



COLORADO Woodworkers GUILD

December 2005

Encouraging all woodworkers in
self-expression, craftsmanship and
knowledge

Upcoming meetings

January 17th:

Steve Shapland, Hand Tools Demo
Location: Paxton

February 21st :

Rich Johnson, Finishing Techniques
Location: Rockler

March 21st :

TBD
Location: Red Rocks Community College

*Visit our website for latest updates on meetings and locations:
www.coloradoodworkersguild.org*



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR DECEMBER 20th**

Our Annual Holiday Party!!!

Where: Paxton

4837 Jackson Street, Denver, CO

When: Tuesday, December 20th, 7-9pm

WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE

Several members have asked what the “White Elephant” is all about. Here’s how it works:

Members who want to participate in the gift exchange should bring a wrapped gift (anonymous, of course!). Although it’s nice if the gift has something to do with woodworking...but that’s not a requirement. The gift might be something you already have but don’t need. Or the gift can be purchased, but we don’t suggest spending more than \$10-\$15.

Each participating member will draw a number to determine their order for selecting a gift. In numerical order, each person can either:

A) Select any of the unwrapped gifts, unwrap it, and let everyone see the wonderful item they have selected.

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B) “Steal” any gift that has already been opened -- but no gift can be “stolen” more than 3 times.

This process continues until everyone has selected a gift. Finally, Person #1 has the opportunity to “steal” any gift that they want, as long as it has not already been “stolen” three times.



FOOD, FUN, DOOR PRIZES, and the
always entertaining
WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE
are all on the agenda for our
Annual Holiday Party!!!

Here’s the scoop:

FOOD

* The Guild will be providing sandwich fixins (meats, cheeses, breads, condiments), beverages, plates, utensils and napkins.

* Guild members are asked to please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert.

DOOR PRIZES

* Guild memberships, gift certificates and a **very special surprise** will be given away in a door prize drawing!

**COME & JOIN US FOR SOME
HOLIDAY CHEER!!!**

NOTE: Updates to Les Hess’ Candlestick plans in our November Newsletter have been posted to the CWG website ‘Documents’ page.

November's Event Review: "Larry Green - Avid Woodworker"

What a pleasure it was to have Larry Green as our special guest for the November meeting! Squeezing us into his agenda between the 6pm and 10pm news-casts was a clear indication that he's just as nice of a guy in person as he appears to be on screen.

A Colorado native who attended Arvada West High School and CSU, Larry has been living here all of his life except for a short stint in Arizona where he got his start in television. And now, after 23 years with Denver's Channel 4, Larry will be retiring this spring to Alabama to pursue another passion - fishing!

Larry mentioned that building things seems to run in his genes, with an uncle and grandfather who were a woodworker and architect, respectively. But it was really practicality that led him to pursue woodworking - -- specifically, a new wife and the need to furnish a new home with little money. Although he had no formal woodworking classes, he and his wife chose to start making Santa Fe style furniture from aspen logs, using mortise and tenon joinery. Some years later, Larry discovered the wide array of exotic hardwoods available at Paxtons presenting even more options for his projects.

When asked about his most difficult project, he said it was a Shaker "knock off" that ultimately split after moving it to Alabama. Bummer! Yes - wood moves, especially when moving from single to triple digit humidity! In addition to building furniture, Larry has also built boats such as kayaks and rowboats, and has post-retirement plans to refurbish shrimp boats with his former Channel 4 buddy, Bill Stewart, who also recently retired to Alabama.

Larry prefers hand tools to power tools, and has a sizable collection of draw knives, spoke shaves and antique planes. But he also knows when to fire up those power tools. Larry gave much credit to his neighbor and good friend, Dr. Jan Leo, as she has taught him a great deal about woodworking.

Being a local "celeb", Larry has occasionally donated pieces to charity auctions and highly recommended Guild members donate "Gifts In Kind" as a great way



Examples of Larry Green's log furniture.



to support, ---and get introduced to ---your community, stating that "the more good will you give, the more good business you will receive".

One thing was clear, Larry has quite a sense of humor. Here are some of his entertaining quips from the evening:

"I'm self-motivated and like to reverse engineer things. In fact, I once took my nose apart to see what made it run!"

"One time I built a 15 foot, 50 pound boat. I put a 50 HP motor on it and scared the ___ out of myself!"

