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Colorado Woodworkers Guild

August 2024 Newsletter

President's Corner



Dennis Edmonds, President

In the July newsletter, I outlined the key roles and responsibilities of each Board Member and Committee Chair. While those key leadership roles are critical to the success of the Guild, they are not sufficient. It takes many other volunteers to maintain a vibrant and successful Guild.

In this issue, I am highlighting the volunteer Project Leaders who plan and implement the work (scheduling, tools, materials, supplies, communication, and volunteer coordination.) These Project Leaders and their volunteers are essential in getting work done for the Guild.

I. Education Committee

Monthly Programs and Demos - Jonathan Carlyon does an excellent job of identifying and scheduling excellent speakers for the Guild.

Show and Tell – Cary Goltermann facilitates the show and tell session at each meeting.

Hands-On Member Classes – We are looking for a volunteer Project Leader to identify topics and schedule teachers for classes.

Group Mentoring Sessions - Dawn Comstock and Bob Good identify topics and schedule mentors for these small groups.

Library – Jim Barry and Phil Weathers maintain an extensive library of books and videos for member use.

II. Social Committee

Hospitality, Parties and Picnics – We are looking for a volunteer Project Leader to coordinate these activities.

Shop Tours – Larry Christensen identifies members who will open their shops and schedules the shop tours.

Sponsor Tours – Larry Christensen identifies willing Sponsors and schedules tours of those businesses.

Tool Sale – Cary Goltermann coordinates donations, pricing, and sale of tools as a fundraiser for the Guild.

Meeting Greeters – David Villella and Jeff Gifford greet members as they arrive at meetings.

III. Community Service Committee

Veterans Projects – Jen Seim coordinates with veteran groups and facilitates building of urns for unclaimed remains of veterans.

Toy Builders – Marty Bartholomew and Jeff Abedisoolari coordinate with the Santas and facilitate the building of toys for children.

Colorado Stem Academy – Don Prorak and Gary White teach woodworking and woodturning to 7th and 8th grade students each week.

The Master's Apprentice – Several of our members have taught basic woodworking to young adults as part of the apprentice program.

Sponsor Liaison – Larry Christensen recruits and maintains relationships with sponsors that offer member discounts.

Makerspace Partnerships – Scott Roth facilitates our relationship with the Denver Tool library and several of our members teach classes there. We are looking to collaborate with other makerspaces.

School Partnerships – Several members have connections with Red Rocks Community College. Jonathan Carlyon is facilitating a potential partnership with the CSU SPUR Campus in Denver.

Individual Tool Sales - We are looking for a volunteer Project Leader to facilitate tool sales by our members and their estates.

IV. Membership Committee

Membership Database – Cary Goltermann maintains the membership database and distributes ID cards.

Member Recruitment and Orientation – Larry Christensen coordinates recruitment and orientation of new members.

Chapter Development – Jim Barry facilitates the development of the Colorado Springs Chapter resulting in over 36 new members.

Ride Sharing – We are looking for a volunteer Project Leader to facilitate a ride-share program for members who can no longer drive at night to attend meetings.

Regional Sub-Groups – Bill Bixby and Jason Matishek have done the groundwork to create geographically based subgroups.

Special Interest Groups - We are looking for a volunteer Project Leader to facilitate the development of small special interest groups such as CNC, Carving, etc.

V. Communications Committee

Member Newsletter – Joe Lenhoff produces an excellent monthly member newsletter.

Website Content Management – Joe Lenhoff is in the early stages of examining how we develop and maintain current information on the website.

Social Media Content Management - We are looking for a volunteer Project Leader to facilitate content management for Facebook and Instagram.

Shared Drive Content Management - We are looking for a volunteer Project Leader to preserve and make readily available key documents such as Safety Guidelines and Bylaws to members on Google Drive.

Photographers – Jesse Anthony takes excellent photos of presentations as well as show and tell items at meetings and events. We are looking for one more photographer.

Local Media Relations – The Guild President leads this effort.

VI. Technology Committee

Audio Visual Team – Larry Abrams and Jason Matishek lead the AV team which manages audio and video concurrently onsite and on Zoom.

Website Platform Management – Wilbur Goltermann serves as Webmaster. Bill Bixby, Wes Song and Larry Davis collaborate with Wilbur to enhance the Website functionality.

