

NORTHWEST CORNER WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION

September 2012

Next Meeting: Tuesday September 4th, Hillcrest Park Lodge

7:00 PM General Meeting

1717 South 13th Street, Mount Vernon

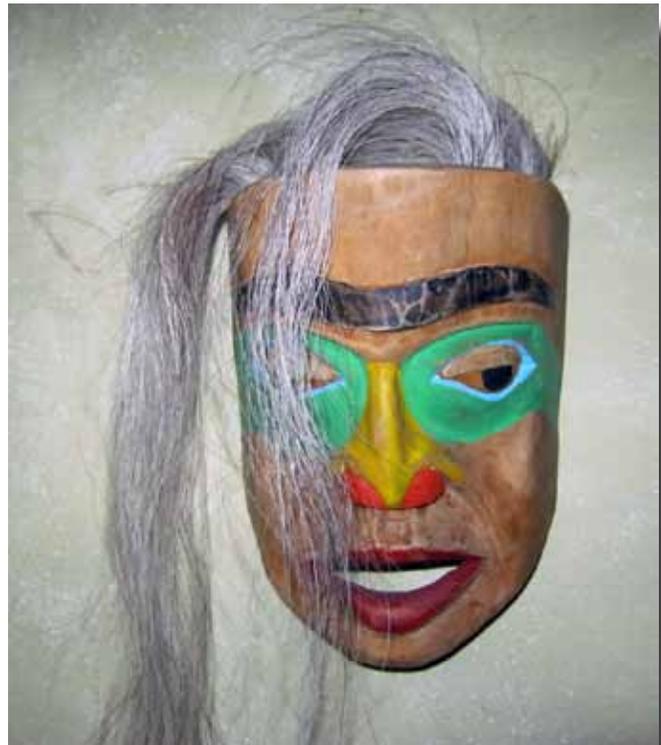
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I-5 exit 226 (Kincaid Street Exit). Go East up the hill. This is Broadway Street. Continue on Broadway to S 13th Street (which is about 5 to 6 blocks from the freeway). Turn right (south) onto South 13th and go about 6 blocks. The park is on the right.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

September Program is Carving

Our September 4th meeting will be back in the Hillcrest Lodge and will feature club member David Helm. David joined NCWA in 2010 shortly after a crazy driver plowed into his shop in the Bellingham area. David was in his office next to his shop at the time, but was unhurt. He is an accomplished woodworker and has built beautiful furniture and cabinets for his home. He also specializes in West Coast Native American mask carving. He has studied the art and attended several workshops by master carvers. David's program will include examples of his work and he will show us the process of creating a mask beginning with raw wood from start to finish.

~Jerry Couchman



Mask by David Helm

Good Times, Great Food Prevail at August Picnic

They came in droves, snapping up every tasty morsel. We are not talking insects here. These are people; adults with huge appetites driven by picnic-frenzy.



Charley Drake, Jim Torrence

Why does picnic food taste so good? Does it stem from our desire to eat outside or is it programmed into our gut from a lifelong history of picnic enjoyment? How about the irresistible lure of cooking aromas cast about by shifting winds? To be sure, all have their effect. But I believe it's a formula of good ingredients properly cooked over an open, smoky fire. And for that you must have good cooks who know how to put flavor and zest into their performance. Charley Drake and Jim Torrence do just that. They made our afternoon.

And we give tremendous thanks to our hosts Laura and Val Matthews for providing a sylvan setting on a gorgeous summer day. Around 90 woodworkers and woodturners, , with their families, gathered once again at this Edenesque spot to eat and drink, converse with others, play games, and take part in the annual silent tool auction. This August event couldn't get any better!

Notes:

1. The Toys for Tots raffle of two beautifully-made wood boxes offered by Jerry Couchman and Gene Benson were awarded by drawing. The winners, both non-woodworkers, were not present, but Jerry notified them immediately of their good fortune.
2. Those impeccable greenswards at the Matthews home take a lot of work. Laura's gardens are admired by all, but she also does the drudge work of mowing the tall grass for the parking lot and driveway. Val, meanwhile, keeps the lawns looking like golfing greens. That's a lot of teamwork!

--Jay



MEET THE NEW MEMBERS

Joe Hoffman came to the USA from Liverpool, England to practice medicine about 50 years ago, and lived in the San Francisco area where he also met Cecily. Shortly before retirement, he began developing an apple orchard in Skagit County to grow a certain English apple that does well in our climate. Their orchard had 20,000 trees, but they found that it was very hard to compete with the orchards in Eastern Washington. They have since taken out the orchard and taken up woodworking. Since joining, Joe has taken Chuck Robertson's class on using a router to make a bowl, and he's looking forward to more classes in our club.

