

COLORADO Woodworkers NEWSLETTER

Encouraging all woodworkers in
self-expression, craftsmanship and knowledge

September 2008

Upcoming meetings

Oct. 21st: Rockler, 2553 So. Colorado Blvd., Denver

*Xmas Quickies: Guild Members to bring their
ideas, plans, suggestions*

Nov. 18th: Rockler, 2553 So. Colorado Blvd., Denver

John Hammer: Shaker Box

Dec. 5th: Christmas Dinner

Visit our web site for latest updates on meetings and locations:
www.coloradowoodworkersguild.org

Mark Your Calendar for

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008

*Dennis McCaigue - Handtool Techniques
7 PM at Rockler Woodworking*

Our feature presenter in September will be Dennis McCaigue showing hand tool techniques.

Dennis is a professional violin maker who uses hand tools to apply his trade. His demo will focus on hand tool techniques and tips that can be used by all of us.

Dennis will demonstrate the flattening and shaping of wood with hand tools as well as many other techniques. He will bring components that he has and is making for his business but the focus will be on techniques that can applied to all woodworking.

The September mini-demo will be presented by Dennis McCaigue on hide glue.

Dennis will cover the use of hide glue, where it does well and where it does not work well. Dennis' many years of experience will bring us a wealth of practical information about hide glue.

October - Quick Christmas Projects

With Christmas just around the corner, we will focus on quick and easy projects that are appropriate for gifts and the season.

Member of the Month : Mark Klosky

Mark Klosky of Big K Woodworking has earned the right to be honored as a Member of the Month for his continuous involvement in the Christmas toy program and assistance in other areas. This is a BIG man with a seemingly gruff exterior and make no mistake, he likes to let you know he's big. But it doesn't take long find out that his heart is equal to his size and his generosity and caring for others is XXXXL. We are a better group for his presence and hope he stays around for a LONG time.

Congratulations Mark!

Frederick Matzen

CWG - What does it mean to you?

Being the new kid on the block I have had the opportunity to sit back and watch the Guild in action, meet some of the members and start to get to know you all a little better. I have been very impressed with how giving some members are and have been.

Being part of the Board meetings I also hear the efforts of the Board trying to keep the Guild interesting, educational and a place that people want to be part.

Here is where you come in, what do you want to see the Guild do, what demos would you like to see, what events should we be putting together? The Guild is exactly what YOU put in to it. The Board would like to hear from you about how we can make it interesting and a worth while cause. Email us, pull us a side, write a note. We want and need your help.

We also want to say thank you to those that have continued to contribute, your efforts are appreciated and have made the Guild.

Glenn

Carl Beck - SketchUp

The August mini-demo was a demonstration of the Google SketchUp program presented by Carl Beck.

Sketchup is a 3D modeling program that was developed for the architectural world, but has been adopted for other purposes including woodworking.

I have played with this program many times and have taken the on-line tutorials, but have never been able to master it to the level where it justified replacing my pad and pencil.

A couple of weeks prior to this demo, I contacted Carl and asked him if he had a few minutes to show me how we could use SketchUp in designing the Guild's cabinet.

He graciously accepted and within a couple of hours was able to create a professional looking drawing of our cabinet.

Carl's demo at the meeting was equally impressive. He was able to create a very usable drawing of a file cabinet in his allotted 15 minutes.

For anyone interested in using this program, simply download the free version of SketchUp at:

<http://sketchup.google.com/>

Here are some other helpful sites:

<http://blogs.taunton.com/n/blogs/blog.aspx?webtag=fw-designforum>

<http://www.google.com/sketchup/training/videos.html>

Carl has also volunteered to answer questions or to look at your drawings if you send them to his email address at: Carl@carlbeck.com

Carl Noguchi

Our Best Wishes & Speedy Recovery

The Guild would like to extend our Best Wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery to the following members:

Harold Foos

Bill Hoppers

Arnie Silverman

These are all fine people and we hope that they heal quickly so they can return to the workshop soon.

Board Member Needed - Treasurer

Chris Pine has decided to step down as the Treasurer of the CWG at the end of the year. We need someone to fill this very important post as soon as possible.

Requirements:

- Must be a CWG member in good standing (this includes immediate families)
- Must have simple computer skills - Basic knowledge of Quicken.
- Basic accounting skills.
- Attendance at regular and board meetings - 2 Tuesdays per month.

Responsibilities:

- Budget - maintain the monthly budget and reporting.
- Report to the Board the current financials at each Board meeting.
- Maintain the subscriber database, take dues, remind members of membership expiration.

Of course we know that not everyone can always make every meeting due to illness or vacations but we need someone to commit to a majority of them and give enough advanced notice so someone can cover things for you.

This position could be held by one of our woodworkers, their spouse or older child. Extensive knowledge of woodworking is NOT required. We need skills and commitment only.

Please help us fill this position quickly!

Rockler Inventory at Tool King

Tool King has made a deal and is now carrying about 95% of Rocklers inventory at their West 6th Avenue location. John, a former employee at our favorite Rockler, said that they were trying to carry nearly everything but the lumber.