Social Media Platform Management - We are looking for a volunteer Project Leader to facilitate the Facebook and Instagram platforms.

Zoom Platform Management – Wilbur Goltermann and Larry Abrams facilitate platform management for Zoom.

Shared Drive Platform Management - We are looking for a volunteer Project Leader to facilitate Google Drive Platform Management.

IT Account Management – Bill Bixby coordinates IT account management including email, hosting and payment.

Dennis Edmonds, President

Show and Tell

At the July 16th 2024 meeting we had four entries from three presenters.

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.**

Listed below are the video links to each entry that was presented.

- Don Prorak brought a bowl (surprise, surprise) to show off. Click for the video [here](#)
- Mike Seymour (mister scroll saw) showed us a “Tree Deer”, Click for the video [here](#)
- Mike Seymour also showed us a scroll sawed “Grand Father Clock”, Click for the video [here](#)
- Charlie Kuechenmeister presented a “Night Stand”. Click for the video [here](#)

Don's bowl was made of Maple and finished in Walnut Oil with some burnt details



Mike's "Tree Deer" was made from Baltic Birch Plywood and finished in Spray Lacquer



Mike's Grandfather Clock" was also made from Baltic Birch Plywood and finished with Spray Lacquer.



Charlie's Nightstand was made of Alder and finished in 1-2-3 oil and Poly



The evening's winning entry was Mike Semour's "Tree Deer".



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

July 16th 2024 Meeting

The July presentation last month was co-hosted by two of our members: Bill Bixby and Kevin Loyd, with an overarching theme of tool restoration -- or to put it in their words:

"How to take an old beat-up hand tool and turn it from a '**Loser**' to a '**User**' ".

The entire presentation can be viewed online at the guild's website by clicking ["here"](#). **Again, for the presentation, you may have to "right-click" and select "Open Hyperlink" to get to the video. The presentation starts at 59:26 mm into the meeting video and goes until near the end of the meeting until 1h.57:10mm.**

Kevin discussed how you can safely (and cheaply) perform rust removal via electrolysis, and Bill described his process and workflow of using an Evaporust dipping tank in tandem with a wire wheel and modified slow speed belt sander to greatly speed up the cleanup and flattening process. They both made the case on why old tools should deserve your attention -- true bargains can be found fairly easily for those willing to look, and how dirt and surface rust really only partially obscures the true gems that can be obtained with a minor amount of work.

Kevin and Bill mentioned that this was only part 1 of their talk at the meeting. They will be returning to deliver part 2 of their "Tool Restoration" presentation in September. They will discuss how to fully repair the black japanning, how to re-nickel electroplate various small parts, and how to tune and modify wooden-bodied planes to make them perform as good, if arguably, not better than their modern metal analogs. To make things more interactive, Kevin and Bill threw down the gauntlet in the form of inspiring a little friendly competition, and they announced the "rust bucket" tool challenge, details below.



Pat Scott

Club Communications

www.fronrangewoodturners.org

The Colorado Woodworkers Guild is inviting FRW members to participate in their “Rust Bucket Challenge”: taking a rusted old woodworking or turning tool and restoring it to glory! Bill Bixby will talk more about this at our meeting on Tuesday 20 August, but here are the guidelines:

Announcing the "Rust Bucket" Challenge!!!

**** Bring in a tool you have restored for the CWG September meeting. Please take plenty of "before" and "after" pictures and submit these or have them ready for presenting at the guild meeting in September.

Bill Bixby, CWG Vice President

August 19th 2024 Meeting

[Ed Note: This is a recent change]

Guild member and artist/creator of reclaimed creations, David Howard, will give a talk titled: "Mosaic End Grain Art" at the August meeting. You can see his work and follow him at @davidhaashoward on Instagram

Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair

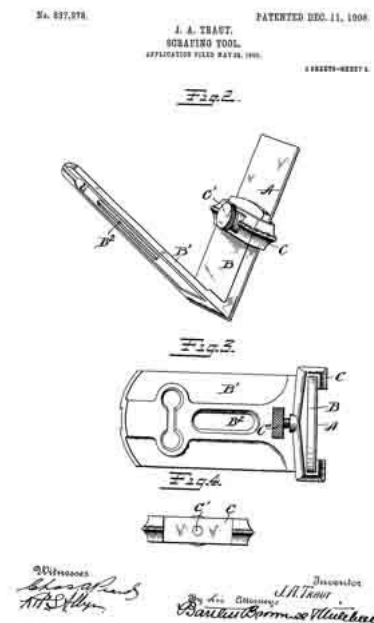
Education Corner

Why is it Called a Frog?

