



Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

July 2015

General Meeting

**Tuesday, July 7
7:00 PM
Hillcrest Lodge
1717 South 13th Street
Mount Vernon**

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.



PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

CONTRASTING WOODS

Bring your best work using contrasting woods to our July 7th meeting at the Hillcrest.

This meeting will focus on member projects that use contrasting woods to enhance the piece. It could be a nice box or anything you have built that you would like to bring that demonstrates contrast. Contrast is a design element that can be subtle or bold. Remember, this is not a competition, just a fun bring and brag session with a theme. Take Garrett Hack's advice: "Using different woods, grain and color to add contrast is a great way to make your furniture stand out from the crowd. The trick is to do it effectively, understanding what type of contrast to use and where to use it. Overdo it and the effect will be garish; do it right, and you will take your work to another level."

*Meeting is at the **Hillcrest Lodge***

NCWA General Meeting Notes June 2, 2015

- President Bill Rawls convened the meeting at the Hillcrest Lodge in Mt. Vernon at 7:00 p.m.
- After introduction of new members and guests, Bill asked some for reports from some of the Board of Directors.
 - Dale Brandland, chair of the Education Committee, indicated that we had 88 responses to the member survey that had been sent out. He thanked the membership for their participation and indicated that the Committee would now be assessing the results and would report back to the General Membership when finished.
 - Tim Wynn announced that there would be a vote by the General Membership at the next meeting in July on proposed changes to the By-laws. The proposed change will increase the number of 'at-large' members on the Board of Directors from two to four. Please see the proposed language change in the June and July newsletters.
 - Jerry Couchman asked for more volunteers to monitor the display at the Cascade Mall on Father's Day weekend (June 20-21).
 - Jerry also announced a "President's Challenge" for the July 7 meeting. The challenge is to make a project using "Contrasting Wood".
 - Jerry announced that he was stepping down as the Chair of the Program and Shows Committee at the end of the year. He asked for interested members to contact him if they were interested in either being the chair of the committee or being on the program committee. Jerry's announcement was met with loud lamentations of grief and rending of garments by the members. Shouts of "Say it ain't so, Jerry" could be heard above the tumult. A very emotional Bill Rawls finally gaveled the meeting back to order.
- Bring & Brag.
 - Ernie Santiago reported on a (non-physical) accident that he had with his SawStop table saw. He accidentally ran his miter gauge into the blade. The SawStop stopped the blade instantly with no damage to the miter gauge. Ernie passed around the SawStop part that had to be replaced as a result of the accident and pointed out that it was much cheaper to buy that part than to buy a finger. Applause indicated the general consensus of the membership with that viewpoint.
 - Tim Wynn displayed a beautiful side table made from a live edge maple burl slab with walnut rails and cabriolet legs. The base was finished with Geoff Peterson's oil formula (5 parts Tung Oil; 4 parts Polyurethane; and 1 part boiled linseed oil). The live edge top was finished with many coats of lacquer and rubbed out.
 - David Shull displayed a homemade saw vise and sharpening jig. Very cool, David.
 - Bill Pierce displayed a panel gauge made out of Cherry and finished with Tung Oil.
 - Jerry Couchman showed us a paper towel box that he made out of Cherry and Peruvian Walnut dovetails. Way to set the bar high on 'Honey Do' items, Jerry!
 - Mike Forst showed us a Koa wood slab that he had obtained in Hawaii. He advised that if you are going to work with Koa wood, use a drum sander don't plane it.
 - Jim Hickey showed us Walnut and Big Leaf Maple bench. The Walnut seat was going to be used by Jerry Couchman as firewood but Jim rescued it and made it into a very nice bench. It was finished with Pro-fin.

