



## Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

February 2015

**Next Meeting Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
7:00 PM, General Meeting  
Hillcrest Lodge  
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 South 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 your right. Turn into the park; The parking lot is in front of the lodge.

### VACUUM CLAMPING BY GEORGE KNUTSON

This month's presentation is by George Knutson, one of our new members with a lot of talent. George will give us an overview of some of the uses he's found for a vacuum pump. There's the usual - veneering flat or curved surfaces, but you can also clamp straight or bent laminations (with the form inside the bag or outside the bag). And you can secure a work piece to your workbench or hold your work piece to a jig or fixture. George plans to demonstrate some of these applications and talk about the types of pumps that are available. George uses many of these techniques in his shop in Renton building primarily Greene & Greene style furniture, live edge slab pieces, recycled/reclaimed lumber projects and some welding thrown in for variety.



*George Knutson*



## JANUARY MEETING

President Bill Rawls hammered the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Lodge in Mt. Vernon.

Bill declared that the NCWA was "The Most Distinguished Woodworking Club in America" and hoped that others would realize that also.

Jerry Anderson, outgoing chair of the Education Committee, summarized the classes that were available to the members and indicated that some slots were still available. Sign up lists were available during the break. Members could also sign up on line.

Past President Andrew Pellar introduced the new chair of the Toy for Tots program, John Braun, and asked everyone to give him their support.

Bill Rawls introduced the new Chair of the Education program, Dale Brandland, and asked everyone to give him their support and ideas for programs.

Bill Rawls introduced the new Member at Large for the Board of Directors, Richard Gillingham.

Jim Hickey announced a new member benefit. There will be a drawing for a prize at each of six General meetings during the year. The prize will generally be a small woodworking tool. In order to get a ticket for the drawing all you have to do is present your name tag to Jim at the meeting and he will give you a raffle ticket. You must be present to win.

Jerry Couchman gave a brief overview of the programs for the year.

The Program for the evening was 'Tool, Jig, & Gadget Night'.

Members were invited to bring favorite tools or jigs to share.

John Bellinger brought a beautiful red oak and walnut blanket chest in the Green & Green Style. It was lined with cedar and beautifully finished.

Don Wilkins showed a mini router base for a Dremel tool which significantly aided his inlay work.

Dale Brandland shared a homemade flush-trim jig based on a Woodsmith design.

Jay Geisel showed us five tools he found that were very useful. The first was a portable work bench he had made for use on his boat. He built from scraps of oak flooring. It was very compact and obviously useful. Next was a bow saw made from plastic .



*Clock wise:  
John  
Bellinger,  
Don Wil-  
kins, Dale  
Brandland ,  
Jay Geise-  
land Jerry  
Couchman*



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he got from Home Depot. Another was a homemade mine carving stand that he made from scraps of plywood. He also shared a set of small sanding strips that he got from Veritas as well as a mini cast iron hand clamp.

Jerry Couchman showed us a dovetail spline jig that he used making boxes. You can get a hands-on demonstration in Jerry's box class.

Jerry also showed us a 5/16" mortising tool that he purchased from FastCap in Bellingham.

Jim Bradbury showed us how he replicated complex moldings using a handmade clamp along with his shop router and table saw.

Tom Dolese displayed two of his favorite tools; a 6" adjustable Starrett square purchased from Hardware Sales and a Wixey Gauge. The gauge allowed Tom to set the angle of his table saw blade very precisely.

Bryrick Shillam showed a beautiful Bluetooth speaker enclosure that he had made out of sapele and walnut.

Jim Friberg displayed some handmade E-cigarette stands that he had made out of various woods. Jim indicated that he hopes to exploit this new market.

Mike Forst showed us a Woodsmith dado router jig that he used for making beds.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35.



*Top Row Left to Right:  
Jim Bradbury,  
Tom Dolese,  
Bryrick Shillam,*

*Bottom Left to Right:  
Jim Friberg and  
Mike Forst*

## FOR SALE

Worksharp 3000 with original manual and extra glass disc (3 discs total). Includes some sandpaper. \$100.

Pinacle "Surgical Black" hard Arkansas oilstone. 8"x3", lightly used, includes wooden case. \$30 (\$53 new at Woodcraft).

