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Colorado Woodworkers Guild

May 2026 Newsletter

President's Corner



Bill Bixby, President

It has been another busy and rewarding month for the Colorado Woodworkers Guild, with a great mix of education, fellowship, generosity, and inspiration.

Guild Meeting Recap — April 2026

Our featured guests were three gentlemen from [The Master's Apprentice](#) program – a Denver-based nonprofit that has been changing lives since 2013. Their tuition free pre-apprenticeship program provides young adults with a pathway into careers in the skilled trades, including carpentry, electrical, plumbing, and HVAC work, combining hands-on training, real job-site experience, and direct connections to Colorado employers. It was inspiring to hear about the impact they are making in developing the next generation of craftspeople as part of their presentation — a mission that resonates deeply with the values of our Guild.

Cary Goltermann and I also gave shorter presentations. Cary demonstrated the use of a traditional drill brace while discussing the construction of a simple three-legged stool — a perfect showcase for classic hand tools and straightforward joinery. I also gave a discussion on building whirligigs as a fun springtime project, combining creativity, motion, and a healthy dose of whimsy. Judging by the conversations afterward, a few spinning and flapping creations may soon be appearing in member shops, and the gardens of their spouses...



A Special Donation from Andy Klein

A major highlight of the evening was a visit from toolmaker and inventor **Andy Klein**, whom many of you may remember from previous Guild presentations. Andy generously donated a **Festool Domino XL** to the Guild — a remarkable contribution we greatly appreciate. He also shared details about his upcoming tool innovation, the "**Trinity**" — years in development and still under wraps ahead of its official launch later this year, but clearly something that has the potential to turn heads across the woodworking world. The donated Domino XL was even used during part of the Trinity's prototyping phase.

To top things off, we screened a portion of one of Andy's YouTube videos covering the Trinity project — informative and beautifully produced, but made truly memorable by its narration delivered in the style of filmmaker **Werner Herzog**. It is not often that *existential philosophy and woodworking tool development collide so perfectly...* The video is worth watching.

Link to youtube video: [Domino Killer - Revealed after 6 years](#)



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This past week, Andy invited me to his shop, and as part of that visit I had the rare opportunity to see the Trinity tool firsthand — something only a very small number of people have experienced. I'll just say this: that tool is truly something special, and the buzz and excitement surrounding its release is completely justified. While I was there, Andy also donated another premium joinery tool to the Guild — the **Dowel Max**, also used during the Trinity's development. And the generosity didn't stop there: he proposed an affiliate partnership with the Guild, where a portion of his tool sales would be given directly back to our organization. More details to come, but this kind of generosity reflects both Andy's character and his deep appreciation for the woodworking community. On behalf of the guild: **Thank you Andy.**

For anyone wanting to know more - The Trinity is now on presale on his website: [in-
kleind.com/products/trinity-presale](http://in-kleind.com/products/trinity-presale)

Community Outreach Projects - Member Highlights

Veteran Urn Box Project — Honoring the Forgotten

This past April, Guild Treasurer **Larry Davis** laser engraved military branch emblems onto a new set of urn box tops, and fellow member **Jerry Thelander** — a Vietnam Veteran himself — applied the final finish before personally delivering them to **Bill Bridges**, Director of the Honors Burial Program for Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1071, at Fort Logan National Cemetery. [2 or 3 photos]



This ongoing partnership is close to our Guild's heart, and if you'd like to learn more about the incredible work VVA Chapter 1071 does — and the role our members have played in it — we encourage you to check out these two news stories that find out more:

- [FOX 31 — Abandoned no more: Ashes of Colorado veterans laid to rest after decades](#)
- [9 News — Positively Colorado: 27 lost veterans laid to rest](#)

Group Toy Builds & Painting Event with Colorado Decorative Artists

Group builds for making children's toys continued this past March & April at **Dennis Edmonds'** shop in Arvada, led by **Jeff Gifford** and **Jerry Thelander**, and our Colorado Springs chapter also kept their saws humming with **Ken Oliver** coordinating all of the efforts from our members down south – all working to add to our ongoing supply of handcrafted wooden toys for donation to hospitals and children's organizations across the state.