So if you need a Rockler item and driving all the way to Colorado Blvd. is a hassle, then try Tool King. Ask for John Kyler and tell him you are a Guild member. We don't currently get a discount there but that is in the works so be a little patient. They REALLY expanded the store back so its a bit overwhelming now.

From the President

It seems I am not beyond begging. But with over 200 paid members in our group it just never seemed like it should be necessary. However, in order to keep our tradition of the Craftsman going each year, I had to remind people and even beg for entries. Now to be fair, last year when Bill Hoppers was still President, he had to do the same thing. In my mind it doesn't seem right though.

We tried to get 3 people to serve as a committee to take care of the show but had zero volunteers. Last year we had 3 very good people on that committee. One of them is now on the board, one was having some health issues and the other has been very busy. But we were hoping that 3 new people would do it. Well it turns out the Board is doing it after all.

Now there are some people who ALWAYS volunteer to help and we started thanking them this year but recognizing them as a Member of the Month.

We've nearly run out of candidates though because there are so few that offer their time.

I really can't say that any of you are any busier than ANY of the Board members. None of us are retired. We all have jobs and children living at home, Chris has a fairly new little one. Chris is stepping down at the end of the year yet we have no one even close to replacing him. In fact I feel we got VERY lucky to get Glenn! Cal and I are going to step down at some point and what will happen then? To be honest, the only reason I am President at all is because no one else would step forward. I care about this group enough that I didn't want to see it fall apart or go on without some sort of leadership.

So not to be accused of begging again, I am asking: What can we do to improve member participation?

After all, if the group as a whole doesn't care, why should we?

No matter what happens over the next few months we will keep on going and keep trying new things. My goal is to keep improving the presentations and meetings but with little or no feedback we are just guessing. Sometimes we get lucky but it's so hard to tell what anyone wants to see. But we'll keep trying...

Frederick

Review: Jeff Tinker - Demilune Table

Sometimes we just have to realize how lucky we are. I mean we all go to the regular meetings and enjoy the guest speakers and learn at least a little something. We gaze at our monthly magazines and drool over the incredible work that fellow knot-heads around the country (and world) produce. We sometimes wish we could see more of a piece and peer in to the mind of the creator.

Jeff Tinker's incredible demilune table was featured in the Readers Gallery of the February issue of Fine Woodworking, No. 196. An inspired work to say the least, it featured stunning veneers, breathtaking marquetry, stylish details and unique joints. But as usual, there was very little info and the one photo. Jeff was elated to be able to come and speak about his adventure in building the table, his inspiration and answer our questions. The man is a gifted artist and while many of us may never achieve a piece like this, or even attempt it, he brought forth some great techniques and thoughts about approaching the construction.

The inspiration was a little involved but basically came down to empty area in the house. The basic structure of the table was from an article in Fine Woodworking which he proceeded to modify to his liking.

If you saw the table you will have noticed the marquetry adorning the skirt. This intricate piece was the first piece created. Jeff stated that if he could not make this the way he wanted then he would not continue with the table. Once completed and taped he set about building the frame for the skirt. While it was very strong he thought it was more work than his usual bent lamination technique. Then he restyled the legs and created a beautiful book-matched arc veneer on the top. Much work went into this but the result was nothing short of wondrous. Jeff did an excellent job of answering questions and giving us the lowdown on his mistakes as well as his successes.

You don't get this kind of background information from the magazine. As the commercials say: Buying the magazine - \$7, buying the tools to build it - \$1200, Having Jeff talk about the details and giving us the insight on its construction - PRICELESS!

Jeff Tinker is on the woodworking faculty at Red Rocks Community College if you want to benefit more from his knowledge.

Frederick

WONDERFUL
WORLD OF
WOOD
VOLUME I ARTICLE VIII
BY ED HERST



Plain sawn View

Fraxinus americana – white ash

Fraxinus is Latin for Ash and americana means from America

It is in the Oleacea, or olive family.

Common Names:

American Ash

Blatimore Ash

Can Ash

Did Ya Know?

The Ash tree is considered sacred in Celtic religions and is believed to hold up the universe.

It is still believed today, by many, that wrapping your feet in Ash bark will repel rattlesnakes. "Go ahead, you first..."

Several folk medicine sources list Ash as an aphrodisiac AND a laxative.

My favorite: To cure a cow of bloat, drill a large hole in an Ash tree, stuff in a dead shrew, come back the next day and beat the cow with a branch from the tree. What if you have a bloated shrew?

Just The Facts...

The specific gravity is .55. That's 42 lbs. per cubic foot.