~Jerry Couchman



Joe and Cecily Hoffman

SEPTEMBER EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Our attempt to get all classes on the calendar early in the summer has hit a snag because of a computer program problem that cropped up out of nowhere. Mike Titus, our webmaster, is working hard to correct the problems. We still hope to finalize the calendar on the website this month. In the meantime, a draft of the classes and schedule is enclosed in this newsletter. Most dates have been firmed up, but there may be necessary changes. Signup sheets for all classes will be available at the Sept. meeting. Those members who signed up online are registered for those classes. Reminders of the classes will be sent to all participants about a week before the class.

We appreciate everyone's patience as we work to upgrade our education program.

September Classes:

Sept. 19: *Wood Bending* - Instructed by John Bellinger & Jim Gleeson

Sept 22: *Power Tool Safety* – One class will be instructed by Bill Baer at his shop in Bow and another class will be taught by Dave Strauss on this date at his shop on Camano Island.

Sept. 26: *Photograph Your Work* – Instructed by Charley Drake at his shop near Anacortes.

Sept. 29: No class scheduled yet. Please contact Jerry Anderson at 360-770-8559 before the September meeting if you have a request or suggestion.

Jerry Anderson, Chair
NCWA Education Committee
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I recently opened an online store where I sell pocket knives, flashlights, and accessories, and I am offering a 10% discount to NCWA members. The web page is <http://www.lajarintraders.com> and to get the discount write to support@lajarintraders.com for instructions.

Jaime Lajarin

Vendor News:

Here's some good news! I recently ordered some minor tools from Hartville Tools and was pleasantly surprised to see there were no shipping charges, regardless of the size of the order. Mine was only \$29, and the shipping was free.

I checked with my contact there and he confirmed that was their new policy. He did not know how long it would be the policy, but he was not aware of any plans to change it.

Happy freight-free shopping!

Ed Pysher

Nick's Shop Sale:

First, I want to sincerely thank Dave Strauss, Jerry Anderson and Jim Torrence for all their help. They were instrumental in organizing, inventorying and pricing the tools and for keeping things from getting out of control during the sale. (They also worked very hard to keep me from totally messing up the whole show, and they almost succeeded!)

There were 191 items in the inventory. By 7:00pm there were 37 left. The place was literally cleaned out. In the following 10 days another 24 items were sold. This has to be, quite frankly, unheard of in the annals of shop sales.

I still have several of the pony clamps with black pipe, (\$10.00 each), the Renegade compressor (\$75.00), Drill Doctor (\$25.00), the twin halogen light system (\$25.00), Milwaukie finishing sander (\$25.00) and the grinding wheel dresser (\$4.00) for sale. Please call/email me if you can use any of these items.

At this point, the sales total \$5,703 and Nick instructed that 20% is to go to NCWA. There were no restrictions on how the donation was to be used, and the board will take that up at their next meeting.

On behalf of Allegra and all the Van family I want to thank you profusely for your support in this sensitive task.

Ed Pysher
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Wooden Boat Festival

The 36th Annual Wooden Boat Festival will take place from Friday, September 7th through Sunday, September 9th in Port Townsend. Featuring more than 300 beautiful wooden boats, the festival will also offer a variety of presentations and exhibits of interest to woodworkers. Presentations will include handsawing by Jim Tolpin, coopering by Steve Habersetzer, joinery planes by Deneb Puchalski, sharpening by Tim Lawson, and many others. Exhibitors of interest to woodworkers will include Edensaw, Lie-Nielsen, Lee Valley / Veritas, and Sawstop. Admission is \$15 per day, \$10 for seniors. You may wish to bring a folding chair as an alternative to the "grandstand" style bench seats at the demonstrations.

