

President's Message: The CWG Website



This month I am writing about our Guild website. The current website is not functioning as it should and needs a complete rework. Your board is focused on that task.

As we move forward to build a new website, I want to convey some of our thoughts and also encourage you to submit your ideas. So, first, here are some of the things that we think a website should give us:

- Message board
- Calendar
- Educational tool: find videos and how-to information
- Library: document storage
- Networking; that is, enabling people to connect
- Administration of the Guild
- Advertisements
- Research tools: look up information and find resources
- Presence: if people do a search for woodworking clubs in Denver, they will find us
- Sharing: the website must give us a place for information sharing
- Security: the website needs to be safe and secure

The website that brings these features must:

- Present a simple, uncluttered and appealing interface
- Be easy to navigate

CWG Calendar

June 15 7:00 Rockler, 2553 S. Colorado Blvd.
Henry & Charlie Smith - Keepsake boxes
July 20 7:00 Rockler, 2553 S. Colorado Blvd.
Ethan Hutchinson - Chair making

- Contribute to a consistent image for the Guild
- Be responsive to the user
- Have features for easy administration
- Offer a secure member area
- Include places for Board of Directors and Committee work

Neither of the above lists are exhaustive; these lists will grow over time. To get to a new website, your board has agreed to releasing a Request for Proposal (RFP) to some small web development firms. Yes, it will cost something to do this, but we believe the investment is justified.

The new website will have the following structure (this is subject to change):

Home Page (with links to all other pages;
available to public)

Welcome words

Brief intro to the Guild

Benefits of membership

Photos

Clips from the newsletter

Announcements

Meetings, events

Sales

Help needed

What's New

New people

New tools

New programs

Books

Articles

About CWG page (available to public)

Brief history

Meeting information

Organizational information

CWG Calendar (available to public)

Calendar of events

Outside events

CWG News (available to public)

Future plans, changes, alliances

Elections, new programs

CWG Membership (available to public)

Membership information

Membership form

PayPal link

Contact CWG (available to public)

Contact information as appropriate

CWG Sponsors (available to public)

Introduction

Sponsor links

Member Login (available to public)

Login form

Member Area (available only to members—after login)

Organizational information; Newsletter and archives; Calendar; News; Meeting results with photos; Forum; Member renewal; Member roster profiles including space for photos of work; Videos and archive; How-to archive

Library; Mentoring; Committee information and Resources

Find-A-Craftsman (available to public)

Where members only can be listed, according to their profile

Search ability

Space for portfolios

Such a structure is not easy to convey in an article such as this. Imagine that you are looking at the Home Page with its links to each of the other branches. Would this give you what you seek in a CWG website? What is missing? Please think on this and then provide us with some input. Finally, this website will need ongoing care. For this we hope to field a small CWG Website Committee. Interested?

Lindy Baer

June Presentation

Henry and Charlie Smith will be the speakers for June. Their Mountain view Woodcrafting company makes Jewelry and Keepsake boxes.

They make a large range of boxes and some of their methods includes vacuum veneering. The incredible level of detail in their finished products is what seems to make their business so successful.

Bob Beason



May Presentation in Review

Our speakers for May were Bob Sturtevant and Dr. McKea from the Colorado State University Forestry department. Bob gave a good background on the methods used to curb the pine beetle in Colorado and how difficult that was with the massive stands of old lodge pole pine that make up most of our forests. Areas in the forest where selective logging was done and new growth was developed have escaped the ravages of the pine beetle. There were a lot of questions from the audience regarding the use of pesticides, methods of control and the future of the forests in Colorado. Apparently the beetle infestation is nearly unstoppable and the likely next stage of the areas infected will be the growth of an aspen forest; which will in time be replaced again by lodge pole pine. He brought with him a fellow member of the faculty at CSU in the forestry department Dr. McKea who discussed the uses of the wood killed by the pine beetle and how difficult it was to put such a vast quantity of wood to any useful purpose. The saw mills and processing plants in the state may only be able to use 10% of the pine killed by the beetles. The sheer size of the destroyed forest was a surprise to all of us. The money allocated by the federal government to manage the problem was only being used to clear areas of critical use i.e. roadways, power line paths, and areas near population centers. All in all somewhat discouraging for a group of people that love wood and putting it to useful purposes. The primary thing which I took away from this was the forest will indeed not disappear but change to a new kind of Aspen forest.

Bob Beason

Reminder: CWG Logo Contest

Don't forget, submissions for the CWG Logo Contest are due at the June 15 meeting. Remember, the prize is a \$250.00 Rockler gift certificate. Final choice will be announced later in the summer.

Lindy Baer

July Presentation

Ethan Hutchinson will be our featured speaker in July; his web site (ethanhutchinson.com) previews a range of his work and in particular his specialty sculptured chairs a somewhat similar to Sam Maloof. As he states on his web site, "I believe that good furniture design comes from respect for the craft and the materials." This seems to me a solid foundation for his work and perhaps all of us can benefit by following that philosophy. Ethan has been on the DIY network and has taught in several venues. He will present to us his methods of design for chairs and some tips on the construction and methods he uses.

