



# Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

June 2015

## General Meeting

**Tuesday, June 2**

**7:00 PM**

**Hillcrest Lodge**

**1717 South 13th Street**

**Mount Vernon**

**360-770-7203**

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.



## INTRODUCTION TO HAND TOOLS

Do you use hand tools in your shop? Do you wish you had more skill at using hand tools? Our June presentation might help you decide if you want to combine hand tool work with your machines. Many successful woodworkers have found that using hand tools along with power can actually save time and increase the quality of their work. Sharp, well tuned hand tools are a joy to use and you don't need ear protection! You might be surprised how easy it is to develop the skills to make good use of these tools. Jerry Couchman will discuss planes and show some operations that many power tools can't do. Andrew Peller will focus on card scrapers for smoothing surfaces without all that dusty sanding and also give an overview on using scratch stocks for cutting interesting profiles and inlay grooves. David Shull will be our hand saw expert for the night. After each discussion and demonstration there will be an opportunity for members to try their hand at using the tools.

*Remember, meeting is at the **Hillcrest Lodge** this month !*

## NCWA General Meeting Notes    May 4, 2015

- President Bill Rawls convened the meeting at the Hillcrest Lodge in Mt. Vernon at 7:00 p.m. Sixty-four members were present.
- After introductions of Guests and New Members, Bill Rawls asked for announcements from the Committee chairs and the Board of Directors.
  - Jerry Anderson, Education Committee, indicated that in the 'academic year 2014/2015' the club gave 30 classes which were attended by 141 members. He introduced the club's class instructors: Chuck Robertson; Andrew Pellar; Charley Drake; Steve Wagoner; Jerry Anderson; Jerry Couchman; Jim Hickey; Jim Bucknell; Samantha Chang; Greg Koenker; Bill Baer; Phil Choquette; Mark DeVries; Andy Rudy; Val Matthews. Many thanks to these fine woodworkers who have volunteered to share their expertise.
  - Dale Brandland, Chair of the Education Committee, thanked the club members who had responded to the survey (53 members had responded) but asked that those members who had not responded to please find a few minutes to help determine the needs of the club. A reminder will be sent out to all club members with a link to the survey.
  - Al Ashley indicated we have \$5719 in the club treasury. We have 173 total members including 19 new members this year.
  - John Braun, Chair of the Toys for Tots, asked members to please consider volunteering to make toys. Contact John at [lesbraun@gmail.com](mailto:lesbraun@gmail.com) or (360) 724-3011.
  - Jerry Couchman indicated that the Cascade Mall Display would be on June 20-21. He encouraged members to sign up to display projects and work a shift at the display. Jerry passed around a clipboard to sign up.
  - Jerry also indicated that the program for the June General Meeting would be 'Introduction to Hand tools'.
  - Tim Wynn asked for feedback (positive and/or constructive) on the newsletter. Contact him at [tim.wynn@comcast.net](mailto:tim.wynn@comcast.net).
- Bring & Brag
  - Val Matthews obviously had a great plane making class as three students displayed the planes that they built.
    - Jerry Anderson showed a block plane made out of Tigerwood & finished with Sam Maloof Oil.
    - Chuck Barnett showed us a block plane made out of Beech & Padouk, finished with Danish Oil.
    - John Bellinger displayed a block plane made out of Padouk and Maple.
  - Jim Bucknell showed us another one of his great boxes. This was made out of Sapele and figured Maple finished with Sam Maloof oil and wax. Beautiful job Jim!
  - Nancy Andersen showed us some more of her amazing scroll work. She had two elaborate crosses and a Christmas ornament. One of the crosses was made out of local maple and backed with Sapele. The other was made out of eastern soft maple and back with Padouk. Absolutely amazing. Great job, Nancy!
  - Tom Thornton brought a neat plant holder that he made out of a piece of Cherry and finished it with Walnut oil.
  - Val Matthews showed us the 'Toy of the Month' and what a toy. It was an elaborate wooden locomotive with operating wheels and driving rod made out of Sapele and Holly. It was finished with Profin. Great job, Val.
  - Roger Shimer brought a neat reading book rack made from recycled oak. It looked good and was very functional.

