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# Colorado Woodworkers Guild February 2026 Newsletter

## President's Corner



*Bill Bixby, President*

**ED Note:** Details and signup info on the two upcoming classes announced at the January 2026 CWG meeting will be forthcoming in a message from Bill, and with an announcement at the February meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

*Bill Bixby, President*

## Show and Tell (S&T)

We had six S&T participants at the January meeting.

1. Don presented a turned “Gamera” box.
2. Don showed us a “Collaboration” turning.
3. Sam brought 4 pens/pencils, which he turned.
4. Jesse’s Jewelry Chest demonstrates making something with minimal tools and salvaged wood.
5. Larry revealed several Cheese Board Christmas (late or early?) presents.
6. Justin unveiled a large mallet he made for his father.

If you would like to view the S&T video, here are some instructions:

Open the hyperlink at <https://coloradowoodworkersguild.org>

Scroll down till you see this on the page:



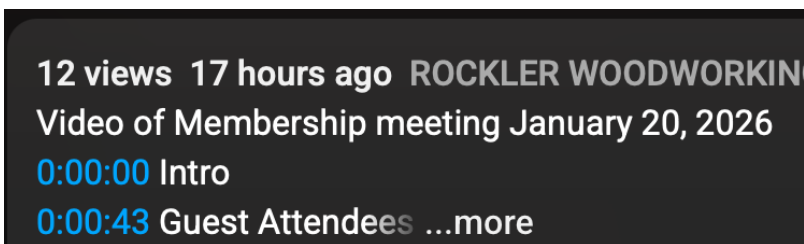
Place the mouse over the CWG logo. You should see something like this



Click on the following image:



This will take you to YouTube. At the bottom of the screen, you should see a description of the video something like this (you might have to scroll down):



Click on “...more” and you will get a list of links to the entire video, including each of the S&T presentations.

Below are some words and pictures about each S&T entry.

Don's first entry is a turned box made of Quiltwood Spalted Maple. Don calls this a [Gamera](#) box named after a fictitious movie turtle which emitted flames as it spun. The box emitted sawdust as it was turned.



Don’s second entry is a “Collaboration” turning with a contained sphere (turned by the collaborationist) made of Spalted Maple, Blackwood, Holly, and Silver.



Sam brought four pens/pencils made of Gaboon Ebonyu, Redwood/Koa, Indian Rosewood, and Olive.



Jesse brought a Jewelry Box made of recycled Oak he made using only a circular saw, router, and a belt sander.



Larry brought several Cheese Boards made of various scrap pieces of wood (although bigger scraps than one might find in Dennis' shop)



Justin brought a Mjölnir (Hammer Of Thor) that he made of “various woods” over the course of several years for his father. **And Justin was the gift card winner for the night.**



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](mailto:showandtell@coloradowoodworkersguild.org)

Thanks, and see you at the next meeting.

*Cary Goltermann, Show and Tell Administrator*

## Treasurers Report

### 2026 Membership Dues

Renew your dues for 2026 ASAP. Dues are due on 1/1/26, but if you have not yet renewed, get them in before they lapse on 1 April 2026.

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

Larry Davis (the third Larry in a row) took over as Treasurer on 1/1/26 and is anxious to take your dues renewal payment.

*Joe Lenhoff for Larry Davis*

[Treasurer@colowood.com](mailto:Treasurer@colowood.com)

## Meeting Presentations

### January 2026 Meeting

On January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, we had Andrew Klein as our first presenter of the year. Andrew showcased several new products he has been diligently working on. Andrew is a former Vice President at **\*\*Magswitch Technology\*\***, where he was deeply involved in new product development, creating clever and innovative woodworking solutions using MagJig™ magnets for work holding and safer machining. He eventually left his dream job at Magswitch to expand his rapidly growing business focused on producing "unique, top-of-the-line woodworking products", including his flagship "Twin Turbo" bench vise (with a new version coming soon!). The vise is widely regarded as one of the finest vises available for a workbench, and the exposed gears behind the plexiglass make it a functional work of art. Beyond being a highly skilled woodworker, Andrew is a **\*\*"brilliant engineer, inventor, and entrepreneur"**.

Andrew's YouTube Channel is at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@AndrewKleinWW>

Andrew's Website is at:

<https://www.in-kleind.com/>

**The presentation can be viewed by going online to the CWG website and using Cary's instructions in S&T above.**

## February 2026 Meeting

For the February 2026 meeting, the Guild will host a presentation by members of the Urban Wood Initiative. The presentation is titled "Urban Wood of Colorado". The presenters will show the city trees we have in Colorado, the issue of tree waste, and the opportunities for local hardwood products. Included will be the Guess the Wood Game!

### Presenters:

Thaddeus Driscoll  
Urban Wood Research Associate I  
Colorado State Forest Service

Dave Merriman  
Owner/Founder Arborscape Tree Service

Jordan Piscowicz  
Sawmill Operator Arborscape Tree Service

*Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair*

## CWG Pikes Peak Chapter News

### Notes from the 3 Feb, 2026 meeting

### Welcome Guests/New Members

We had about 27 members in attendance, including new members Bill Oliver, and Jim Brandt

### Upcoming Events:

#### Toy and Box build schedule

12 Feb at Woodcraft (1 PM)

19 Feb at Ken Oliver's shop (contact Ken at (785) 550-7746 if you need directions)

#### Invitation to attend informal get-togethers

Breakfast at First Watch on N. Academy on Wed, Feb 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM)

Lunch at BJ's on N. Nevada on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM

### Show & Tell

New projects & old ones (pictures at the end of this note)

