red Rocks Community college. After getting a thorough workout carrying his lathe from the parking lot to the meeting, John took a few minutes to catch his breath.

Bill Hoppers took this opportunity to show us some of his lathe handiwork, including a ball he turned, along with a cup that was used as a friction chuck to hold the ball as it was turned to a perfectly round shape. As we have come to count on from Bill, there was a story associated with how he learned to turn balls on the lathe, as well as a story about a company that makes billiard balls out of ivory. He also passed around a hand carved walnut ball that he had made many years ago — it still looked perfectly round to me after all those years!

By this time, John had his lathe set up, his pulse had returned to a normal rate, and he was ready for his demo on basic spindle turning. Using a wood blank that was about a foot long with about a 1-1/2" square cross section, John started by showing us



how to find the center point on each end of the blank. Once he had the center points marked, he mounted the blank onto the points of the chuck and locked it into place on the lathe.

The gouge and the skew chisel are the primary tools used for turning spindles. The gouge is used for roughing and coves, and the skew chisel is used for flats and beads. John noted how the tool rest should be set in a low position when working with the gouge, and at a higher setting when using the skew chisel. For safety's sake, always adjust the tool rest with the lathe turned off. He also

commented on how your tool rest needs to be kept smooth. If you accidentally gouge your tool rest, file it smooth before proceeding. You can't get a smooth cut if you are guiding your tool over a divot on the tool rest!

As you begin to cut the blank, be sure to always cut "downhill" to avoid taking a big chunk out of your wood. The key here is to hold your chisel so that you are indeed using the cutting edge along the wood. Otherwise, you end up scraping the wood and not achieving the smooth finish that you will get with a proper cutting technique. John compared this with using a pocket knife. Anyone who has done any "whittling" can recognize the difference between cutting and scraping with your pocket knife.

How do you know when you've got your blank, that started with a square profile, turned to a near perfect round? John recommends using the "bounce" method. That is, rest a tool on top of the spinning piece. If the tool bounces, you have more work to do. If there is not bounce, you have achieved roundness!

Once you have your spindle round, you can proceed with cutting in the desired designs or patterns using various chisels and tools. There are essentially three shapes that can be made on a spindle: flat, cove, bead. Beads can be half round or full round. Small beads can be made by carefully rolling a parting tool to make the cut. John demonstrated how these shapes can be achieved.

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Tips for proper “body English” while turning included:

1) make sure your lathe is set up for the correct height for you – that is, the turning center should be at your elbow height;

2) always keep a firm grip on the tool,

3) roll your body with the cut.

As you work to complete the spindle cuts to match your planned (or sometimes unplanned!) design, you always come down to that very last cut which is often referred to as the “Hero Cut”. There is no room for error...this last cut needs to be perfect to get your desired result or you end up starting over. If you get it right – you are a hero!

Now on to finishing. Some turners may choose to do a bit of sanding on their spindle after the cuts are complete. If you sand on the lathe, turn the speed to a low setting. Also, be careful to not sand away those fine points and sharp transitions that you just worked so hard to get perfect.

Numerous finishes can be used on spindles, depending on the function of the spindle and the preference of the wood turner. John sometimes uses shellac, and mentioned that motor oil can be used as a lubricant for the shellac. Put a little oil on the cloth and the shellac on top of that and then rub it onto the spinning spindle. No comment on what weight of motor oil...but definitely clean and of the synthetic variety.

After completing the demo, John passed around examples of spindle turning and other items that he has turned on the lathe. These included several items that he uses for one of his other passions, which is playing Irish music. Several of his Irish drum sticks and very cute noisemakers are used when John and his band play in the Irish pubs around town, with John featured on the dulcimer. Other items that John shared included a kaleidoscope and a birds eye maple billy club (fancier than I’ve seen any policeman ever carry!).

John, once again you wowed us with your talents and knowledge. Thank you again for stepping in on such short notice to give a very informative presentation for our Guild. You are definitely Eagle Scout material.

• Leslie Kennedy •

Tool King Specials

The following specials apply for May 2006. Limited quantities are available and members need to present their valid club card at the time of purchase.

TS350R (4400056)	Delta Recon 10” Table Saw	\$209.99
28-27613 (4401330)	Delta Recon 14” Band Saw	\$199.99
23-59212 (4400085)	Delta Recon 8” Bench Grinder W/Lamp	\$39.99
3 1-25SXR (4400089)	Delta Recon Drum Sander	\$509.99
33-890R (4400095)	Delta Recon 12” Radial Arm Saw	\$999.99
34-355 (4434555)	Delta Sliding Table Attachment	\$249.99
36-514 (4436514)	Delta Short Arbor Dado Blade (Wobble)	\$11.99
36-412 (4400192)	Delta 12” Dual Bevel Miter Saw	\$299.99
43-188 (4443188)	Delta Sliding Shaper Jig	\$75.99
36-865 (4400254)	Delta Versa-Feeder Stock Feeder	\$219.99



Rich Gady and his elite Marquetry work

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

WOOD OF THE MONTH

Paxton

4/4 northern hickory regularly \$4.11 at 35% off for \$2.67 bd/ft.