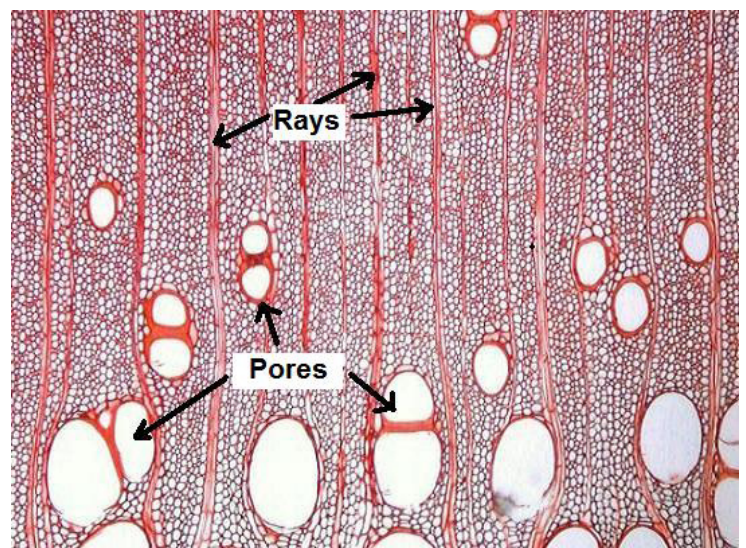
The tree grows to 100 ft and a dia. of 2-3 ft. It is the most commercially important of the 18 U.S. species.

Has great bending and elasticity properties.

Has good nail and screw holding ability and takes most finishes well.

It is used to make furniture, sports equipment, boat oars, and is used in basket weaving.

The lumber is susceptible to borers and fungus attacks.



End grain view at 40x. The largest proportion of pores are very small. Ash is a fine grained wood.

Web Resources

www.hardwaresource.com

Hinges, Hinges and more hinges

www.woodbin.com/calcs/shrinkulator.htm

Wood shrinkage calculator

www.sawdustmaking.com

Lots of info and links

www.fpl.fs.fed.us/documnts/fplgtr/fplgtr113/fplgtr113.htm

Free online book about everything WOOD

www.blocklayer.com/woodjoints/dovetaileng.aspx

Dovetail template generator. There's also Japanese Twisted and Radial dovetail templates.

http://draw.labs.autodesk.com/ADDdraw/draw.html

Project Draw - Free online drafting software. Its easy to use, very much like putting pencil to paper.

http://www.sketchup.com/

Google's Sketchup if you want something a little more 3D. They have a FREE version as well as a Pro version.

http://TheWoodWhisperer.com

Marc Spagnuolo's web site with great pod casts, tips and techniques. Well worth the time.

Colorado Woodworkers Web Site

Hopefully, all of you have had an opportunity to check out the CWG web site at www.coloradowoodworkersguild.org.

You need to be a member to access the entire site but everyone can see some of what goes on.

If you are a member and have not received access, please contact the webmaster at:

webmaster@coloradowoodworkersguild.org

Photo Gallery

If you have photos of your woodworking projects or from any of the Guild's events, you can create your own gallery after you login to the site. Or bring a CD/Flash card with your photos to a CWG monthly meeting and give it to one of the Board Members.

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.

SketchUp Forum Area

Since Carl Beck's presentation on Google's FREE SketchUp 3D drawing program was so well received, we have created a forum area to discuss it. You can post your problems or bewilderments as well as your current projects.

You must be logged in to view the forum. Once you log in you can see a menu listing for it on the left hand side.

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Website: www.ColoradoWoodworkersGuild.org

Yahoo Forum: Groups.Yahoo.com/group/ColoradoWoodworkersGuild

(YAHOO ID and acceptance into this group is required)

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware

Presents a monthly contest:

"You might be a Woodworker if...."...You are deep into a project with piles of sawdust around your shop, and the cat enters, looks straight at you, and uses the sawdust under the saw for a litter box.

A non-woodworker would have a neat shop.

My next project might be taxidermy for a stuffed cat."

This was submitted by Cliff Farris, congratulations Cliff, you're the winner of a \$25 gift certificate to Rockler Woodworking and Hardware.

If you have a saying that you think is as good or better, it could be worth \$25!

Entries must be submitted by the 1st of the month to be eligible for that month's contest. If your entry doesn't win, it could still be a winner the next month (no need to reenter the same quote). Enter as many times as you like.

Send entries to:

E-mail: Contest@coloradoodworkersguild.org

US mail to:

Rockler Contest
P. O. Box 100996
Denver, CO 80250-0996

Be sure to add your name, address, phone number

WOOD OF THE MONTH

Paxton: 303 399-6047

4/4 FAS1F&Btr White Oak S3S KD - \$3.17 bf

Hardwood Emporium: 303 277-1488

4/4 Curly Maple - \$5.49 bf

Centennial: 303 778-6209

4/4 Rustic White Oak 10" or wider - \$2.13 bf

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

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

Centennial Wood Co.

2775 W. 7th Ave, 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

Offers Contractor Discount (roughly 20%)

Austin Hardwoods

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

Free Wood for Toys

Mark Klosky wood available for use on the Christmas Toys Program. Please contact him or Bill Huffers about getting some for your toy project.

Mark Klosky - (303) 722-9712 or (303) 906-1197

Not yet a Member?

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, more...

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

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

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P.O. Box 100996

Denver, CO. 80250-0996

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

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Do You have an adaptation, original project idea , technique or jig you want to share?

Send a rough draft or finished article to newsletter@coloradowoodworkersguild.org for possible inclusion in one of our newsletters.

Monthly Board Meeting

The next CWG Board Member Meeting will be Tuesday, September 23rd , 6 p.m. at El Alamo, 6026 W. Alameda, Lakewood, CO.

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.