



## Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

October 2015

### **General Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 6**

**7:00 PM**

**Hillcrest Lodge**

**1717 South 13th Street**

**Mount Vernon**

Take I-5 to Exit 226 (Kincaid Street Exit). Go East up the hill. This is Broadway Street. Continue on Broadway to South 13th Street. Turn right onto South 13th Street and go about 6 blocks. The park is on your right. Turn into the park. The parking lot is in front of the lodge.



### **October 2015 Meeting**

## **BUILDING WITH “ALTERNATIVE JOINERY”**

**Steve Dando**

Steve Dando is a professional woodworker and instructor in Seattle, where he teaches at the Woodcraft store and The Pratt Fine Arts Center among others. He has done presentations for NCWA in the past and we are glad to have him back again. So, what the heck is Alternative Joinery anyway? It could be anything that's not considered “traditional joinery” like mortise and tenons, dovetails, etc. The most common ones are dowels, biscuits, Dominos (made by Festool), and pocket screws made by Kreg. Steve plans to demonstrate techniques for building a small cabinet. It should be an interesting meeting!

## NCWA General Meeting Notes    September 1, 2015

- The meeting was convened by President Bill Rawls at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Lodge in Mt. Vernon.
- Bill thanked Val & Laura Matthews for hosting the August picnic.
- Bill thanked Jerry Couchman for arranging the presentation by Jeff Miller at the Anacortes Yacht Club on August 22.
- Bill had new members and guests introduce themselves.
- Dale Brandland gave a presentation on the new classes that were available for members for the next three months.
  - Richard Gillingham gave a brief introduction on his class on 'Instructor Tips'.
  - Charley Drake gave a brief introduction on his Band Saw Techniques Class.
- Al Ashley gave a report on the club finances. We have 193 paid members and \$5654.11 in the checking and savings accounts.
- John Bellinger announced that the fall shop tour would be on Saturday, September 26. Five shops are on the tour and, as a special bonus; Andy Rudy has agreed to allow members to tour his exquisite Craftsman style home. Look for email providing details.
- Jerry Couchman announced that the October program would be on Alternate Joinery. It will be given by Steve Dando, a Woodcraft Instructor, who will show various ways to unite wood with pocket screws, biscuits, and dowels.
- Jerry once again asked for nominations for the Chair of the programs committee.
- Jim Hickey asked for feedback on the Raffle program. He indicated that the program this year had been a trial program and that the Board of Directors would decide whether it would be extended.
- Charley Drake, Vice President, asked for a volunteer to operate the camera equipment during the meetings beginning in January when he assumes the position of club president.
- Mark deVries asked for volunteers to arrange a shop sale on Oct. 10 on Hwy 9 north of Sedro Woolley.
- **Bring & Brag**
  - Norm Smith showed two handmade traditional planes finished with shellac and wax.
  - Jim Bucknell displayed a beautiful Pomella Sapele and Figured maple box. The top veneer came from Steve Durkee's shop. It was finished with Sam Maloof Poly Satin. Steve would have been happy with what you did with that veneer, Jim.
  - Gary Weyers showed us two striking curved leg boxes. One made out of Pine & Paduk and one made out of Walnut & Alder.
  - Ben Gage gave us all an inferiority complex by displaying one of his Thousand piece + vases. It was made using an open segment wood turning process. He used maple and Walnut. It was spectacular.
  - Greg Koenker showed us his shop built vacuum source. For anyone with any knowledge of vacuum veneering, it was a beautiful piece of equipment. Let me know when you don't want it anymore, Greg!
  - Val Matthews showed us his Toy of the Month. It was a miniature Trebuchet. Really cool!

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- Bill Rawls displayed a beautiful Walnut & Purple Heart Cathedral Table. He got the Walnut veneer from Nick Van's sale and the Purple Heart from Phil Humphries. He used a wipe on Poly for a finish.
- Tim Wynn displayed a jewelry box that he made using the veneer panel he made in Greg Koenker's vacuum veneering class. The veneer panel was made with Curly Maple Veneer and Sapele Veneer. The box carcass was made with Khaya mahogany and the corner keys were made with African Cherry.
- **Tool Raffle.** After the break, Norm Smith won the Raffle and got a palm sander. Way to go, Norm.
- **Program.**
  - Jack McKee put on a great program showing how to teach Woodworking to Kids. He started by relating how he got into teaching woodworking to kids then transitioned to showing us the various techniques and projects that he used to interest young people in woodworking and Science Projects. Among other projects he showed us his Solar Hot Dog Cooker; his Pick the Lock project; his Rube Goldberg Machine, his Marble Roll; and his Builder Board Play House.
  - Jack repeatedly emphasized safety in his discussion and talked specifically about techniques to insure the safety of his young students.
  - It was a fascinating and compelling class. Many thanks to Jack for sharing his teaching techniques with us.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES**

# **Still only \$30.00**

**Yes**, it is that time again – time to **renew** your membership for 2016!

Benefits of membership include:

- NCWA woodworking classes
- Discounts from our vendor support group
- Library books and CDs
- Shop tours, and
- The opportunity to associate with the best group of woodworkers in the Northwest.

