



Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

August 2015

Annual Picnic Saturday, August 8 1:00- 5:00 PM 7550 Ershig Road Bow

From south: Take I-5 North to Cook Road Exit #232 toward Sedro Woolley. Turn left on Cook Road. Take a slight right onto Chuckanut Drive WA-11. Take the 2nd right into Ershig Road. The picnic is on the left just before the RR crossing.

From north: Take I-5 South to Bow Hill Road, Exit #236. Turn right onto Bow Hill road. Left onto Ershig Road. The picnic is on the right just past the RR crossing.



Annual Picnic and Silent Auction

On Saturday, August 8, we'll gather at Val and Laura Matthews place from 1-5 PM for the annual picnic and tool auction.

Our traditional combined Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association (NCWA) and Northwest Washington Woodturners (NWW) event takes the place of our normal monthly meeting. Val and Laura have ample parking and space for this, and all you have to do is show up with a side dish (salad, desert or whatever), something cool to drink, and a lawn chair or two. Normally, we eat about 3 PM and close the bidding for the auction at about 4-4:30 PM. Burgers, hotdogs, brats, fixings, soft drinks, water, paper plates, plastic ware and napkins are provided. **This year, the Turners are cooking!**

Silent Auction

The annual silent auction is an excellent opportunity to sell tools, wood or just about anything related to your shop!

The rules are pretty simple. The seller displays the item for sale with a sales sheet listing the item, a short description of the item condition (e.g. new, works good, needs repair, etc), seller's name, minimum acceptable bid if the seller wishes to state one. Anyone interested in the item simply enters a bid and their name. Anyone else interested in the same item enters a higher bid on the next line. Normally, bids should advance by at least 10% over the previous bid. Check back often to see if you are still the highest bidder. When the cutoff time is announced, the highest bidder wins the item provided their bid exceeds the stated minimum bid. The bidder then pays the seller, so don't forget to bring money or your checkbook! You never know what might show up for sale! Please use the silent auction form on Page 10 on any items you bring to sell.

Vendor News

Hartville Tools - A bit of sad news; Hartville has discontinued publishing a print catalog. They are now online only. Hang onto your copy, if you have one. They offered their apologies, but it seems to be the way of things these days. They instead encourage members to sign up for our 2X weekly E-Newsletter. To sign up for the E-Newsletter, members should go to the "Sign Up and Hear About Promotions" tool on the left side bar of our Home Page (<http://www.hartvilletool.com/>) and submit their e-mail address.

Sound Cedar - Sound Cedar is no longer a member of our Vendor Support Group, but I understand several members have still gotten a nominal discount, so what the heck, ask for one.

Cedar Creek Lumber – Cedar Creek is our new “cedar store”. It is located at the junction of North Burlington Blvd and the east end of Chuckanut Drive. It is in a small industrial park just east of the round-about at the end of Chuckanut on the east side of I-5. The store is small, but if he doesn't have it, he will get it. The store also specializes in hardwood decking and has an interesting array on hand. Drop by and say hello to the owner, Tom Kelly. The store's phone is 360-757-634.

Sherwin-Williams Paint – Last fall we added Sherwin-Williams to the Vendor Support Group. This store is at 1526 Riverside Drive in Mt. Vernon. The phone number is 360-428-3775. The store is full service, and I understand the products are top-quality. Drop by and say hello.

Please refer to updated Vendor List on Page 12

First World Tops for Tots Olympics

The first annual World Tops for Tots Olympics will be held during the annual picnic on August 8, 2015.

The games will begin at 1:00 p.m. and end at 2:15 p.m. The Olympic ceremony starts at 2:15 p.m.

Please come participate and enjoy!

Event #1. Spinning Tops

This is our “everything goes” event. You may bring your own tops or rent from the club. You may enter, or rent, as many tops as you wish. Use any method to spin your top. When your top stops spinning, the clock stops. The person with the longest spinning top wins. Contestants are requested to donate a top for each top entered into competition. The donated tops are added to the Tops for Tots collection which will be given to the US Marines Toy Drive at Christmas time.

