



## Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

February 2016

### General Meeting

**Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**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.



### NCWA February 2016 Meeting “Mining the Internet for Woodworking Gold”

This will be a **connected-to-the-Internet** presentation on how a woodworker can do searches to find valuable information - including instructional videos and information - such as on your own equipment (manuals, parts, suppliers, reviews), how-tos, suppliers, and a multitude of other invaluable information.

As part of the presentation, there will also be advice on the '*safety*' of searches (computer viruses, and ways to avoid them).

This will be in part an '**open questions**' format, so come prepared to ask questions that you've been dying to get sources for answers – we'll do live Internet searches to as many questions asked as time permits.

## NCWA General Meeting January 5, 2016

President Charley Drake called the meeting to order at 7 PM at the Hillcrest Lodge in Mt. Vernon.

After introducing guests and new members, Charlie announced that the club membership had grown to 212! He also announced that there is a vacancy on the NCWA Board of Directors, a member-at-large position and if anyone is interested in participating in club leadership they should contact Charlie. Then Dale Brandland announced a woodworking “roundtable” discussion at Roundtable Pizza in Bellingham on Jan 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Richard Gillingham announced future educational programs including a 3-1/2 day class on building a woodworking bench, shop dust control, wood characterization, plane iron sharpening, vacuum pump applications, and a few others.

Several members brought items to “Bring and Brag”. Phil McCloud presented a lovely walnut and maple box he created in Jerry Couchman’s box-making class. Bill Epler, Phil McCloud, and David Shull showed off the Krenov-style handplanes they built in Val Matthews’ hand plane class. Phil’s was made from figured maple, Bill’s was sapele, and David’s was made of maple with a holly and cherry “racing stripe”. Mike Forst displayed an oak stool with finger-joints. He also showed the box-joint jig he used to make the finger joints. George Way and Charlie Drake brought several pieces that they carved over the last year or so. Charley presented a remarkable carved Santa in a basket, a fanciful carved house, and another little carved figure made from basswood. George Way showed off some carved basswood Christmas elves, pilgrims attached to a walnut turned bowl, and a gorgeous chip carved plaque that read “Where there’s a wine there’s a Way”. Nancy Anderson presented remarkably detailed scroll-sawn wine glass caddies and Christmas ornaments. Andy Rudy amazed all with a book shelf, complete with fake books and a secret hiding place for valuables. Laura Matthews displayed a ulu made by Val Matthews. The handle was made from beach and the ulu blade (used for skinning seals and other marine mammals) was very sharp. Jerry Couchman presented a lovely sapele and ebony nightstand complete with a scroll-sawn ebony treble clef. It was part of a pair that also included the bass clef. John Bellinger showed off an oak and walnut rocking horse that he built using bent, laminated wood strips. He mentioned that it was particularly challenging to make the mortise and tenon joints given the bent workpieces and odd angles of the joints. Phil Humphries brought an entire herd of bandsawn redwood reindeer and also a bandsaw box made from fir.

After the break, there was a tool drawing. Geoff Peterson won a Rockwell multi-tool. Have fun with that, Geoff!

The main event of the evening was “tools-and-jigs”. George Knutson brought some of his favorites. These included 3M Vet Rap used to wrap around your thumb like carver’s tape. But, it’s much less expensive. He showed off a flattened Lamello glue bottle for squirting glue into biscuit slots. It coats both sides of the slot in one pass. He showed a small screw clamp he uses for holding small pieces when sanding, and a miter box he uses when trimming ebony pegs. Last, he presented a jig he built for edge-band trimming using a router – very cool. Tom Thornton showed off an aluminum safe rule for veneer cutting with a track-saw attachment and a Fastcap magnetic shim. Tom Dolese discussed some of his favorite tools including a Starrett 6-in adjustable square, and a Veritas stop and straight-edge. He also announced that he will be offering discounts to NCWA members for his woodworking classes and will loan his horizontal mortise machines for free! David Shull described a jig for “turning” tapered French rolling pins on the bandsaw. Jerry Couchman showed off his 2” Amana up-cut spiral pattern bit (RFT5200) and a ramp jig for cutting angled mortises. Andrew Pellar showed off a fairing stick, shaped sanding block, small crew clamp for holding small items, a mortising gauge, planning stop, and a drilling jig for lining up holes. Richard Gillingham showed his curved sanding jig and a jig for holding face frames when joining them with pocket screws. John Braun presented an odd-looking device made by Liberty Tool (in Maine). It was a jig used with a brace-and-bit when cutting flat tenons.

The jig was up at 845 PM and Charlie Drake adjourned the meeting.

## Bring and Brag Highlights

Someone put the word out that Bring and Brag presenters MUST wear BLUE!





The “Other” non-blue group!



## Upcoming Monthly Meeting Presentations

### March 2016 “Woodworking Tips & Tricks”

Have you ever experienced the “Good grief, I didn’t know that!” moment, or the “I wish I’d known that a year ago”, moment - when you read – or someone shows you – a tip that would have saved you time, money, stress, and/or mistakes! Then this is a ‘*must attend*’ monthly meeting presentation. Jim Bucknell is busily collecting as many tips as possible (and will present them) – from his own experiences as well as from other woodworkers – and will share these tips and tricks with you.

Undoubtedly, each member has discovered a tip or trick that should be shared with other members, to help them be more efficient, or to avoid the ‘*trial and error*’ syndrome. YOU CAN DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS PRESENTATION! Pass on your tip and/or trick to Jim Bucknell, early enough that he can see how he might fit it in to this presentation.

