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# Colorado Woodworkers Guild September 2025 Newsletter

## President's Corner



*Bill Bixby, President*

At the August meeting, Bill had a very graphic presentation on some recent woodworking accidents members (including himself) recently experienced, and he presented some ideas on how we can all be more safety conscious, while enjoying our hobby. His presentation, "[A Message on Shop Safety](#)" begins [here](#). **(Right click on "here" and select "Open Hyperlink" to view his video presentation.** It will prevent you from making a trip to the ER.

*Bill Bixby, President*

## Show and Tell

At the August 19<sup>th</sup> 2025 meeting we had six entries from six presenters.

The Show & Tell video begins [here](#). **For the S&T presentations, you may have to "right click" on "here" and select "Open Hyperlink" to get to each video.**

1. Jeff Gifford brought a "Basket Weave Cutting Board" to show. Made of Walnut and Maple and finished in tung oil. Video [here](#)
2. Melissa Hunter came with a "Solo Cup Holder". Made of Walnut and Plywood and finished with Spray on Lacquer. Video [here](#)
3. Doug Pinney showed us a CNC Routed Plaque titled "Welcome". Made of Cherry and finished with Varnish. Video [here](#).
4. Scot Roth told us a way to upcycle/reuse commercial picture frames. Made of cheap commercial picture frames and other woods/veneer and finished in miscellaneous materials. Video [here](#).
5. Don Prorak presented a bowl. Made of Aspen. The bowl was originally roughed out by Bruce Perry and carved/finished by Don. Video [here](#).
6. Leon Niemann told us how he made a set of coasters. Made from Walnut Hard Maple and Miscellaneous gems. Video [here](#).

Below are some highlights from the S&T presentations.

- Jeff and his Walnut/Maple “Basket Weave Cutting Board”



- Melissa is shown next with her Solo Cup Holder

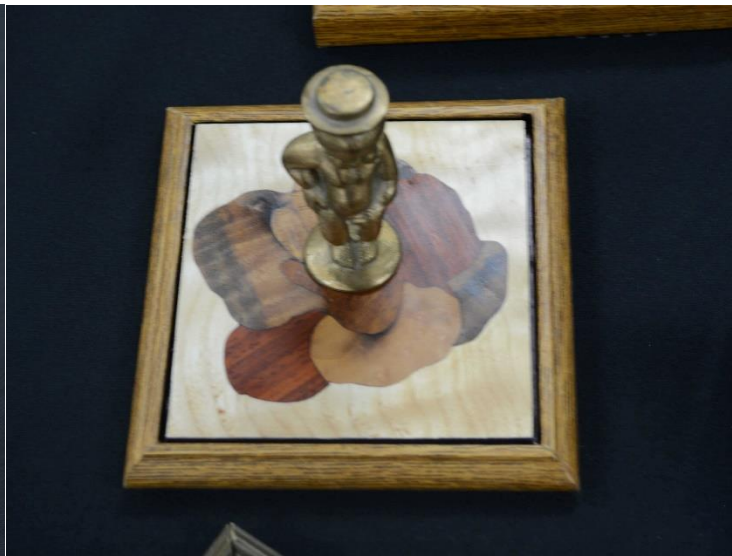


- Doug is shown next with his “Welcome Plaque”



- Scott is shown upcycling/reusing inexpensive frames





- Don and Bowl appear next



- Leon showed his Coaster/jig to make Coasters





And the evening's winner was Leon.



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](mailto:showandtell@coloradowoodworkersguild.org)

Thanks, and see you at the next meeting,

***Cary Goltermann, Show and Tell Administrator***

# Meeting Presentations

## August 2025 Meeting

- On August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Dennis Edmonds presented “What to Do With Scrap Wood” with many ideas on how to make use of all those scraps of wood that are left over from our woodworking projects. The Presentation video begins [here](#)

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 about 58mm into the meeting video and goes until near the end of the meeting near 2h.20mm.**

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

## September 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 Meeting

This month the Guild welcomes Nick Ridings, owner of Rooted Furniture. Originally from the East coast, Nick moved to Boulder with his family. During the move, as Nick explains, "every piece of furniture we owned had broken." Instead of buying new pieces destined for the landfill, Nick decided to build his own. After his formal studies at Red Rocks, Nick formed his business in 2021. He has been making high-quality, bespoke furniture for clients around the USA ever since. All of Rooted Furniture's products are built in his shop in Boulder using solid hardwood and classic joinery. His goal is to make furniture that will last for generations.

