

COLORADO Woodworkers GUILD

June 2005

Encouraging all woodworkers in
self-expression, craftsmanship and
knowledge

Upcoming meetings

July 19th :

Stickley Fine Furniture - A presentation
on wood selection, design, joinery, hand
finishing and heritage of Stickley furniture.

Location: Stickley's South store at
8130 S. Univ. Blvd, Centennial, CO

August 16th :

Rich Gady, Marquetry, Part 2

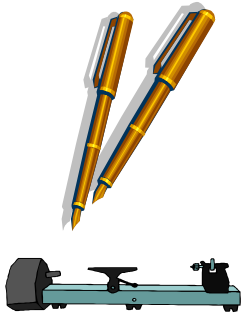
Location: Paxton

September 20th:

Leslie Kennedy, Band Saw Boxes

Location: Rockler

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



June Meeting & Special Event

Tuesday, June 21st

Rockler Event from 5pm - 9pm

Meeting & Pen Turning Demo begins at 7pm

Rockler

2553 S. Colorado Blvd,
Denver, CO.



ROCKLER'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY EXCLUSIVE SALE FOR CWG MEMBERS!

Mark your calendars!!! To celebrate their 25th year in Denver, our friends at Rockler have made plans for an **EXCLUSIVE SALE** open only to Colorado Woodworking Guild members. In conjunction with our monthly meeting on **Tuesday, June 21st**, Rockler will host this event starting at 5 p.m. to include:

- A 25% DISCOUNT on all non-sale and non-power equipment items (items already on sale and items that have a power cord are excluded from the sale)
- DOOR PRIZES awarded throughout the evening
- DEALER REPS from Jet, Delta, Porter-Cable and Dewalt on site to answer your questions
- PIZZA to satisfy those hungry woodworker taste buds.

Our monthly meeting, which will include an Advanced Pen Turning demo by John Hammer and Chris Pine, will begin promptly at 7 p.m. This demonstration will feature alternate materials, newer pen kits, modifications to kits, and how to do a CA finish. If you want to expand your pen turning talents, or just learn how to make a pen, this should be a great program for you.

If you know anyone who is considering joining the Guild, this event presents an outstanding opportunity. Anyone who signs up that evening is eligible to participate! So please pass the word --- and join us on June 21st to take advantage of this GREAT opportunity to have fun, food, save some \$\$\$, and say "thanks" to Rockler for being such a great supporter of the Colorado Woodworkers Guild!

We hope to see you all there!

P.S. Please remember to bring your CWG Membership cards to the event to facilitate your discounted purchases.

May's Demonstration Review: Intarsia with Marvin Benson

by John Hammer

Marvin Benson's presentation on intarsia gave us many recommendations for tools and materials. If you don't know, intarsia is the art of making pictures using thick pieces of wood with rounded edges to give it dimensional qualities. It is somewhat similar to marquetry which uses veneer pieces to make designs. Marvin gave recommendations on books and publications that supply materials and patterns. His proclaimed mentor is Judy Gale.

Patterns are traced or copied and glued to the wood and then cut out on the scroll saw. A layer of packing tape applied to the surface before attaching the pattern helps lubricate the saw blade and avoids burning. A good hint provided by Marvin was after you make the cuts, you can hold two adjoining pieces together by hand and cut the line between them again to scribe a perfect fit. After the pieces are cut, the edges are rounded on a pneumatic drum sander on the lathe, with a rotary tool or with various hand tools and sandpapers.

After the pieces are shaped and sanded, they are glued to a backer board. Marvin uses hardboard and Titebond 3 glue, since it is slow drying and sometimes the pieces have to be adjusted as they are assembled. He uses spray polyurethane as a finish and steel wools the surface between coats. He likes Fibril abrasive wool for this. Marvin's eagle project won an award in this year's Craftsman Show. I hope you were inspired by Marvin's demonstration and will try the art of intarsia.

Rich Gady: Beginning & Intermediate Marquetry Class

Red Rocks Community College

Saturday & Sunday, June 25th & 26th, 10am-4pm

If you enjoyed Rich's demo at the April CWG meeting and want to learn more about marquetry, don't miss this weekend class at Red Rocks. This condensed workshop will guide the beginner or intermediate woodworker in the amazing art of Marquetry and Decorative veneering. Price for the two-day workshop is \$180. Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Rand Richards@rrcc.edu.

CWG Event: Jefferson County 4H Fair Friday, August 5 through Sunday, August 7

by Dave Villella

This year the children will build and paint bird houses. (Final design still to be determined – have any suggestions?) We are looking for volunteers to make a part for the bird houses. This will be done in your shop at your leisure. We will provide the materials and collect these parts prior to the show. On Saturday ONLY, we will help the kids build these bird houses. Please contact Dave Villella at the monthly meeting, by email at davev@a1glassinc.com or by phone at 303-888-2076, if you are interested in helping.



