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Colorado Woodworkers Guild

March 2026 Newsletter

President's Corner



Bill Bixby, President



The Colorado Woodworkers Guild is proud to announce **Sam Kamps**, a 27-year-old Industrial Design student at Metropolitan State University (MSU) of Denver, as the recipient of our first-ever educational scholarship. Sam first came to our attention through a strong recommendation from his faculty at MSU. After getting to know him over the past few months, it quickly became clear why. He is thoughtful, passionate, technically skilled, and deeply committed to the craft — not just as a vocation, but as a way of life.

Sam's connection to woodworking runs in the family. His grandfather, a Dutch engineer, built his own table saw, and Sam's father gave him his earliest opportunities to work with wood. But the moment Sam truly fell in love with the craft came while building a small skateboard ramp for a DIY skate park. As he tells it, he realized he was having far more fun building the ramp than skating on it. The rest, as he puts it, is history.

We recently spoke with Sam about his projects, his philosophy, and his vision for the future. Here are some highlights from that conversation.

What has been your most challenging woodworking project to date, and what did you learn from it?

"The hardest thing I've ever built was a hickory dresser. There were so many little details to consider, and hickory being hickory - it's not the easiest wood to work with. But I don't think I deserve sympathy for that, because I knew all that going in and I still chose to work with it. There's something about hickory that's underrated. It is used in tool handles, lacrosse sticks, and Native Americans even used it for making bone arrows -- If it can handle all that, then that's the type of material I really take pride in building with."

Sam also tackled a bed frame and, most recently, a mesquite nightstand - a project that gave him a new appreciation for working without time pressure. On both the dresser and the bed frame, he cut half-blind dovetails entirely by hand, and the grain matching on his dresser drew admiring comments from other Guild members when he shared photos of his progress.

What is your philosophy when it comes to modern tools and technology in woodworking?

"I take a hybrid approach. I love CAD software - SketchUp, SolidWorks - but the nightstand I just built, I had no CAD file. I just made it up on the spot with my track saw and some live-edge pieces. You can see something on your computer, but it'll never translate the same as seeing it in person. I think there are a lot of people in programs like mine who rely too heavily on CNC machines and laser cutters, when the fundamentals of hand tool work will serve you far better in the long run."

What are your goals for the next five to ten years?

"If I could be so lucky, I'd love to do this professionally - whether that's working at a furniture maker or eventually running my own custom furniture company. My dad got me a cherry desk from **Room & Board** and told me it would look better with age, and last a lifetime. That really stuck with me. The goal is to keep doing this, hopefully at a bigger scale, and along the way, inspire other people to do the same."

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing the woodworking community today?

"Because of mass-produced furniture, people have lost sight of the value of quality, handmade wooden pieces. Luckily, I've seen a resurgence in appreciation for that. But the deeper concern is that people won't understand the value of the *process* - slowing down, taking your time, doing it right, and creating something that lasts and is meaningful. I don't think anyone should ever abandon hand tools entirely. There will always be a use for a chisel and a hand plane that you simply can't substitute with a machine."

Sam plans to give back to the Guild by showcasing his work at an upcoming meeting and hopes to inspire more young people - particularly those in their 20s and 30s - to pick up the craft. We are thrilled to have him as our inaugural scholarship recipient and look forward to watching his journey unfold.

Bill Bixby, President

Notes From the Treasurer

ED Note: Don't forget to renew your CWG Annual membership before you lapse on 1 April.

Joe Lenhoff for Larry Davis, Treasurer

Show and Tell

We had eight entries for S&T at the February 17th 2026 CWG meeting

1. Cary showed off an Ash Bowl finished in Walnut oil.
2. Joe showed a Bandsaw Box made from a block of Birch , stained with Minwax “gunstock” stain and finished with Satin Urethane.
3. Jim showed us a Cutting Board of Walnut, Maple and an unknown wood, and finished with Cutting Board Oil
4. Don had a Salt and Pepper set turned from Walnut and finished in Walnut oil.
5. Marty brought an End Table made of Cherry and Curly Maple and finished in Tung Oil.
6. Jerry had two boxes he made for the 2026 CWG Christmas gifts, one of Teak and another of Oak. Both were finished in Shellac.
7. Jonathan showed off a “Negative Space Furniture Object” made of White Oak and Peruvian Walnut, finished with Shellac and Wax. This was a follow-up to the talk he gave to us in November.
8. Matt presented a Lamp made of English Walnut and finished with Yorkshire Paste and Shellac.