He is also going to teach chair making in a two day master class for the Woodworking Guild this fall; so, this presentation is a preliminary introduction to that master class.

Bob Beason

Some of Ethan's work:



Suggested Reading

Bob Flexner has operated his own furniture making and restoration shop in Norman, OK for over 30 years. For the last 15 years, he has taught wood finishing and restoration. He has traveled the country teaching these popular and much sought after classes. His authoritative and best-selling book, *Understanding Wood Finishing* is one of the must have books to learn proper finishing. Bob goes over every topic imaginable in the realm of finishing. I was told once by an owner of a very nice furniture shop in New Mexico that very few people master both woodworking and finishing. They are distinct crafts that come together with varying outcomes. This book is one of the most comprehensive on the subject. The explanations are thorough enough that a beginner can follow the directions and produce good results and understand why. The finish is the final step that helps to show the effort and attention to detail that is put into a piece. Bob has written a book to help make this last step less stressful.

Kevin Loyd

Charity Kitchen Cabinets in Review

The Colorado Woodworkers Guild's cabinet class completed a set of kitchen cabinets for the "Inn Between" in the eight classes as planned. They were delivered on time and installed in their facility. Tracy Gray led the class and pushed the process along at a fast pace. The cabinets were made of 3/4" birch plywood and hard maple. There were six top cabinets and four lower cabinets made in the class. As the kitchen was designed to be handicapped accessible, all the lower cabinets had drawers with the exception of the corner cabinet that contained a lazy Susan. The class installed the cabinets at the Inn Between and went to the Rib House for lunch; the quality of the food was given high marks by the class. The staff at the Inn Between gave the cabinets high marks as well and were extremely pleased to receive these cabinets from the guild; which had a retail value of \$3,400. A local counter top company is putting a granite counter top on these cabinets for the Inn at no cost to them. This combination of a class producing something of value for a charity is a new theme for the guild and perhaps with the success of this first effort; we should consider additional challenges in this area.



Bob Beason

GUILD MEMBER DISCOUNTS

20% off at :

The Hardwood Emporium

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

10% off at:

Abilene Awards & Logos

www.AbileneAwards.com

1730 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 www.PaxtonWood.com

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

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware

www.rockler.com

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

TC Woods www.TCWoods.com

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

Woodcraft www.Woodcraft.com

6770 S. Peoria St. Centennial, CO 80112
303-290-0007

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Offers Contractor Discount (roughly 20%)

Austin Hardwoods

www.AustinHardwoods.com

975 W. Mississippi, Denver, CO.
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Monthly Board Meeting

The CWG Board Meeting is held on the fourth Wednesday at 5 p.m. The meeting is open to all members. If you plan on attending a meeting, please RSVP to one of the board members because the meeting location varies.

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Yahoo Forum: <http://Groups.Yahoo.com/group/ColoradoWoodworkersGuild>

(YAHOO ID and acceptance into this group is required)

Phone: 303-523-8960

Show & Tell

The show & tell winner for the May meeting was Jack Ipson. His three different versions of cardinals perched on limbs were all done in intarsia using a variety of woods.



Thanks for Toys

Thank you to Robert Busch for the donation of a large number of toy trucks and wheels to supplement our toy program. Some of the trucks will be packaged as kits for Guild members to assemble. The kits will enable members to participate in the toy program without actually making parts for toys. Please consider taking one or more kits home for assembly.

Bird Houses

John Hammer is coordinating our participation in the Jeffco County Fair to provide bird house kits for kids to assemble while at the fair. Paul Seipel and several others are helping. Please consider getting a pattern and preparing a few kits. Then, consider helping at the fair August 7-9. Look for the signup sheet.

Tool Classifieds

The appraisal team aided the family of a deceased woodworker to determine the best means of disposing of the tools. This is a large Workmaster sander that has only been used a few times. It's in excellent condition. The asking price is \$2,000 included in the purchase is a box of different sandpaper grits that's probably a \$250-275 value. Contact either Cal Noguchi or Kevin Loyd if you are interested.



Aurora Kids Spree

The City of Aurora has once again asked the Guild to participate in the "Kids Spree" July 17-18. Bill Huffer and Paul Seipel will coordinate our participation in the event. Please consider signing up for a few hours to help kids learn to use a hammer or saw.

Free Wood for Toys

Mark Klosky has 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

Significant Discounts -- Members can receive discounts of 10% or more from our sponsors

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 for those with email, \$40 for hardcopy delivery.

WOOD OF THE MONTH

Paxton

4/4 Poplar S3S 13/16" FAS \$1.85/BF

Hardwood Emporium

4/4 Northern Hickory (no Pecan) 2.59/BF

Remnants available at 35-50% off reg. price

Centennial Wood

4/4 Rustic Ash 7" width x 10' length \$1.59/BF

Mail this Application and a check to:

Colorado Woodworkers Guild
P.O.Box 100996
Denver, CO 80250-0996

Email members - \$30.00/year

Non-email members - \$40.00/year*

Name _____ circle one (New) (Renew)

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ - _____ - _____ E-mail _____

* Non-email members pay more due to the cost of materials, copying and postage