

NORTHWEST CORNER WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION

May 2012

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 1st, Hillcrest Park Lodge 7:00 PM General Meeting

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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.

May 1st Program - Tom Dolese and his Horizontal Mortiser

Two years ago, Tom Dolese gave an excellent program on his woodworking and is now a member of our association. This month, he will demonstrate the mortising machine he uses for most of his joinery. Originally made by Stanfield, this new machine is produced locally by Jerry Couchman's nephew Dave Green and his son Andy. Tom also plans to demonstrate his method for cutting sliding tapered dovetails.

~Jerry Couchman

Anacortes Shop Tours Please Large Crowd

A triple shop hop drew an estimated 60 to 70 members and guests to the Anacortes area on the last Saturday in March when NCWA put together its annual Spring Shop Tour. The crowd mostly followed the morning schedule and that meant some big crowds at some little shops. But it was fun for all as we finally got a peek at Charley Drake's Dream Cave and also spent time at Larry Tomovick's and Jim Gleeson's work havens.



Tom Dolese

Drake's shop-with-a-view was quite an attraction and is a view unto itself. Innovative ideas abound and Charley's retirement is right on time. The naturally lighted garage and shop, with their white painted walls and transparent doors look like a clean lab where big things are happening. Three all-glass garage doors open up the shop area and provide a scenic water view plus natural light. In the shop area tools stand on polished concrete and all wiring and vac hoses are concealed in the floor. There's nothing to trip you up. Heating is in the floor also. The hot water system is controlled by a blazing copper

manifold of pipes and valves mounted on a wall in the garage area. Charley insists it's all operatorunderstandable. (A floor covering with anti-skid properties was applied to the garage and shop areas right after our visit.)

With the uncluttered floor, high ceilings, and enhanced natural lighting, Charley has added his special jointer-planer-horizontal mortiser-table saw-shaper in the central spot. It's a Robland X-31 from Belgum. Other floor-standing equipment, like the 14-inch bandsaw, drill press, and router are to the side.

We were treated to a view of Charley's new jig for lifting heavy panels onto the saw table. He constructed the castered device from laminated 1-inch MDF and recycled half a wood door for its top. The action is provided by a long steel rod mounted in ball bearings that serves as the hinge to flip panels from vertical to horizontal. (A sly trick: Charley has a hole cut into one corner of the door into which he can keep his paper or styroform coffee cup.

Larry Tomovick spoke to us about his woodworking techniques and furniture-making at a recent Club meeting. Despite Vietnam war-related amputations and poor evesight Larry has always demonstrated sublime skills in woodworking. He designed his shop to take care of these needs. The floor is level with a high-grade rubberized covering and his drill press is set up for singlefoot operation. The converted double car garage is warmed by central heating and Larry has plumbed a satisfactory dust collection system and installed a sturdy bandsaw. All the other floor tools are on casters. His equipment includes a combi jointerplaner and tablesaw with included router table. A workbench and large castered table provides work surfaces. A large cabinet stores most of his hand tools and materials

By experimentation Larry has found the right tools, ones that he can safely control. It took awhile but he finally found the perfect router, a tool he uses a lot when making inlays. A couple years ago Larry

completed his most difficult woodworking project to date, a very comfortable rocking chair.

Jim Gleeson's double garage is more than a woodworking haven. His love of working wood is matched by his ardor for building and maintaining antique cars. When arriving at his home we were pleasantly surprised to see his gorgeous green '52 Chevy side-window pick-up in front. We all stopped to get a close look at Jim's pride and joy. When the first Tuesday of the month rolls around it's a struggle for him to decide which meeting to attend. The Gleeson shop shares space with the antique car. Jim doesn't do parades but he likes to enter car shows.

The workshop is large, well-lighted and hides a large wood storage area and dust collection center. Floor-standing tools are on one side and yards of counter space are at the rear wall and occupy one side. His work has been mainly furniture, tables, cabinets, and home improvements, He has a curiosity for vacuum clamping systems and enjoys bent wood projects. He taught a bent wood class last year. Jim aroused interest in inlays when he displayed a considerable quantity of products from a Guemes Island manufacturer of wood trim inlays and this has sparked a desire by some to visit the Mitercraft plant in the near future, possibly this summer. Jim has been in contact with the owners and an invitation or open house may be offered our Club.

