

# COLORADO Woodworkers GUILD

January 2007

*Encouraging all woodworkers in self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge*

Mark Your Calendar for

**Tuesday, January 16th, 7-9pm**

Jonathan Dornody - Design Software

## Upcoming meetings

**Jan. 16th: Rockler, 2553 So. Colorado Blvd., Denver**  
Jonathan Dornody will demonstrate computer software for design and three dimensional viewing of projects.

**Feb. 20th: Rockler, 2553 So. Colorado Blvd., Denver**  
Pet Holtus, Frontrange Woodturners, will do a lathe demonstration on split turnings used for decoration on period furniture.

Visit our web site for latest updates on meetings and locations:

Jonathan Dornody will demonstrate the FREE computer software for design from Google called Sketch-Up and how to apply it to your woodworking projects. Among it's features are easy to use drawing tools and three dimensional viewing of projects.

## Christmas Party 2006.....

It was sure exciting hosting the Christmas Party this year. With lots of help from my wife , I think it turned out great.

The room at the Heather Gardens Clubhouse was just the right size for a good time. My wife did most of the decorating and my hat off to her.

Talking about wives it was good to see so many of them join us this year.

Everyone went out of their way and brought delicious side dishes. With the ham and the turkey as well we all probably ate to much.

We had lots of generous door prizes and as always the gift exchange was the highlight of the evening.

2006 was a great year and my wish to all of you is that 2007 will be even better.

Happy New Year to all.

*Marvin Benson*

## January Elections

Elections will be held in January for treasurer, secretary and for the remaining term of Vice-President. Additional volunteers or nominations are welcome.

Cris Pine has agreed to continue as treasurer.

Frederick Matzen has agreed to assume the duties of secretary in addition to newsletter editor and webmaster.

Bob Betting has stepped up to take the vice-presidents duties after the resignation of Marv Benson

John Hammer has agreed to function as committee chairman for the wood working show and special events.

*Bill A. Hoppers*

## November Meeting

Jack Egan Gave us a very good introduction to the methods of lumber grading that are used throughout the industry. Production furniture and cabinet makers use these standards to guide them in purchasing truckloads or bunks of lumber that will give them the most yield for their dollar. Lumber grading rules are changed as the quantity and quality of a specific lumber changes due to availability.

The normal craftsman usually does not buy in quantities large enough to be concerned about lumber grade other than to know when they are being sold inferior goods. Even then, most of us do not understand the grading system enough to accurately judge a board.

I have found it best to trade with a reputable dealer and trust their judgement on what I need for a project. When building a special project, using solid lumber, you are well advised to use a dealer who will allow you to select enough boards where needed. Selecting enough boards for the top and purchasing a less expensive grade for rails, stiles or glued up panels might be a better choice.

Paxtons showroom allows woodworkers an opportunity to selecting wood for your project. Specialty lumber dealers accept special orders for unique boards. These boards are usually sold by the peice and are priced based upon burl, bird's-eye, curl or flash.

It has been said, "A woodworker is someone who takes \$20,000 worth of tools, \$500 worth of lumber, and builds a \$300 table." As you can see, lumber is the least expensive item. My best advice, "Buy from someone you trust and can inspect the lumber before you take it home." Next month I will talk about free or salvaged lumber.

*Bill Hoppers*

## From Your President

First I would like to thank everyone who participated in the woodworking show. I was told by one of the show managers, "This was one of the best displays he had seen at their shows." We also received many compliments from other vendors and attendees. It took 'teamwork.' Thank you again for those who displayed their projects, helped set up and man the booth. A special thank you to Harold Foes for being there each day and demonstrating his remarkable ability to detail and creativeness in scroll sawing.

I would also like to thank Marv and Trina Benson for there efforts with our Christmas Party. I think everyone enjoyed the party and prizes except those who did not win. Believe me it was the luck of the draw, I did not win either. There were some positive comments on the internet. My friend and past member Roger Covert heard about the party and a mean smoked turkey that disappeared too soon.

It has been a great six months since I took office. I wish you all a Happy New Year and may we have the best year for the club ever.

*Bill Hoppers*

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**March 20th:** Tom and Shawn Frink of TS Woods will tell us about coloring wood while in the ground and it's uses.

## GUILD MEMBER DISCOUNTS

### 20% off of purchases at

#### **The Hardwood Emporium**

16043 W. 4<sup>th</sup> 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

#### **Woodcraft**

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



## HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR WEB SITE YET?

Hopefully, all of you have had an opportunity to check out the CWG web site at [www.coloradoodworkersguild.org](http://www.coloradoodworkersguild.org).

### Photo Gallery

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

[contact@coloradoodworkersguild.org](mailto: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 web site's Classified Ads feature to post your ads and see what others need or have to offer.



## WOOD OF THE MONTH

### **Paxton.**

Rustic cherry for \$1.99

Chinkapin for \$1.35. (Like alder but not as dark.

Related to oak)

Rustic white ash \$1.40

Rustic white oak \$1.65

Knotty Alder \$1.80

### **Centennial Lumber**

4/4 walnut is \$4.41

### **Hardwood Emporium**

4/4 red elm \$2.75

4/4 #1 common hard maple \$3.19

4/4 red birch \$5.95

10% of all exotic hardwoods. Jay has 9 varieties available

## Board Members

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## 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](http://www.coloradowoodworkersguild.org)

## Guild Business: Monthly Board Meeting

The next CWG Board Member Meeting will be January 23th , 6 p.m. at Villa Del Sol Mexican Food, 6026 W. Alameda Ave., (Harlan St.).

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.

## 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 100996**  
**Denver, CO. 80250-0996**

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