Additional Note: The next group build for toys will be taking place this Saturday, May 16th, at Dennis Edmonds house in Arvada (link to signup: [here](#))

The toy project took on a colorful new chapter on **Saturday, May 2nd**, when Guild members — along with friends and family — joined forces with the talented artists of the **Colorado Decorative Artists** for a joint painting session at the **Franktown Fire Station**. I believe we had close to **50 attendees** over the course of the all-day painting session, and what a delight it was!!! It was a lively and productive event – bringing our handcrafted toys to life with paint and personality. [3 or 4(?) Photos]



Our collaboration with the Colorado Decorative Artists extends beyond toys as well — Guild members have also been building **memory boxes** for their group, which the artists then paint and personalize. [2 Photos]



For those who may not be familiar with what the Colorado Decorative Artists have done as part of our ongoing partnership, there was a very touching video put together by Jeremy Hubbard from FOX 31 news this past December ([link to video](#)) – and almost all of those beautifully painted toys showcased as part of the video were the handiwork of the Colorado Decorative Artists. We absolutely adore working with these lovely ladies, with special thanks to **Nan Auhll**, **Janet Gropp** and the rest of the CDA leadership for making this happen!

Also, there are two school events that I am not making a signup for.

- MSU Industrial Design Senior Project show (Wednesday, May 13th, 4:30 - 8 pm)
Guild calendar link: https://coloradowoodworkersguild.org/mainSiteRestore_2025-10-20/index.php/event-schedule/eventdetail/543/-/msu-industrial-design-senior-project-showcase

School link: <https://msudenver.enterprise.localist.com/event/industrial-design-spring-senior-show>

- Red Rocks school of Fine Woodworking student project showcase (Saturday, May 16th, 12 - 2 pm)

Guild calendar link: https://coloradowoodworkersguild.org/mainSiteRestore_2025-10-20/index.php/event-schedule/eventdetail/544/-/red-rocks-school-of-fine-woodworking-student-project-showcase

School link: <https://www.rrcc.edu/calendar/event/051626/fine-woodworking-exhibition>

Bill Bixby, President

Show and Tell

We had four entries for the S&T at the April 21st meeting:

- Fred brought an auxiliary vise from an article in Woodsmith / No.233.
- Ron showed off some turnings.
- Mike shared a Guitar Chair (no arms to bang the guitar body on).
- Gary made a Moxon Vise to show off.
- 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.

Fred and his aux vise are shown.



Next is Ron showing his ornaments made from turnings and sea urchins



Mike and his Guitar Chair





Gary and his Moxon Vise



And Fred won the S&T 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

April 2026 Meeting

On April 21st, 2026, we had three presenters who filled in for a planned presentation that was cancelled. First off, there was a half-hour presentation on The Master's Apprentice program. Next, Bill Bixby presented details on how to build a fun device for kids called a Whirligig. Then Cary Goltermann did a presentation on using a manual drill brace to attach legs to a three-legged stool he was building. See the President's Corner article by Bill Bixby for more details.

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.01mm into the meeting video and goes until near the end of the meeting, finishing up at about 2h.

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

May 2026 Meeting

For the May 19, 2026 meeting, Frank Morris of Mohawk (now FinishWorks) was just confirmed.

Jonathan Carlyon, Education Chair

CWG Pikes Peak Chapter News

May 5, 2026 Meeting Notes

We had 18 folks in attendance at our rainy/snowy meeting.

The meeting kicked off with an update on toy/memory box service project. Ken Oliver gave a recap of Saturday's Paint-in followed by a conversation with Jeanine Walla, one of the talented Decorative Artists who is working on our memory boxes. She brought examples of her work and discussed some original techniques she has developed. She has committed to painting 3 boxes per month, all for use by local Colorado Springs organizations that help grieving parents. We also had drop-in visit from Santa Mac who leads the Colorado Springs Santas group. He'll be back this Summer to give us some insights on their work.