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

Go to <https://coloradowoodworkersguild.org> and scroll down till you see this



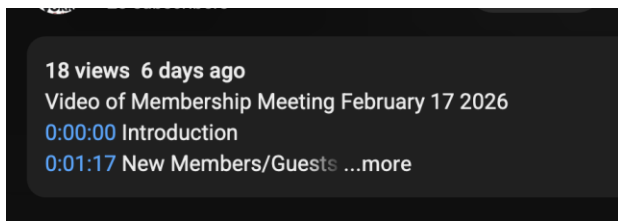
Place the mouse over the CWG logo. You should see something like this



Click on the You Tube logo



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.

Pictures of the entries in the order they were presented are below.

Here's Cary and his Bowl Full O' Cookies



Joe and his Bandsaw Box



Jim and his Cutting Board (Note the Medaillon inset into the back)



Don and his Salt and Pepper Grinder/Shakers



Marty and his End Table



Jerry and his Christmas Gift Boxes



Jonathan and his Brutalist Negative Space Cabinet



Matt and his Gunstock Lamp



And The evening's S&T Winner was Marty and his end table.



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

February 2026 Meeting

On February 3rd, 2026, we heard from three presenters about the Urban Wood Initiative. They educated us on the Urban Wood of Colorado system and process with a great slide presentation. At the break, they treated us to a Name the Wood challenge, which tested six teams to identify as many as possible of 42 different wood species. They provided gifts of wood slabs to the top two winning teams at the end of the meeting.

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.09mm into the meeting video and goes to near the end of the meeting until 2h.55mm.

Joe Lenhoff, CWG Newsletter Editor & Publisher & Communications Committee Chair & CWG Board Member-at-Large

March 2026 Meeting

Carolyn Racine (**via Zoom**), VP of Continuing Education at Sam Beauford Woodworking Institute, upholsterer, will be our presenter at the March meeting at Rockler. Check her out at the following website:

<https://sbwi.edu/blog/welcoming-carolyn-racine-as-sbwis-new-vice-president-of-continued-education>

Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair, CWG Vice President & CWG Board member

CWG Pikes Peak Chapter News

Notes for March 3rd 2026 Pikes Peak Chapter Meeting

1. We welcomed one new guest and a future member, Jim McManus.
2. We now have a large 65" TV screen in the Woodcraft workshop thanks to Doug Pinney who donated it and Bill Schlittler who mounted it on the wall. We now can present short videos or slide shows for viewing and discussion.
3. Jim Barry gave a brief demo of the new Pikes Peak CWG Chapter's Virtual Library.
 - a. So far, six members have cataloged their personal libraries. Thanks to Rick Smith, Ken Oliver, Roger Rayburn, and Del Cox who diligently worked through the pilot creation process, including several false starts and dead ends. Thanks also to Bruce Dellinger who added his extensive catalog after we got the pilot set up. Several others indicated that they would also contribute.
 - b. Library catalogs are available for viewing at: <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/<insert library name here>>
 - i. Jim Barry library's name is – ***DoctorJWoodworking***
 - ii. Del Cox library's name is – ***coxdd44***
 - iii. Bruce Dellinger library's name is – ***mondomando***
 - iv. Ken Oliver library's name is – ***KenOliver01***
 - v. Roger Rayburn library's name is – ***RogerRayburn***
 - vi. Rick Smith library's name is – ***ROS84001***

Our topic for this month's Show & Tell was "***Ideas in Progress***".

The work-in-progress offerings were as follows:



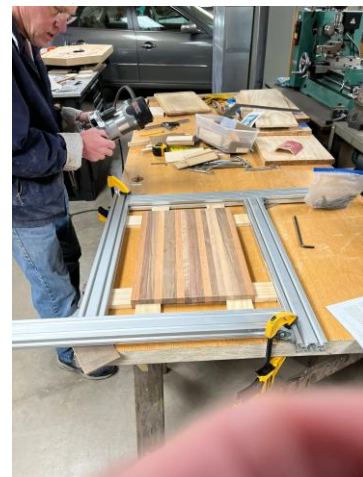
Rick Smith - Oval Picture frame for his grandparents' photo (awaiting finish)



Bruce Dellinger – guitar in process



Bill Schlittler – An in-progress table with Eagle carving, made with Doug Pinney's CNC help



Jim Barry – A partially built mountain dulcimer that his dad started over 25 years ago and a ready-for-finish Cutting Board - juice groove made using an Extruded Aluminum 80/20 adjustable frame.