Contact Mike Titus at 360-389-7009 or [mike@mike-titus.com](mailto:mike@mike-titus.com)

## LOSS OF A GOOD FRIEND!

On Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> NCWA member **Steve Durkee** passed away. Steve joined the club in May 2010. Steve loved his favorite pastime – woodworking. Often he would share his special skills with the membership during bring-and-brag. Steve incorporated inlays into many of his woodworking projects. Steve enjoyed putting the inlay class together and teaching many NCWA members the intricacies of creating detailed inlays.

Steve's family is planning a Celebration of Life gathering on Feb. 22, at 2:00PM



## LIBRARY NEWS

We're going to begin the year with a number of new books for the library. We'll have these books and some other recent purchases on the same table with the DVDs in our new **Recent Additions** section.

*Refinishing Furniture Made Simple*  
*Turning Techniques and Projects*  
*Beautiful Boxes*  
*Pocket Hole Joinery*  
*Civil War Woodworking*  
*Civil War Woodworking Vol 2*  
*Campaign Furniture*  
*Six Board Chest*  
*Segmented Bowls for the Beginning Turner*  
*Handplane Essentials*  
*The Art of Turned Bowls*  
*Simply Wood* (scroll saw projects)  
*Contemporary Woodturning*

Jeff Jewitt  
Fine Woodworking  
Doug Stowe  
Mark Edmundson  
A.J. Hamler  
A.J Hamler  
Christopher Schwarz  
Christopher Schwarz  
Don Jovag  
Christopher Schwarz  
Richard Raffan  
Roshan Ganief  
Nick Arnul

Several of our new books were purchased on your recommendation. If you see a book that would be a good addition to the library, let us know. Your library committee this year is Mike Titus, Rachel Thompson, Steve Wagoner, Laura Matthews and Gary Danilson.



## MENTORING

Attention newbies. Gene Benson has space for one more. Gene will be teaching wood working from start to finish, making Toys for Tots. This is hands on. Supplies are furnished. Will meet on Sunday mornings starting in March. Contact Gene for more Info.360-466-3004

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 2015 REPORT

There's been a change in leadership of the Education Committee. Dale Brandland has volunteered to take over this role. He convened a meeting of the Committee and instructors on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. Many topics were discussed, including fees & payment methods, class signup procedures, and instructor training.

### THESE CLASSES WERE POSTED ONLINE AFTER THE JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

**Feb. 7: ACCURACY IN MARKING & MEASURING** – Greg. Koenker & Andrew Pellar, instructors. **CLASS IS FULL**

**Feb. 14: TOYS 101** – Bill Baer, instructor. **3 OPENINGS LEFT**

**Feb. 21: MAKING LAMINATE TABLE TOPS & COUNTERS** – Bill Baer, instructor **2 PLACES LEFT IN CLASS**

**Feb. 28: CHISEL & PLANE IRON SHARPENING** – Charley Drake, instructor. **CLASS IS FULL**

**Mar. 7: PREPARING WOOD FOR PROJECTS** – Phil Choquette, instructor. **2 PLACES LEFT**

**Mar. 21: SPRING SHOP TOUR**

**Mar. 28: MAKING BOXES WITH DOVETAIL CORNER SPLINES** – Jerry Couchman, instructor – **CLASS IS FULL**

**Mar 28: MAKE A STOOL** – Bill Baer, instructor – **2 PLACES LEFT**

**APRIL CLASSES – SIGN UP AT FEB. 3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING!**

**Apr. 4: WOODFEST**

**Apr. 11: INLAY TECHNIQUES (2 sessions)**– Steve Durkee, instructor. **(Canceled)**

**Apr. 18: CABINET CARCASS CONSTRUCTION** – Bill Baer, instructor.

**APR. 25: CABINET DOOR & DRAWER CONSTRUCTION** – Bill Baer, instructor.

**APR. 25: MAKE A BLOCK PLANE** – Val Matthews, instructor.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

President Bill Rawls convened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Jerry Anderson, Charley Drake, Ed Pysher, Bill Rawls, Don Wilkins, Al Ashley, Andrew Pellar, Philip Choquette, Jerry Couchman, Richard Gillingham, Dale Brandland, Gary Danilson, David Shull

**Treasurer Report.** Al Ashley reported that the club had \$6,768.89 in checking and savings accounts. Al reviewed the 2015 budget with the board members. Changes compared to the 2014 budget included an increase in funds for the NCWA library and increased costs for renting the Hillcrest Lodge due to plans to rent the space for an entire day for the December Christmas party. Al moved that the board approve the 2015 budget. Ed Pysher seconded the motion. After addressing a question from Jerry Couchman about how to deal with unforeseen costs (there is room in the budget for that), the motion passed unanimously.