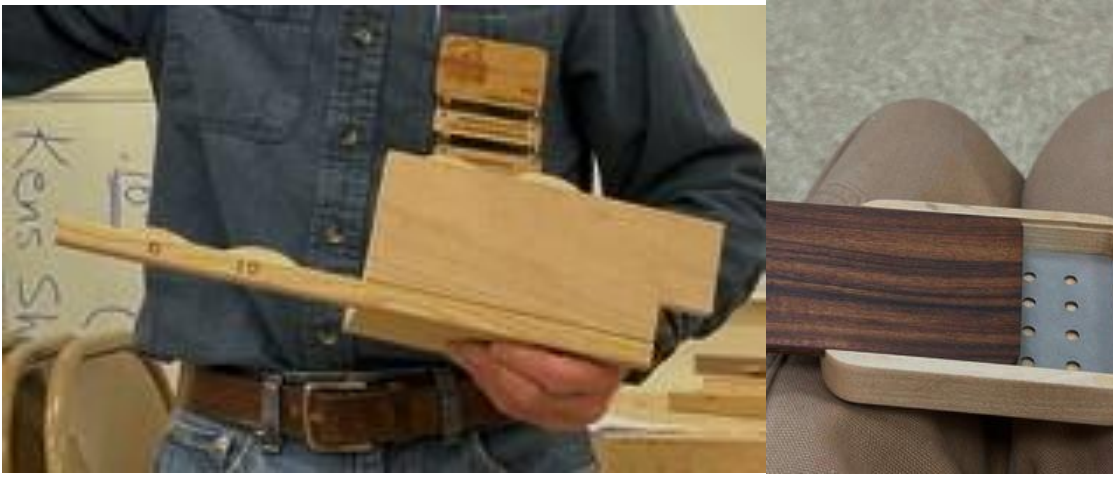
Here are a few of Jeanine's creations



The main focus of the meeting was on our topic of **This Joint Rocks!** Members were challenged to bring in examples of their joinery, both their go-to method and some others they're less familiar with.

Joints demonstrated included: dado, Domino loose tenon, biscuit, dovetailed sliding box lid, lock mitre (along with a brief video), a monster compilation of a dozen or so joints all in one board, finger/box joints, complex lutherie joints, frame and panel joints, machined half-blind dovetails, and mitre joints. Pictures below not in order – see how many you can identify!





A few upcoming/ongoing events were advertised::

- **Red Rocks Spring Semester Show** May 16th from 12 to 2 (carpool possible)
- **Woodcraft update:** Ben Myers told us about ongoing sales at his store along with his upcoming trip to the Woodcraft Vendors demo. He'll fill us in when he returns.
- **Monthly Social events:**
 - Old Farts Lunch 1st Wednesday at 1:00 at BJ's on Nevada
 - Old Farts Breakfast – 3rd Wednesday (May 20th) 9:00 at First Watch on Academy Blvd
- **Toy/boxes:**
 - Build day at the Woodcraft Store - Tuesday May 12th 1:00-5:00
 - Build day at Ken Oliver's - Thursday May 21st 1:00-4:00 (4409 Settlers Ranch Rd. (785)550-7746)
- **Maple cutoffs available:** They are Maple scraps. All of which will need to be dimensioned and edge glued to be useable. They are 2.5" wide down to 1.5" wide and 3/4" thick. Lengths vary from 2' to 10'. Ken has ~30 pieces available and is willing to deliver to get it out of his shop, or you may want to come and pick out what you can use.

Jim Barry, Pikes Peak Chapter Lead

Toolbox Alerts

Rockler

- Rockler sales continue in May. They are offering up to 33% off on a number of items including Rockler Dust Rite hardware, customer select favorite Jigs, and 25% off on select steel stands and Mahogany boards. Check it out on their website at rockler.com, and look at the Denver site for classes being offered..

