

# COLORADO Woodworkers GUILD

October 2005

Encouraging all woodworkers in  
self-expression, craftsmanship and  
knowledge

## Upcoming meetings

November 15th :

Rich Johnson, Finishing Techniques

*Location:* Rockler

December 20th:

Guild's Annual Holiday Party

Potluck & White Elephant Gift Exchange

*Location:* Paxton

January 17th:

Steve Shapland, Hand Tools Demo

*Location:* TBD

Visit our website for latest updates on meetings and locations:  
[www.coloradoodworkersguild.org](http://www.coloradoodworkersguild.org)

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE OCT. 18th MEETING Quick Things to Make for Holiday Gifts

*Location:* Red Rocks Community College  
Community Room  
Tuesday, October 18th, 7:00-9:00 pm

Hopefully, several of you have been busy in your workshops preparing for our next meeting which will feature YOUR projects! We invite each of you to bring your suggestions on "Quick Things to Make for Holiday Gifts". These might be things you made recently or long ago, or even ideas, plans, articles of items you are considering making for this holiday season's gift giving to your family and friends.

Last year we had at least fifteen members bring items including puzzles, gumball & candy machines, game boards, boxes, cutting boards, centerpieces and more. One member, Cal, even brought his own shop invention (a router cutting box with dust collection) designed specifically for making his holiday project. So the sky's the limit. Don't leave your house on October 18th without something to share with your fellow Guild members.

**NEED MORE INCENTIVE?** Members will be voting on their favorite project...and the winner will receive a \$50 Gift Card from Rockler! We hope to see you all there --- with your projects!

(See web site Calendar for  
map to Red Rocks location.)



*Log cabins, bi-planes, doll cribs and jigsaw puzzles were built by Guild members in previous years for our Christmas Toys Program.*



## CHRISTMAS TOYS PROGRAM

Committee Chair: Bill Hoppers, 303-434-6052

If you haven't already started your toys, it is time to get out the tools and make a toy or two for a needy child. Some of the groups are well into making their projects. This could be one of our best years ever!

I would like to have a general count and type of toy by the October meeting. We will need to have the toys no later than the November meeting. If you know of a charity that you would like to see some of the toys given to, please let me know as soon as possible so we can make arrangements.

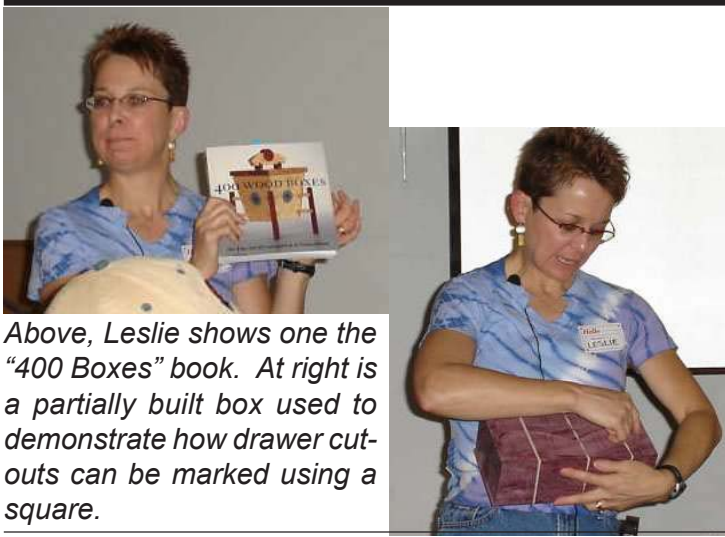
There is still plenty of wood for you to make your toys. Please contact me if you need wood or purchased parts. The Guild will reimburse you for parts you need to complete the toys. Also, remember that painted toys must have child-safe paint. Please make sure the toys do not have small parts that could break and be swallowed by a child. Thanks again for your support.

## September's Demonstration Review: Leslie Kennedy's Band Saw Boxes Submitted by John Hammer

I looked forward to Leslie's band saw box demonstration since she agreed to do it, and I think we all got a good foundation for making our own. She had a great PowerPoint presentation and many beautiful boxes to show. As you may remember, one of her boxes won an award in this year's CWG Craftsman Show.

Leslie's presentation featured the 13 steps to completing a box and included a complete list of tools and supplies. Her list of recommended reading included:

*Building Beautiful Boxes With your Band Saw*, by Lois Keener Ventura; *400 Boxes, the Fine Art of Containment and Concealment*, Lark Books and *Taunton's Complete Guide to Box Making* by Doug Stowe.



Above, Leslie shows one the "400 Boxes" book. At right is a partially built box used to demonstrate how drawer cut-outs can be marked using a square.