**Membership report.** The club had a total membership of 187 with 7 new members since the beginning of 2015. At the time of the meeting, 144 members had paid their dues to renew

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

their memberships whereas 46 member were unpaid.

**Education report.** Dale Brandland is the new chair of the education committee. Dale reported plans to hold a meeting on 1/15/2015 at noon with the education committee and board members to develop a strategy for how to run the NCWA education program.

**Wood species collection.** Jerry Anderson informed the board about a gift from Bill Webb of a remarkable collection of identified wood samples. The collection contains more than 400 samples of wood from around the world, labeled with species and collection site. The board discussed several options for what to do with this collection of wood samples. These included using the samples in the wood identification class currently taught by Samantha Chang and donating the collection to a larger organization such as the University of Washington's School of Environmental and Forest Sciences. Jerry Anderson agreed to contact Samantha about the use of the samples in her class. David Shull agreed to contact the UW, and Richard Gillingham agreed to store the samples if we decide to keep them. The board agreed to not make a decision about what to do with the wood until after consultation with Samantha and the UW. Jerry mentioned that Bill Webb would like the file boxes currently storing the samples to be returned to him. The board agreed to express appreciation to Bill for this significant donation.

**Coffee.** Al Ashley reported that there was not enough coffee at the last General meeting. He apologized for not bringing all the coffee pots. He also reported that Tom Thornton requested help with the coffee due to an injury that makes him unable to get to the monthly meeting. This led to a broader discussion regarding how and where supplies for the monthly club meeting are stored and how they are transported to and from the meeting. Al pointed out that there is a storage facility "Affordable Storage" approximately 4 miles from the Hillcrest lodge where we could store the various materials used at club meetings (coffee pots, library books, lights, camera and sound system, workbench). The cost would be \$45/mo. for a heated 5'x5' unit. There was general agreement among board members that this would be better than the current strategy of storing this equipment at the homes, shops, and garages of club members because it would make the supplies more easily accessible to all club members and storage conditions in the Affordable Storage facility were likely better than storage conditions in some of the garages where materials are currently stored. Al volunteered to inspect the storage units and report his findings to the board.

**Shop tours.** Gary Danilson is planning the tours for Stanwood and Camano Island on March 15<sup>th</sup>. He indicated that plans were nearly complete but if he ran into trouble getting enough shops on the tour, he could organize a tour in Bellingham.

**Other business.** Jerry Couchman suggested we upgrade the club's lavalier (lapel microphone) and purchase a new video light. Jerry and Charlie Drake agreed to investigate lavaliers and lights and to present a proposal at the next board meeting.

President Bill Rawls adjourned the meeting at 8:15 P.



## VENDER 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	1401 "E" Street 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

### EAST:

E & E Lumber	201 W. State Street Sedro Woolley	360-856-0825	E&ELumber.com
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### SPECIALTY:

Edensaw Woods	211 Seton Rd. Port Townsend	360-385-7878	Edensaw.com
Hartville Tool	Catalog only	800-345-2396	Hartvilletool.com
Rockler Woodworking	832 NE Northgate 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	

# Coming Events

February 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 PM General Meeting  
February 11<sup>th</sup>: 700 PM Board Meeting

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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 generally held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00. Location is announced in the newsletter. Dues are \$30 per year, payable to NCWA, 26220 48th Ave NE, Arlington WA 98223. Newsletter submissions are welcomed and are due the 3rd Saturday of the month. Submit to NCWA Newsletter, 1110 35th St., Anacortes, WA 98221, or email to ives\_kathy@yahoo.com or call 360-840-9032.

## 2015 Officers and Chairpersons

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