



Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

November 2012

**Next Meeting: Tuesday November 6, 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.

November Meeting: A Special Toys for Tots Evening

Our next meeting on November 6th is the annual **Toys for Tots holiday meeting**. **Everyone** is invited to attend and help us celebrate this worthy cause. If you have time in the next month please help us out by making a toy to bring along. Those of you who have toys to donate, bring them in as soon after 5:00 PM as you can.

The Marine Corps will be there to pick up the toys and take them to their distribution center. This is our opportunity to give back to the community and have a lot of fun at the same time.

The lodge will open at 5:00PM to set up and bring in toys. (Lots of help will be needed to set up the tables and get the room ready.) Dinner will be at 6:00, with the main meeting at 7:00.

Our traditional dinner is pizza from Costco and Laura's famous Caesar salad. Once again, we will charge an exorbitant \$5 each for dinner, but you all are on the honor system. A "financial receptacle" will be in the area of the pizza boxes (and will be guarded with a security camera, in case someone needs a new band saw).

Toys for Totes night has always been a special social evening with a chance for the spouses to find out what we have been up to for the past 11 months and to catch up with old friends. Sure hope you can make it.

~John Bellinger



NCWA Members

Here is a chance to show off your small projects.

We have the use of the Display Case at the Burlington Library from November 10th through November 30th. The case is 7 feet wide, 4 1/2 feet tall and 18 inches deep.

Please bring your items to display in the case to the November 6th meeting.

If you cannot make the meeting and have something you would like to display, please send it with another member or notify me at jr.bellinger@frontier.com or call me at 360-708-4036 and I will try to pick it up. Please fill out a form with your name and a description of the item so we can get it back to you. I hope we have a nice cross section of our work, such as boxes, tools, toys etc.



Thank you for helping us put on a great display.
John Bellinger

WE NEED YOUR HELP

NCWA is a growing club and we have fantastic members who are always willing to share their knowledge with others. Our Education department is putting together great classes which require your willingness to act as instructors. Our library is growing and is a great source of information for all to use. Our programs are always informative and entertaining

All of these activities require our members to put in time and effort to get it done. Now we need your help in our efforts to provide you with meetings which are as enjoyable as possible. To do this we need to have people who are willing to help set up and operate the **Audio and Video** equipment at the start of each meeting. Many of our members have hearing loss and they cannot enjoy the meetings unless they can hear what is being said. During programs it is very hard to see what the presenter is doing unless you are sitting in the front row seats.

To meet these needs I am requesting the formation of two new committees, an **audio committee** and a **video committee** to set up and operate the equipment. I understand that this is not woodworking but it certainly is necessary for us to provide you with outstanding meetings that we can be proud of. I am asking you to step up to the plate and volunteer to be a member on one of these committees and do your part to make our meetings enjoyable for everyone.

Let me know if you are willing to help out.

Charley Drake has been taking the lead in this effort for the last few years and he is now retired and heading out for new adventures. Thank you, Charley, for all the work you have done on the newsletter and the audio/video for the group.

And I thank all of you for making NCWA the dynamic organization that it is.
Your President, John Bellinger.

October's Secretary Report

It's Back to School Time for NCWA Woodworkers, too.

Probably our largest attendance ever greeted President John Bellinger as he asked guests to introduce themselves at the October meeting. Upward of 100 woodworkers gathered at Hillcrest Park Lodge to welcome the start of the Fall season and a new round of classes that will continue until Spring 2013.

Class attendance got off to a fast start with a dozen members filling the first Saturday session on Wood Treatment and Preparation. The class was instructed by Phil Choquette and held at Jerry Anderson's shop on Saturday morning, October 13th. The class was over-filled while other courses are piling up registrants rapidly as NCWA membership continues to grow.

Participation was the key to this meeting. We had a strong response to our 2x4 challenge, our second foray into this type of membership activity. The Bring 'n Brag exhibit was also great.

In November we will meet for the traditional annual Toys for Tots special dinner and meeting with the local U. S. Marine Reserve Detachment to make our official donation. The big truck will be at the meeting again to pick up the hundreds of toys members have made during the year. Bill Baer who chairs this committee will be in charge of activities. (See details in the Board Meeting report in this issue).

Also in November we will see the slate of NCWA officers nominated for 2013. Balloting is in December. Also on the horizon: it will soon be time to reup your membership for the coming year.

Chairman Jerry Anderson does a great job managing classes and keeping track of registrations and fees. He has asked that we add our **email address to the registration form** whenever we select a wood-working course. Jerry has introduced a quick, vocal summary of courses to be given. Instructors are asked to now give a brief description of their classes at the meeting before their scheduled class.

John Bellinger reminded members wishing to show their work at the Burlington Library in November to bring their projects to the November meeting.



Member Activities chairman Gary Weyers was happy with the results of the Club's 2x4 Challenge. Twelve members, geniuses all, saw something hidden in common pine studs that was redeeming enough for them to create useful and, in many cases, attractive products. We don't have a complete match for project and woodworker, but we list here all who joined in the fun.



Gary Weyers with his 2X 4 entries. Chip&Dip tray and a floor lamp topped with a scroll-sawn inverted bowl.