To learn more about Nick, check out his YouTube video, linked below:

[https://youtu.be/7gRBDNQIT\\_M?si=Hgrq\\_kMjFTu3p5qD](https://youtu.be/7gRBDNQIT_M?si=Hgrq_kMjFTu3p5qD)

*Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair*

# CWG Pikes Peak Chapter News

## Meeting Recap

The Pikes Peak Chapter of the CWG had 20 members attend our meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, focused on sharing “Work in Progress”

We had nine members bring in items for discussion including;

- Salad forks ala last month’s workshop on bent lamination;
- A table in progress – looking for ideas for the table top;
- Another table - looking for finishing ideas;
- A front for a speaker tower with cutouts using a circle guide kit;
- A design challenge table/stool?;
- A replacement grille for an old radio - needing finish advice;

- A sign for a pottery studio – needing CNC help;
- A demo of a UV finish;
- And a demo of a UV-activated resin for filling small defects.

Everyone agreed that this kind of discussion was very interesting and valuable, and asked for more of the same in future meetings.

Another idea for “virtual” shop tours was tossed around: a few members chosen at random will be asked to take a few photos of interesting elements of their shop to present at the meeting.

## Announcements:

The Guild is collecting items for the Fall tool sale. Email Jim at [jim.barry@comcast.net](mailto:jim.barry@comcast.net) if you have some tools you'd like to donate, and we'll arrange for pickup.

## Upcoming Events (in date order)

- **The Woodcraft Rocky Mountain Woodworking Show & Sale is this coming weekend (9/5-9/7) and sale prices are already in effect. Saturday will feature a variety of demos and drawings.**  
*10:00 CNC Shark*  
*10:30 SawStop Tablesaw in Action*  
*11:30 Bandsaw and Bent Lamination*  
*12:30 Knife Stropping*  
*1:30 Rubio Monocoat*  
*2:30 MicroJig—Jig making*  
*3:30 Hand Sharpening Bench Chisels & Hand Planes*  
*10-2pm (Random times) : Turning*
- **Toy Build Session:** Tuesday 9/9 at Woodcraft (1-4 PM),
- **Woodcraft Woodpeckers Event:** Friday 9/12 from 11 Am to Noon, Saturday 9/13 from 1 to 2
- **Toy Paint Session:** Thursday 9/18 at Del Cox's (1135 Chambers Drive) for painting (1-4PM)
- **The PPC will have a table at the 41st Annual Woodcarving and Woodworking Show October 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> (Sat 10/11 and Sunday 10/12)**

Location:

Colorado Springs Shrine Club  
 6 South 33rd Street

Dates/Times:

- Setup: October 10th: Friday afternoon (time is TBD) 1-2 hours
  - Show Dates: Saturday, October 11 and Sunday, October 12: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Teardown: Sunday afternoon 4 PM – 5 PM

## For this event the Chapter has Volunteer Staffing Needs:

- Folks were asked to sign-up for one hour time slots (as many as desired) either at the September or October PPC Guild meetings, or by emailing Del at [coxd@mac.com](mailto:coxd@mac.com)
- We'd like to have two members at the table
- Volunteers will have free admission to the show

- Volunteers must wear Guild name tags
- Del Cox will compile a roster of volunteers for the registration desk

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

## Toolbox Alerts

### Rockler

- Rockler's Final Labor Day 30% Off Sale continues, but is almost over. They are offering significant savings on router tables, work stands, clamps, table, a bench plane and too many other of the over 600 items on sale to mention. Check it out on their website at [rockler.com](http://rockler.com).

