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NORTHWEST CORNER WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION

February 2011

Next Meeting: February 1st, Hillcrest Park Lodge

7:00 PM General Meeting

1717 South 13th Street, Mount Vernon

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I-5 exit 226 (Kincaid Street Exit). Go East up the hill. This is Broadway Street. Continue on Broadway to S 13th Street (which is about 5 to 6 blocks from the freeway). Turn right (south) onto South 13th and go about 6 blocks. The park is on the right. Turn into the park, the parking lot is in front of the lodge.

NCWA Honors Way-Past Past Presidents

The crowd at the January meeting did not disappoint. More than 50 members gathered for the first meeting of the year to welcome their new president Jerry Couchman and vice president John Bellinger. It was a time of awards, too. Past President recognition went to two men who served as far back as 2007. An Awards Committee organized in early 2010 was able to close the gap on these past officers who have been somewhat neglected but not forgotten. President-elect Couchman, who heads the Awards, presented Jeffrey O'Donnell and Ed Pysher with his treasured wooden boxes appropriately enscribed and finished. A similar trophy will be presented to last year's President, Jim Torrence, at the February meeting. O'Donnell served two years as President in 2008 and again in 2009. Pysher was our President in the year 2007.

The small tokens of appreciation were designed, constructed, and wood-engraved by Jerry and Jim Davis under an agreement with the Board of Directors. Others on the Awards Committee are John Gruenewald and your writer. Couchman called for an introduction of guests, made the past presidential awards, and then introduced his staff of officers and



"Big Ed" Pysher and President Couchman



Jeffrey O'Donnell and Jerry the Pres

members of the Board.

Doug Duehning announced that NCWA had reached a new membership high of 115 men and women. With that large membership came an unusually high Club treasury balance of \$6,300.

Committee announcements included an appeal by Program Chairman Jim Bucknell for program ideas from members and an announcement by Membership Chair Ed Pysher that new discount vendors are being recruited and one, Mount Vernon Building Center, will host our April 5th meeting. Karl's Paints, another discounter, is planning to do the same in May. Ed also told us that two guests at the meeting had signed on, boosting our membership to 117.



Gerald Anderson

We have a new person leading our educational program. Couchman announced that Gerald Anderson, Bow, has accepted the chairmanship of this vital program following the resignation of Chuck Robertson. Chuck has successfully developed and shaped our class offerings for several years. Gerald reminded those who signed up for a class in making hand-cut dovetails that the class is full and will be given January 16 at Nick Van's shop on Camano Island.

Gene Benson (remember him?) threw a spike at the



Gene Benson

Toys for Tots train just before December's grand finale. He regretted his resignation (call it a Senior Moment) a few weeks later and re-emerged as our top Toys man in early January. Gene announced to the assembly that he felt great about being back and thanked members for the wonderful job they did this year. With new energy and a big smile, he said: "I'm proud of what we've done!"



John Bellinger and Jim Bucknell

Bring and Brag. Two rocking chairs for children were on display the same night. Bucknell and John Bellinger offered up differing designs. John's theme was built around the image of a bear's head on the seat back while Jim used a more traditional style for his 11-month old grandson. Val Matthews got a laugh from everyone with his model red wheelbarrow and a load of firewood. He made a couple dozen to be used as party placecards. Andy Pellar and Steve Wagoner showed off their table-making skills and fine joinery techniques.

MEET THE NEW MEMBER



The program for the evening, "The Tool I Got for Christmas," brought several members to the front of the room to display one or several new tools that were happily purchased or received over the holidays. Three members showed new woodturning gouges, another a powered dust mask, and yet another that displayed carving tools by the dozens that brought forth the most interest.

Jay Geisel, Secretary



John Erbstoesz and Andrew Pellar

ROUTER BIT STORAGE

For a simple and cheap way to store your router bits, take a piece of 2x4 and drill the appropriately sized holes for the shaft (1/4" or 1/2"). I drilled the holes all the way through and added plywood to on the bottom as I wanted the bits to sit a bit lower.

Andrew Pellar



Ben Gage



Tool Roll with Gouges, Crooked Knives and Several Adze

MEET THE NEW MEMBER

Evan Einfeld grew up in Seattle and now lives in Lynden with his wife and their two children. Evan actually joined the turners before he had even heard of NCWA, and has done some very nice turning projects. He has taken over the family garage with his shop and it is well equipped. His latest tool is a Grizzly 14" band saw with a riser block and a Wolverine blade. His son, Joshua, even has his own personal scroll saw! Evan is looking forward to improving his skills by taking some of our classes.

Jerry Couchman



Evan Einfeld

February Program – David Selditz



Mr. Selditz is a Bellingham woodworker specializing in Arts and Crafts style custom woodworking. He has been a full time professional woodworker since the early 80's. This link will take you to his web page, with a full bio and many photos.

http://www.davidselditz.com/David_Selditz_Woodworking/Welcome.html

Charley Drake

Apology:

In my notice last month about the addition of two new vendors, I referred to "Western Plywood" in Bellingham. It is "Windsor" Plywood. Not Western. I shall now go stand in the corner for 20 minutes to atone for my error.

Ed Pysher

Hartville Tool Gift Certificate

Hartville Tool gives our members a 15% discount. Did you know Hartville Tool also gives NCWA an additional 3% percent of the members' purchases? This is given in the form of a gift certificate that can be applied to the purchase of tools from Hartville Tool.

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The tickets are \$1 each and I'll be selling them at the February meeting. The drawing will happen then too. Get your ticket while they're hot!

Ed Pysher



What a Great Christmas!

