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Colorado Woodworkers Guild October 2025 Newsletter

President's Corner



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Show and Tell

At the September 17th 2025 meeting we had numerous entries from 13 presenters for the Scrap Wood Challenge.

- 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.

The presenters were as follows and video links are provided for each S&T presentation:

1. Gary Glatthar made a base to light up a glass paper weight. The base was made from scraps of Walnut. Video [here](#).
2. Joe Lenhoff brought a carving of a Mandrill made from two pieces of firewood. Video [here](#).
3. Jason Matisheck had two entries for the scrap wood challenge. First he showed us a Depth Gage made from a scrap of Bubinga. Second he had a pictorial entry of a Miter Saw stand he made from scrap plywood salvaged from a box for a bandsaw. Video [here](#).
4. Gary White brought some Vases made of scraps from Dennis Edmonds' shop. Video [here](#).
5. Larry Abrams made some pens from scraps from other pens. Video [here](#).
6. Dennis Edmonds showed us “A Study in small contrasting scraps” Video [here](#).
7. Ron Ainge brought a Hollow Vessel which he turned and his wife decorated. Video [here](#).
8. Jerry Thelander showed us some Oval bowls made of scraps of scraps of scraps. Video [here](#).
9. John Larsen showed us some toy cars made by himself and “Toys For Gods Kids”. Video [here](#).
10. Jim Barry had a Golden Retriever Phone Stand he made for his wife (from scraps). Video [here](#).
11. Don Prorak showed us a pictorial entry of a Grill Cart made of wood reclaimed from a Picnic Table he built in 1983 with wood given to him by his Father In Law. Video [here](#).

12. Bill Bixby had a couple of entries in the scrap wood challenge. Take a look at the Video [here](#).

13. Cary Goltermann brought some tool organizers from his shop made of scraps. Video [here](#).

Pictures of these presentations follow.

First Gary is shown with his paperweight lighter.



Next, Joe described his Mandrill Carving from scrap firewood finds



Then, Jason discussed his scrap wood entries



Next, Gary showed his scrap wood and epoxy Vases



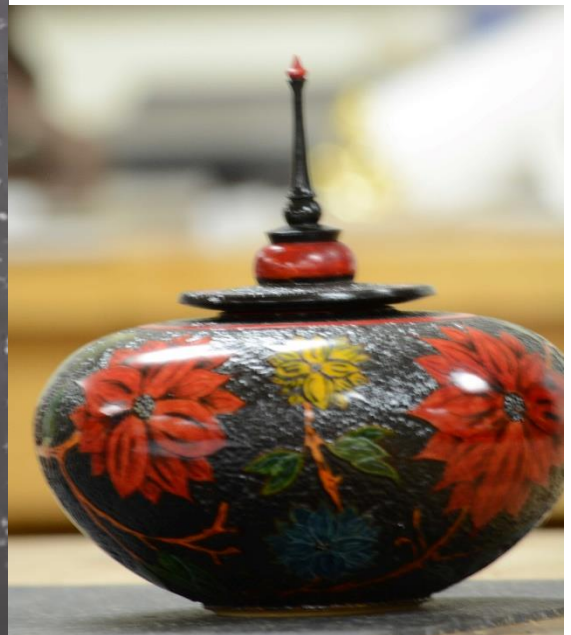
Then, Larry showed his "Chaos" scrap wood pen blanks



Dennis displayed his “Study in Small Contrasting Scraps”



Ron's Hollow Form Vase was shown next



Jerry showed us his scrap wood Oval forms within forms.