- Andy Rudy showed us a beautiful shotgun stock that he had engraved using a new SCM engraver which operated at 40,000 rpm. The stock was a work of art. Great job, Andy.
- Jim Bucknell showed us another one of his unique boxes. This one was made out Sapele with maple and walnut strips on the side. It was finished with Shellac.
- Val Matthews showed us the Toy of the Month. It was a Bumble Bee made out of Walnut and Maple and finished with lacquer. Very nice, Val!
- Gary Weyers displayed a Wine Rack that he had made for last years '2 x 4 challenge' but had not been able to bring to the meeting. Great use of wood, Gary!
- Raffle – Jim Houston won the “Gripper”.
- Program – Introduction to Hand Tools with instruction by Jerry Couchman, Andrew Pellar, and David Shull.
 - Jerry Couchman kicked off the session by discussing how he had learned to use hand tools highlighting the courses that he took from Jim Tolpin and Garrett Hack. He then showed examples of the most common types of plane: Block plane; Jack plane; Smoothing plane; Shoulder plane; Jointer plane; and Antique Scrub plane. Jerry followed this introduction by demonstrating sharpening technique using a Lee Valley honing jig and a Japanese water stones of 1000, 4000, and 8000 grit. Jerry indicated that he used camellia oil to lubricate the plane beds. Finally, Jerry demonstrated using a Block plane to cut an accelerated curve bevel.
 - Andrew Pellar followed up Jerry’s portion of the class with a great session on card scrapers. First he talked about the various shapes that card shapers could be. He then showed us how to sharpen the card scrapers to include putting the ‘burr’ on the edge. Finally, he demonstrated how to plane a simple surface.
 - David Shull concluded the class with a session on hand saws. He showed us how to make straight cross cuts (hint: make sure your saw is sharp!). He then showed us some tricks to insure that your saw is vertical and how to insure that you don’t go over your marking line. Finally, he demonstrated how to make a perfect tenon using only a hand saw. And, he was right. It did fit perfectly.
 - Congratulations to our three great instructors. It was a great program and a great learning opportunity for the members.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

GREAT TOOLS FOR SALE

Some of you may remember Herman Ehrlich who passed away about a year and a half ago. Here is a partial list of tools that his son Manfred would like to sell. No prices. Just make an offer to Manfred Ehrlich at (360) 652-2417 (home) or (425) 238-4208 (cell). The tools are in the Marysville area.

Ryobi OSS 450 Spindle sander
 Delta Unisaw
 Tormek Super Grind 2000 Wet stone sharpening system
 Grizzly G0654 Industrial Jointer
 Dewalt Planer (with stand) (Model DW7350)
 Jet WBS-14 Band saw (with extra saw blades and saw dust collector)
 Hobelbank model 162 German workbench

June Meeting Program Pictures



Lots of action!

Proposed Bylaws Amendment

Currently, the NCWA Board is composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, two at-large members and all chairpersons of standing committees. Because of the growth of our club, we would like to increase the membership of the board by adding two more 'At Large' members. To do this, the Association must amend its Bylaws.

Currently, *Article V. Section 8. Members-at-Large* reads:

"An incoming President shall appoint one Member-at-Large in January. The Member-at-Large shall serve on the Board for a term of 2 years. There shall be two such members serving at the same time with staggered terms."

The NCWA Board proposes that the Bylaws be amended to read:

An incoming President shall appoint two Members-at-Large in January. The Members-at-Large shall serve on the Board for a term of 2 years. There shall be four such members serving at the same time with staggered two year terms."

Proposed amendments must be voted on by the membership and pass by at least 2/3 vote of the members present. This constitutes notification to the membership of a vote on the proposed amendment at the July General Meeting (July 7, 2015).

Bring and Brag Highlights

Bill Pierce describes his panel guage



Jerry Couchman with paper towel holder



Mike Forst with Koa wood slab



Andy Rudy displays his SCM engraver



Bring and Brag Highlights

Jim Hickey presents a handy bench



Jim Bucknell with unique box



Gary Weyers shows his wine rack



David Shull with saw vise and jig





Tim Wynn with his spectacular table!



My table!

Really cute TOTM



Andy Rudy's beautiful shotgun stock



Remember Your NCWA Badge!

For July we are raffling off a Kreg R3 Jig, a 6" large face clamp and a box of assorted Kreg screws.

The raffle tickets are free for all those members who have their badges. See you on the 7th.



LARGE TOOL SALE

Saturday, July 18, 2015

(Start Time – 9:00AM)

Steve Durkee's Shop

15122 Sunset Lane

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

The inventory of power tools, woodworking accessories, wood and supplies is nearly complete. The club's inventory committee has spent nearly 100 hours compiling the inventory list and pricing individual items for sale. Steve's shop includes just about every tool a woodworker would want or need. Anybody looking for a special tool or accessory should be able to find it at the sale.

Prior the sale each member will receive (via email) a detail listing of items for sale. Steve's widow has made every effort to set a fair price for each item. The price listed will be the fixed price. Many items have been priced at 25% of their original cost.