Woodcraft

- For the whole month of May Woodcraft has some great up to 40% off savings on a number of items including Cocobolo 12" boards, Leopardwood 12-36" boards, and Hard Maple 18-36" boards. Also they are offering Japanese Socket Awls, and a Woodcraft Corner Facing Plane for 50% off. Classes continue to be offered, ranging in price from \$25 to \$325.

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

CWG Sponsor Update

Paxton Woods



May Wood of the Month

- 4/4 Character Cherry
- S3S 13/16" + SLR1E
- Regular Price \$12.00 / BF
- Sale Price \$8.00 / BF
- 33% Off

May Flash Special

- 4/4 Select & Better Pacific Coast Maple
- S3S 13/16" + SLR1E
- Regular Price \$4.00 / BF
- Sale Price \$2.95
- 26% Off

Questions? Contact Dennis Stephens, denniss@paxtonwood.com

2026 SHOP TOURS

Member shop tours are a great way to see how others accomplish their wood working, gain new insights and techniques and, as importantly, meet and get to know your fellow Colorado Woodworkers Guild (CWG) members. The following Shop Tours are scheduled or in the process of being finalized. Sign Up Genius will be forthcoming to sign up for all of these Shop Tours, but here is the one for Jesse's tour: **Signup Genius link:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DAFA72BAAFDC25-64041174-jesse>

Jesse Anthony's Shop Tour (Saturday, June 13th):

June 13, 2026 – 10AM to 1 PM

Jesse Anthony's shop

4551 S Quintero Street

Aurora, CO 80015

Jesse has been a CWG member for over 20 years and was recently recognized for his many contributions to the Guild with a Life Time Membership. His shop fills a double garage and is eclectic and unique with some fun eye candy. He has a lot of interesting tools, jigs, work flows, dust collection system and wood storage. He will be displaying projects that he has built over time, including the evolution of his power carving. Dennis Edmonds and I had to convince him that his shop was worth showing off, but I believe that you will agree with us when you join us. I am sure that you will learn something.

July, 2026 – exact date to be determined

Gary White's shop

Details to come

August 1, 2026 – 10AM to 1PM

George Tavarez's shop

Details to come

September

Kevin Loyd

Details to come

October

Bill Schlittler

Details to come

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Larry Christensen, Shop Tour Coordinator

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

2026 SPONSOR TOURS

JUST RUSTIC: Sponsor Tours are a great way to learn more about our Sponsors and their offerings in addition to socialization with your fellow members. **Signup Genius Link:**

Just Rustic Sponsor Tour (Saturday, May 30th):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DAFA72BAAFDC25-64041166-just>

This is particularly important for carpooling to Just Rustic. We will be car-pooling from a spot, or spots, to be announced later. We will meet at 9 AM.

When: Saturday, May 30, 2026

Time: 11 AM until ?

Address: First stop – Shop
14494 County Road W
Weldona, CO 80653

Second stop – Showroom
224 Main Street
Fort Morgan, CO 80701

Probably lunch in Fort Morgan afterwards

Just Rustic is well worth the time it takes to get there and carpooling allows you to get to know your fellow members better. At their shop, you will observe the process of creating finished slabs and beautiful custom furniture from urban logs and imported walnut logs from Missouri. Their furniture, slabs and other furniture and accessories are on display at their 2-story showroom in downtown Fort Morgan, Jason and Leah will be offering great discounts during this Sponsor Tour and their normal prices are very competitive.

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Larry Christensen, Sponsor Liaison

Signup Genius Links to Other Upcoming Events

- Power Carving Class with Jesse Anthony (Saturday, June 6th):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DAFA72BAAFDC25-64041304-power>

- CWG Group Toy Build (Saturday, June 13th):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DAFA72BAAFDC25-63338791-cwggroup>

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