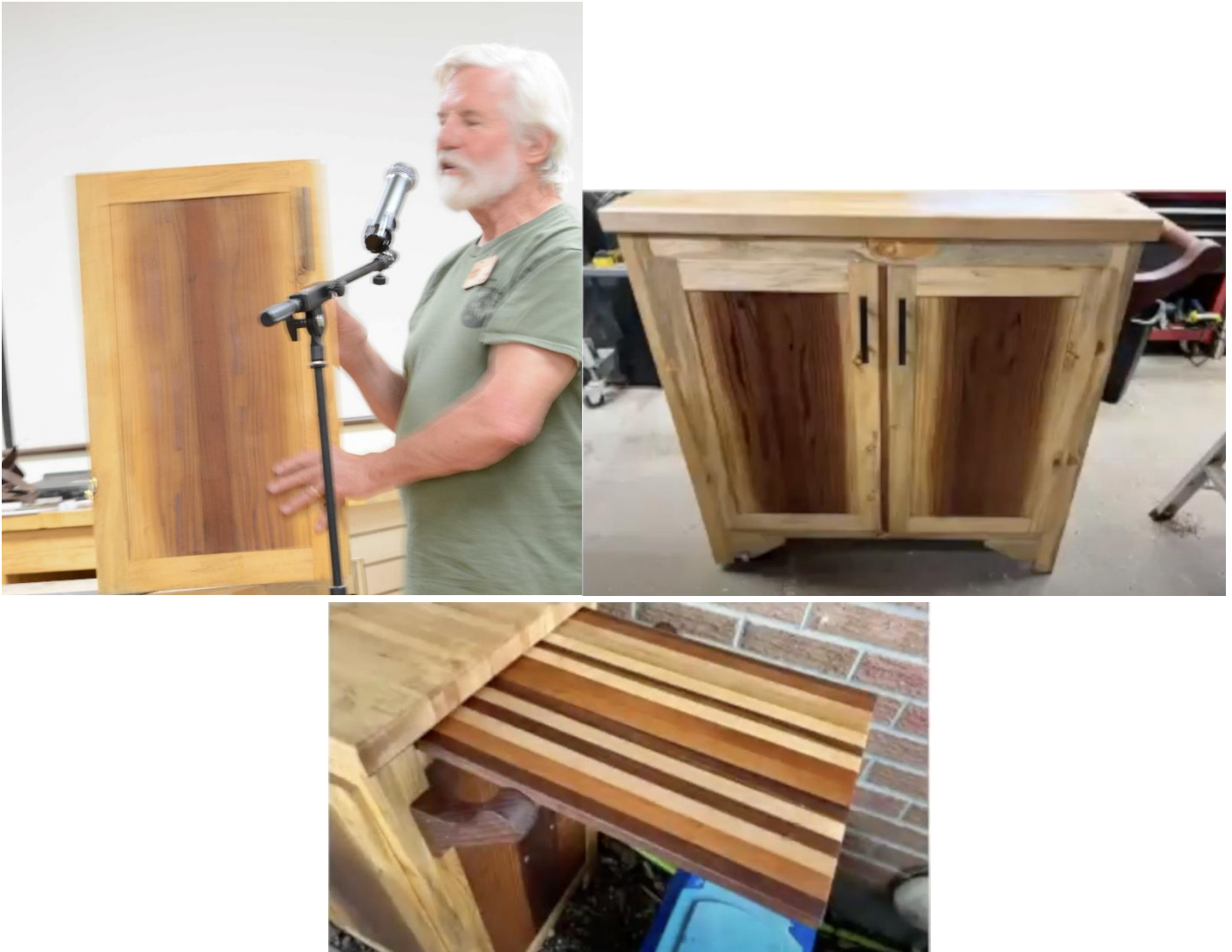
John described his Toys for Gods Kids



Jim described his scrap wood Golden Retriever phone stand made for his wife



Don described his Reused Wood Grill Cart construction in detail



Next, Bill described a few items from scraps.

First, a trammel made from shop scraps to route a curve into a neighbor's deck



Second, scrap wood hand plane handles



And finally, a custom CWG Member badge (with a slight scaling problem)



And finally, Cary entered a French cleat frame for organizing tools in his shop and a scrap wood french cleat on which to store rolls of tape



There were three winners of the S&T scrap wood challenge.



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

September 2025 Meeting

On September 17th, the Guild welcomed 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's products are built in Nick's shop in Boulder using solid hardwood and classic joinery. His goal is to make furniture that will last generations. During his presentation, Nick talked about how he works with each of his clients to build their dream piece of furniture. In particular, Nick guided us through his build of the beautiful 'Pub Table'. The work made use of four exotic species of wood that sought to emulate the tonalities painted by Keith Mallet in his painting 'Les Sirens'. Furthermore, Nick used no fasteners for the project; the joinery was entirely hand carved. In closing, the Guild members will appreciate one of Nick's common practices: every time he sells a piece of furniture, Nick plants a tree. The focus on quality and sustainability made Nick's presentation a truly dynamic exchange.