### Woodcraft

- For the whole month of September Woodcraft has some great up to 50% off savings on a number of items including, Canalete 12" to 24" boards, a 7-function ratcheting screwdriver, Woodriver sanding pads, a frame miter clamp, and also 4-piece clamping squares, and \$100 off of on a Woodcraft 9" quick-release woodworking vice priced at \$129. **See the Pikes Peak Chapter note on their Rocky Mountain Woodworking Show and Sale this coming weekend, 5-7 October.**

[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](mailto:JoeLenhoff@gmail.com), or to [newsletter@colowood.com](mailto: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



### September Wood of the Month

- 4/4 F1F & Better Red Oak
- S2S 13/16" + SLR1E
- Regular Price is \$6.44 / BF

- Sale Price (38% Off) is \$4.00 / BF

## **September Flash Wood Special**

- 4/4 Sel & Better Quartered White Oak
- S2S 13/16" + SLR1E
- Regular Price is \$17.02 / BF
- Sale Price (42% Off) is \$9.75 / BF

Questions? Contact Dennis Stephens, [denniss@paxtonwood.com](mailto:denniss@paxtonwood.com)

## **SHOP TOURS**

Our shop tour is in early October.

The Denver Tool Library – Hosted by Scott Roth

Saturday, October 4, 2025

8:30 AM to 10 AM

At

555 Santa Fe Drive (just South of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue)

Denver, CO 80204

You have heard about the Denver Tool Library (DTL) through Scott Roth making periodic announcements at our monthly meetings. Several of our members have either taken classes or volunteered there. DTL also refers its members to the guild, a few of whom have become our members. Now is your opportunity to visit DTL and learn more about this great resource.

Sign up for this shop tour via Signup Genius will be provided in a separate email.

***Larry Christensen, Treasurer, Shop Tour Coordinator & Sponsor Liaison***

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**Baldwin Hardwoods**, 1225 Red Cedar Circle, Ft Collins, CO 80524. Phone: 970-213-8608. Website: [baldwinhardwoods.com](http://baldwinhardwoods.com)

**Charlie's 2nd Hand Store, Inc.**, 2227 Larimer Street Denver, CO 80205. Phone: 303-295-1781. Website: [www.usedtoolsplus.com](http://www.usedtoolsplus.com)

**CO Lumber & Real Wood Furniture**, 3636 N Stone Avenue Colorado Springs CO 80907 719-389-0100 Website: [columber.net](http://columber.net)

**CS Woods**, 4355 Monaco Street, Unit A, Denver, CO 80206. Phone: 720-278-7797. Website: [www.cswoods.com](http://www.cswoods.com)

**Denver Wood Slabs**, (By appointment only). 4903 Washington Street, Denver, CO 80216. Phone: 720-780-7752. Website: [www.denverwoodslabs.com](http://www.denverwoodslabs.com)

**Frank Paxton Lumber Company**, 4837 Jackson Street, Denver, CO 80216. Phone: 303-399-6047. Website: [www.paxtonwood.com/denver.aspx](http://www.paxtonwood.com/denver.aspx)

**Just Rustic Custom Woodworking**, 224 Main Street, Fort Morgan, CO 80701. Phone: 303-324-4342. Website: [justrusticco.com](http://justrusticco.com)

**Metal Supermarkets Colorado Springs**, 1615 N Academy Boulevard, Colorado Springs, CO 80909. Phone: 719-413-8948 [www.metalsupermarkets.com/location/colorado-springs](http://www.metalsupermarkets.com/location/colorado-springs)

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**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](http://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](http://rmsawblades.com)

**Sears Trostel**, 1500 Riverside Ave, Ft Collins, CO 80527. Phone: 970-482-1928. Website: [www.sears-trostel.com](http://www.sears-trostel.com)

**TC Woods**, 5406 County Road 23 Ft. Lupton, CO 80621. Phone: 303-666-8989. Website: [www.tcwoods.com](http://www.tcwoods.com)

**Urban Forest Mill**, 33S Pratt Parkway, Suite 100, Longmont, CO 80501. Phone: 303-746-6446. Website: [urbanforestmill.com](http://urbanforestmill.com)

**Western Hardwoods**, 8980 W 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Wellington, CO 80549. Phone: 970-966-4243. Website: [westernhardwoods.com](http://westernhardwoods.com)

**Where Wood Meets Steel**, 4903 Washington Street, Denver, CO 80216. Phone: 720-780-7752. Website: [www.wwms.net](http://www.wwms.net)

**Woodcraft of Colorado Springs**: Woodcraft #501, 4438 Austin Bluffs Parkway, Colorado Springs, CO 80918. Phone: 719-266-9889, Fax: 866-869-2006. Website: [501wc@woodcraftcolorado.com](mailto:501wc@woodcraftcolorado.com)

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