Dues can be paid by cash or check at any regular meeting (the October meeting works), or you can mail your check payable to:

NCWA, c/o Al Ashley, 26220 48<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223.

**Dues are due by the end of January**

Membership cards will be available at the February meeting

Kids love Jack's Builder Boards



Norm Smith's handmade profile planes



Gary Weyer's new creations



Jim Bucknell's latest box





Bring and Brag Highlights

Ben Gage's 1000 piece turning



Greg Koenker's shop made vacuum system



Toy of the Month - Trebuchet



President Bill with his bookmatched walnut and purple heart table



## Bring and Brag Highlights

Tim Wynn's box



Jack McKee presentation



Jack demonstrating the process



Jack showing off his work



## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## October - November - December Classes

The NCWA Board of Directors has made a change in the class fees, which are now \$10.00 per person for each class and are now *payable directly to the instructors.*) The fees will help defray material and teaching expenses that our volunteer instructors incur.

A reminder: members may sign up for only three classes in a three month period. As before, there will be a short wait list for most classes, with a first come, first serve basis. Please view the October, November and December classes on the NCWA website.

Oct. 3: WOODWORKING OVERVIEW – *Seven openings available.* Highly recommended for **new woodworkers!**

Oct. 10: HORIZONTAL MORTISING & FLOATING TENON JOINERY – CLASS IS FULL!

Oct. 10: ROUTER BASICS – *5 openings available*

Oct. 17: TABLESAW BASICS – *3 openings available*

Oct. 22: INSTRUCTOR TEACHING TIPS – CLASS IS FULL!

Oct. 24: VARNISHING SKILLS COURSE – CLASS IS FULL!

Oct. 31: MITER CORNER w/ DOVETAIL SPLINE BOXES – CLASS IS FULL!

Oct. 31: ACCURACY IN MARKING & MEASURING - *3 openings available*

Nov. 7: BANDSAW TECHNIQUES – CLASS IS FULL!

Nov. 7: BANDSAW TECHNIQUES INSTRUCTOR OBSERVATION – 1 opening available

Nov. 14: WOOD BENDING TECHNIQUES – CLASS IS FULL!

Nov. 21: MAKE A BLOCK PLANE – 4 openings available

Dec. 5: POCKET SCREW & BISCUIT JOINERY – **NEW CLASS!** *6 openings available*

Dec. 12: MAKE A BLOCK PLANE – 4 openings available

Dec. 19: MITER CORNER w/ DOVETAIL SPLINE BOXES – CLASS IS FULL!

As the season progresses, we will continue to introduce new and innovative classes to the NCWA membership. Thanks to all the NCWA Education Committee members who have participated!

## Shop Space Wanted

New member looking for a heated shop that is 800+ square feet anywhere in the membership region. Will provide own tools, and will not use it full time or have customers to the location.

Please contact: Anna or John Middleton at [middlam24@gmail.com](mailto:middlam24@gmail.com) 334-663-2915



## Upcoming Event

### NCWA Fall Shop Tours – September 26, 2015

Our tour will visit 5 shops in the Bow area. We'll see some great examples of shop organization, wood and tool storage and dust collection. Our first 2 shops will be open at the same time and can be visited in any order. Please follow the time schedule since this will allow the participating shop owners to also visit some of the other shops. As always, it's nice when we wear our membership badges so we can all get to know each other better. Parking is generally good at all locations but carpooling always helps. Feel free to bring spouses or friends who might be interested in seeing what the NCWA is all about. You should have received directions for the shop tour by e-mail.

We will be serving a lunch buffet at Andy Rudy's shop.

## October Raffle

### "You can never have too many clamps"

..... is a phrase that I hear often whenever we get together and talk woodworking and especially woodworking tools. So for our last tool raffle for 2015 Tom Dolese has generously donated four 24" aluminum clamps. Tom uses these types of clamps often in building his furniture and in teaching his workshops. All you have to do is come to our October 6th meeting wearing your NCWA badge and get a free chance to win these clamps. See you Tuesday the 6th.





### New members:

Photos were duly taken of the following new members, which were examined at the time for presentation. However, when readying to down load them to my computer, I discovered the chip was missing from my camera. Upon extensive investigation, it was found in Costa Rica as backup to the chip in the camera of a young lady who is there studying Spanish for her minor in Spanish at Eastern Washington University. I have it on good authority the chip will be promptly returned upon her return from Costa Rica in December. In the meantime, please meet:

**Dr. Deryl Hart** Deryl recently retired after a life of medical service largely in the Canadian territories, and now lives at the end of the road, literally, on Samish Island. Deryl and his wife, Pascale built their home and it has lots of “craftsperson” features. Their main activities, however, involve taking care of the yard, garden, berries, fruit trees, lawn, grapes, flowers, bushes, trees, and oh yes, once in awhile some wood working.