They are continuing the 4/4 cherry 6 ft. lengths and under for \$2.98 bd/ft. Cherry is while supplies last.

Hardwood Emporium

Hardwood Emporium is giving guild members an additional 10% discount in addition to the regular 20% discount on orders of \$100 or more for the month of May. Please have your membership card.



HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR WEBSITE YET?

Hopefully, all of you have had an opportunity to check out the 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.

PAXTON: New Discount Policy

The new discount policy at Paxton's is that they will only accept one discount per purchase. That discount will be the larger of the discounts available to you. An example would be, if you have both a student discount and a guild discount, they would apply the larger discount to your order. They will not apply both, as they have done in the past. This policy is effective 2/1/06.



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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 May 23rd, 6 p.m. at a location to be determined. Contact an officer for location, if you wish to attend. 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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Company _____

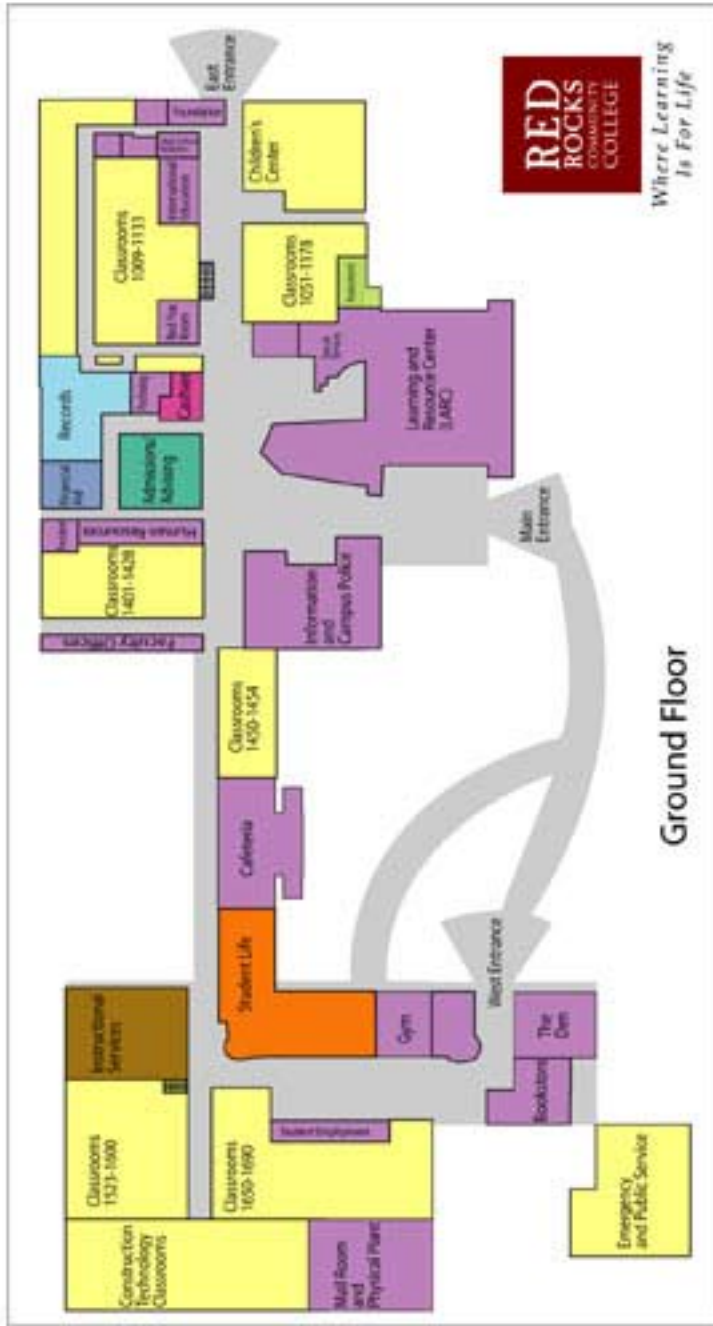
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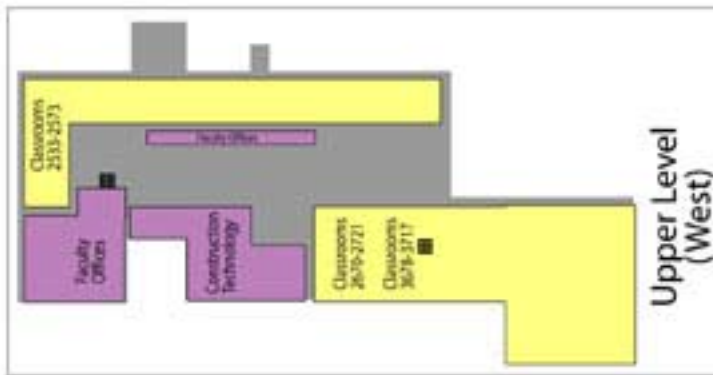
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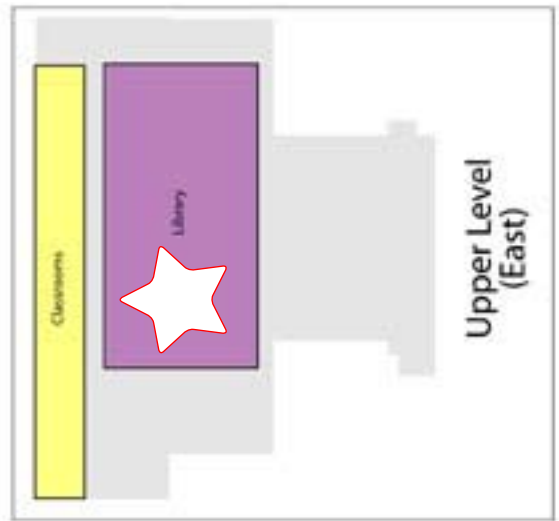
Welcome to Red Rocks Community College



