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Colorado Woodworkers Guild

August 2025 Newsletter

President's Corner



Bill Bixby, President

Happy August, Guild Members!

Summer has breezed right by, and July was a full month for the Colorado Woodworkers Guild. Here's a quick look back:

Summer BBQ

We had a solid turnout for our annual BBQ with our friends from the Front Range Woodturners — and even a few from the Rocky Mountain Shipwrights. The weather was great, the conversations were lively, and the grills were going strong. Huge thanks to Bear Limvere for bringing all of the delicious “meatstuffs” that made the day so tasty.

David Howard's Shop Tour

David impressed members in attendance with both his clever shop setup and a discussion on his process for how he creates his signature cutting boards. His craftsmanship and attention to detail continue to inspire us all.

Wood Sale at Jon Kruger's

Both CWG and FRW members enjoyed browsing Jon's impressive collection of wood. Jon is well-known for selling gun stock blanks to collectors nationwide and is an accomplished turner in his own right. If you missed it, photos are available on our Google shared drive – the link can be found here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1fYUa9mVDDdyIS3zrZrHcjWDBQFgrOap2?usp=drive_link

Tools, Tools, Tools!

We've received a wave of generous tool donations recently — including a very nice collection of Jet tools. A huge thanks goes out to Scott Roth (long-time guild member and instructor at the Denver Tool Library) for helping direct some of these donations our way. Normally, we'd wait until the fall auction, but since our Rockler basement space is nearly full, we'll start showcasing some of these tools at our monthly meetings. If you see something you like, members will be able to purchase tools on the spot.

A Call for Scrap Wood!

Go ahead — take a look at that pile of small offcuts in your shop. You know the ones... the pieces you just couldn't throw away because "someday" you'll make something out of them. Well, that someday is now! This month's presentation will feature our own former president Dennis Edmonds, who will be showing us clever, practical ways to turn those bits and pieces into useful, beautiful projects.

The 2025 Scrap Wood Challenge

We're turning this into a full-on challenge for the Guild! This year's theme is "What Can You Do with Scrap Wood?", and we'll hold a Show & Tell in September to see your creations. More details to come, but bonus points will be awarded if you use scrap wood from another Guild member — because, let's be honest, working with your own leftovers is one thing, but figuring out how to make something from someone else's oddball pieces takes the difficulty (and the fun) up a notch.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting — and don't forget to bring your curiosity, your questions, and maybe even a box of scrap wood for sharing!

Your humble president,
Bill Bixby, President

Show and Tell

We had three Show & Tell (S&T) entries at the July meeting. The S&T video begins [here](#). **For the S&T presentations, you may have to "right click" and select "Open Hyperlink" to get to the video.**

- Ron Ainge brought a Salt and Pepper shaker. Ron says in the video that he thinks it's made of Maple, but as it has been stained red. He's not 100% sure. The video is [here](#).
- Leon Niemann showed off a Tea Tray. Leon's entry form said "See the back". On the back of the tray was a piece of paper saying how it was made. I took a pic. After some OCR this is the text explaining how it was made.
"The base core and side handles are solid Black Walnut and end handles are solid Cherry. The balance veneer on the back is Okoume. (A balance veneer is always placed on the back to keep the core from warping)". The presentation video is [here](#).
- David Shih showed off a "Flamingo!" in marquetry or is it parquetry? It was decided, if you see it in a market, it's marquetry. If seen in a park it's parquetry ;). The veneer pieces for the Flamingo were cut using a laser. Some of the pieces are dyed veneer, most are natural wood. The video is [here](#).

Shown next are some pics of Ron's Salt/Pepper shaker:



Here are images of Leon and his Tea Tray



Your Functional Art Serving Tray is made up of the following woods; The base core and side handles are solid Black Walnut and end handles are solid Cherry. The balance veneer on the back is Okoume. (A balance veneer is always placed on the back to keep the core from warping.) The tray face has a parquetry design which is a geometric design usually in solid wood or veneer. The veneer is .5mm thick. From the center out the veneers are Black Walnut Burl, Dyed White Swiss Sycamore, Dyed Black Tulipier, Cherry, and Dyed Black Tulipier. The Serving Tray is finished with multiple layers of satin lacquer. The face of the tray has been coated with a rubber spray to prevent items from sliding around on the tray. Clean with a damp cloth. It is intended for very light duty and display. Enjoy.

Leon D. Niemann 2023



Finally, here are pics of David and his Flamingo



And the S&T winner for the night was Leo Neiman and his tea tray.



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 2025 Meeting

On July 21st, 2025, we had a joint presentation on CNC techniques and processes by long-time member Doug Penny and our President, Bill Bixby. They covered some past history on local CNG group establishment, equipment options, pointers on the best types of cutting bits to use, and much, much more. Doug brought in many pieces he has crafted over the years that are displayed in the presentation video.

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 38mm into the meeting video and goes until near the end of the meeting at 02h.05mm.**

August 2025 Meeting

Dennis Edmonds has agreed to present a session at our August 19th meeting on how to use scrap pieces of wood creatively for projects. As we have seen many times during his frequent S&T offerings, Dennis is a master of using scrap pieces to create a great variety of beautiful and useful objects. Please join us for his presentation.

Joe Lenhoff, CWG Newsletter Editor & Publisher & Communications Committee Chair

CWG Pikes Peak Chapter News

Notes on the August 5th, 2025 meeting

We had a good turnout for the meeting and welcomed a guest, and soon to be new member, Chris Hermes

Show & Tell: (Sorry, but we don't have pictures this month):

Del Cox brought a shop-made trolley for transporting sheet goods made from scrap materials, two casters and a large long hinge

Ken Sanders showed a shop-made jig for cutting wine corks in half safely, leading to a lively humorous interchange regarding sourcing wine corks.

