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Colorado Woodworkers Guild December 2025 Newsletter

President's Corner



Bill Bixby, President

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Show and Tell

At the November 18th meeting there were entries from five members.

1. David showed us some tools/jigs used in his shop made with a 3D printer.
2. Ryan presented some toys made with a laser cutter/engraver.
3. Jason's S&T entries were a couple of Awls made of wood and metal.
4. Sam's entry was a Gun metal pen made of Koa.
5. Scott's entry is an ongoing piece of marquetry he is making for an upcoming show.

Normally, I have links to the S&T parts of the meeting video. Unfortunately, the only thing recorded was the presentation. Stuff happens. The presentation link will be available on the main page of the guild's website.

Below are pics from the S&T part of the meeting

David's 3D printed tools and jigs are shown first



Ryan's laser-made toys are shown next.



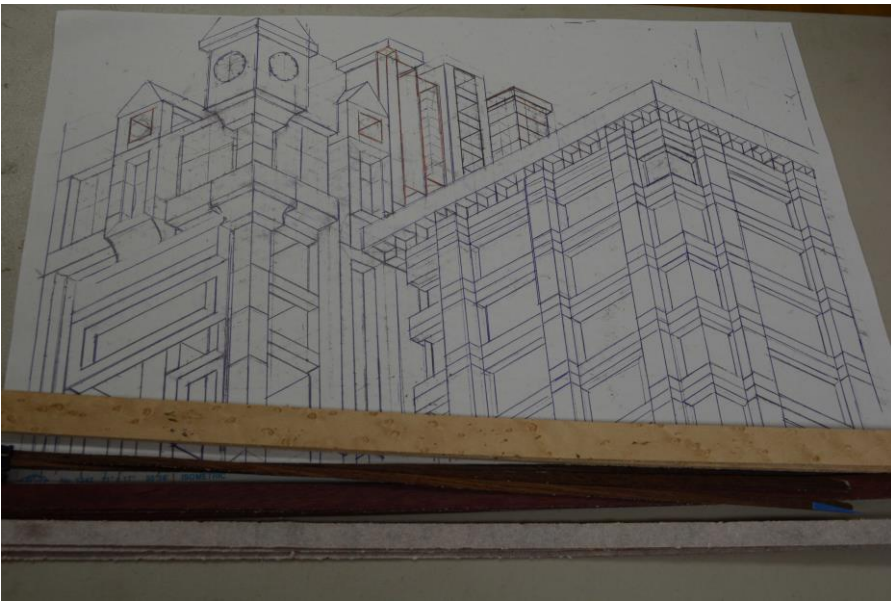
Jason's Awls are shown below



Sam's Gun Metal Pen is next.



Scott's ongoing marquetry project



But the S&T winner for the evening was Ryan and his laser cut/engraved toys



Thanks to all who participate in the S&T. 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

Treasurers Report

2026 Membership Dues

Beat the rush and renew your dues for 2026 in December. Dues are due on 1/1/26, but are certainly accepted before that.

Our dues structure and payment methods are listed on our website under “About Membership”. It is relatively easy to renew and pay from our website by clicking on:

https://coloradowoodworkersguild.org/mainSiteRestore_2025-10-20/index.php/about/about-membership.

After three years, I am stepping down from the Treasurer’s role and Larry Davis (the third Larry in a row) will be taking over as Treasurer on 1/1/26.

Larry Christensen

Treasurer@colowood.com

[ED Note: We all owe the current “Larry” our heartfelt thanks for his dedicated efforts as the CWG Treasurer for the last three years. He continues to serve the Guild as Sponsor Liaison, and as Shop Tour Coordinator. THANKS Larry for your service to the Guild!!

Meeting Presentations

November 2025 Meeting

On November 18th, 2025, we had a wonderful presentation by Jonathan Carlyon. He taught us about his woodworking design and project construction process. He covered multiple steps in his process, and showed us some of the beautiful projects he has completed via his slide presentation.

The presentation, however, is of very poor quality with raspy voice throughout due to technical issues with the soundboard caused by human error, but it can be viewed by going online to the CWG website.

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

January 2026 Meeting

For the January 2026 meeting we will have a presentation by Jeremiah Larabee talking about his recent learning experience at Rob Cosman’s Purple Heart week.

Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair

CWG Pikes Peak Chapter News

We had about 20 members join the meeting, including a new member, Brenton Salkeld.

Toy Build Update

- Wrap up for the 2025 year – 1,650 toys were made – most went to Ronald McDonald House, with 250 to local Santas, and 100 more ready to go.
- New collaboration with artist group who will paint some toys, look for us to make memory boxes.
- No build days in December – will start up again next month.

