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Colorado Woodworkers Guild February 2025 Newsletter

President's Corner



Bill Bixby, President

Dear Guild Members,

As we step into 2025, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible progress we've made together over the past year. Thanks to your hard work, dedication, and passion, our Guild has become stronger, more vibrant, and more engaged in the community.

Here are some key highlights from 2024 that we can all be proud of:

- **Membership Growth:** We've seen our statewide membership grow at a steady clip. We've brought in new faces, including younger members, women, and people from different backgrounds, which has enriched our community. One of the single-largest sources for member growth has been through the creation of the Colorado Springs "Pikes Peak" subchapter this past May – under the leadership of Jim Barry, and assisted by Bill Schlittler and Joe Lenhoff, this group has grown to include over 50 members.
- **Education and Meeting Presentations:** Our educational presentations were outstanding, and we hosted individual and group mentoring sessions that helped elevate the skills of many of our members. Some of the highlights from the meetings this last year included: Kagen Sound (a world-class puzzle maker), our own David Howard who presented his production techniques for mass-producing beautiful "stained-glass" cutting boards, and Regan Zubiata (a student of Laura Kishimoto), who showcased her beautiful "Wood Leaf" chair. Kevin and I also threw down the gauntlet for a friendly competition amongst members, with the "Rust Bucket" Challenge – where members were tasked with restoring a rusty, old, beat-up tool to its former glory. Jim Barry and Phil Weathers reorganized our library and added valuable resources, and our monthly newsletter from Joe kept everyone informed and connected.
- **Social Connection:** Our guild thrives because of the relationships we've built. This past year saw great shop tours, sponsor field trips, and our combined FRW / CWG summer BBQ and holiday parties were quite lively with a tremendous turnout. These events were not only fun, but they also allowed us to connect and learn from one another.

- **Community Service:** We made a real difference in the community. We produced 40 urns for veterans' unclaimed remains, built over 400 toys through our partnership with the "International Brotherhood of Bearded Santas" for children in need, and the Pikes Peak Chapter, headed up by Mike Hughes, contributed over 350 toys last year, with another 125 this year to the great "Ronald McDonald House" organization. Members also contributed their time teaching woodworking at organizations like the Colorado Stem Academy, The Masters Apprentice, and the Denver Tool Library. Our collaboration with other guilds and makerspaces has also helped us reach new communities and foster creativity.

- **Guild Infrastructure:** Our organizational structure has been put on much firmer ground this year. Our Treasurer Larry Christensen helped us obtain our 501(c)(3) status, which opens up new funding opportunities and allows us to continue expanding our reach. Our illustrious former president Dennis Edmonds, along with Larry and the rest of the board persevered in making much-needed changes to our bylaws and governing documents – the last major revision of these documents was long overdue, dating back to 2016.

Looking ahead, we have the momentum to accomplish even more in 2025. Our goals remain focused on membership growth, providing educational opportunities, strengthening social connections, contributing to our community, and ensuring a sustainable future for the Guild. In the coming year, let's continue to build on the incredible foundation we've laid. We'll focus on:

- Growing our statewide membership to 250 and beyond.
- Expanding our educational offerings and mentoring opportunities.
- Continuing our community service projects and exploring new ways to give back.
- Strengthening our internal structure and communications to ensure we're positioned for long-term success.

Together, we will make 2025 a year of growth, creativity, and meaningful connections. Thank you for all your contributions to the Guild, and I look forward to working with each of you to build on our successes.

Let's make this year our best yet!

Warm regards,

Bill Bixby, President

Notes From the Treasurer

Membership Renewal

CWG dues renewal for 2025 were due on January 1st. There are two major changes this year. The board raised the dues, for the first time in over 20 years, by \$5 to \$35 for a single membership. Secondly, it is now possible to pay your dues online as described below.

Payment options:

Online (PayPal, Venmo, Apple Pay and Credit Cards)

Go to “About Membership” on our website

Click on the > on the second line of the page which will take you to the New Member and Renewing Member page.

Under the renewal section, click on the link immediately after “Online”.

Click on method of payment and follow the directions.

Cash or check given 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. Suite #108 (please include the suite #)

Denver, CO 80222

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in 2025.

Larry Christensen, Treasurer

Show and Tell

At the January 21st 2025 meeting, after nine entries last November, we had only two entries in the January Show & Tell.