- 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 1h.07mm into the meeting video and goes until near the end of the meeting until 1h.47mm.

October 21st 2025 Meeting

[Ed Note: At the time of publishing, a formal presentation was not scheduled for the October 2025 meeting.]

Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair

CWG Pikes Peak Chapter News

About 25 members attended the session we called “**Tools We Trust**”.

In line with our monthly theme, we focused on a round-table discussion around reliable tools — vintage, modern, or homemade. Regardless of how big or small our shop may be, we all have some tools that we turn to for most of the tasks we accomplish. This can be a huge topic, so we restricted our focus for this month to layout, measuring, and setup. Note: We will be revisiting this topic, focusing on different categories of tools repeatedly over a series of meetings.

Several members brought items for discussion, including:

- Saddle squares, both 90 and 45 degrees
- Setup blocks
- Various rulers (triangular for both metric and imperial measurements and with center line marking, and an architect’s ruler for sketching scaled drawings)
- Calipers, depth gauges and micrometer
- A home-made device for measuring interior cabinet dimensions

Show & Tell:

A pair of LED lit Halloween display boxes were presented by Mike Cook:



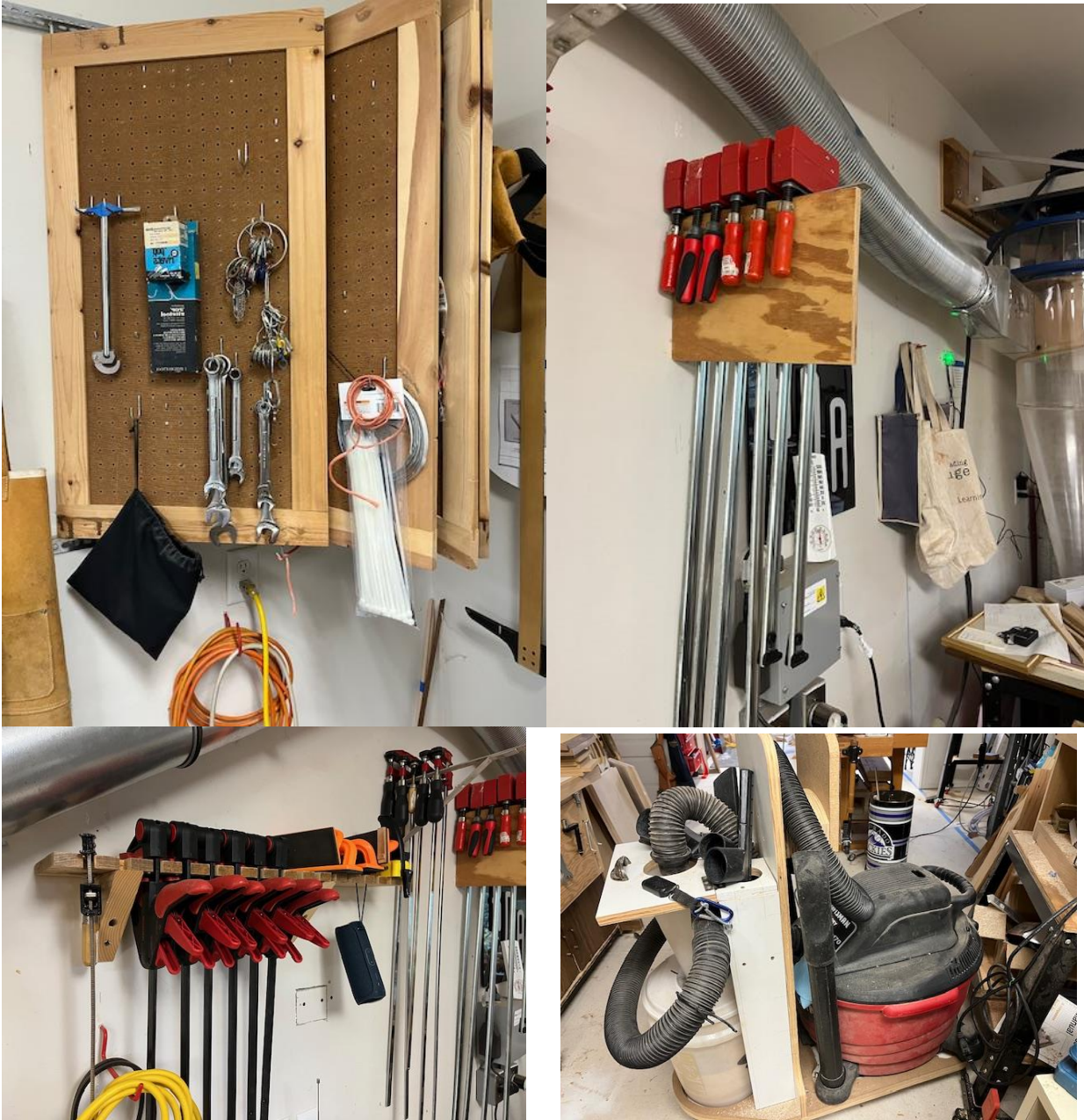
A group of toy seals was presented by Roger Rayburn who was the Show & Tell winner by a very close (one) vote