"Why retire in Alabama? There's something romantic about mosquitoes, snakes and alligators."

"My shop has all the basics: table saw, drill press, planer, jointer --- and 8-9 routers which you *gotta* have. As Norm says, you never change bits; you just get a new router!"

"I'll be riding in Ride The Rockies this year. It's a good thing you can't build a bike out of wood --- because I would have tried that, too."

Larry was very entertaining and the Guild was fortunate to have him join us before he "flies south" next spring to begin his retirement. Many thanks to Dave Villella for arranging this event!

Voices from the Guild

This month's voice:

Dave Vilella



STATE OF THE GUILD

Well, another year has passed us by. For me it was an exciting year as president of the Guild. We were presented with many challenges and opportunities. I would personally like to thank each officer for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. We have a wonderful group of people leading this Guild. I would also like to thank the hundreds of members who have dedicated their valuable time to helping make the many programs we have successful.

This past year has been full of exciting events. Our Annual Craftsman show displayed excellent projects crafted by our talented members—while the Jefferson County fair brought enjoyment to many young woodworkers of the future. The Woodworking Show enticed us with new tools and equipment for our shops. The Christmas Toys Program was once again a resounding success; thanks to all of the hard work from our members.



Our special guest speaker, Larry Green, talked about his log furniture and Stickley presented us with the elements of fine furniture construction. Month in and month out, we brought you wonderful topics from scrapers to safety, Marquetry to Intarsia, from pen turning techniques and tips to a wonderful presentation on band saw boxes. Last but not least, our exciting new website offers many new features—a members' gallery, newsletters, classifieds and many easy-to-navigate portals for our use.



I would be remiss if I didn't thank our many sponsors and their support of the Guild. Without the support of businesses like Rockler, Paxton, Woodcraft and Red Rocks, our road would be difficult. Many thanks to these members as well as all other businesses that offer our members discounts on there many products: The Hardwood Emporium, Abilene Award & Logos, Austin Hardwood, Centennial Wood Co, Charlie's Second hand store, TC Woods and our newest member Tool King.

We have many exciting events planned for the upcoming year. We hope for your continued support and ask you to encourage other members to join in the fun of volunteering for our many worthwhile programs. Spending time together is only one of the many rewards we can enjoy from participating in Guild activities. Let's forge forward into 2006 and enjoy another prosperous and exciting year!





The Woodworking Show Submitted by Dave Villella

I hope most of us had completed our Christmas shopping before we attended the show. Because, for myself, I was flat broke after the show. It never fails, I tell myself I am only going to look at all the products, but end up splurging and bring home tons of new toys. Even though the show was smaller than past years, there were many exciting new tools being display for our enjoyment.

Thanks to all the volunteers who displayed their projects or worked our doublewide booth. We made a strong presence for our Guild. In addition, a special thanks to Harold for his scroll saw demonstration. See everyone, same time same place next year.



Harold Foos, hard at work at The Woodworkers Show demonstrating his talent on the scroll saw. Check out the CWG Website for more photos from our booth at this year's show.



Channel Six Wild, Wild Auction Submitted by John Hammer

Last spring a number of guild members participated in the Channel Six Wild, Wild Auction by donating their work to raise funds during the annual auction for Denver's local PBS station.

For 2006, the Guild would like to have enough participants in the auction to sponsor our own table during the auction. The Colorado Woodworkers Guild table would be featured during the broadcast. Start planning your contribution now. The only requirement is that your item must be valued at \$75 or higher.

As mentioned by Larry Green during our last meeting, a great way to become known as an artist is to donate your work to worthwhile causes such as this. Don't miss this opportunity to be recognized. Plan to participate in this year's auction. Look for additional details in your Guild newsletter in the coming months.



This year during the Woodworker's Show, Wayne from Woodline USA, donated a Spacer Fence System, (valued at \$150) to the Guild. This system produces 1/4, 3/8 and 1/2 inch box joints. It also makes combination joints, rabbets, dados, spline dovetails, double dovetails and sliding dovetails. We'll be giving this exceptional system as a door prize at the Christmas party during the December meeting. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to own this excellent system.

Wayne also produces a precision dovetail joinery system for making drawers and boxes using half blind, through keys and even heart shaped dovetails. Both systems come with printed instructions and DVDs that demonstrate set-up and use.