2 X 4 Challenge Participants

Al Ashley, John Bellinger (small sofa table with laminated angle supports), Steve Durkee (rock catapult), Jay Geisel (cat carrier and a crazy canoe paddle repair), Roy Little (ship's seven-handled helm), Val Matthews (device for increasing useful length of a lathe bed), Bill Rawls, Andy Rudy, David Shull (beautifully executed wall cabinet with arched door), David Strauss, Tom Thornton, and Gary Weyers (chip and dip tray and a floor lamp topped with a scroll-sawn inverted bowl). To correctly match woodworker and project we will henceforth ask for both name and project description on a form used in our exhibited work.



Jay Geisels cat carrier and crazy canoe paddle repair



Roy Little's ship's seven-handled helm



John's sofa table w/ laminated angle supports



Bill Rawls: lovely turned bowl



David Shull: beautifully executed wall cabinet with arched door

2 X 4 Challenge Participants Continued...



Val Matthews' device for increasing length of lathe bed



Tom Thorton's mobile trash can support



Steve Durkee with his rock catapult

Other items made for the 2x4 Challenge, but not matched to a name included a small table with slender legs, a square box with sliding lid that when inverted revealed a Tic Tac Toe game board, a turned bowl, a four-foot 2x4 rendered useless because it was twisted and bent out of shape, and a mobile trash can support.



(I apologize, but I don't know who these last few pictures are of...)



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Bring 'n Brag

Pro woodworkers **Tom Dolese** and **David Helm** each showed elegant designs. Tom displayed a tall chair seated with black leather while the fresh ideas of David's table made it just as eye-catching.

Steve Durkee put more than three months into his four-foot roundtable project that featured tropical inlays of three swaying palm trees and sand against a background of natural colored wood.

~Jay Giesel, Secretary



Tom's leather seated chair



David's stylish table



Steve's Table with inlays

Bill Baer is still rolling out the toys. His latest creations are two widely different train sets and a sizable red wagon.



Another 2x4 studchallenge is in the works for next Fall. In the meantime Gary is planning a themed challenge for the January meeting. We congratulate Bill Rawls who drew the winning gift card.

Upcoming Port Townsend Woodworkers Show

Jerry Couchman and Andrew Pellar stopped by PTSW and picked up this years poster that advertises the upcoming woodworkers show November 3 and 4th in Port Townsend. It's too late to enter for this years show, but it should be a lot of fun and very informative to attend. Here is a web link if you'd like to check out more info on it. (Thanks, Guys!)

<http://www.ptwoodschoo.com/events.html>

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November Education Committee Report

November Classes:

Nov. 3rd: Shop Organization - Instructor: Dave Strauss (Camano Island) No one has signed up! **Class will be cancelled if there are no members signed up by Oct. 31st.**

Nov. 10th: Build a Workbench - Instructor: Cec Braeden. Only 3 members have signed up...5 are needed, with one person will to purchase materials at a cost of about \$250 .00., **Class will be cancelled on Oct. 31st, if no one else participates!** If you would like more information, please contact Cec Braeden at 360-293-4666 or cecilbraeden@gmail.com.

Nov. 17th: Introduction to Woodworking - Instructor: Bill Baer. **Class is full...no wait list!**

We've recently had two new classes with great attendance...*Router Basics* taught by Jim Hickey and *Preparing Wood for Projects* taught by Phil Choquette. More new classes will be announced as plans come to completion.

In the meantime, don't forget to sign up for some of the classes that are being repeated, since they all contain information to help all of our NCWA members.

Jerry Anderson, Chair

NCWA Education Committee

Audio/Video Helper Needed

John Bellinger has been hauling the audio stuff to the meetings and setting it up, sometimes with help, sometimes without. Sometimes a presenter needs a projector, which the club has. Once in a while a person also needs a laptop, which the club does not have.

It has been way too stressful for John to be president and audio and sometimes video person. I will continue to help when I'm here. I have a lead on a better camera than what we have, and we continue to work on the (extremely) irritating hum in the audio but we need someone who will store the equipment and bring it to the meetings. We also need a team (2 or 3 would work) to help set up and tear down, and to fill in for the chairman when he/she is gone. You don't have to know much to hook this stuff up and make it work. I'll be back in December and do whatever training is needed. Please let John Bellinger know if you are willing to help. A lot of it is just lifting speakers on tripods and running wires here and there.

Charley Drake

NCWA Club is full of multitalented folks and we have yet another opportunity for you to share your talent. With Charley off enjoying retirement, we need a few people to form a photography team for our club. Dale Brandland volunteered for our October meeting and also for our November meeting. He has graciously volunteered to help organize a photography team to be assured we have coverage at each meeting.

Please contact Dale at (360) 398-1121 or dalebrandland@msn.com

No October Board report was submitted.

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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

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Newsletter editor needs your help!

As a new kid on the block, I need some help identifying our member photos. I spent a few hours just looking up old issues to identify the photo's for the last meeting, but still couldn't locate them all. It would be helpful if each person filled out the slip of paper with member name, item description, and date for each item brought into the meeting.

Ahead of time, I apologize for any identification bloopers I made!

Thanks for you help!

COMING EVENTS

Nov. 6	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	Hillcrest Lodge
Nov. 14	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	Farmhouse Inn

FYI:

Our January club meeting will be on the second Tuesday, the 8th due to the New Years Day holiday.

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 sherrigreenleafs@gmail.com or call 360-899-4154

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