- John Erbstoesz brought a really nice box made out of maple and walnut finished with Linseed oil and shellac.
- Raffle – John Erbstoesz won the raffle. He took home two 24" Bessey K-Body clamps.
- The Program was a tag team event by Bill Dowe and Dennis O’Hern showing us two different methodologies to bend wood to make musical instruments.
  - Bill showed us how to bend wood using a silicon blanket. It was a fascinating demonstration. At the end of his demonstration Bill passed out his notes along with sources for information. Among many tips that he passed on were the following:
    - Buy a full size printed plan. Don’t buy on line unless you have a large format printer.
    - The angle of the neck connection with the body of the musical instrument is critical.
    - Temperature of wood is critical and needs to be monitored to make sure it doesn’t get too hot.
  - Dennis talked us through bending wood using a heated metal bar and wet wood. He emphasized soaking the wood for at least 30 -60 min.
  - At the end of the program Bill and Dennis put on a musical demonstration of their instruments. It was a great way to end the evening. Thanks, Bill and Dennis. Great program.
- Bill Rawls adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

## HELP WANTED, NOW HIRING!

NCWA needs **two new chairpersons** by the end of the year. Both Ed Pysher (Membership) and Jerry Couchman (Programs and Shows) have decided to step down from their jobs. Ideally, someone in our ranks will step forward well before the year ends so they can participate on those committees and learn the job. It might be an understatement to say that these are fairly important parts of NCWA’s operations.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Lead and coordinate the efforts of the Membership Committee to maintain community awareness of our association by developing and maintaining our club brochure, welcoming and orienting new members, preparing membership cards and coordinating with the Treasurer on maintaining a current roster.

**PROGRAMS AND SHOWS:** Lead and facilitate Program and Shows Committee as it develops and coordinates monthly programs that enhance member education and awareness of a variety of woodworking skills and subjects. Manage the effort of the Program and Shows Committee as it plans and coordinates public shows to showcase membership woodworking projects and skills.

**Interested? Need more information ?** Please contact:

Jerry Couchman [sofa01@hotmail.com](mailto:sofa01@hotmail.com) 360-255-1984 for Programs and Shows

Ed Pysher [epyshe@aol.com](mailto:epyshe@aol.com) 360-770-7203 for Membership.



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## 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

Jim Bucknell describes his box



Tom Thornton with creative plant holder



Bill Dowe bending wood!



Musical Instruments in tune!

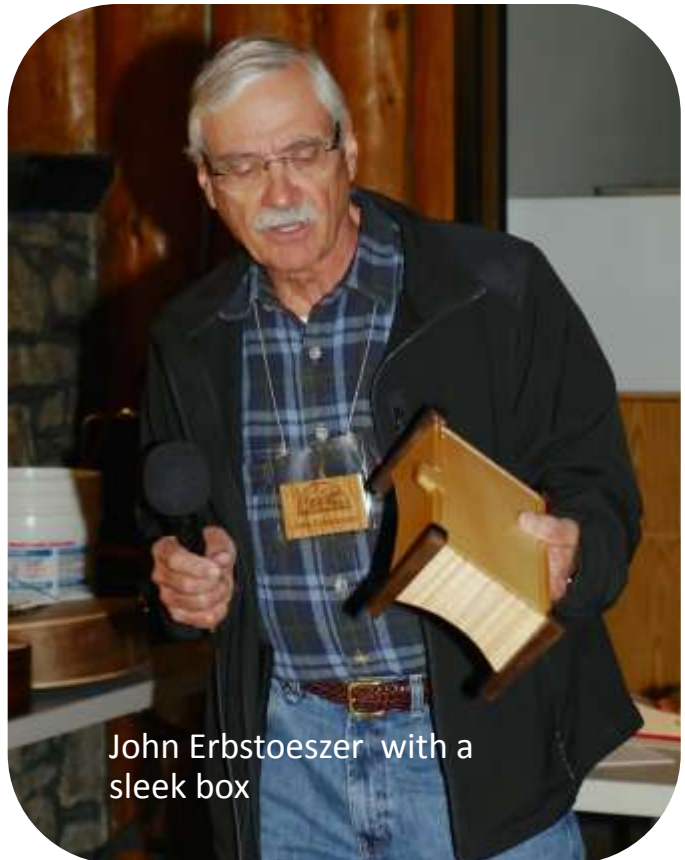




Jerry Anderson, Chuck Barnett and John Bellinger with their planes



Roger Shimer's functional book stand



John Erbstoesz with a sleek box



Musical Instruments  
by Dennis O'Hern



Nancy's Andersen's beautiful scroll work

Val Matthews' and his toy of the month



## “The Gripper”

Thinking table saw safety for the June Tool raffle. A number of members have highly recommended the Gripper. An excellent item to have when you are cutting narrow ribs on your table saw. See you June 2nd at our monthly meeting and remember the tool raffle is free to members who show their NCWA badge.