A pair of crowns were presented by Bill Schlittler, and his process was detailed. Also, some home-made devices for opening up Titebond bottles that were handed out to attendees by Del Cox. Both are shown in the next picture.



- **Shop Pix/ Virtual Shop Tours** – We’ve introduced a new feature for the meetings that will allow us to share pictures of interesting, clever or unusual shop items that we’ve incorporated into our shop spaces. Send any photos to pikespeak@colowood.com and we’ll get them ready for display at the meeting. This month we viewed a wall-mounted pegboard tool holder, some clamp storage ideas, and a wheeled dust deputy/shop vac from Jim Barry’s shop.



- **Toy News** - Our new Toy Project Lead, Ken Oliver, gave an update on the Guild’s publicity outreach to increase awareness of the Guild. Denver’s Fox news channel came by the last build session in Denver to get some footage for an upcoming feature. We might try to get the local affiliate to do something similar here. The toy project continues to expanding its scope to include different toys beyond the cars that were the original focus. Wood donations are always welcome. Contact Ken at 785.550.7746 or akoliver33@hotmail.com.
 - Next build date is Thursday Oct 16 @ 1 -4 PM at Woodcraft
 - Next paint session is Thursday, Oct 30 @ 1 PM at Del Cox’s shop, 1135 Chambers Drive (in Pleasant Valley neighborhood)

- ***Just Passed & Coming events –***

- October 11-12 Woodworking Show (for 10 – 4 each day). Here's a photo of our table, with our host, Del Cox.



- JessEm Tool event on Friday, 10/ 17, 11 AM - 12 PM, and Saturday 10/18, 1 -2 PM at Woodcraft. As part of this there will be a drawing for a JessEm Router table lift. You can sign up either at the event or any time beforehand. The winner to be notified afterwards.
- November 4th: pre-meeting workshop on band saw boxes led by Scott MacCue – come learn how to build a band saw box – bring a wood block 4” x 4” x 6” long
- January 6th: pre-meeting workshop on router table use led by Ben Myers. He'll also demonstrate using the router table for dovetails.

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

Toolbox Alerts

Rockler

- Rockler sales continue in October. They are offering sale items in a number of categories to include a deluxe panel clamp, a box squaring clamp, a board flattening jig, and a self centering drill guide. They are also offering classes, to include: Table Saw basics. Router basics, Cabinet building, Applying finish, Make a charcuterie board, and more! Check it out on their website at rockler.com.

Woodcraft

- For the whole month of October Woodcraft has some great up to 50% off savings on a number of items including Angelique 6" to 48" boards, a Razorsaw Dozuki saw, an Eclipse coping saw, and WoodRiver glue bottle applicator set. Classes continue to be offered ranging in price from \$85 to a one-day 3D Board cutting class at \$525.

Grizzly

- The Grizzly Christmas 2025 catalog is now out with a holiday sale continuing from 9/30 thru 12/31.

[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



October Wood of the Month

- 4/4 Rustic Grade Walnut S2S 13/16" + SLR1E
- Regular Price \$10.00 / BF
- Sale Price \$5.75 / BF
- 42% Off

October Flash Special-(Continuation from September)

- 4/4 Sel. & Better Quartered White Oak
- Regular Price \$17.02 / BF
- Sale Price \$9.75 / BF
- 42% Off

Questions? Contact Dennis Stephens, denniss@paxtonwood.com

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

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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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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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