Two completed projects for Show & Tell were shown:



Doug Reinelt – Music Box



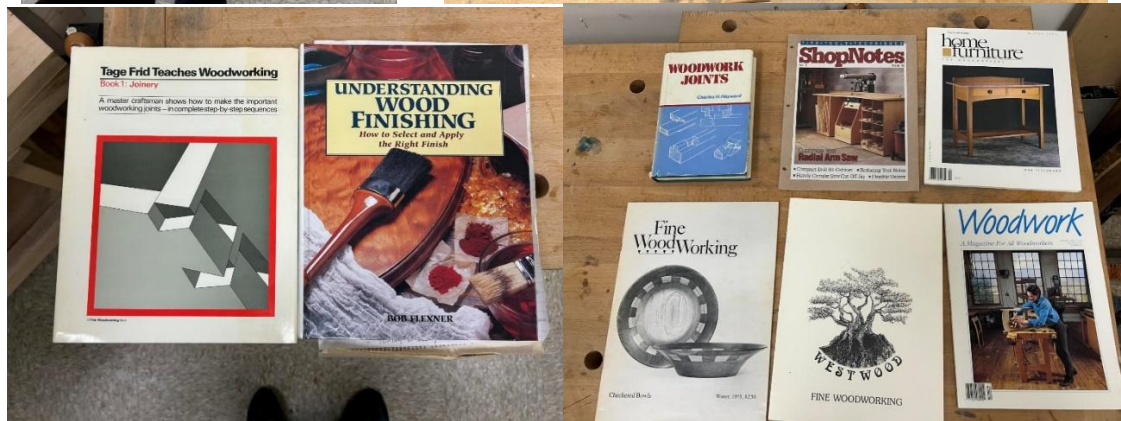
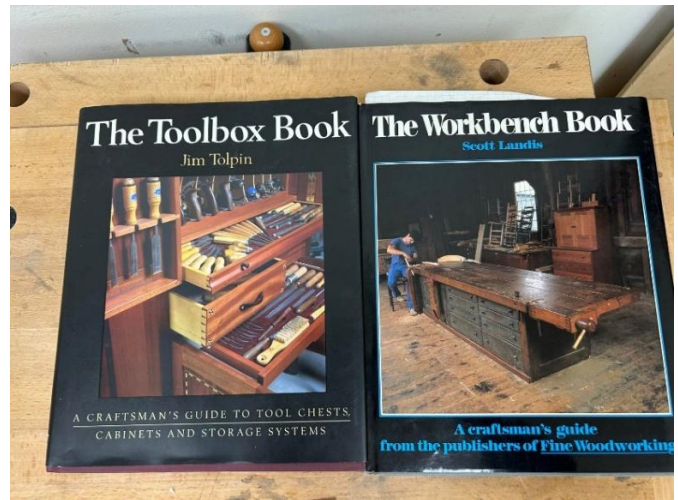
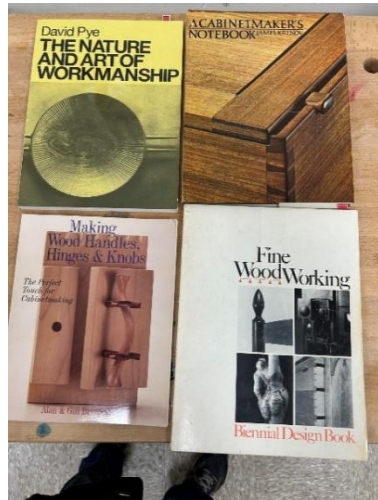
(The S&T Winner) **Martin Albright – Dovetailed Jewelry Box**

4. Toys and Boxes:

- a. Jim Ungvarsky reported on his experience in presenting a memory box to a grieving family. He emphasized how much impact this project has on the recipients.
- b. The *build schedule for this month includes*:
 - i. Tuesday, Mar 10th at Woodcraft (1 PM)
 - ii. Thursday, Mar (14 or 21?) at Ken Oliver's shop (contact Ken at (785) 550-7746 for directions)
- c. ***Invitation to attend informal get-togethers***
 - i. Breakfast at First Watch on N. Academy on Wed, Mar 18th at 9:00 AM
 - ii. Lunch at BJ's on N. Nevada on March 4th at 1:00 PM - Dan Sullivan and Del Cox will report on this gathering and future gatherings.
5. We presented **Jim Brandt** with his CWG Life Member name badge, after which he gave a reprise of his presentation to the CWG from last year. His evident passion for our craft of woodworking is truly infectious! We are looking forward to setting up a tour of his shop sometime later this year.



Jim also highlighted a selection of favorite books from his library as well a few items he has created.



Jim Barry, Pikes Peak Chapter Lead

Toolbox Alerts

Rockler

- Rockler sales continue in March. They are offering a Powrer Jaw Clamp at a 44% savings savings, 30% off on a Rockler Router Table Box Joint Jig, and numerous other devices that are on sale. Check it out on their website at rockler.com. Check with the Rockler.com/retail/stores/co-denver site for courses they are offering at the store where we meet.