Leslie demonstrated how she selects her lumber and glues it into a block with bookmatched grain to create her squared and trued block. The box pattern is then transferred to the block.

A ¼ inch slab is cut off the back of the block. Next, the drawer blocks are cut out following the pattern lines. These cuts must be planned so you don't have to do too much backing out of the cut to make the next cut. These drawer blocks then have ¼ inch cut off the backs and ½ inch off the fronts. The drawer cavities are then marked and removed on the band saw. The cuts for the cavities are usually marked horizontally with a square.



Leslie and her lovely assistant, Marvin Benson, demonstrate the art of bookmatching end grain.

The cavities of the block are sanded with an oscillating drum sander and the back glued back on. Be careful to not use too much glue to minimize squeeze out, since it is difficult to remove. Glue the front and backs back onto the drawers. Keep a wet cloth handy for squeeze out. Carefully align the pieces. Leslie's tip is to dry clamp for ease of assembly so your clamps will be set for use. Next, cut the body outline and sand. Cut drawer pulls.

Shaping is done with a router. The outsides of the drawers are rounded on a router table and the box body is rounded with a hand held router. The piece is sanded and the drawer pulls applied. It's then ready for finish. Leslie applies several coats of Danish oil with sanding between coats using progressively finer sandpaper—220 to 600 grit. After the oil has dried for a week, it has a coat of paste wax applied. Leslie suggests that you buff quickly to avoid swirl marks. Soften the sheen with steel wool. This also removes swirl marks.

The finishing touches include Micro Suede liners or spray-on flocking, No lining is another alternative. Apply drawer guides which center the drawers in the opening. Strips of adhesive backed felt are used for this. Skid proof feet are applied to the bottom. These help the box stay in place when the drawers are opened.

Leslie's boxes are beautiful and the smooth oil finish begs to be touched. The drawers operate smoothly. They are perfect for jewelry or other treasures you might have. Thanks to Leslie for an entertaining demonstration. I know there are already members trying their hand at them.

# Voices from the Guild

This month's voice:

**Tom Konrad**



I joined CWG recently, soon after moving to Denver from Tucson, AZ. When I was there, I would have traded 50 board feet of quartersawn white oak for the opportunity to join a group as dynamic as CWG. And in Denver, the membership paid for itself with my first trip to a lumberyard.

But the discounts are not what I want to talk about. It's clear from the number of people who join and then never come to a meeting (hearsay puts the figure at about 80% of total membership) that we all understand the value of the discounts they've negotiated for us. Rather, I want to talk about the value of an active community of wood workers, open to all comers.

It's hard to say anything about woodworkers as a group, but in our eclectic band, we're probably more solitary than average. If we'd wanted a social hobby, we'd have chosen something that didn't involve working with high-decibel equipment which makes it virtually impossible to talk. Like watching football.

*Tom Konrad strikes a pose in his shop... properly attired and ready for action!*



But we're not watching football, or playing chess, or anything else that allows for conversation. Instead, we're shaping wood with loud power tools that are just as capable of removing excess fingers as of removing excess wood if we allow our attention to stray for the sake of a conversation.

So, if we had found ourselves drawn to more social activities, we'd likely have chosen a different hobby. That's probably not the only reason for the low turnout. I don't know too many people who have too much spare time on their hands, or who likes driving down I-25 at rush hour. And speaking of driving, \$3 gas isn't exactly an incentive, either.

That said, why would we want to sacrifice some of our precious shop time to go to a meeting with other wood workers, and listen to a presentation on some obscure aspect of woodworking that we could just as easily get in a book or magazine, and has nothing to do with any project we'll ever try?

I go because I'm always surprised about what I learn. I went to Leslie's bandsaw box demo at the last meeting not expecting to pick up much. I'd seen several bandsaw boxes before, and they're quite simple constructions. The only tricky part to me seemed to be the actual execution of the cuts. And that's pretty much the case; but there was a trick for laying out the drawer interior by stacking the front and back of a drawer behind the body of the drawer inside the box that I'd never have come up with on my own, and she talked about her wax finishing technique at the end that had much broader application.

It's that way at every meeting. I learn something new that I never would have expected to know.

On the other hand, the meetings I've been to have not been in empty rooms. Yet there were empty chairs, which seems a waste when the talks are of such high quality. If you think the topic won't interest you, remember that it's not always the subject matter, but the tricks you can learn along the way that are the most valuable.

*Many thanks to Tom Konrad for sharing his thoughts about the benefits of being a member of the Guild. We invite other members to submit articles or suggestions for this column. What a great way to get to know more about our members!*

## A SHORT WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT



As a Guild, we have worked hard to develop a working relationship with many vendors in this area. We are grateful for their association as well as the special discounts they offer our members. We must not lose sight of the fact that they offer this as a benefit to the Guild and not as a requirement. They can just as easily cancel this privilege.