Guild Business: Board Member Election Results

During our May 17th meeting, an election was held to fill the vacant President position with one of our existing board members, and to replace the resulting vacated board position.

Dave Villella, formerly Vice President, was elected as our new President. Congratulations Dave! We look forward to your leadership at the Guild. You can learn more about Dave by reading his profile in last month's newsletter.

Leslie Kennedy was elected as Vice President. She has provided information on her background on page 6 of this newsletter.

Got Links???

Joe Kuter is looking to add a categorized listing of website links for various woodworking related sites. Many of you have your favorite sites bookmarked on your PCs. Please forward any links you think other Guild members will find interesting to Joe at: JoeKuter@juno.com. He'll select the "cream of the crop" to add to our CWG site.

Voices from the Guild

This month's voice: **Harry Wiebe**



Channel 6 Auction

From one who was there

My name is Harry Wiebe and I participated in the PBS Auction. First, I want to thank Chris Pine for his mention of this event. I started real woodworking between two and three years ago and felt I had progressed enough to enter a piece in the auction. After some thought about what I would donate, I decided I would make two jewelry boxes. The design of the boxes was to make "opposites". I used maple and walnut in each box, but reversed the order. One box incorporated maple front, back and sides with walnut corner posts, lid and lift handle. The other box consisted of walnut for the front, back and sides with maple corner posts, lid and lift handle. I made cherry wooden hinges for both boxes. Each lid had four 1/32" laminations using the opposite species of wood.

I also used a different joint on each box. One box utilized traditional dovetails and the other box had (for lack of a real name) "vee-tail" joints. I say lack of a real name, since I don't know the name of this joint. I have a book *The Complete Illustrated Guide to Joinery* by Gary Rogowski. I could not find any similar joint in the book. I made the joint using a combination of a straight bit and a 90 degree "V" bit.

The reversal of joinery and wood types made for an interesting look when both boxes were side by side.

I also made a trinket box using maple for front, back and sides with cherry corner posts, lid and hinges. I put two maple and two walnut laminations in the lid. I used "vee-tail" joinery on the sides and dovetails on the front and back.

I dropped one of the jewelry boxes off at the PBS station and got a very good response. I was told there were very few woodworking items donated and they were much appreciated. I had the other jewelry box at the Rockler show the first weekend; I then donated it and the trinket box to the PBS Auction. I must admit that my work still has a way to

go before I consider myself an experienced woodworker, but everyone at PBS didn't seem to mind. In fact, when I brought the second jewelry box and trinket box into the PBS station, there were a couple of people who literally stopped in their tracks as they walked by to admire the three boxes as they sat together on a table. This convinced me that there really was a lack of woodworking pieces being donated.

I attended the opening night of the auction display and was amazed at the quantity of items and humbled by the quality of some donations. As I was told, there were very few woodworking pieces. The turners had a table (a group needs a minimum of eight pieces to get their own table). There were a few other items crafted from wood, but most items in the auction were paintings.

All in all this was a very good experience. I plan to participate again next year. After seeing the quality of other donations, I have something to shoot for. I hope that the CWG will be able to entice additional members to participate in this event. This year we had five pieces donated. We only need eight pieces to have our own display table. The woman managing the auction's warehouse expressed that it was a shame that we did not have enough pieces for a table, since all of the CWG donations were very good work. I hope all of you will consider this for next spring.

One more thing; I see the CWG will participate in the Jeffco 4H again this year. Although I did not participate in the toy building last year, I did donate three trivets to their auction. This is something I will do again this year and would encourage you to consider it. This is not a prestigious event, but still needs support.

A final thought: Thinking about donating and what you may donate is food for thought...donating is food for the soul.

Thanks to Harry Wiebe for writing and submitting this article. Any articles written for the guild newsletter are greatly appreciated. If you have written an article that would be of interest to CWG members, you may submit it to John Hammer at : jvhammer@msn.com.

What are Yahoo Groups?

by Chris Pine

Many of you are already part of the Colorado Woodworkers Guild Yahoo group. Many of you are not and some do not know what it is.

Yahoo, of course, is the web site that many of you use for a search engine on the internet. They also offer a "groups" area. This is a forum for members to exchange ideas and thoughts on various issues that would interest us as guild members and woodworkers in general.

The groups area works much like a "Bulletin Board". You have a question, for example, about XYZ saw blade and want to know others opinion about it. You post a message asking for feedback and others will get this message by email or by logging onto the site and checking messages online. They can reply to your question. etc.

The group also offers many neat things like photo posting, a links area, and even an online chat room, should we ever decide to try that. The best part is that it's free! Please go to the website and check it out. I believe that many of the questions you have will be answered. The link for the group is: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/coloradowoodworkersguild/> The link is also on the CWG website under "forum". I hope we can get many more folks to join the Yahoo group and participate this year.