Woodcraft

- For the whole month of March, Woodcraft has some great up to 40% off savings on a number of items, including Purpleheart, Teak, and Amazakoue 12” to 36” boards, and 50% off on an exotic cutting board kit, a Seium Saku Komame Ryoba Rasorsaw. Classes continue to be offered ranging in price from \$170 to multiple-day classes at up to \$1,100.

[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 Board Member-at-Large

CWG Sponsor Update

Paxton Woods



March Wood of the Month

- 4/4 FAS 1F/Btr. Poplar 6-7’ lengths.
- S2S 13/16” + SLR1E
- Regular Price \$6.22 / BF
- Sale Price \$3.75 / BF
- 39% Off

March Flash Special

- 4/4 Sap Walnut S2S
- S2S 13/16” + SLR1E
- Regular Price \$7.75 / BF
- Sale Price \$4.95 / BF
- 36% Off

2nd Flash Special

- 4/4 Sel & Better Sassafras
- S2S 13/16 + SLR1E
- Sale Price \$3.00

Questions? Contact Dennis Stephens, denniss@paxtonwood.com

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2026 Sponsor Tours

CS WOODS is our first Sponsor Tour of 2026.

CS Woods has been a sponsor of CWG for many years and specializes in slabs, both domestic and foreign. They are the only seller of woods from around the world in Colorado that I am aware of. They also offer lumber, milling services, finishes that they use themselves and custom furniture. Several of us refer to their slab collection as eye candy. As a sponsor, they offer a 10% discount on all their wood products and may have some deeper discounts for the tour. If you have not been to their showroom before, or want to enjoy their collection of wood again, please join us.

When: Saturday, April 18, 2026

Time: 10:30 to 12

Address: 4355 Monaco Street, Unit A, Denver, CO 80216

It is immediately south of I-70 on the west side of Monaco. There is generally plenty of parking on Saturday. I will not be there, but Phil Weathers will be there in my place.

Larry Christensen, Sponsor Liaison & Shop Tours Coordinator

2026 Shop Tours

Member shop tours are a great way to see how others accomplish their woodworking and, as importantly, meet and get to know your fellow Colorado Woodworkers Guild members.

The following Shop Tours are scheduled or are in the process of being finalized. We still have openings for September and October. Please contact Larry Christensen if you would like to host a shop tour in either of those months, or in 2027. **NOTE: Sign Up Genius links will be forthcoming to sign up for these Shop Tours.**

March 28, 2026 – 10AM to 1PM

Larry Christensen's shop

11020 W Park Range Road, Littleton, CO 80127 303-941-9137

Larry's shop has undergone a transformation since his last shop tour two years ago. He is fortunate to have a large garage with his big tools all on wheels. He has several unique storage solutions that help keep him organized, and he loves his new magnetic connectors for dust collection.

April 25, 2026 – 10AM TO 1PM

Dennis Edmonds' shop

14553 W. 58 th Avenue, Arvada, CO 80002 713-819-2513

Dennis enjoys creating small pieces. He can generally find something to build with almost any scrap. He has a large wood collection that is very well organized and his big tools are laid out so that they don't have to move very often. Dennis' has hosted Group Build's in his shop for several years and has mentored many of us. He was President of CWG from 2022 through 2024.

May 23, 2026 – 10AM to 1PM – TENTATIVE

Kevin Loyd's shop

(Details to follow)

June 13, 2026 – 10AM to 1 PM

Jesse Anthony's shop
(Details to follow)

July, 2026 – exact date to be determined

Gary White's shop
(Details to follow)

August 1, 2026 – 10AM to 1PM

George Tavaréz's shop
(Details to follow)

Larry Christensen, Sponsor Liaison & Shop Tours Coordinator

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Baldwin Hardwoods, 1225 Red Cedar Circle, Ft Collins, CO 80524. Phone: 970-213-8608. Website: baldwinhardwoods.com

CO Lumber & Real Wood Furniture, 3636 N Stone Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80907 719-389-0100 Website: columber.net

CS Woods, 4355 Monaco Street, Unit A, Denver, CO 80206. Phone: 720-278-7797. Website: www.cswoods.com

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

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

Just Rustic Custom Woodworking, 224 Main Street, Fort Morgan, CO 80701. Phone: 303-324-4342. Website: justrusticco.com

Metal Supermarkets Colorado Springs, 1615 N Academy Boulevard, Colorado Springs, CO 80909. Phone: 719-413-8948 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

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

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

Sears Trostel, 1500 Riverside Ave, Ft Collins, CO 80527. Phone: 970-482-1928. Website: www.sears-trostel.com

TC Woods, 5406 County Road 23 Ft. Lupton, CO 80621. Phone: 303-666-8989. Website: www.tcwoods.com

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

Where Wood Meets Steel, 4903 Washington Street, Denver, CO 80216. Phone: 720-780-7752. Website: 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

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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