



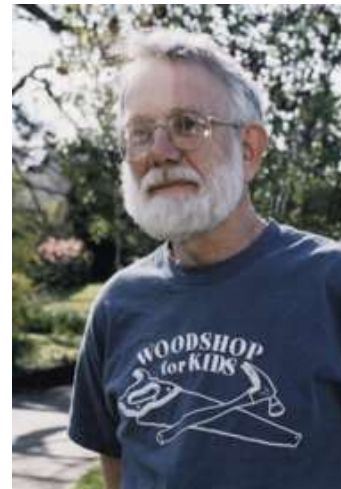
## Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

September 2015

### General Meeting

**Tuesday, September 1  
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.



### September 2015 Meeting

#### **INTRODUCING KIDS TO WOODWORKING Featuring Jack McKee**

NCWA member Jack McKee has done a lot of volunteer work, and much of that has involved working with kids, teaching them woodworking and other hands on tasks. In the process, he has developed an amazing ability to get kids interested in making things. He has designed and built equipment used in children's museums, schools and preschools that promote early development and get kids interested in working with their hands. He has written two books, **Woodshop For Kids** and **Builder Boards**. At our last two woodworking shows this year, Jack set up his custom kid's workbench and had plenty of young customers working on various interesting projects. His presentation for our September 1st meeting will include projects that he has built for kids and talk about his approach to woodworking with kids age 4 to 12.

Check out Jack's website: <http://www.woodshop4kids.com/>

## Special Presentation



### JEFF MILLER ANACORTES YACHT CLUB

Members and guests were treated to an outstanding presentation by professional woodworker, Jeff Miller on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Jeff focused his presentation on the design and construction of one of his best original pieces, a side table with flowing curves and unique joinery. This allowed him to also talk about and demonstrate woodworking techniques and tips included in his book, "The Foundation of Better Woodworking." Jeff answered many questions during his presentation and offered his best advice: "If you are not trying new things and risking occasional failure, you're not pushing yourself hard enough to make any real improvement in your woodworking." He showed us how he adapted his laminated curved construction techniques to chairs and rockers that were absolutely stunning pieces of furniture. Jeff is currently working on a new book about furniture design that should be published within the next year.

Jeff's beautiful chair sells for only \$11,000

Jeff gave a fabulous presentation



This top just keeps on spinning



Strong air currents keep it spinning



I'm sure that my top is going to win



Watch mine spin longer





Thanks to our long time members Val and Laura Matthews for continuing to host the annual NCWA/NWWWT picnic. Turnout was very good this year, with close to 100 attending. The turners started what could become a new tradition with their first annual World Tops for Tots Olympics. Participation in that was enthusiastic, at least by the turners! NWWWT President Hazel Thomas and vice president George Way slaved over the BBQ grill until everyone was well fed, and lots of old tools and miscellaneous items exchanged hands in the silent auction. Four new members joined NCWA at the picnic, which has to be another first!



Raising the flag

Scouting the table



Relaxing

Auction time



## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee has been very busy this summer preparing for the upcoming class season. Many thanks to Jim Gleeson who has done a great job of contacting instructors and helped prepare the fall class calendar. 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.

We will maintain our 'rolling' three-month signup schedule. 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.

### September - October - November Classes

Sept. 12: **HAND TOOL FUNDAMENTALS PART 1 – A 2-SESSION CLASS** - Mark deVries at his shop

Sept. 19: **HAND TOOL FUNDAMENTALS: PART 2** – Mark deVries

Sept. 26: ***SHOP TOUR***

Oct. 3: **WOODWORKING OVERVIEW** – Jerry Anderson & Andrew Pellar at Jerry's shop

Oct. 10: **HORIZONTAL MORTISING & FLOATING TENON JOINERY** – Tom Dolese (NEW CLASS)

Oct. 10: **ROUTER BASICS** – Jim Hickey at his shop

Oct. 17: **TABLESAW BASICS** – Jim Bucknell at his shop

Oct. 24: **VARNISHING SKILLS COURSE** – Richard Gillingham at his shop (NEW CLASS)