We'd like to thank Wayne for his contribution to the Guild and the opportunity we had to watch his excellent demonstrations. As demonstrated, these jigs are easy to work with and the crowds Wayne drew in were eager to try them out.

Guild Member Discounts

20% off of purchases at

The Hardwood Emporium

16043 W. 4th Ave., Golden CO. 80401,
303-277-1488

10% off at:

Abilene Awards & Logos

1730 S Abilene, Aurora, CO. 80012,
303-755-0337

Austin Hardwoods

975 W. Mississippi, Denver, CO. ,
303-733-1292

Centennial Wood Co.

985 S. Logan, Denver, CO.
303-778-6209

Charlie's Secondhand Store

2227 Larimer St., Denver, CO.
303-295-1781

Paxton

4837 Jackson St., Denver, CO.
303-399-6047

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware

2553 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO.
303-782-0588

TC Woods

9776 Arapahoe Rd, Lafayette, CO.
303-494-0425

Tool King (up to 10%, see details on CWG website)

11111 West 6th Ave, Lakewood, CO 80215
303-963-4500

Woodcraft

4403 S. Tamarac Parkway, Denver, CO.
303-290-0007



Fine Woodworking Classes at Red Rocks Community College Spring Semester 2006

During this colder time of year and the very fast approaching holidays it seems unusual to look at classes for the "Spring semester". But the time is now to decide and sign up for woodworking classes at Red Rocks Community college.

The spring semester has a lot to offer us always learning and improving woodworkers. The mainstay courses are available once again. Classes such as the fundamentals class, joinery, cabinet making, door making, chair making, furniture making, lathe turning, finishing, wood carving, marquetry and veneering, and much more.

One highlight this semester is the workshops that are available on many subjects like: sharpening, marquetry, carving, woodturning, hand tools, bending and lamination, French polish and others. The nice thing about these workshops is most of them are one weekend on Saturday and Sunday. The cost is also very reasonable.

Don't forget our own John Hammer will be offering his Shaker Box class in March over three Saturdays. March 4th, 11th and 18th. This is a wonderful class and I would recommend it to all!

I have taken classes at Red Rocks for the last two semesters and the only regret I have is that I did not do it sooner.

Full info can be found on their website:

<http://www.rrcc.edu/finewood/schedule.html#spring>

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and see you in class!

Christopher Pine

Wood of the Month

Hardwood Emporium:

4/4 Red Oak surfaced 3 sides straight line rip, planed to 13/16". Normally \$3.63; special \$3.00

Paxton:

4/4 FAS 1F&BTR Red Oak S3S. Was \$3.96
Now \$2.49

Centennial Wood Co.:

5x5 ft. Birdseye Maple Veneer with a lacquer finish on particle board core for \$5 per sheet

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Not yet a member of the Colorado Woodworkers Guild?

We invite you to join now. Here are some of the benefits of becoming a member:

Monthly Guild Meetings -- Here woodworkers from novices to highly skilled craftsmen can meet, network, solicit advice, share ideas, and learn

Annual Craftsman Show -- The woodworkers' showcase! A world-class exhibit featuring pieces created by our diverse and talented guild members

Christmas Toys Program -- A great opportunity for novices to work side-by-side with and learn from experienced craftsmen, and in the process create fabulous toys for underprivileged children

Field Trips -- To local lumber yards, mills and workshops

Monthly Newsletter -- That includes meeting announcements, free classified ads and much, much more...

Membership in the Colorado Woodworkers Guild is \$30 per year. To join, provide the information requested below and return with your \$30 check to:

Colorado Woodworkers Guild
P.O. Box 480561
Denver, CO 80248

Board Meeting Minutes

To conserve space in the newsletter for articles of interest to our Guild members, we no longer publish the Board Meeting Minutes each month. Copies of the minutes are available upon request by contacting a Guild officer.

Visit our web site for the latest information and late breaking announcements:

www.coloradoodworkersguild.org

Guild Business: Monthly Board Meeting

The next CWG Board Member Meeting will be December 27th, 6 p.m. at Rockler Woodworking. The meeting is open to all members. If you have suggestions on CWG speakers, topics, events or activities, please feel free to contact any Board Member or attend the Board Member meeting.

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