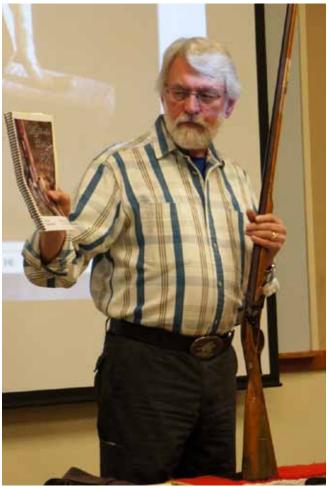
The touring activity wound up at Jay Smith's shop where refreshments were served while members heard the story of the Viking ship that Jay is constructing. Gary Danilson and crew put together another great Spring for us. We love seeing member's shops while gathering tips for our own.

--Jay

Knives, Guns, and Scrimshaw Introduce Carver Don Wood

You have probably seen them in museums. Old flintlock rifles like Dan Boone carried, or flintlock pistols used at the Alamo. Carver Don Wood showed us his collection at the April meeting where he

proceeded to describe how much work it is to make the parts and put them all together. Don loves to make them, but he admitted that without using any power tools it can take him eight months to build a rifle.



Don Wood

The Bellingham carver makes knives, too. And he brought several of his firearms and blades to show and talk about. His interest is almost endless. A big crouching cat of polished maple, scrimshaw objects for show, and intricate designs on belt buckles. His graphics are etched in wood and horn. Their design and coloration show his illustrator's background. The flintlock pieces reveal a deep understanding of how to properly marry wood and metal. Altogether his table-full of art objects inspired us all.

Don received a gift membership in NCWA and was presented with one of our logo-enscribed coffee mugs.

--Jay

NCWA Enjoys April Meet at Burlington Library

Despite a week's delay in getting together for an April meeting, the strong attendance at a different meeting place was a pleasant surprise. We met on Tuesday, April 10th at the Auditorium in the two-year old beautiful Burlington Library. Every April we vacate our Hillcrest Park digs in Mount Vernon to allow the Rotarians to sell salmon dinners during Tulip time Our President arranged a carpeted reception, courtesy of the Burlington Rotary Club, who offered the use of this special auditorium. We enjoyed the courtesy so much that John is going to try and put us into the same venue next April.

Following introductions of guests we honored Laura and Val Matthews with an NCWA Spirit Award. Their popularity literally brought down the house. Laura and Val have been stalwart contributors to our organization for many years and they have opened their home and gardens to woodworkers and woodturners at our annual picnic.



John Ballinger Presents Laura and Val with the Spirit Award

The Matthews were presented with a new plaque made for the occasion that bears their names and those of another two given the same award in 2004. The plaque will rotate to other honorees in the future. The Matthews also received a \$100 Lee Valley gift card. The presentation was made by the Awards committee, the same group that facilitates the retiring President's gift. The committee includes Bellinger, John Gruenwald, and myself.

A surprise announcement came from long-time Toys for Tots Chairman Gene Benson who declared he was retiring from his leadership role. Gene's passion for the children's gift program has never wavered, but he thinks it's time for someone else to take control. However, Gene will continue to be a major factor in meeting our high production goals.

Bring 'n Brag

Ben Gage continues his creation of baffling round objects. The prolific producer demonstrated his woodturning wizardry with an uncommon small basket or bowl that required gluing up 100 small pieces of wood! The unique circular top was worked in two layers with a design that matched the well-ventilated main structure.



Ben Gage

Our President displayed his latest sofa table, this one in white oak and finished in Profin oil, to match his Morris chair. Bellinger reported that this table, his third identical sofa style project, had his wife's full approval. We all need that!

New member Dale Brandland seems to enjoy confounding us. It's been a long time since a member brought a lock and key puzzler to our attention. Brandland's demo lock has a large "key"



with short dowels that is John Bellinger inserted into the upper key slot and allows you to pull the locked pieces apart. The project was passed around for all to try.



Dale Brandland

Biggest collection-of-

the-night prize goes to Bill Baer who likes to make staved buckets, wishing wells, and small wheelbarrows. Bill says he saves the plastic bands that come with strapped merchandise and uses them to strengthen his buckets. He routes a groove for the



Bill Baer

girdles and says they serve a purpose.

--Jay



One of the projects on display at Wood-

Diana Galloway

fest this year caught everyone's eye. New member Diana Galloway has real carving talent. According to her, just don't ask her to create something straight or square! ~Charley Drake

WoodFest Best Ever: Great Student Effort

Not that WoodFest '12 had big crowds or a lot of vendors. Attendance was just average, reduced by rain all day Saturday, March 31. But this one was special because students from four high schools vied with outstanding craft work this year. Every entrant seemed to have a desire to win honors.