Power tools include such items as: Delta 10" Unisaw, Jet 6" jointer, Wide-belt sander, Jet 14" bandsaw, Air compressor, Homelite 5600 watt generator, Benchtop mortise machine, Routers, and Air guns. Woodworking accessories include clamps, commercial jigs, toggle clamps, scrapers, handmade jigs, sanding supplies, etc. This list goes on and on.

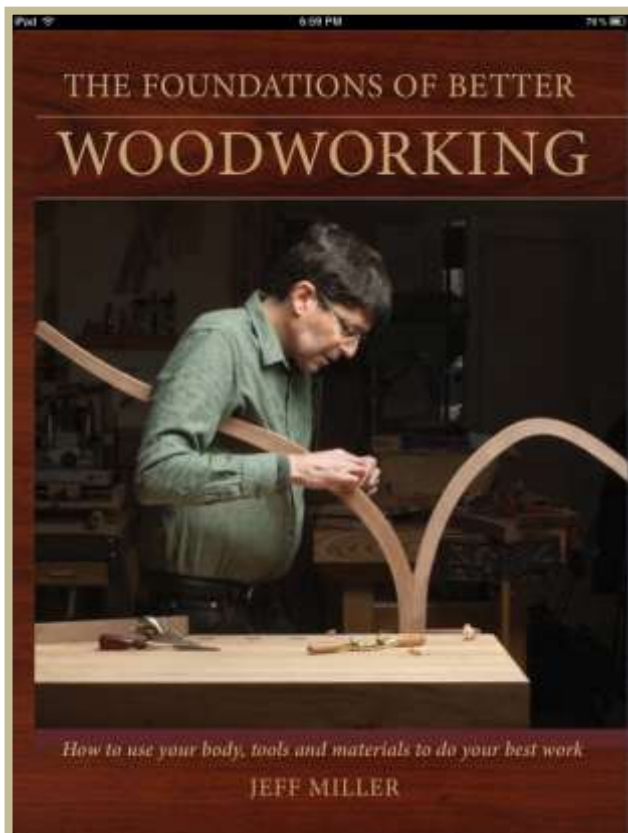
The committee will keep the membership updated as we get closer to the sale date.

BURGERS, BRATS, HOTDOGS AND TOOLS!

Mark you calendars for Saturday, **August 8**, when we all gather at Val and Laura Matthews place from 1-5 PM for the annual picnic and silent tool auction. What could be more fun! This is our traditional combined Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association (**NCWA**) and Northwest Washington Woodturners (**NWW**) event and takes the place of our normal monthly membership meeting, although we will be having a special woodworking presentation on August 22nd with Jeff Miller. More info in the next newsletter!



SPECIAL PROGRAM * With JEFF MILLER**



We have the honor of hosting a special guest speaker in August two weeks after the picnic. Jeff Miller, author of Foundations of Better Woodworking, will be teaching at the Port Townsend School of Woodworking the week of August 24th, and has accepted our invitation to do a special session for our club. It will be at the Anacortes Yacht Club on Saturday, August 22, time TBD based on Jeff's travel plans. Jeff plans to discuss how he built a curvy table (featured in the Dec 2011 issue of Popular Woodworking) and also demonstrate some of the tools and techniques involved. Similar to our last high profile speaker, there will be a **\$10 charge for admission to this presentation**, but well worth it! To learn more about Jeff, see his web site: <http://www.furnituremaking.com/>

