



Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

February, 2003

Next Meeting: February 9, 2003 7:00 pm
Ray DeVries Shop
16942 Calhoun Rd, Mount Vernon, (360)424-5398
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Notes from the Prez.

January, 2003

Hello Fellow Woodworkers!

For someone who is still coming to grips with the concept of square, level and plumb, you have placed a lot of trust in elevating me to such high and esteemed office. Thank you. Please remember, however, that I was the 72nd choice and, for each of you who decided for one reason or another, that you could not accept the office, whatever happens is your fault! The one thing I know for certain is that one person cannot screw up enough in one year to totally destroy a group as strong as ours. Your new team of officers (Rick Anderson, Vice President; Jay Geisel, Secretary; Ed Pysher, Treasurer) will try very hard to make the coming year interesting and useful and worthy of your participation.

We are also fortunate to have very talented members who have consented to head up standing committees. They are Program Chairperson Bob Doop, Newsletter Editor and Librarian Tom Chartier, Roster Editor Larry Tomovick, and Arts Alive Chair Phil Choquette. They will be active in asking for others to join in their activities and we will announce other standing committees as time goes on.

In my opinion, we owe a great deal of appreciation for the time Gary Holloman has given to us over the last two years. Thank you, Gary. In addition, Laura Matthews has performed her duties as treasurer with distinction. We owe her many thanks for a job well done. The other officers and committee persons also deserve a pat on the back for jobs well done. Please consider yourselves patted (on the back).

This year, a number of activities will be scheduled to help us improve our woodworking skills and knowledge. As a starter, Jay Geisel is checking the feasibility of a tour of Vancouver facilities. We will also look into the feasibility of scheduling specific seminars about woodworking that will benefit most of us. More on this later.

At our January 7 meeting, Bob Doop handed out a survey about the kind and type of programs you want. Please be sure fill them out with your ideas and return them to Bob. With your input, we can put together programs and activities you want. Thank you.

We are pleased that there are a number of new members. Welcome to you all. We hope you'll feel free to pitch right in and help us make our club a continuing exercise in woodworking excellence.

And finally, our program was great! When you're a novice, getting help on how to cut any angle is a treat. But to learn how to cut angles greater than 48 degrees without placing both hands (and probably my nose) in jeopardy was a double treat.

See you all next meeting. Bring your brags and raffle items.

Nick

More from the Prez:

Raffles:

It seems raffles have become a popular addition to our regular agenda. (We have also noticed a wee bit of a nudge in our treasury, which is wonderful!) At the officer's and committee head's meeting this month, it was decided to make the raffle a fixed addition. Ed Pysher, our new Treasurer will coordinate the event. Anyone who has an article they would like to contribute, please notify Ed Pysher in advance, so he know what will be coming in. His phone is 360-766-0136. In the absence of articles to raffle, we will do a "50/50" raffle. This is a "cash" raffle. It works the same way, except the winner takes home half of the pot. For example, if 20 tickets are sold for \$5, the winner would take home \$50 and the club would benefit by the other \$50. Be sure to give Ed a call with any items you would like to bring in to raffle off

Business Meeting, Tuesday, January 3003

Nick Van is New President

Fresh ideas; new perspectives. It was the changing of the Old Guard. Gary Holloman presided over the election meeting, his last as President for the year 2002. A new slate of individuals recommended by Bob Doop's nominating committee were voted into office unopposed. Our new NCWA President for 2003 is Nick Van of Camano Island. Other elected officials are Vice President Rick Anderson, Bellingham; Treasurer Ed Pysher, Bow, and repeat Secretary Jay Geisel, LaConner.

Gary, who held various offices on and off during 18 years of Club history, served the office of President for the past two years. His accomplishments with our organization are notable, especially the membership growth and the intensified interest in local woodworking brought about by involvement in community service. Gary's proudest achievement was a challenging donation project that involved our Club in a national program to build flag display cases for the families of New York policemen and firemen who lost their lives on 9-11. With his generosity and under his direction, our members helped to build more than 30 triangular U.S. Memorial Flag display boxes to tight national specifications over a six-week period in Gary's Sedro Woolley cabinet shop. Gary's leadership was honored at the election meeting where he was presented with an album of memorabilia by Bob Doop. Larry Tomovick and Laura Matthews were the other officers who contributed so much to the success of NCWA during the past year.

Good Turnout

More than three dozen members and guests arrived at Gary's shop to hear woodworking instructor Stuart Welsh present the evening's program. Those attending included eight new members and five visitors. New members are Mike Larvia, Jack Northey, Don Parry, John Rutter, Zeke Secules, Dave Solie,