We have been a watchdog and go-getter for this Festival for many years and the long-time members agree: This was best because the quality was there. When the challenge was over on Sunday afternoon President John Bellinger presented the Best of Show award to Kris Cruse, a Stanwood student who found time to build at least four pieces of furniture during the school year and who exhibited them all at WoodFest '12, a remarkable achievement considering the size and complexity of his efforts. What's also remarkable is that Kris was awarded the top prize at Woodfest 2011. He has received two identical Veritas planes from NCWA in the past two years! Many other tools were awarded to deserving young woodworkers from all four schools.

Our Club exhibit at WoodFest was considerably larger than previous years. Three long tables were over-crowded with projects from 18 participants. Some items were offered for sale. NCWA host volunteers for the two-day event were Phil Choquette, Jim Torrence, Johnathan Blake, Jerry Anderson, Doug Duehning, Bill Baer, Roy Little, Samantha Chang, Andrew Pellar, Jerry Couchman, Charley Drake, Steve Durkee, Jim Bucknell, Al Ashley, John Bellinger, and myself. Torrence and Choquette were in charge of our participation.

Gary Weyers is to be complimented for demonstrating his scroll saw savvy throughout the two days. He cut dozens of small animals for the appreciative children. Our neighbors, the Washington Woodturners, also exhibited and had several small lathes set up to turn tops for the young folks.

--Jay



George Newberry with his Excellent Shoulder Plane from Val Matthew's class

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT-MAY 2012

The Education Committee met on April 10th to discuss the types of classes that would enhance the NCWA members' skills. Committee members this year are: Jerry Anderson, chair; Andrew Pellar, Bill Baer, Charley Drake, Jim Gleeson, Al Ashley, Chuck Robertson and Bob Gaubatz. David Straus attended as a guest, and, at Chuck's request took his place on the Committee. We're looking at several new types of classes, which will require new instructors and locations to hold classes throughout our service area. The Committee is also investigating additional hands-on skills classes.

Nancy Anderson has offered to instruct members wishing to learn or improve their scroll saw skills. She will work with 1 or 2 members at time at her shop near Blaine. Please contact Nancy at 360-318-1299 or by Email at nancy@woodenlace.net to arrange a class with her.

The following May classes are filled: May 5: Sharpening & Using Card Scrapers –



President John Bellinger presented the Best of Show award to Kris Cruse

Instructors, Jerry Anderson & Jesse Charette May 12: Sharpening & Using Card Scrapers – Instructors, Andrew Pellar & Dave Blair May 19: Box Making – Instructor, Jerry Couchman

May 19: Finishing I – Instructor, Phil Choquette

Jerry Anderson 360-770-8559

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MEET THE NEW MEMBER

Jerry Haynes is a returning member from several years ago. After a career as a highway engineer for California, he and his wife bought a twin diesel Marine Trawler and moved to the Birch Bay area. He Continued on page 7

SECOND ANNUAL CASCADE MALL WOODSHOW



Last year's Father's Day weekend wood show in the Cascade Mall in Burlington was a huge success, and we have been invited back again this year. The hours for our show are 10-9 on Saturday, June 16^{th} and 11-6 on Sunday, June 17th. We'll do most of our set up on Friday night between 8 and 9, and finish up early Saturday morning before the mall opens. So now is the time to decide what you want to display this year. We had a tremendous showing at WoodFest in Sedro Woolley, and participants in that event are encouraged to bring their work. Everyone in the club should consider bringing something! The primary purpose of the show is to promote woodworking as a relaxing and rewarding hobby and to encourage membership in the Association. And in the process, we all have a great time! I'll have more information at our May meeting.

Jerry Couchman, NCWA Programs Chairman

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no longer has the boat, but enjoys woodworking in his shop just north of Ferndale. Some of his favorite projects include musical instruments; he's made several harps, a hammer dulcimer, and something I can't even pronounce right, a psaltery! He recently completed a set of dinning room chairs for his daughter, and is working on a hurdy gurdy. This link will take you to a video of a hurdy gurdy being played. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLIIbMA6VFA



MEET THE NEW MEMBER

Jack McKee is a builder, designer, teacher and writer. He has worked as a mechanic, remodeled houses, built small boats, designed (and built) equipment used by children's museums, schools and preschools. When he joined NCWA, he donated copies of his two books that focus on teaching woodworking to young children. As part of his boat building experience, he even made his own bronze castings for various pieces of boat hardware. For several years, he taught a popular children's workshop in Bellingham's Roeder Home in a Whatcom County Parks and Recreation program. He currently volunteers at the Skagit County Children's Museum, which is located in Cascade Mall, the same location as our 2nd annual NCWA Wood Show coming up in June. See his website at: http://www.woodshop4kids.com/ Hands On Books/Home.html

NCWA Board Meeting of April 11, 2012

President John Bellinger distributed the evening's agenda to eleven Board of Directors members meeting at seven o'clock on Wednesday evening, April 11, 2012, at the Farm House Restaurant on Route 20, Mount Vernon, Wa.