Event #2. Turn and Spin

Contestants will turn a top in a period not to exceed 180 seconds. They will then spin the top. The winner will be determined by subtracting the time it took to turn the top from 180 seconds. This number will be added to the time the top spins. For example: If it takes 90 seconds to turn the top, and your top spins for 150 seconds, your time is calculated by subtracting 90 seconds from 180 seconds, plus the 150 seconds your top spins. Therefore, your total time is 240 seconds, or 4 minutes. The person that takes the entire 180 seconds to turn their top would add zero to their top spin time. The person with the longest “total” time wins. All tops become the property of the Tops for Tots program.

Event #3. The Best Top of Show

Contestants that spin tops during the Olympic event will have their tops judged as “Best of Show.” Judges will make their decision based on criteria they choose. Their decision is final.

Olympic gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded in each of the events. The gold medal winner in each event will also receive an additional award from the Northwest Washington Woodturners Association.

Please come and enjoy your picnic and the Olympic Games.



To learn more about Jeff, see his web site:

<http://www.furnituremaking.com>

JEFF MILLER PRESENTATION
Saturday - August 22
Anacortes Yacht Club

We have the honor of hosting a special guest speaker in August two weeks after the annual 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, at 10 am. Jeff plans to discuss how he built a curvy table (featured in the Dec 2011 issue of *Popular Woodworking*) and also do demonstrations of techniques featured in his *Foundations* book. To help cover Jeff's speaking fee, there will be a **\$10 charge for admission to this presentation**, but well worth it!

If you plan to attend:

PLEASE RSVP TO JERRY COUCHMAN

sofa01@hotmail.com

or (360)255-1984

The Anacortes Yacht Club is at 504 7th St. in Anacortes: Take WA20 into downtown Anacortes, right on 9th St, left on Market St which turns onto 6th St, then right on T Ave. The yacht club is between 7th St and T Ave.

NCWA General Meeting Notes July 7, 2015

- President Bill Rawls convened the meeting at the Hillcrest Lodge in Mt. Vernon at 7:00 p.m.
- Bill thanked all NCWA members who participated in the Cascade Mall Show with a very special thanks to Jerry Couchman.
- Bill introduced the new members and guests that were present.
- Bill reminded everyone about the picnic in August.
- Tim Wynn, NCWA Secretary, read the proposed amendment to the bylaws. He then asked for any questions or comments from the membership. Having none, he asked for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.
- John Braun, Chair of the Toys for Tots program asked for donations to support the Toys for Tots Auction in August.
- Ed Pysher announced that the contents of Steve Durkee's shop would go on sale at 9:00 a.m. on the 18th of July. There would be a flyer going out to the membership detailing items on sale and location of shop. Ed asked that members not get there early as the set up would not be complete.
- John Braun won the raffle and received a Kreg Jig!
- Bring & Brag. This month was a 'President's Challenge' to see who could highlight contrasting woods the best.
 - Jim Gleeson bought an Inkle Loom made out of Purple Heart, Maple and Cheery. It was finished with wipe on Polyurethane.
 - Jim also bought an adjustable back chair made out of Sapele and highlighted with ebony. Jim made it in Tom Dolese's class. It was finished with Sam Maloof Oil and Polyurethane on the arms. The red leather really made it look super.
 - David Shull won the award for the least contrasting wood project. He brought a French style maple rolling pin that he made using a bandsaw, spokeshave, and block plane. It was finished with mineral oil to prevent contaminating the pastry.
 - However, David also brought a marking gauge and marking knife made out of the contrasting woods Bubinga, and Maple. They were finished with shellac and wax.
 - Jim Bucknell, naturally, brought a box. It was a striking box made out of Sapele and figured maple. It was finished with Sam Maloof Oil and Polyurethane.
 - Gary Weyers showed a very nice bowl made out of walnut and pine.
 - Val Matthews wowed us with a formula 1 racing car as the 'Toy of the Month'. It was made out of Beech and Sapele. It was finished with lacquer.
 - Alice Smith displayed a nifty band saw box with a sliding lid made out of Maple, Walnut, and Purple Heart.
 - Laura Mathews showed us a pin box made out of Khaya and Zebra wood. It was finished with a microcrystalline wax.
 - Ben Gage blew everyone's mind with a 'thousand piece' vase made out of Maple, Walnut, and Purple Heart. The question 'How Did He Do It?' was on everyone's mind. When are you going to give a class, Ben?

