



NORTHWEST CORNER WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION

January 2011

Next Meeting: January 4, Hillcrest Park Lodge

7:00 PM General Meeting

1717 South 13th Street, Mount Vernon

Phone: 360-770-7203 or 360-387-4174

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.



Toys, Toys and More Toys for Tots

Toys in Abundance Flow from Our Hearts In Gift to Local Tots

Toys for Tots donations in Skagit County got a big jump from NCWA club members Tuesday night at our traditional end-of-year ceremonies and gifting of hundreds of toys to the local Marine Reserve Corps. The big red toy collection truck was filled to overflowing as large wood rocker airplanes, art easels, and doll cradles vied for space with hundreds of smaller sized items like planes, train sets, vehicles, puzzles, pull toys, and hinged boxes. It was a glorious, good-feel party that started with an early pizza and salad dinner, attracting seventy-plus members and guests to the December gathering.



More than two dozen members, working from their heart, put forth an amazingly strong performance over the entire year, producing one of the largest toy donations ever made by NCWA. And that number doesn't include the wives and volunteer ladies from the local quilting clubs who for years have been making the layette sets that outfit every



doll cradle we make. We passed the hat, too, and turned over more than \$500 to add to the toy fund. Approximately \$230 was realized also from the raffle and sale of our toys at Arts Alive!

The well-crafted toys filled a dozen tables and a large area of floor space. Nick Van served as host for the evening's program and gave credit to several organizations and individuals who contributed the toy construction lumber to our Club members. They included Washington Alder, Richard Tinney, President; Targo Woods, Obe and Ahmani Johnson, owners; Cascade lumber, Evan and Molly Holz knecht, owners; and member Andy Swanson.



Big Kids, Ready for Takeoff

John James Commandant of the local Marine Corps Reserve, was on hand to accept our 2010 donation, along with the head of the county Toys for Tots program Rick Crossley, and Reservist Jeff Murphy. Prior to packing the toys into boxes and loading the truck, Nick invited donating members to step up front and be recognized by identifying their work and receiving the gratitude of those present.

Jay Geisel, Secretary



Commandant John James



Ahmani Johnson of Targa Woods

I have several boxes of marquetry veneer available. There is a good variety of color and figure. I also have several books and some tools. In addition, there are several interesting patterns. John Gruenewall. 360-299-4564



Jim Bucknell



January Program
Cool Tools, or What
I Got for Christmas.
Please bring interesting
tools for a show and tell
session.



Nick Van, Gary Weyers



Bill Baer



The Baer's Contribution



Jerome Chandler



John Bellinger



Cece Braeden





Clarence Ochsner



Steve Wagoner

FOR SALE - Delta Shopmaster drill press with stand. 12" variable speed. Excellent condition. \$150. FREE - Metal tool stand with wood top and shelf. FREE - 93 1/2 inch band saw blade, 3/8" 6 tpi. Bob Gaubatz 360-738-8875.



FOR SALE - Bandsaw, 12". It is an older Craftsman with aluminum frame and cast iron table. There is a fence and several new blades. The unit is on a stand and mounted on a trolley. My price is \$90. John Gruenewald 360-299-4564



Val and Laura with Elves

NCWA Library News

Your Library Committee (Steve Johnson, Jim Torrence, Gary Danilson and new member Mike Titus) would like to thank everyone for all the help and cooperation that made the library run so smoothly this past year. We currently have 120 books and 30 videos in our collection and club members checked out over 100 items during the year. Mike will continue to run the woodworking magazine recycling that has been popular. If you have periodicals that you are no longer using bring them in for someone else to take a look at. We appreciate the input that members have had about new additions to the library. We always like to respond to what your interests are. Based upon your input and a look at what kind of books are most checked out, we have just added a number of new books. These books reflect a continued interest in how to set up a shop, a desire for more project books and an interest in subjects that have recently been introduced in our education classes. Clicking on the book titles will link you to a description at Amazon.com. As always, if there is a book you would like held for you give Gary Danilson a call (424-9268) and we will try to do that. Our recent additions are:

Dust Control Made Simple by Sandor Nagyszalanczy. This is an update of his popular book and includes a companion DVD.
Shop Improvements: Great Designs from Fine Woodworking.
How to Build A Great Home Workshop by the editors of Wood Magazine.
Tables (A Project Book) by Anthony Guidice
Shelves, Cabinets and Bookcases by the editors of Fine Woodworking
Chairmaking and Design by Jeffery Miller
Woodworker's Guide to Veneering and Inlay by Jonathan Benson
Art of the Inlay-Design and Technique by Larry Robinson
Learn to Turn: A Beginner's Guide to Woodturning by Barry Gross
The Perfect Edge: The Ultimate

Guide to Sharpening for Woodworkers by Ron Hock
The Joint Book by Terrie Noll
Made by Hand: Furniture Projects from the Unplugged Workshop by Tom Fidgen

“The true university these days is a collection of books” Thomas Carlyle

Vendor Support News:

We have two new members of the Vendor Support Group; Martin Lumber & Hardware in Everett and Mount Vernon Building Center in Mount Vernon. See the vendor business cards at the end of the newsletter for their address and phone numbers.