**Brianne Lachlann** Brianne is new to wood working and has a bunch of projects in mind. She bought a home in the south of Mount Vernon where she lives with her daughter, Morgan, and has lots of plans to remodel the home. She has made her first wood working equipment purchase in the form of a 10” cabinet saw from Grizzly and has started a couple of the projects. Brianne is in the computer department of Haggen in Bellingham

**Richard Hahn** Richard retired from Idaho State College as the Dean of the Music Department. His specialty was the flute, and he has hand-made world-class flutes. He described the process and it is an amazingly complicated, requiring absolute precision and strange and wondrous tools that are used only in the making of flutes. It is actually a combination of wood and metal working. Aside from that, Richard has designed and made some truly beautiful furniture using rosewood primarily. (He also made his flutes from rosewood.) Richard checked the “Advanced” box on his application, and that is an understatement. He and his wife Carol live about a 9-iron shot from Charlie Drake, half way between Oak Harbor and Anacortes.

**Dennis Horton** Dennis retired about 10 years ago from a career as a “specialty” contractor and developer in the Midwest. Some of his many “specialties” included very high-end conference tables, bank lobbies, exotic doors, custom furniture and cabinetry for fortune 500 company headquarters. He had his own shop where he and his crew fabricated all the pieces from scratch. He is also an electrician, machinist, diesel mechanic, shipwright, and pattern-maker and can fix anything that needs fixing. His current project is remodeling and refitting the USS Horton, which is a 1979, 21’ motor sailor. When he gets through with that, his next project will be to cut the top off a derelict 36’ Carver power boat and then use the hull to build his son a floating art studio.

### TOOL AND WOOD SALE

There will be a Tool and Wood Sale at 4808 Hwy 9, Sedro Woolley on October 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This shop sale will mostly feature beautiful Domestic hardwoods (maple, apple, cherry, walnut, yew, etc.) and some exotic as well. There are lots of slabbed pieces. There will also be various power tools and hand tools alike. This shop sale is from the estate of a passed away woodworker, so you know that there are going to be great pieces and deals to be had.

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes    September 9, 2015

- President Bill Rawls convened the Board of Directors meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Mt. Vernon.
- Members Present: Bill Rawls, Charley Drake, Al Ashley, Tim Wynn; Dale Brandland; Phil Choquette; Richard Gillingham, Jerry Anderson. The Board did not have a quorum of members so no formal decisions were made.
- Al Ashley gave the Treasurer's report.
  - As of September 9, 2015, the Association had \$5,654.13 in the checking and savings accounts.
  - The Association has 194 paid members (including 40 new members this year).
  - Jeff Miller Presentation.
    - General agreement that it was an outstanding presentation.
    - The presentation did not get as much attendance as we hoped. (32 attended.)
    - As a consequence, the net out of pocket expenses for the presentation was \$588.11.
    - The Board felt that the presentation was excellent and discussed ways to increase attendance at future presentations.
  - Al then introduced the topic of Incorporating the NCWA. He had done some preliminary research on the topic which suggested that NCWA might benefit from incorporating the Association. After discussion, the Board decided to pursue more research on the topic by forming an Ad Hoc sub-committee composed of Al Ashley, Tim Wynn and Andrew Pellar.
- Tool Raffle.
  - Jim Hickey feels that the Tool Raffle was a success and helped attract members to the General Meeting. He suggested that \$900 be budgeted for the program next year. After discussion, the Board agreed to entertain a motion to extend the program for next year at the next Board meeting when it will have a quorum.
- The Board agreed to finalize nominations for the position of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer at the October board meeting.
- Christmas Party.
  - Gary Danilson is Chair of the Christmas Party this year.
  - There was a general discussion about the need to solicit the support of Vendors earlier than was done last year.
- Shop Tours.
  - The Fall Shop Tour will be on Saturday, September 26. There will be five shops on the tour with a buffet lunch at the last shop (Andy Rudy's).
  - There will be an email invitation sent out before the tour. Tim Wynn will try and get the Newsletter published before the tour and include the announcement about the tour.

## 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
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Board at Large	Richard Gillingham	(206) 909-6660	Webmeister	Mike Titus	(360) 525-4131

### Future Events

September 26	Saturday	SHOP TOUR
October 6	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
October 14	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
October 17	Saturday	Newsletter Deadline
November 3	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
November 11	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](mailto:janekirstine@comcast.net) with subject line as NCWA Newsletter.



**NCWA NEWSLETTER**