Saturday – August 22

June 10, 2015

- President Bill Rawls convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Mt. Vernon.
- Members Present: Bill Rawls, Ed Pysher, Charley Drake, Al Ashley, John Braun, Jerry Anderson; Tim Wynn; Jerry Couchman; Dale Brandland; Don Wilkins; Gary Danilson; Phil Choquette; Jay Geisel
- Al Ashley presented the Treasurer's Report. The Association has \$5,191.89 on hand in Checking and Savings accounts as of June 10, 2015. The Association has a total of 177 members including 22 new members in 2015.
- Dale Brandland indicated that the Education Committee will meet on June 11 to assess the result of the survey. He indicated that everyone was excited by the number and quality of the responses.
- Al Ashley then discussed the ongoing efforts to inventory the contents of Steve Durkee's shop for sale to the Association members. Jerry Couchman, Dale Brandland, Ed Pysher and Al Ashley have invested significant time and energy into this task. Jerry Anderson raised questions about whether the Association has the resources to make this type of commitment in the future (i.e. to handle the sale of a member's shop/equipment upon their demise or retirement from woodworking) given the aging demographics of the Association membership. The Board discussed this issue at length without reaching a consensus. This topic will be addressed again at a future Board meeting.
- Tim Wynn raised the question of whether we should be considering candidates for the new 'At Large' positions should the membership pass the proposed change to the Bylaws at the July meeting. Several members of the Board indicated that this would be premature and should not be done until the membership had voted on the change. It was agreed to discuss nominations following the membership vote on the change.
- Tim Wynn raised the issue of soliciting nominations for the position of Chair, Program and Shows and the position of Chair, Membership Committee. After some discussion, the Board agreed to form an Ad Hoc nominating committee composed of Charley Drake, Jerry Couchman, and Ed Pysher. The Ad Hoc committee was charged with developing a list of candidates for filling the positions and bringing it back to the Board. The Board would then decide who/how to contact the potential candidates.
- Jerry Couchman then gave a report for the Program and Shows committee.
 - The Cascade Mall show has all time slots covered. Setup will be at 8:00 a.m. at the Cascade Mall.
 - The July General Meeting program would be a "Contrasting Wood" President's challenge. Members were encouraged to come up with projects made out of contrasting woods and bring them to the July meeting.
 - The Annual Picnic will be on August 8 with the silent auction beginning at 1:00 p.m. and dinner projected to be served around 3:00 p.m.
 - Jeff Miller will give a seminar/presentation on August 22. More details to follow.
- Charley Drake reported on a presentation that he made to the Northwest Woodworkers Association. He indicated that, although this was one of the only Woodworking groups in Seattle, they only had a turnout of 15 people. He compared that to the large turnouts at the NCWA meetings and classes. His conclusion was that the NCWA was very healthy and we needed to keep it that way.
- John Braun reported on the Toys for Tots committee. He indicated that he was seeking donated woodworking projects for a fund raising auction that would be held in Sedro Woolley in August.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Vendor Support Groups

Hardware Sales	2034 James St.	Bellingham	hardwaresales.net	360-734-6140
Stockton's Paints	1413 Railroad Ave.	Bellingham	stocktonspaint.com	360-733-5630
Targo Woods	1401 "E" Street	Bellingham	targowoods.com	360-738-9140
Windsor Plywood	1208 Iowa St.	Bellingham	windsorplywood.com	360-676-1025

West

Sebo's Hardware	1102 Commercial Ave.	Anacortes	sebos.com	360-293-4575
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South:

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

Central:

Karl's Paints	1515 Freeway Dr.	Mt. Vernon	karlspaints.com	360-336-2855
Mt. Vernon Bldg Ctr	815 Roosevelt Way	Mt. Vernon	mvbc-online.com	360-424-9073

East:

E & E Lumber	201 W. State Street	Sedro Woolley	eelumber.com	360-856-0825
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Specialty:

Edensaw Woods	211 Seton Rd.	Port Townsend	edensaw.com	360-385-7878
Hartville Tool	Catalog only		hartvilletool.com	800-345-2396
Rockler Woodworking	832 NE Northgate Way	Seattle	rockler.com	206-634-3222
Woodworker's Supply	Catalog only		pro.woodworker.com	800-645-9292
Woodcraft	5963 Corson Ave.	Seattle	woodcraft.com	206-767-6394

Officers and Chairpersons 2015

President:	Bill Rawls	(360) 387-2993	Programs & Shows	Jerry Couchman	(360) 255-1984
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Treasurer	Al Ashley	(360) 474-9711	Membership	Ed Pysher	(360) 770-7203
Board at Large	David Shull	(360) 393-7926	Toys for Tots	John Braun	(360) 708-0055
Board at Large	Richard Gillingham	(206) 909-6660	Webmeister	Mike Titus	(360) 525-4131

Future Events

July 7	Tuesday	General Meeting
July 15	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
July 18	Saturday	Newsletter Deadline
August 8	Saturday	NCWA Picnic
August 12	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
August 22	Saturday	Jeff Miller Presentation

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 pm. 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 by email to janekirstine@comcast.net with subject line as NCWA Newsletter.



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