Christmas Toys Project

by John Hammer & Leslie Kennedy



Bill Hoppers has picked up the cut-offs from Austin Hardwoods. The wood is available for pick-up at Bill's place. The Guild procured the wood to build items for Christmas toys projects that you or your project group may be working on. These are all fairly short pieces, but if you think you can use some, give Bill a call at 303-424-6052.

Bob Betting and Leslie Kennedy are partnering to build "crocigator" pull toys for their Christmas toys project. Chris Pine and John Hammer will be building airplanes, and Bill Hoppers will be building log cabins. Are you looking for a partner for the program? If so, please contact Bill or mention it at our next meeting.

Colorado's New "College Opportunity Fund"

by Leslie Kennedy

Because many Guild members take classes at Red Rocks Community College (RRCC) or have college-aged students, please be aware that there is a new Colorado law that goes into effect on July 1st, 2005 which can have a SIGNIFICANT impact on your tuition. Starting fall semester 2005, every Colorado resident who signs up for the College Opportunity Fund (COF) have a stipend set aside to pay part of his/her total tuition at public colleges and universities in the state, like RRCC. Those students who don't sign up for COF may end up paying more than expected (e.g., \$458 vs. only \$218 for a 3-credit hour course).

If you plan to take any college-credit classes, I strongly encourage you to find out about the College Opportunity Fund and how it may apply to you. More information can be found at <https://cof.college-access.net/cofapp/> or on Red Rocks Community College website at: <http://www.rrcc.edu/cof/>.

Wood From Wisconsin

by Andy Zartman



Robin Luther, a member of the Front Range Woodturners, has a source for wood in Wisconsin and will be going there to pick some up near the end of July. He is taking orders for 100 bd/ft. minimum. All wood is S3S and rough planed to 13/16 inch. If you are interested, contact Robin at rluther@comcast.com or 303-617-8492.

There is a file on the Yahoo site with prices per bd/ft. Some of them are:

Ash	4/4@\$2.40	8/4 @\$3.10
Black Walnut	4/4@\$4.56	8/4 @\$5.45
Cherry	4/4@\$5.15	8/4 @\$5.60
Hickory	4/4@\$3.00	8/4 @\$4.65
Hard Maple	4/4@\$4.34	8/4 @\$5.20
Mahogany	4/4@\$5.75	8/4 @\$5.90
Poplar	4/4@\$2.20	8/4 @\$2.40
Red Oak	4/4@\$3.25	8/4 @\$4.04
White Oak	4/4@\$2.80	8/4 @\$3.95

Other species on the Yahoo site include: Alder, Birch, Butternut, Red Elm, Soft Maple, Birdseye; Imports include Jatoba, Makore, Padauk, Purple Heart, Rosewood, Sapele, Teak, Yellow Heart.

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.

Woodcraft

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

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:

Wood of the Month - July

Hardwood Emporium has:

4/4 Walnut \$3.99/BF

4/4 Hickory \$2.34/BF

Now carrying 3/4 Baltic Birch for \$65.49,
(5'x5' sheet)

Paxton Lumber has:

4/4 Poplar for \$1.56/BF

Centennial Hardwoods has:

4/4 Sheduva @ \$5.06/BF

Colorado Specialty Woods is offering the following special for CWG members this summer or until supplies run out:

Rough Sawn 4/4 Cherry @\$2.32/BF

#2 Common Walnut @ \$0.50/BF

Colorado Woodworkers Guild

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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.coloradowoodworkersguild.org

Guild Business: Monthly Board Meeting

The next CWG Board Member Meeting will be June 28th, 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.

Vice President Profile: Leslie Kennedy

In 1993 my husband and I bought an old home (built in 1897) located in a historic area of Denver. After tinkering with home carpentry projects for nearly a dozen years, I've been building small furniture and wooden boxes for the past four years. I have also completed several classes at Red Rocks to broaden my skills. Now I'm hooked on wood!

Like many Guild members, woodworking is a great hobby that allows me to unwind from my corporate job. Also like many Guild members, I initially joined the Guild for the purchasing discounts. Last fall, I decided to start attending the monthly meetings and found them to be interesting, inspiring and fun. Between the speakers, events and the members, the opportunities for learning are endless!

In my role as Vice President, I will be involved in arranging and supporting the various Guild events. Your suggestions on topics and activities are welcomed! I look forward to serving the Guild, and encourage everyone's participation in our meetings and activities.

In the Market for Some Great Bargains?

Andy Zartman has the following equipment for sale:

- § Delta 18" Q-3 scroll saw with stand and magnifying light - \$350 (or best offer)
- § Jet 1236 wood lathe with several face plates and a one-way stronghold chuck with 3 set of jaws (1, 2, and MegaJumbo) - \$675 (or best offer)
- § Dewalt Biscuit Jointer, used once - \$110 (or best offer)

Contact Andy at 303-859-0724 if you are interested.

Dave Engelhardt has the following item for sale:

- § Sears Radial Arm Saw, 2 1/2 HP, 10 in. Model - \$225.00

If you are interested, call Dave at 303-273-4745 during the hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.