Show & Tell

- Juniper bowl with walnut inlay – Doug Reinert (The Winner)



- Scroll saw Christmas box – Jim Barry



- Shoe box from VA Tech and a turned aspen bowl - Eric George



- Coleman lantern boxes, old and new - Martin Albright

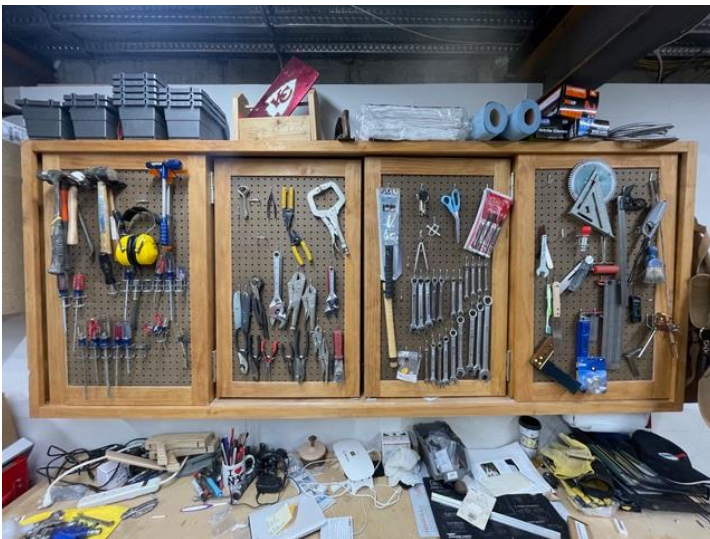


- Purple Heart project workbench built for Rob Cosman's Purple Heart Project - Ben Myers and Scott Thomas. See info on this at <https://www.thepurpleheartproject.org/our-story> . There may be a call for help to build additional benches – several people offered to pitch in.



Virtual Shop Visit

Ken Oliver showed us a wall storage system that turns 4' x 6' wall space into 60 sq feet of storage and a combo outfeed table, assembly table and downdraft sanding station with storage drawers



Presentation: From “Can you build me a ---?” to WOW that’s great!!

Bill Schlittler gave a talk on his design method showing a preview of a variety of projects he’s built and then he took us through the process of designing and building some screens to cover steam radiators in an historic building at Mount St. Francis.

He explained that he has done many projects for clients on a pro bono basis with two stipulations: (1) There is no fixed due date and (2) the client pays for construction materials + 10% to cover miscellaneous costs. He takes the client’s initial thoughts and runs through a series of client consultations with drawings, material choices, finishes, etc. to come up with a final project plan.

This project incorporated design elements to blend in with the historic building and incorporated white oak that was removed as part of the building update along with purchase wood and decorative metal screens.

The whole discussion was very well received and will be the pilot for a launch of member presentations next year covering portfolios, design and project stories, and lessons learned.

Upcoming Events

- Everyone is welcome to join the monthly breakfast at First Watch on 3rd Wednesday (12/17) at 9:00
- January 6th meeting will be preceded by a workshop on router table basics and router made dovetails led by Ben Myers. Any specific topics you'd like him to cover can be emailed to Ben at Benmyers1@msn.com

Jim Barry, Pikes Peak Chapter Lead

Toolbox Alerts

Rockler

- Rockler sales continue in December. They are offering up to \$450 credit with a SawShop tablesaw purchase, and a number of other sale items like a Rikon Drill Press and also a 4" x 36" Sander. Check it out on their website at rockler.com, and to see classes offered at the Denver store.

Woodcraft

- For the whole month of December, Woodcraft has a 50% off savings on a No. 400 Razorsaw Crosscut with replacement blade and a Foam Hook and Loop Sanding Block, and 40% off on six different hardwood types in lengths up to 36". Classes continue to be offered. ranging in price from \$110 to \$190.

[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

Sponsor news

Charlie's 2nd Hand Store is having a Going Out of Business Sale and, therefore, will no longer be a sponsor of the Colorado Woodworkers Guild. Those of us who have shopped there will truly miss this one-of-a-kind store.

Larry Christensen

Sponsor Liaison

Paxton Woods



December Wood of the Month

- 4/4 S3S 13/16" + SLR1E Rustic Wormy Soft Maple 7-8'
- Regular Price \$5.22 / BF
- Sale Price \$3.75 / BF

Flash Special (Continuation of Last Month's)

- 5/4 S3S 1-1/16" +SLR1E African Mahogany
- Regular Price \$12.00 / BF
- Sale Price \$6.76 / BF

Questions? Contact Dennis Stephens, denniss@paxtonwood.com

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