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.**

Entries were from:

- Bryce Slaby showed off a sled from his childhood which he refurbished. Click [here](#) for the video.
- Thaddaus Driscoll showed off a piece of Ash killed by the Emerald Ash Borer. He is working on an art project taking etchings of the "galleries" in the wood created by the beetle. Click [here](#) for his video.

Here is Bryce and some pics of his sled.





Here are some pictures of Thaddaus and his Emerald Borrer Ash log.



The winner of the evening was Bryce and his sled.

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

January 2025 Meeting

On 21 January, 2025 we had a presentation by [Andrew Klein](#) on tool invention and design starts about 1 hour into the meeting. Click [here](#) to see the presentation from its start.

Again, for the presentation, you may have to “right click” and select “Open Hyperlink” to get to the video. The presentation starts at 59mm into the meeting video and goes until near the end of the meeting until 2h.04mm.

February 2025 Meeting

On February 18th, [Carlos D. Flores](#), of [Una Raiz Woodworks](#), will present on "Hand Tools & Culture in Fine Woodworking".

- Carlos (he/him/his) is a woodworker, musician, and storyteller, transforming trees into expressive but functional pieces of furniture and home goods. His work is usually identifiable by fine lines, a bold, sweeping sense of motion, and rich textures. While his designs often require the use of more innovative techniques, the heart of his woodworking lies deeply in the almost exclusive use of hand tools. Born in Borikén (Puerto Rico), he considers it a sacred duty to honor his mixed Afro-Taino-Spanish ancestry in his work, especially in response to the generally Eurocentric perspective that is most often offered within the fine woodworking community.
- After pursuing a career in film and graphic design for over ten years, Carlos decided to start over, desiring a life of more tangible value and authenticity. He studied at the Fine Woodworking Program at Red Rocks Community College. He started his company, Una Raíz Woodworks, in 2023, and built a small shop in which to do his work, hand tools first. You can learn more about Carlos and his work on his website, [Una Raiz](#), or by subscribing to his YouTube channel, [@UnaRaizWoodworks](#), or by giving him a follow in Instagram [@unaraizwoodworks](#). Una Raiz Woodworks is based in Denver, CO.

Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair

Education Corner

[The Education Corner article will continue next month]

CWG Pikes Peak Chapter News

We had about 20 folks in attendance including a visit from the Guild's new President, Bill Bixby, and Guild Treasurer, Larry Christianson.

Show & Tell: Four members brought items:

- Laura Turner brought some inlays made on her CNC machine. She also described a technique for applying acrylic paint that prevents the color from bleeding into adjacent areas. Note Laura is hosting a tour of her CNC setup this Saturday (see below)



- Bruce Dellinger brought a work-in-progress Mandola and discussed a variety of techniques he uses including a variety of specially shaped scrapers, and inlay methods



- Richard House brought a bow saw he made from bird's eye maple using parts from a Grammercy kit.



- Jim Barry brought a replica of a table from the Molly Brown House in Denver made from Jatoba (aka Brazilian Cherry). The table's designed to be easily taken apart for moving, with hinged legs and a locking disc to hold it together.

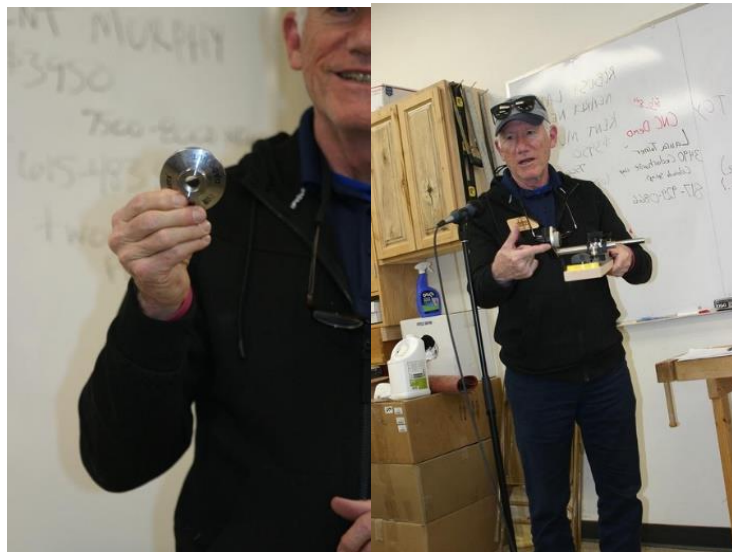


Tool Review Session (kudos to Dan Sullivan for thinking this up)