Oct. 31: **MITER CORNER w/ DOVETAIL SPLINE BOXES** – Jerry Couchman at his shop

Nov. 7: **BANDSAW TECHNIQUES** – Charley Drake at his shop

Nov. 14: **WOOD BENDING TECHNIQUES** – John Bellinger & Jim Gleeson at John's shop

Nov. 21: **MAKE A BLOCK PLANE** – Val Matthews at his shop

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



Enjoying the Jeff Miller presentation

**For Sale:** Crape Myrtle from Florida. Highly figured, really hard and dry.

Contact John Olwin (360) 399-1000 or email Chris Brannan at

[chefchristophercheezecakes@gmail.com](mailto:chefchristophercheezecakes@gmail.com) (his brother-in-law)

Slide show of wood at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2g5CioAsIA>



## Upcoming Event



Don't miss the 2015 Wooden Boat Festival, September 10-13! Presentations by woodworkers, boat builders, kayaks, Edensaw Woods, Port Townsend School of Woodworking and much more!

## Raffle

September's raffle is a 5" Bosch random orbital sander (ROS20VSC). This **very** handy little tool comes with a dust canister and a hose adapter.

Remember to bring your NCWA badge and to pick up your free raffle ticket before the meeting starts.



## Meeting Minutes    August 12, 2015

- The meeting was convened by President Bill Rawls at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Mt. Vernon at 6:58 p.m.
- Members Present: Bill Rawls, Jerry Anderson, Al Ashley, Ed Pysher, John Braun, Jerry Couchman, Richard Gillingham, Charlie Drake, David Shull.
- Jerry Couchman discussed the picnic held on August 8<sup>th</sup>. It was a great success with perhaps 100 members in attendance. The board agreed that it would be a good idea to set up the sound system for announcements at next year's picnic.
- Al Ashley gave the treasurers report. Al reported that the club currently has 190 members (compared to 165 members in August of 2014). The total cost of the picnic was \$525.66. This cost was split between the NCWA club and the NW WA Woodturners club, so the NCWA share of the cost was \$262.83. The club received \$1172 from the Steve Durkee tool sale. This was 20% of gross proceeds.
- Tool sales: The board discussed two issues related to tool sales. Board members reconsidered the 20% fee that the club has charged for organizing tool sales from club member estates. Ed Pysher pointed out that the club has charged this fee for organizing tool sales since 2012 after Nick Van proposed that the club receive 20% of the proceeds for the sale of the tools from his estate. Board members discussed whether this fee was appropriate. The board reached the consensus that the 20% fee was fair and appropriate given the tremendous effort and large number of person-hours required to organize a tool sale. The board also considered the question of how to announce sales of tools and wood by NCWA members and associates. It was agreed that tool sales would be announced in the monthly newsletter. Postings would need to include a suggested price and contact information. Lists of items for sale would be limited to five items but if necessary the ad could indicate where the reader can get information on the complete list of items for sale.
- The nominating committee led by Charlie Drake reported that it had identified several potential candidates for positions on the NCWA board and committees. Charlie also reported that the club would need someone to take over his job running the video equipment during general meetings in 2016.
- Jerry Anderson gave the education committee report. He reported that the woodworking class calendar is filled through January 2016. He mentioned that Mark deVries will be teaching a two-part class on hand tools starting September 12, Richard Gillingham will teach a class on course prep for new instructors, and Tom Dolese will teach a class on mortise-and-tenon construction using a horizontal mortiser. The education survey identified 20 people who are willing to teach a class and 49 people who are interested in assisting with a class.
- Jerry Couchman reviewed the preparations for the Jeff Miller presentation on August 22. It will be held at the Anacortes Yacht Club at 10 AM and will cost \$10. At this time, 31 people had signed up for the event. He also mentioned that the September meeting will focus on woodworking and kids. The meeting will include a presentation by Jack McKee on strategies for teaching children about woodworking and information on the Toys-for-Tots program. The October program will be on alternative methods of joinery such as pocket holes, dowels and biscuits.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM

### 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

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### Future Events

September 1	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
September 9	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
September 19	Saturday	Newsletter Deadline
September 26	Saturday	SHOP TOUR
October 6	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
October 14	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.



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