An incident recently occurred where one of our members became upset with a vendor, stating he should get a better discount because of the quantity of items he was purchasing. The scene got ugly and nobody won.

I bring this up, only to remind you that we are fortunate to have this association and do not want to jeopardize this relationship. Respect these vendors and we will continue to enjoy a long association together.

Dave Vilella  
Colorado Woodworkers Guild President



## THE WOODWORKING SHOW

There is still room to sign up!

**November 18, 19 & 20**

The 2005 Woodworking Show will be at the Denver Merchandise Mart on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The Guild is once again sponsoring a booth. Harold Foss will be there again with his scroll saw demo.

We are also looking to display some of our work at the show. If you are working the show, it would be great if you could bring an item or two to display at the booth while you are there. We will also welcome anyone who would like to bring an item and display it for any or all of the three days. Contact Dave Vilella for more information.

As with any great Guild event, we're looking for volunteers to staff the booth. This will entitle you to a free pass on the day you volunteer. You must sign up to work at least one three-hour shift, must be friendly and willing to talk with people about the Guild. No hiding behind the curtains or running off to look at all the new tools available at the show. However, once your duty is complete, feel free to wander around and add to your arsenal!

A sign up sheet will be available at the October meeting. For those eager beavers that want to have first choice at the best times, contact Dave Vilella at his daytime phone 720.229.1185, his home phone 303.979.0207 or email at [davev@a1glassinc.com](mailto:davev@a1glassinc.com). We look forward to seeing you at the Woodworking Show.

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## DO YOU SUBSCRIBE TO NETFLIX?

If so, you may want to check out their selection of woodworking-related DVDs. A recent search at [www.netflix.com](http://www.netflix.com) showed five selections from Fine Woodworking: Turning Wood, Mastering Your Table Saw, Mastering Your Bandsaw, Mastering Woodworking Machines. Dovetail a Drawer, To find these on Netflix, look under Genre = Special Interest, Sub-Genre = How-To & Adult Education. Or just search on Fine Woodworking to get you started. Happy viewing!

## Guild Member Discounts

### **20% off of purchases at**

#### **The Hardwood Emporium**

16043 W. 4<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Lakewood, CO 80215  
303-963-4500

#### **Woodcraft**

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

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## Wood of the Month

### **Hardwood Emporium:**

4/4 Walnut, \$3.99/BF

### **Paxton:**

4/4 Select & Better Sassafras, S3S Kiln Dried  
Reg. \$4.67/BF now \$2.80/BF ---  
a 40 % savings!!!

Plus all Ipe decking items are 35% off while  
supplies last.

**Paxton will be CLOSED for inventory starting 3pm on  
Thursday, 10/13 and all day Friday 10/14, reopening  
on Saturday 10/15 from 8am-Noon.**

### **Centennial Wood Co.:**

4/4 Shedua (African Olive), \$5.55/BF



## HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE YET?

Hopefully, all of you have had an opportunity to check out the new, improved CWG website at [www.coloradowoodworkersguild.org](http://www.coloradowoodworkersguild.org).

### **Photo Gallery**

Thanks to Jeff Tinker and Marvin Benson for submitting pictures to post to the site. If you have photos of your woodworking projects or from any of the Guild's events, please either email your digital photos (.JPEG format is preferred) to:

[contact@coloradowoodworkersguild.org](mailto:contact@coloradowoodworkersguild.org),  
or bring a CD with your photos to a CWG monthly meeting and give it to one of the Board Members or Webmaster.



*Jeff Tinker's beautifully crafted Mahogany Buffet is one of several new photos posted to our website.*

### **Classified Ads**

Got Stuff to Sell? Looking for Stuff to Buy? Please check out our website's Classified Ads feature to post your ads and see what others need or have to offer. Current ads include:

### **Wood & Materials:**

Fine Woodworking Magazine complete set  
Granite Laminated Particle Board  
Lazy Susan Corner Unit

### **Tools for Sale:**

Shopsmith Power Head  
6" Powermatic Jointer  
Sears Radial Arm Saw,  
Dewalt Biscuit Jointer,  
Jet Wood Lathe  
Delta Scroll Saw

### **Tools Wanted:**

Jointer,  
Band Saw

### **Services Needed:**

Picnic Table for Coffee Shop

### **Free Stuff:**

Russian Olive Logs

## Board Members

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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**

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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.coloradoodworkersguild.org](http://www.coloradoodworkersguild.org)

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## Guild Business: Monthly Board Meeting

The next CWG Board Member Meeting will be October 25th, 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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