You might remember the first time you heard the word frog when talking about a hand plane. What?!? That's a funny name, you might have thought. Why is it called a frog?

First off, it isn't called a frog in all languages. For example, in Spanish it's called 'the bed' (la cama). In English, wooden hand planes also use the term 'bed' to refer to this part of the plane. However, anyone who has used a metal hand plane in English, has probably noticed the use of the word 'frog' to refer to the the part of the tool that supports the blade assembly. Why is it called this?

There are a few explanations for why this is called a frog. One popular idea on the name is that the word 'frog' harkens back to the expression "I have a frog in my throat," since the frog sits directly behind the throat of the tool. In an article from *Fine Woodworking Magazine*, June, 2011, Elizabeth Knapp points out that Rodger K Smith, in his book *Patented Transition & Metallic planes in America 1827-1927*, indicates that the first inventor to use the term 'frog' was Justus Traut. The word shows up in Traut's 1906 patent application for scraping tools. When describing the tool, Traut writes: "The arm B' is so constructed and arranged that it may be readily applied to the plain-iron support or 'frog' of a plane" (Traut).



Nick Engler, in his wonderfully informative book series and YouTube videos (The Workshop Companion, available in the CWL library) says the word may have come from an old German word FROSCH, which described the bottom of a hoof. That is, it is called a frog because it reminded craftsmen of a similar structure found in a horse's hoof, which is also called a frog. For its part, the reference to a 'frog' in a horse's hoof likely came from an analogy to railroad tracks. The point where 2 tracks met and formed a triangle was nicknamed the 'frog'.



Additionally, we can recall that the bow of a stringed instrument has one component whose function it is to tighten the horsehair ribbon. Similar to a hand plane, which also has a brass wheel used to adjust the plane iron, this part is also called a 'frog'.



Whatever the origin, the frog of a hand plane is the workhorse of the plane, and it needs to be adjusted properly. That is, it may have a funny name, but the frog is no joke.

For additional information, please visit:

Engler, Nick. "Fine Tuning a Bench Plane," 2022.

<https://youtu.be/Szan5pP4drQ?si=23ifuZvrzndZG70&t=127>

Knapp, Elizabeth. "Just Plane Trivia: Why Do they call it a frog?" 2011.

<https://www.finewoodworking.com/2011/06/02/just-plane-trivia-why-do-they-call-it-a-frog>

Traut, Justus. "837,978. Specification of Letters Patent. Patented Dec. 11, 1906."

<https://www.handplanepatents.com/tag/justus-a-traut/>

Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair

CWG Pikes Peak Chapter News

A few quick notes from August 6th meeting:

We had another good turnout with 32 people in attendance.

Ben Myers did a chisel sharpening demo before the meeting with about 8 in attendance. It was brought up in the chisel sharpening demo that Rich Bridges, owner and operator of Rick's Edge, passed away on 25 Jul 2024.

Thanks to those adding their inputs for our skill and interest survey. We have some tentative observations that we'll share at the September meeting. If you haven't had a chance to submit yours yet, chapter member inputs are still welcome.

The next Pikes Peak Chapter meeting will be on Tuesday, Sep 3rd, the day after Labor Day. We're planning to pull together a **group toy build**, tentatively on Tuesday afternoon, September 6th, before the next meeting. More details to follow.

Dan Sullivan hosted a workshop tour at his house located at 17990 Bar X Rd in the North section of Black Forest on Saturday morning 10 August at 10:00. Dan's contacts by email are at dansullivanstl@gmail.com or (314) 882-1248

- A future shop tour of Doug Pinney's shop is scheduled for 26 Oct.