Charles House showed a Queen Anne style table he made; he gave a brief description of the process of making the cabriole legs. Charles won the People's Choice vote

Recap of Afternoon Workshop:

The resawing and bent lamination workshop had about eight attendees.

We covered some of the applications for resawing boards, band saw setup (addressing blade type, tension, squaring the table to the blade; and fences and their use in countering blade drift), and handling of materials (both pre- and post-sawing on the band saw).

Using some already resawn mahogany boards, we explored how the resawn boards can be arranged in various ways to showcase the wood grain.

We also examined a variety of bending forms for lamination, and also an example of how to join a bent lamination to a tapered table leg.

Announcements:

Fall Woodworking Show:

Del Cox has arranged for the Guild to have a table at the Fall Woodworking show sponsored by the Pikes Peak Whittlers.

October 11 and 12, 2025

Location: Colorado Springs Shrine Club

6 South 33rd Street

Daily show hours are from 10 AM to 4 PM. Del passed around a signup sheet for members to staff the tables during show times.

We're looking for a member to lead the work on (1) coordinating the content we'll present and (2) setup of the guild's table on Saturday and tear down on Sunday. Del is available to advise, but will be having a table for his own business. Please email if you can step up to this role.

Woodcraft Fall Event Demo:

Ben Myers invited ideas for the Woodcraft Fall Event Demo Saturday, September 6th. Please stop in at the store or email us any Demonstrations you would like to see happen at this event and we'll do our best to get them into the schedule.

New Group Project:

Woodcraft is exploring making a bench for The Bench Brigade for Purple Heart Project. There was an enthusiastic response from the members, including a volunteer to lead our side of the cooperative project which will likely begin in October. Info can be found at (<https://www.thepurpleheartproject.org/bench-brigade>)

Chapter Leadership updates:

Toys program lead –A special thanks to the Toy Guy, aka Mike Hughes, our very own Gepetto, for jumping in as coordinator of the Toy Program and taking it from its infancy to a very successful program activity -- over 1,000 toys since we started! The Toy Guy is stepping down as the lead for this effort and Ken Oliver has agreed to pick up the reins and lead this.

Openings:

- Looking for a lead to develop Meeting/workshop programming
- Fall Show co-coordinator (open)

Wisdom of the Crowd:

Del Cox asked for help in using a new 3-D printer. Suggestions included checking out the 21C Library maker spare for classes on the design tools. Also, check out TinkerCAD, a free easy to use tool from AutoCAD.

Bill Schlittler asked for ideas on how to make some small crowns for a special display he's making. Several folks offered him some ideas during the break.

News and Upcoming Events:

Guild Tool Sale: Donations are being solicited for tools to sell at the next Guild Tool Sale. If you have tools that you no longer need and wish to donate, please email us at pikespeak@colowood.com and we can arrange to get them delivered to the Guild's storage room in Denver. (Note; The rubber donated to the chapter, was distributed to several requesting members. Several recipients made donations that added \$140 to the chapter petty cash fund. Additional donations are expected. Thank you to all for your generosity.)

Calendar: We are now putting Pikes Peak chapter events on the CWG website (www.colowood.com). Click on Public pages – calendar. To place an event on the calendar, send info to pikespeak@colowood.com

Monthly Breakfast: Everyone is welcome to attend a monthly breakfast at First Watch on 3rd Wednesday (Aug 20) at 9 AM; no agenda, just a chance to meet with friends

Shop Chats – none this month; next event will be in September at Dan Sullivan's shop

Toy Builds - no build days this month; will resume in September

Future Workshops (Dates TBA)

- Router made dovetails (Ben Myers)
- Band Saw Basics (Scott MacCue)
- Milling rough cut lumber (TBD)

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

Toolbox Alerts

Rockler

- Rockler sales continue during August. There are savings on router bits and router table kits. In-Store Classes Include: Table Saw basics, Router basics, Cabinet building, Applying finish, Making a charcuterie board, and more! Check it out on their website at rockler.com.

Woodcraft

- For the whole month of August, Woodcraft has some great up to 40% and 50% off savings on a number of items including Curly Maple 24", Hububalli 12" & 6" and 6, 12 & 18" boards, a flushcut and also a Razorsaw Rouba Saw, and a Sarge Liner Lock Pocketknife Unfinished Kit. Classes continue to be offered ranging in price from \$160 to a 3D cutting board class at \$525.

[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.]

Joe Lenhoff, CWG Newsletter Editor & Publisher & Communications Committee Chair

CWG Sponsor Update

Paxton Woods



August Wood of the Month

- 4/4 Select & Better Northern Soft Maple
- S2S 13/16" + SLR1E
- Was: \$8.11 / BF
- Sale: \$4.50 / BF
- 44% Off

Our Flash Special is a Continuation of:

- 4/4 Mixed Grain D-Select Hemlock
- S2S 13/16" + SLR1E
- Was: \$4.75 / BF
- Sale: \$3.49 / BF
- 26% Off
- Questions? Contact Dennis Stephens, denniss@paxtonwood.com

Softwood Sale!

**Pine, Spruce and Douglas Fir (live edge and dimensional)
25% off through August**

33 S. Pratt Parkway
Longmont, CO 80501
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Larry Christensen, Sponsor Liaison

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Rocky Mountain Saw Blades, 2936 S Zuni St, Unit C Englewood CO 80110 303-761-3000 Website: rmsawblades.com

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Western Hardwoods, 8980 W 1st Street, Wellington, CO 80549. Phone: 970-966-4243. Website: westernhardwoods.com

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