SAME SPACE, MORE STORAGE

I made a deep drawer and learned that the smaller items were hard to find. To make the space more useful, I rabbited the drawer side to accommodate a small lift out tray. The tray holds smaller and more frequently used items. If you are faced with this situation, after the drawer is already made, you can dado a groove and add a spline/runner afterwards. I did this for the tool box and storage chest. The same result can be achieved by simply screwing or nailing the spline/runner in place.

Andrew Pellar

Pellar, Titus on Board; A/V System Approved

Andrew Pellar and Mike Titus were named by new president Jerry Couchman as At-Large Members of the 2011 NCWA Board of Directors on Wednesday evening, January 15th, at the Board's first meeting of the year. The new directors will serve two- and one-year terms, respectively. In other action the Board approved the purchase of a new audio-visual sound system to meet the needs of a growing organization.

The expenditure of \$1,000 to \$1,500 for a system proposed by Charley Drake, a teacher with knowledge of school a/v systems, was approved following a three-month study of NCWA's failed sound amplification program. The new system will be placed in operation as soon as possible. It will include a boundary microphone, mixer, video camera and tripod, and a video projector. The action allowed funds for a second speaker should that become necessary. The new video system makes close-up filming and projection on a screen possible for demonstrations, displays, and other visual subjects..

Old Business

After verifying that a quorum was present, Couchman heard Treasurer Doug Duehning report a present membership total of 117 and a member



Same Space Detail by A Pellar

re-up of 76 paid memberships for 2011, leaving 31 with dues still to pay. A 2011 Proposed Budget was circulated for discussion. A final 2011 Budget will be presented next. Duehning reported a Treasury balance of \$5,965 and said a new Club roster has been issued by e-mail. One of the discussion points was the amount of travel expenses to be paid guest speakers. The power of the President to name At-Large Board members was verified by a permitting motion that was passed only moments earlier. Former At-Large members Nancy Andersen and Andy Swanson have resigned.

A report by Jim Bucknell on the feasibility of a new venue to replace Arts Alive! created a lengthy discussion of the Cascade Mall offer to rent center court space in the Mount Vernon shopping mall for an amount of \$300 for a two-day weekend of our choosing. The Bucknell proposal would limit our participation to exhibition only without the opportunity to sell our projects. The final proposal will be submitted for approval by the general membership at a forthcoming meeting. In the meantime, a small group of Board members will meet with Cascade Mall officials on Tuesday afternoon, January 17th, to get insight on the facility area, shopper traffic, etc.

New Business.

Couchman discussed plans for the February meeting that included a Past President's Award to Jim

Torrence, a Woodworker of the Month presentation, and a drawing for the winning raffle ticket holder of the Hartville Tool gift certificate. David Selditz will be the program speaker. Program planning for the year occupied much of the Board's time and included suggestions for visits to our discount business vendors, a revisit of Steve Intveld's lumber yard, a revisit to a major door-maker in Ferndale, using professional woodworking speakers, hosting a woodcarving demonstration, and having Board members responsible for selecting programs.

Gene Benson, our Toys for Tots chairman, described a proposal by the management of Washington Alder, our chief supplier of free alder lumber for NCWA's Toys program, that would furnish a fully equipped workshop on their plant site for the exclusive manufacture of toys for the national Marine Reserve program. The plan would require that volunteer woodworkers, not just NCWA members alone, be invited to use the facilities free of charge. The hitch, according to Gene, and Val Matthews and Bill Baer who accompanied Benson to the meeting, was that NCWA would be running the program and be responsible to Washington Alder for the safety and actions of others plus manning the shop, scheduling the work, and supervising a daily schedule of operations.

"Right now I can go downstairs, turn on a light and be producing toys," Gene said.

Val agreed. He's been letting volunteers into his shop on a regular basis to make toys all year long. All three men see the Washington Alder plan as a complicated operation that would strain our manpower and reduce the effectiveness of our workshop programs as they now operate. At this point the Board was running out of time and President Couchman stopped further comments by announcing the Board would continue this discussion at its next meeting.

Librarian Gary Danilson, who also heads up our shop tours activities, announced that tours of member shops will resume this Spring with four unspecified Valley workshops to be open..

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Board Members present: Gerald Anderson, Benson Bucknell, Phil Choquette, Couchman, Danilson, Drake, Duehning, Jay Geisel, Peller, Ed Pysher, and Titus.

Respectfully submitted: Jay Geisel, Secretary



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New Vendors

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Charley Drake



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Classifieds

This space is for you. For sale or trade items, tools you are looking for, maybe help wanted if you need assistance - send me the info and I'll put it here.

Charley Drake

All Members are Welcome

If you would like to attend the board meetings please feel free to do so. The Farmhouse has good food, and the board discussions can be entertaining. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Charley Drake

Poor Photos

Some photos this issue were not sharp. My fault. Next issue will be up to par. Charley Drake

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COMING EVENTS

Feb. 1st	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	Hillcrest Park
Feb. 9th	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	Farmhouse Inn
Feb. 5th	9:00 AM	Joinery	Gary Holoman at Val's shop
Feb. 12th	10:00 AM	Scroll Saw Techniques	Nancy Anderson and Gary Weyers
Feb. 15th	6:00 PM	Vaccum Press & Clamps	Bob Doop
Feb. 19th	3:05 AM	Newsletter Deadline	Charley Drake
Feb. 26th	1 - 5 PM	Box Making	Jerry Couchman

The NCWA is open to all interested woodworkers, and was formed to promote high standards in woodworking, woodworking education and showcasing local woodworking. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Location is announced in the newsletter. Dues are \$30 per year, payable to NCWA, 150 Swinomish Dr., Laconner, WA 98257. Newsletter submissions are welcomed and are due by the 3rd Saturday of the month. Submit to NCWA Newsletter, 5955 Central Ave., Anacortes, WA 98221, or email to cndrake@wavecable.com or call 360-588-8448.

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