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- Jim Hickey showed us a Tool Box made out of Murray River (Australia) Gum and Walnut. He finished it with Sam Maloof oil.
- Jerry Anderson displayed a very nice band saw box made out of Sapele and White Oak. It was finished with Shellac.
- Andrew Pellar also displayed a band saw box. His was made out of Maple with Sapele pulls. It too was finished with Shellac.
- John Bellinger showed us a purpose built box that he built for the box contest. It was made out of Maple and Sapele. It was finished with polyurethane and wax.
- Charley Drake showed us a pair of unique toy houses that he carved out of Cotton Wood bark. He finished it with shoe polish.
- Charley also showed us a Basswood block that he used to practice his chip carving on.
- Bill Rawls finished up the evening by showing us a table made out of Mahogany, Maple, and Purple Heart.
- Bill also showed us a candy dish made out of Mahogany, Maple, and Purple Heart.
- Bill continued with his one man show by displaying a really nice table made out of Walnut and Purple Heart with a matching bowl using the same wood. He also showed us a lovely Spotted Alder Wall Hanging that he finished with a striking andeline dye and a very nice cutting board.
- Shortly after finishing his 'one man' tour de force, Bill adjourned the meeting.

What Kind of Wood Is That?

Ever asked that question about a piece of wood you found in your grandfather's shop, or perhaps in yours? There is a web site you can go to that will give you some information, and also an address where you can send a sample for specific identification. I understand the lab requires a piece no less than about 8" by 10", but you would need to check that out on the site. Here's the link, have fun:

<http://www.fpl.fs.fed.us/research/centers/woodanatomy/index.php>

June Meeting Program Pictures

Getting ready for the
President's Challenge



Bring and Brag Highlights



...‘thousand piece’ vase
made out of Maple,
Walnut, and Purple
Heart...

...please read the
Meeting Minutes for
descriptions of the
fabulous items brought
to the Bring & Brag....

Bring and Brag Highlights

Made for a king
Jim Gleeson



A superb gift!
John Bellinger



Waxing eloquent
Laura Mathews



Just like John
Jim Bucknell



Queen of the Urns
Ben Gage



A great cutting board
Bill Rawls



A nifty workbox
Jim Hickey



Large patterned board
Bill Rawls



A very fancy loom
Jim Gleeson



More May Bring Brag

I could really use this box
Gary Weyers



Toy of the Month
Val Matthews



My necklace would fit here
Jerry Anderson



Need a pastry pin?
David Shull



Two sleek hidden drawers
Andrew Pellar



Nice patterned work
Bill Rawls



Practice makes Perfect!
Charley Drake



Happy trolls in these houses
Charley Drake



A beautifully crafted box
Alice Smith



Silent Auction

Place your bid on the sheet below. Check back periodically to see if you are still the highest bidder. If not, bid again! **Bids should advance by at least 10%.**

Auction ends around 4 or 4:30 pm by an announcement.