The first item of business was a review of WoodFest at Sedro Woolley High School on March 31 and April 1. The weekend festival, an annual competition between woodworking students in the local area, occurs during the Tulip Festival and is sponsored by the Sedro Woolley Chamber of Commerce. Each year we support the event and present a Best of Show trophy.

Co-chairmen Phil Choquette and Jim Torrence described our participation, and made suggestions, for future shows. Torrence attended several planning meetings with the Chamber, and one of his concerns is the tardiness in publicizing WoodFest. The Chamber's promotional program preceded WoodFest by only a few of weeks, he said, and public attendance suffered. We discussed ways of helping to get the word out and supplement the Chamber's action next year.

Jerry Couchman outlined plans for our Cascade Mall exhibition on Father's Day weekend, June 16 and 17. Set-up time is Friday evening and will be a reflection of the 2011 arrangement in Center Court. Volunteer hosts and guides will be needed. The Program chairman announced that member and professional woodworking teacher Tom Dolese will be the featured speaker at our May meeting.

Ed Pysher is directing the annual picnic on August 18. He is recruiting help now and Charley Drake, who admitted that he loves to cook, was his first volunteer. Membership chairman Pysher reported that we now have 140 members after losing 26 from the previous year. Pysher also noted that another catalog company, Woodcrafters' Supply, will be added to our ten percent discounter's list.

Board members spent considerable time discussing the issue of how to support Toy for Tots without causing insurance concerns. The discussion will be continued at the next Board meeting when Vice President Andrew Pellar will search out and bring related data to the Board.

I suggested that the Directors consider invigorating our club activities with contests from time to time, similar in nature to the fun-for-all contests conducted by other woodworking organizations. We tried a two-by-four

competition a few years ago and others before that but participation was weak. Good prizes and a more rigorous challenge promoted at monthly meetings are needed to get a more enthusiastic response, I said. The Board was generally in agreement and will debate the suggestion later.

Treasurer Doug Duehning reported a treasury balance of \$4.556.73.

Members present: Jerry Anderson, Bill Baer, Bellinger, Couchman, Drake, Duehning, Geisel, Pellar, Pysher, Samantha Chang, and Torrence.

Respectfully submitted by Jay Geisel, Secretary

Mount Vernon Building Center News:

A number of NCWA members were on the MVBC email list to receive emails about new products, specials, etc. We received a notice from MVBC that their computer had crashed and they had lost the list. They are rebuilding the list, and if you would like to be on their mailing list please email them at ed@mvbc-online.com and they will add you back onto the list.

~Ed Pysher

Classifieds

Pin router, Onsrud RO-117H, 1700# on a rolling base, 3 HP 3 phase 220V industrial production machine. Aaron Howell, 360-391-3410

CLAMPS, CLAMPS AND MORE CLAMPS!

They say you can't be too rich, too thin, or have too many clamps. We can't help you with the first two; but, can do something about the last one.

At last month's meeting some very nice aluminum bar clamps were displayed. We are trying to get a bulk order together and still need a few more people that need clamps.

The clamps will be displayed once again at the May meeting as we try to meet the minimum order.

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- Andrew Pellar

Lost name tags:

Several members have "misplaced" their name tags and asked how to get replacements. It costs \$6, plus postage, to make the tags which are made by Jim Davis, one of our members. Let me know if you need a replacement, and I'll send an order to Jim to whip it out for you.

Ed Pysher 360-770-7203 epysher@aol.com

2012 membership cards:

I'll have the 2012 membership cards at the May general meeting for the members that have paid their 2012 dues. Be sure to look me up to get your card. If you can't make it to the meeting, send me a stamped return address envelope, and I'll mail it to you.

Ed Pysher 5268 Island View Way Bow, WA 98232

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- 1. Log on to "www.Pro.Woodworker.com"
- 2. Click on "Apply for a Pro account now"
- 3. Fill in the data and when you get to "Business" enter "NCWA member"
- 4. At "Business type" scroll down and click on "Woodworking club".
- 5. Continue to the confirmation screen.

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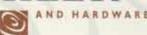
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May 5th	10-12	Card Scrapers	j. Anderson, J Charette
May 10th	10-12	Finishing 1	Phil Choquette
May 19th	1 PM-5 PM	Box Making	Jerry Couchman's shop
April 28th	9-12	How to Tune the Bandsaw	Charley Drake's shop

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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