Woodcraft COS held a plane tune-up demo also on Saturday 10 Aug at 1 PM. Space was limited for this demo, so members had to call the store to make sure there was room for them. [719-266-9889](tel:719-266-9889)

A report and recommendation were given by Del Cox on a DeWalt planer repair he had done by Rick Peil who offered some tips on band saw upgrades. Woodcraft uses Rick for their repairs and offers to act as a pickup spot if you're having Rick service a machine for you. You can reach Rick at 720-201-6556.

The Guild is holding a "**Rust Bucket Challenge**" for members to show a restoration of an old tool. [Ed Note: See info above in the July Presentation summary for details.]

Community outreach:

- Moyra Hower, Operations Director for Ronald McDonald House at Children's Hospital gave a brief presentation on their programs to support families whose children are being treated at the hospital. Among other details, she told us that each child who visits is offered a toy, a book and a blanket from the Treasure Chest. A perennial favorite is toy cars.
- The local Love Your Neighbor project that builds bunk beds for foster kids also gets a thumbs up from members who've participated in their Saturday build days. More details at <https://loveyourneighbors.com/>

We raised an additional \$25 from wood sales for our local chapter's use.

We continue to look for potential business sponsors; please send any recommendations to Bill Schlittler at b2schlittler@gmail.com

We had 4 Show & Tell entries this month. The winner was Del Cox with his handmade chess set and chess board. Thanks to Greg Davis for handling the S&T and to Ben of Woodcraft for the \$25 gift certificate prize. Pictures are below.

Dan Sullivan's Toy Train and Derrick



Rick Smith's Folding Wooden Writing Portfolio



Greg Davis' Vase and Tray Turnings



Del Cox's Chess Set



Ben Myers Presenting Del with Woodcraft Gift Card



Jim Barry, Pikes Peak Chapter Lead & CWG Librarian

Toolbox Alerts

Rockler

- The Rockler 70th Anniversary Sale continues with 20% off one regularly priced item and free shipping with a purchase of \$49+ and sale prices good through the end of the month. Two coupons were sent out to customers on the mailing list which are good for different periods in August and the flier has a QR code provided to access their in-store class offerings. They are offering 25% off on Maple and a clamping demo in-store **this Saturday the 17th from 11am -1 pm**, Check it out.

Woodcraft

- For the whole month of August, Woodcraft has some great up to 50% off savings on a number of items including a WoodRiver contour sanding pad set, a FATMAX 14" backsaw, and a rechargeable desiccant bag. Canarywood, Teak, and Patagonia Rosewood are all on sale at 40% off. Also, a free 5Ah 20V battery and charger come with the purchase of a DeWALT Cordless Router. Classes continue to be offered ranging in price from \$150 to multiple-day classes at \$490.

[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 - August Wood of the Month



- **4/4 FAS 1 Face & Btr. Hackberry**
- **Regular Price: \$4.00 / BF**
- **Sale Price: \$3.00 / BF**
- **25% Off**

Paxton also has a new (just out) Flash Special.

It is 4/4 Select & Better Gummy Cherry, with nice widths and color. It looks as if it has more of the sap pockets that you normally find in Cherry.

- **Regular Price \$7.00 / BF**
- **Sale Price \$4.25 / BF**
- **40% Off**

Questions? Contact Dennis Stephens, denniss@paxtonwood.com

CWG 2024 Sponsors

Austin Hardwoods of Denver, Inc., 975 W. Mississippi, Denver, CO 80223. Phone: 303-733-1292. Website: www.austinhardwoods.com

Baldwin Hardwoods, 1225 Red Cedar Circle, Ft Collins, CO 80524. Phone: 970-213-8608. Website: baldwinhardwoods.com

Charlie's 2nd Hand Store, Inc., 2227 Larimer Street Denver, CO 80205. Phone: 303-295-1781. Website: www.usedtoolsplus.com

CO Lumber & Real Wood Furniture, 3636 N Stone Avenue Colorado Springs CO 80907 719-389-0100 Website: columber.net

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

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware, 2553 S. Colorado Blvd, Denver, CO 80222 Phone: 303-782-0588. Website: www.rockler.com/retail/denver-colorado-hardware-store.cfm

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

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Woodcraft of Denver. 6770 S. Peoria Street Centennial, CO 80112. Phone: 303-290-0007. Website: <http://www.woodcraft.com/stores/store.aspx?id=305>

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