~ Michael Titus

<u>date</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR(S)</u>
	<i>*New Classes</i>	
Sept. 15:	Wood Bending	John Bellinger & Jim Gleeson
Sept. 22:	Power Tool Safety	Bill Baer (Bow)
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Sept. 26:	Photograph Your Work*	Charley Drake
Sept. 29:		
Oct. 6:	Router Basics*	Jim Hickey (Tom Dolese's Shop)
Oct. 13:	Preparing Wood for Projects*	Phil Choquette
Oct. 20:	SHOP TOUR –NO CLASSES	
Oct. 25:	Wednesday Make a Native American Flute	Jim Torrence
Oct. 27:	Build a Woodworking Bench	Cec. Braeden
Nov. 3:	Shop Organization	Dave Strauss (Camano Island)
Nov. 10:	Make a Router Base*	Andrew Pellar
Nov. 17:	Woodworking Fundamentals*	Bill Baer
Nov. 24:	THANKSGIVING WEEKEND	
Dec. 1:	Mortise & Tenon*	Jim Bucknell & Charley Drake
Dec. 8:	Small Shop Organization	Roy Little
Dec. 15:		
Dec. 22:	CHRISTMAS WEEK	
Dec. 29:	NEW YEAR WEEK	
Jan. 5:	Mortise & Tenon*	Bill Baer
Jan. 12:	Wood Characteristics	Jim Torrance & Samantha Chang
Jan. 19:	<i>Toy Making</i>	<i>Val Matthews & Bill Baer</i>
Feb. 2:	Finish Keepsake Boxes w/ Flocking	KentCrouse
Feb. 9:	Wood Turning 101 (7 students)	Rick Anderson
Feb. 16:	PRESIDENTS DAY WEEKEND	
Feb. 23:	Make a Shop Mallet	Jerry Anderson
Mar. 2:	Cabinet Carcase Construction	Bill Baer
mar. 16	SHOP TOUR – NO CLASSES	
Mar. 23:	Make a Block Plane	Val Matthews
Mar. 30:	EASTER WEEKEND	
Apr. 6:	WOODFEST – NO CLASSES	
Apr. 13:	Table Saw Setup & Maintenance	Charley Drake (At Jim Gleeson's shop)
Apr. 18-THUR. 6-9 p.m.	Inlay Techniques	Steve Durkee
Apr. 20:	Card Scraper Sharpening & Use	Andrew Pellar / Jesse Charette
Apr. 27:	Making Keepsake Boxes	Jerry Couchman
May 4:	Finishing I	Phil Choquette (at Ryan Schols' shop)
May 7:	Dust Control (Wed nite)	Rick Anderson
May 11:	Finishing II	Phil Choquette
May 18:	Inlay II 9 a.m. – 1:00	Steve Durkee
May 25:	MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND	
June 1:	Spray Finishing	
June 8:		
June 15 & 16:	CASCADE MALL SHOW	

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, at 7:00 P.M.

VENDOR SUPPORT GROUP

NORTH:

Hardware Sales	2034 James St. Bellingham	360-734-6140	hardwaresales.net
Stockton's Paints	1413 Railroad Ave. Bellingham	360-733-5630	
Targo Woods	1100 C St. Bellingham	360-738-9140	Targowoods.com
Windsor Plywood	1208 Iowa St Bellingham	360-676-1025	

WEST:

Sebo's Hardware	1102 Commercial Ave. Anacortes	360-293-4575	Sebos.com
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SOUTH:

Martin Lbr/True Value	2730 Broadway Everett	425-259-3134	Martinlumbereverett.com
Arlington Hdw & Lbr	215 N. Olympic Ave. Arlington	360-435-5523	arlingtonhardware.com

CENTRAL:

Karl's Paints	1515 Freeway Dr. Mt. Vernon	360-336-2855	Karlspaints.com
Mt. Vernon Bldg Cent.	815 Roosevelt Way Mt. Vernon	360-424-9073	
Sound Cedar	2600 Cedardale Rd. Mt. Vernon	360-424-4548	Soundcedar.com

SPECIALTY:

Edensaw Woods	211 Seton Rd. Port Townsend	360-385-7878	Edensaw.com
Hartville Tool	Catalog only	800-345-2396	Hartvilletool.com
Rockler Woodworking	3823 Stone Way Seattle	206-634-3222	Rockler.com
Woodworker's Supply	Catalog only	800-645-9292	Pro.Woodworker.com
Woodcraft	5963 Corson Ave. Seattle	206-767-6394	

Newsletter Editor on Holiday - Soon

I'm heading south in October. Likely I'll be back by December. Then again in February I'll be in Mexico. To have a video person or newsletter the club could use a volunteer. I'll train if you hurry and jump in soon. Picnic photos this month are from Dennis Shinn and Jim Torrence. Thanks much guys! Also there are no board meeting minutes, as there was no meeting. Next month for sure!

~ Charley Drake
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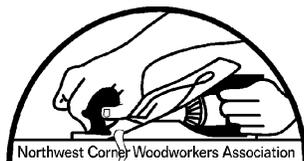
COMING EVENTS

Sept. 4th	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	Hillcrest Lodge
Sept. 12th	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	Farmhouse Inn
<u>Several classes as listed in the education article this month</u>			

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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