1. Dan Sullivan – Table (circa 1971) and walnut baseball display box
2. Martin Albright – Epoxy resin-covered table for vintage VW camper bus
3. Bill Schlittler – Cedar box, circa 1970?
4. Jim Barry – Child's rocking horse (circa 1974) and (walnut cherry and unnamed tropical wood) cutting board

5. Del Cox – Ash baseball bat and turned bowl
6. Rick Smith – Mallet (aka Thor's Hammer)
7. Roger Rayburn – Boot drying rack of walnut
8. Ben Myers – Chess board (Curly maple, Wenge and spalted maple)
9. Jim Brandt, who was one of the Guild's founding members and first Guild President, gave some background on the Guild and his own lifetime as a professional woodworker. He showed a few of his ideas (he'll be presenting more at a future meeting)

## Wisdom of the Crowd

Roger Rayburn discussed some of his joinery challenges and approaches in making splayed out legs for a mid-century modern console.

**Group Brainstorming:** We discussed things we can do in our local guild chapter to continue to build up our community of woodworkers

**Pilot for a Distributed Virtual Library** – Five members participated in a pre-meeting workshop for putting their personal libraries into a computer-based library system. Once we get the process ironed out we'll bring it to the membership.

**Chapter Operations/Roles** – There are lots of roles that need to be filled to keep things going. Many have members already signed up for most of them but there are a few left to be filled: ***Meeting Hosts*** (to make sure new folks are welcomed); ***Programming Help*** (demos and meeting presentations); ***refreshments*** for meetings; ***Social Media Outreach*** coordinator; ***Planning and/or leading pre-meeting Educational Workshops***

**Membership Outreach** – Each member is encouraged to look for opportunities to invite others to join us. We passed out business cards with Guild and Pikes Peak Chapter information that can be used for that purpose.

**Website Brainstorming:** We're in the early stages of planning how to make the best use of the Pikes Peak Chapter area of the Guild's website. Please look over the Ideas below that are currently under consideration and send along any additional ideas you might have:

- "About" - chapter history, activities, etc.
- Meeting notes and Photo archives
- Community Outreach efforts
- Event calendar
- Member recommendations for sources of tools, materials or information (including videos)
- Local Sponsors (as an adjunct to the Guild's listing)
- Chapter Points of Contact
- "Members Only" materials, e.g.
  - Profiles of members, including small thumbnail photos
  - Chapter Membership list, with opt-in contact info
  - Possible tool-sharing and book sharing library info
- Tool swaps or items for sale

***Joe Lenhoff (At-large member of the CWG Board of Directors)*** passed along a few items of interest from the recent Board meeting, including budget issues (and importance of membership dues), plans for additional outreach and publicity, planned award of the first CWG scholarship to Sam Kemp, a student at Metro State University, and selection of Jesse Anthony for Lifetime Membership announced at the 20 January meeting.

## Show & Tell Pictures:



Dan Sullivan – walnut baseball display box



Martin Albright – Epoxy resin covered table for vintage VW camper bus



Bill Schlittler – cedar box, circa 1970?



Jim Barry – Child's rocking horse (circa 1974) and (walnut, cherry. and tropical wood) cutting board



Del Cox – ash baseball bat and turned bowl



Rick Smith – Mallet (aka Thor's Hammer)



Roger Rayburn – boot drying rack of walnut



Ben Myers – Chess board (Curly maple, Wenge and Spalted Maple), **and the night's gift card winner.**



Jim Brandt, a Lifetime Member who was one of the Guild's founding members and first Guild President showing some early designs from his business.

*Jim Barry, Pikes Peak Chapter Lead*

# Toolbox Alerts

## Rockler

- Rockler sales continue in February. They are offering a sale on a Rockler 2-Pc. Rail and Stile Shaker Cutter Router Bit Set - 1/2" a \$99.99, select clamps at 40% off, and various Rockler Phenolic Router Tables with Fence and Rock-Steady Stand for \$125 off. Check it out on their website at [rockler.com](http://rockler.com), and also see classes offered at the Denver store.

## Woodcraft

- For the whole month of February, Woodcraft has a 50% off savings on a Japanese “Kugihiki” Flush Cutting Saw, a Woodcraft 3-Piece 7” Rough Cut Rasp Set, a magnetic Stow Push Stick, and a 10 Piece Silicone Chisel Guard set, and 40% off on three different hardwood types in lengths up to 36”. Classes continue to be offered. ranging in price from \$70 to \$675 for a multiday Trestle Table class.

[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

### Sponsor Tour (a Joint Front Range Woodworkers/CWG event)

Location: Where Wood Meets Steel

February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

11:00AM -1:00PM

(See Sponsors List for address and phone number)

*Joe Lenhoff for Larry Christensen, Sponsor Liaison*

# **Paxton Woods**



## **February Wood of the Month**

- 4/4 Sap Wood
- S2S 13/16" + SLR1E
- Regular Price \$7.75/BF
- Sale Price \$4.95/BF (36% off)

## **Flash Special**

- 4/4 Sel & Better Sassafras
- S2S 13/16" + SLR1E
- \$3.00/BF

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

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**Austin Hardwoods of Denver, Inc.**, 975 W. Mississippi, Denver, CO 80223. Phone: 303-733-1292. Website: [www.austinhardwoods.com](http://www.austinhardwoods.com)

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

**Metal Supermarkets Denver-Englewood**, 1500 W Hampden Ave, Bldg 2, Suite A, Sheridan, CO 80110, Phone: 720-722-6317, [www.metalsupermarkets.com/location/denver-englewood](http://www.metalsupermarkets.com/location/denver-englewood)

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**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)

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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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