## Magazine Exchange

At most regular meetings there will be two or three folding tables covered with back issues of woodworking magazines. These back issues are a great source for woodworking tips, project plans, and timeless hand tool techniques. These magazines are free for members to take home and keep. Sometimes members take them home, read them, and then return them. Normally, members can bring in old woodworking magazines they no longer need and donate them to the "pile" for other members to take. However, we've recently had several large donations of magazines and I would ask that members not donate any more for a couple months. We currently have a large number of Fine Woodworking and American Woodworker magazines, spanning many years. Now's your chance to get those back issues you've been looking for!



## PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

### CONTRASTING WOODS

Looking ahead, our July program will be a President's Challenge: ***Bring your best work using contrasting woods in the construction of any kind of project.*** This is basically a bring and brag session with a theme, but it's not a competition! We're not trying to see who can put the most variety of wood into a single project - most "experts" agree that you shouldn't use too many different woods anyway. Garrett Hack's article in Fine Woodworking issue #211 sums it up: "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."



## JUNE 20 & 21 - CASCADE MALL SHOW

### OUR CHANCE TO SHINE!

This is our fifth year at the Cascade Mall, and we still have room for more exhibits. Help show our local community what we're all about by participating! People love to see handmade woodworking and this great venue has provided us an excellent opportunity to show your work and to sell items to the public if you wish. If you need help bringing any items to the show, let us know. You can also bring items to the June 2<sup>nd</sup> membership meeting. **This year, we will do our set up on Saturday morning at 8 am.** Show times coincide with the Mall's Father Day hours: 10-6 Saturday and 11-6 Sunday. Even if you decide not to show an item, come to the Mall to see the show. If you can spare a few hours, help us staff our exhibit and we'll let you wear an official NCWA shop apron! Contact Jerry Couchman for more information: (360)255-1984 or [sofa01@hotmail.com](mailto:sofa01@hotmail.com).



See you there!

## NCWA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2015

- President Bill Rawls convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Mt. Vernon.
- Members Present: Bill Rawls; Tim Wynn; Jim Bucknell; Charley Drake; Jerry Couchman; John Braun; David Shull; Phil Choquette; Don Wilkins; Al Ashley.
- Al Ashley gave the Treasurer's Report. As of May 13, 2015, the Association had \$5,690.99 in the bank. It has a total of 174 paid members (including 20 new members this year.)
  - Al indicated that we had 75 members who had responded so far to the survey. He will send out more reminders before closing the survey at the end of the month.
  - Al gave an update on Steve Durkee's shop. Steve was a member of NCWA who recently passed away. He had asked that NCWA help inventory and sell the equipment in his shop. Al reported that Steve's daughter had removed the equipment and materials that she desired. Steve's widow, Barbara, will now clean the shop prior to NCWA inventorying it. This will be a fairly big job and might take some time. Al will coordinate NCWA's involvement with the five club members that have volunteered to help.
- Program and Shows Committee report. Jerry Couchman gave the report.
  - The June Meeting will be a handtool demonstration. There will be a hands on demonstration of 4 different categories of tools each lasting about 15 minutes.
  - The NCWA will sponsor a display and demonstrations at the Cascade Mall 20 & 21 June. 22 members are signed up to display projects or work a shift.
  - The July Meeting will be a President's Challenge. Members will be challenged to make something out of "Contrasting Woods".
- Program Chair Replacement. Jerry Couchman will be stepping down as the Program Committee Chair at the end of the year. Recognizing the critical nature of the Program Committee to the viability of the Association, the Board spent a significant amount of time discussing the transition and recruitment of a Program Chair. Two immediate actions were identified as 'first steps' towards a successful transition.
  - Jim Bucknell suggested expanding the Board of Directors to provide more members with experience on the Board. After discussion, Jerry Couchman moved and David Shull seconded a motion to start the process to amend the By-laws of the club to expand the number of 'At Large' members from 2 to 4. Tim Wynn agreed to draft the amendment language and put it out to the membership in the June newsletter so that it could be voted on at the July General meeting.
  - Jerry Couchman will do a presentation on the Program Committee at the June General meeting and his functions as the Chair of that committee.
- Charley Drake showed the Board the new light that he had purchased to aid projections of program presentations. The light is fluorescent, with tripod. Total cost used was about \$150.00.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

## Vendor Support Groups

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	

### 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	

## Future Events

June 2	Tuesday	General Meeting
June 10	Wednesday	NWCW Board Meeting
June 20-21	Sat-Sun	Cascade Mall NCWA Woodworking Show
June 20	Saturday	Newletter deadline
July 7	Tuesday	General Meeting

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](mailto:janekirstine@comcast.net) with subject line as NCWA Newsletter.

## Officers and Chairpersons 2015

President:	Bill Rawls	(360) 387-2993	Programs & Shows	Jerry Couchman	(360) 255-1984
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