Both Martin and MVBC offer members a 10% discount. They have an interesting array of dimensional hardwood and specialty plywood. Both are full-line building centers and offer a wide range of hardware and building materials.

The addition of these two rounds out our sources for wood and building hardware. In Bellingham/Ferndale area we have Targo Wood and Western Plywood. Frontier Lumber provides products and services in the LaConner/Oak Harbor/Anacortes area. Mount Vernon Building Center and Sound Cedar meet the needs of the Burlington/Mount Vernon members and Martin Lumber will be handy for members in the Arlington, Stanwood and Camano Island areas. Edensaw in Port Townsend offers a full range of exotic woods to all members.

This coming fiscal year we will be featuring one vendor each month to give them an opportunity to introduce themselves and their products and services. This will either be in the form of a brief presentation at a main meeting or the vendor may sponsor a meeting, as did Targo Wood and Western Plywood this year.

All vendors have been notified that we are in the process of printing the 2011 membership cards, and that they should notify their counter personnel to be sure and ask for a current card, so get your dues in, folks.

Ed Pysher



be a spark plug in making toys for those in need and asks for your continued support. We praise Gene’s consummate passion for the cause and cannot thank him enough for his achievements.

December 2010 Board Meeting

New Public Exhibition Venue on Agenda As Board Closes Out 2010 Business

With Jim Torrence presiding for his final turn at the wheel, NCWA Board of Directors gave their stamp of approval to his leadership over the past twelve months and set a course with renewed effort to find one or more favorable exhibition venues for Club members’ work. With Arts Alive! and WoodFest becoming less reliable as showrooms for our products, the Board is currently studying a proposal to extend its display, demonstration, and sales abilities to a non-festival related venue such as Mount Vernon’s Cascade Mall.

A feasibility study is currently underway by an ad hoc committee that might recommend one or more appearances a year at the popular Center Court mall area. Our days of almost free public woodcraft exhibitions have run out and we recognize that sponsorship at Arts Alive! has died as well. A report on the study is expected sometime in January.

Treasurer Doug Duehning is busy collecting 2011 dues and sees a normal drop-off of 12 to 15 members each year. But, he said, the current level of membership is 115 and a normal loss would still leave our number at close to 100. Doug reported \$5,1772 in the Club treasury. He will present the 2011 budget for approval at the January Board meeting.

Old Business

A discussion of the successful Toys for Tots program followed. Gene Benson is looking for help as program chair. There will likely be another person working with Gene to head up this successful busy program in the near future. Gene will continue to

Our study into a suitable sound system for general meetings and other gatherings is on pace and will be concluded soon, according to Charley Drake who is heading up this investigation. The lack of voice amplification at meetings has been a constant thorn for the Board and the study will probably reflect upon the audio-visual progress made by the Woodturners organization as revealed by member George Way at the November meeting.

New Business

The program for January 4th general meeting was up for discussion. Chairman Jim Bucknell suggested a “New Tools I Got for Christmas” theme and others agreed. Membership Chairman Ed Pysher reported that he is trying to increase our Vendor Support program and has some prospects.

In Budget 2011 discussions members brought up for discussion the probable necessity of stipends for future speakers and concluded they should be a new budgeted item.

Members present: John Bellinger, Jim Bushnell, Phil Choquette, Gary Dnilson, Doug Duehning, Charley Drake, Jay Geisel, Ed Pysher, Chuck Robertson, Jim Torrence, and Nick Van.

--Jay

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 often provides entertainment with no cover charge. If you find the second Wednesday of the month to be a bit slow, stop by the Farmhouse and change your luck!

Charley Drake

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COMING EVENTS

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| Jan. 4th | 7:00 PM | Membership Meeting | Hillcrest Park |
| Jan. 12th | 7:00 PM | Board Meeting | Farmhouse Inn |
| Jan. 8th | ??? | Wood Turning 101 | Rick Anderson |
| Jan. 15th | 9 AM-1 PM | Dovetails | Nick Van |
| Jan. 22nd | 3:05 AM | Newsletter deadline | Charley Drake |
| Jan. 22nd | 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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