Ground Floor



Upper Level (West)

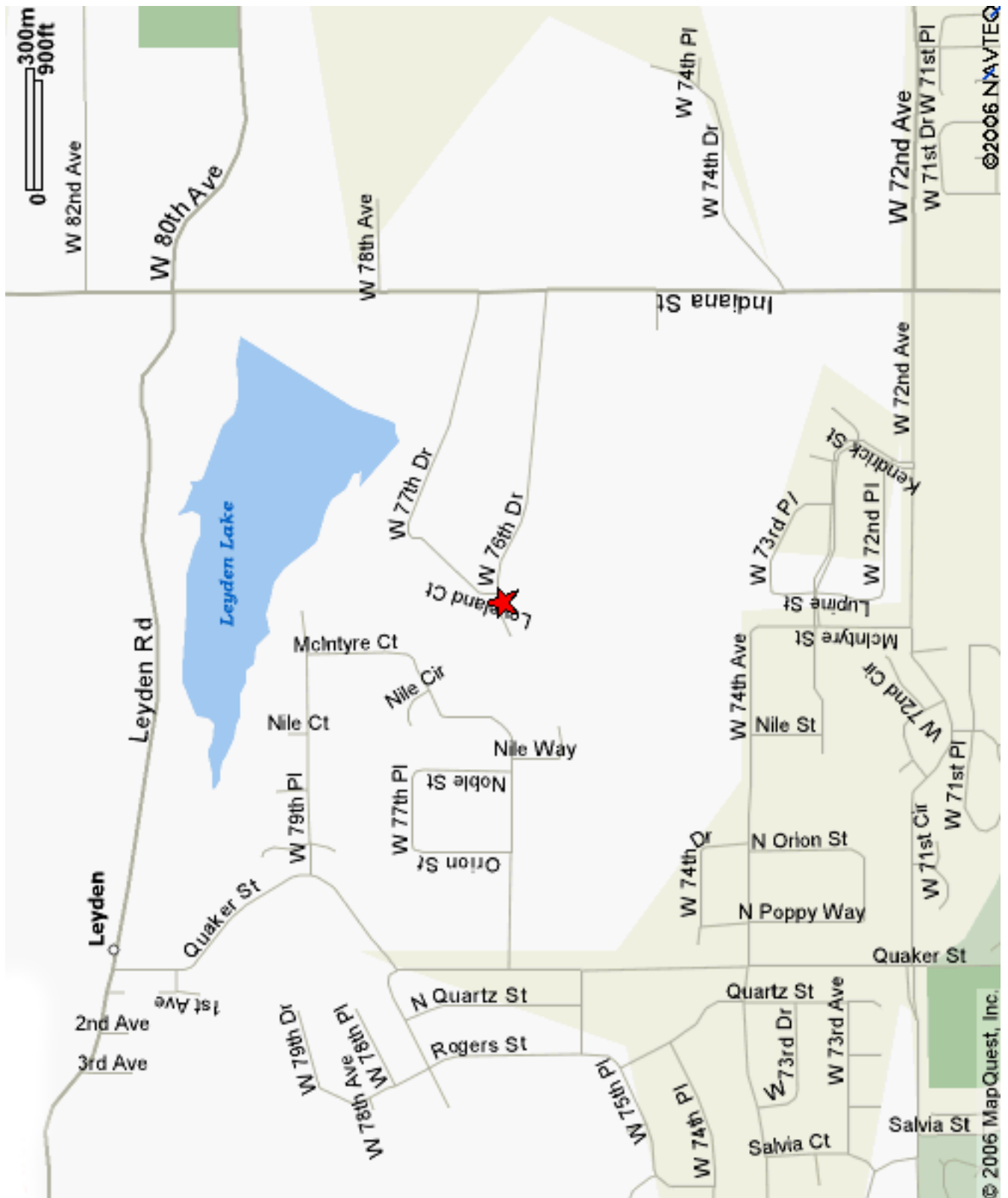


Upper Level (East)



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