Item_____Condition_____

Seller_____Minimum bid (if any)_____

Bid Amount

Bidder's Name

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July 15, 2015

- The meeting was convened by President Bill Rawls at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Mt. Vernon at 6:50 p.m.
- Members Present: Bill Rawls, Jerry Anderson, Phil Choquette, Al Ashley, Ed Pyscher, John Braun, Don Wilkins, Jerry Couchman, Jay Geisel, Richard Gillingham, Tim Wynn.
- Al Ashley led the discussion on the upcoming sale of the contents of Steve Durkee's shop. Al & Ed summarized the effort involved by the club and discussed preparations for the sale. Al Ashley will be sending out another email updating the Sheet Goods for sale and also giving directions to the Durkee shop.
- Tim Wynn requested that the BOD give him and his wife Jane (the newsletter editor) guidance on listing items for sale by members. After some discussion, Jerry Couchman introduced a motion that would limit the number of items for sale by each individual to five. The 'For Sale' items would be posted as a word listing with no pictures. The motion passed unanimously.
- Jay Geisel reported that the Awards Committee has selected two deserving members for recognition as well as the outgoing president. Those awards would be presented at the December meeting.
- Bill Rawls reviewed the preparation for the picnic on August 8. Bill Rawls will bring the Brauts. Ed Pyscher will bring the cooker. Richard Gillingham volunteered to bring some tables. It was noted that the Wood Turning club would be doing the cooking this year.
- Jerry Couchman reviewed the preparations for the Jeff Miller presentation on August 22. It will be held at the Anacortes Yacht Club at 1000. The presentation will last two to three hours. It will cost \$10 to attend. Jeff Miller will be getting a \$600 speaking fee and there will be a \$250 fee for use of the Anacortes yacht club. This is well within the budget.
- Jerry Anderson reported for the Education Committee.
 - The committee has analyzed the results of the survey.
 - They will be contacting instructors to line up classes for next year.
 - The committee is considering adding a new format for signing up for classes. This will be announced in detail at a future general meeting.
 - Richard Gillingham will be providing 'Teach the Teachers' classes to all interested instructors.
- Al Ashley gave the Treasurer's report.
 - As of July 15, 2015 we have a total of \$5218.01 in the checking and savings accounts.
 - The club has a total of 186 members including 32 new members in 2015.
 - Copies of the six month (06/30/15) financial report (cash basis) was distributed to the board members. Overall year-to-date revenues and expenditures are in line with the budget. Al cautioned all Board members that some of the budget items might appear to be in the red but this was generally a matter of timing. As an example, the majority of our membership dues are collected during October, November and December for the next FY.
- There was a discussion about the value of the Mall Show. After much discussion, the Board's consensus was that the Mall Show was worth doing as a venue for recruiting new members and giving the Club exposure to the public. The Board also felt that we need to remain open to look at other possible venues.
- The 'Ad Hoc' nominating committee led by Charley Drake has not met yet. Bill Rawls will be contacting Charley to facilitate the meeting.
- Al Ashley was asked to send out an updated member roster. He agreed to do this.

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	1405 "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 Drive	Mt. Vernon	karlspaints.com	360-336-2855
Mt. Vernon Bldg Ctr.	815 Roosevelt Way	Mt. Vernon	mvbc-online.com	360-424-9073
Cedar Creek Lumber	950 B Fountain St.	Burlington	cclumber.com	360-757-6343
Sherwin-Williams Paint	1526 Riverside Drive	Mt. Vernon	sherwin-williams.com	360-428-3775

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	Website 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
Vice President	Charlie Drake	(425)-785-2994	Education	Dale Brandland	(360) 961-0102
Past President	Don Wilkins	(360) 416-6909	Librarian	Gary Danilson	(360) 540-5768
Secretary	Tim Wynn	(360) 739-0515	Newsletter	Jane Wynn	(360) 224-7001
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

August 8	Saturday	NCWA Picnic
August 12	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
August 15	Saturday	Newsletter Deadline
August 22	Saturday	Jeff Miller Presentation
September 1	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
September 9	Wednesday	NCWA Board 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 with subject line as NCWA Newsletter.



NCWA NEWSLETTER