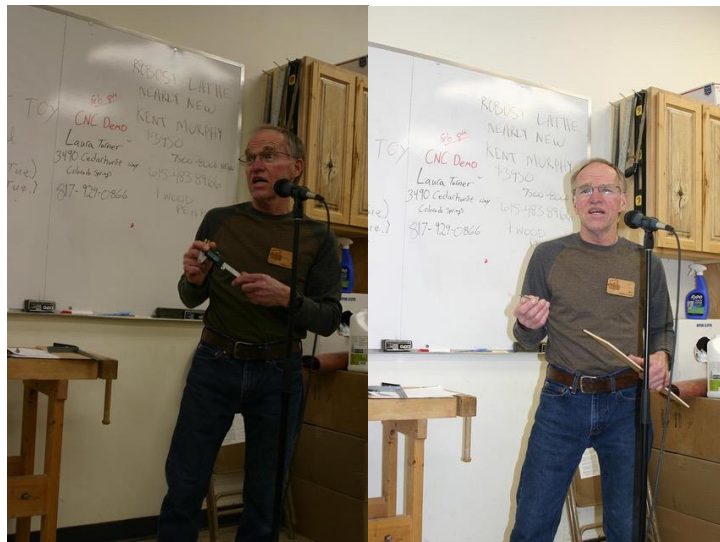
Joe Lenhoff showed a battery adapter that allows DeWalt batteries to be used in other cordless hand power tools (e.g. Craftsman). They are available for about \$15 on Amazon and for other brands of cordless tools.



Jim Barry reviewed the new Woodpecker Dado Nut for Sawstop Table Saws. It is threaded all the way through the flange and nut. This is very useful when using a full dado set when there are few available threads for the nut. Ben Myers reported that this was Woodpecker's best-selling item last year. Jim also showed the Jessem Clear-Cut Precision Stock Guides for Table Saws. Mounting it on a wooden base with Magswitches allows it to be easily attached and removed from the table saw fence.



Bill Schlittler demonstrated some ways to use his favorite marking tool – a simple scribe, paired with a caliper.



Bruce Dellinger demonstrated use of the ACCU-BURR tool for putting a burr on a card scraper. It has 3 v-notches at 5, 10 and 15 degrees for successively coarser burrs.



News and Upcoming events:

Shop Tours:

- February: Saturday Feb 8th at Laura Turner's shop from 10A to Noon. Shop is small so please let her know if you're coming test to: (817) 929-0866 or email to: laura11brooke@gmail.com
- March: At Bill Schlittler's shop (Black Forest)

Toy Builds

Another 125 toys were delivered to Ronald McDonald House last week. They are acting as the central point for distributing toys to other hospitals serving children. The next build day at Woodcraft is Feb 25th from 1 to 5 PM. Everyone is invited and welcome to participate for all or any part of the session.

Upcoming meeting presentations (Note – we will have A/V capability for presentations):

- March: Doug Groves will demonstrate some finishing techniques
- Future meetings and/or pre-meeting workshops:
 - Bandsaw boxes
 - Box making
 - Luthery
 - Woodpecker's Morty™ Loose Tenon Joinery Jig

Summer Social Event -an evening at the Vibes Baseball game. Details to follow

Pikes Peak Woodturners have moved their meetings. Contact Charles House for details at howscats@msn.com

The next Pikes Peak Chapter of the CWG meeting will be March 4th at Woodcraft COS at 6PM

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

Toolbox Alerts

Rockler

- Rockler continues to offer over 900 items on sale at their online website at Rockler.com. This includes jigs, lathes and workbenches, worktables, and wood. Hand tools, turning tools and numerous other items are available at great savings. **Check out their President's Day Sale items available until 17 February.**

Woodcraft

- For the whole month of February Woodcraft has some great up to 50% off savings on a number of items including Bloodwood Satine, Wana, and Granadillo woods, an 8-pocket chisel roll as well as a 120-piece carving burr set, and a machine stand. Classes continue to be offered ranging in price from \$70 to a multiple-day class 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 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.]

CWG Sponsor Update

Paxton Woods



February Wood of the Month

- 4/4 Wormy Soft Maple
- S2S 13/16" + SLR1E
- Regular Price \$5.22/BF
- Sale Price \$3.50/BF

Flash Special (While Supplies Lasts)

- 4/4 Rustic Wormy Ash
- S2S 13/16" +SLR1E
- Regular Price \$ 6.00
- Sale Price \$3.75

Questions? Contact Dennis Stephens at denniss@paxtonwood.com

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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

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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

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