### March 19 – Saturday

Our Spring Shop Tour is coming up on Saturday morning March 19. We have some great shops lined up in the Bellingham area. It'll be a great chance to see how you can improve your big or small shop space. Bring a friend if they would like to see what NCWA is all about. **Save the Date.**

### Adjustable Back Easy Chair Class

The next class begins February 1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am - 4:30pm. In this week long class you will build an adjustable back easy chair with an ottoman (optional). There are many steps and details in the building of this chair that will expand your woodworking skills. This chair and ottoman set is a comfortable and attractive piece for a living or family room.

I spend a week ahead of time roughing out the backs that will be shaped and upholstered and preparing the stock, since it would be otherwise impossible to do this all in a week. That's the main reason the class cost 1,250 dollars. I supply the wood (Sapele) for the chair and ottoman (optional if you don't want one). Foam/upholstery /Fabric or Leather costs about an additional 325 dollars, but depends on the fabric you use (3 yards needed). Not a whole lot of woodworking experience is necessary. Anyone interested in seeing and sitting in the chair is welcome to come to my house in the evenings or on a weekend.

Tom Dolese     [dolesejt@msn.com](mailto:dolesejt@msn.com)  
<http://www.terrafirmadesignnw.com/>





## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

### NCWA WOODWORKERS CLASSES – February and March

Date	Class	Instructor
February 6	SELECTING & PREPARING WOOD FOR PROJECTS	Phil Choquette
February 13	CARD SCRAPER SHARPENING & USE	Andrew Pellar
February 27	JIGS, TOOLS & SETUP FOR PRECISE JOINERY	George Knutson
March 5	ROUTER TABLE BASICS	Andrew Pellar
March 12	BLOCK PLANE TUNE UP & SHARPENING	Andrew Pellar
March 19	(no classes due to shop tour event)	
March 26	VACUUM PUMP APPLICATIONS	Bucknell/Koenker

**FULL DETAILS:** Available at the NCWA website (<http://www.ncwawood.org/classes/>).

**REMINDER:** The \$10 helps to defray material and teaching expenses that our volunteer instructors incur, and is payable directly to the instructor at the time of the class (please bring exact amount).

**REMINDER:** Class sign-ups are based on a 'first come/first served' basis. There will also be a wait list maintained for each class, and will be used to fill seat(s) when there is a cancellation.

**REMINDER:** Richard Gillingham is now the 'single point' person for all class registrations and cancellations. You can sign up either on the sign-up sheet at the monthly membership meeting, or, by contacting Richard directly (phone – 206-909-6660; email – [candgachers@yahoo.com](mailto:candgachers@yahoo.com)).



## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

### **LAST CHANCE TO PAY YOUR 2016 DUES - \$30.00**

The February meeting will be your last chance to pay your 2016 membership dues. Any member who hasn't paid their dues will be dropped from membership. Your fellow woodworkers enjoy your company so please don't let this happen.

If you can't make it to the February meeting please mail your \$30.00 dues check (payable to NCWA) to NCWA, c/o Al Ashley, 26220 48th Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223.

For those members who have paid their 2016 dues, membership cards will be available for pick up at the February meeting.

### **February Raffle**

### **Look What You Can Take Home!**

The tool we are raffling off this month is a Starrett No. 13- 6" Double Square.

It has been highly recommended by a number of our members.

Remember to bring your NCWA badge to the Feb. 2nd meeting and pick up a free raffle ticket.

See you on the 2nd - GROUNDHOG DAY!



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes     January 13, 2016

- Meeting convened by President Charley Drake at 7:00 p.m. at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Mt. Vernon.
- Members present: Dave Strauss, Ed Pysher, Bill Rawls, John Braun, Jim Redding, Charley Drake, Tim Wynn, Phil Choquette, Richard Gillingham, David Shull, Dale Brandland, Al Ashley
- It was agreed that the BOD meeting minutes would be reviewed and approved on line.
- Treasurer's Report:
  - The NCWA currently has \$6,046.77 in its checking and savings accounts. As of 1/12/2016, 136 members have paid their 2016 dues. Five members have notified the club that they will not be renewing. There are 70 members that have not responded yet for membership renewal this year.
  - Al presented the annual financial report for the year ended December 31, 2015. Total revenues for the year were \$8,501.60 and total operating expenditures were \$9,175.73. Expenditures exceeded revenue by \$674.13. The ending cash balance (checking & savings accounts) was \$6,406.34.
  - Al reviewed the proposed budget for 2016. It was noted that anticipated revenue is less than projected expenditures – however, there are sufficient reserves available to cover this shortage. The Board determined that it would closely monitor the budget during year and, if necessary, makes adjustments to next year's budget to insure continued financial viability for the NCWA.
  - After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2016 budget.
- Old Business:
  - An initial Roundtable discussion will be held in Bellingham on January 28. The Board discussed various ways to organize and guide the roundtable discussion. It was generally agreed that this type of informal meeting would help promote communication between members. The Board will wait to see how the first roundtable goes before making any decisions on future meetings. Richard Gillingham and Al Ashley have planned to meet in the upcoming week to produce a zip code sorted list of members that can be used to help organize members in associated geographical regions.
  - The Board then considered how to make the 'member gallery' on the website a functioning element of the web site. Charley Drake will talk to Mike Titus about this.
- Committee Reports.
  - Education Committee. Dale Brandland gave kudos to Richard Gillingham for his work on the class calendar and scheduling the classes.
  - Membership Committee. Ed Pysher will be transitioning the membership chair to Tim Wynn before the February General Meeting.
  - Programs Committee. Richard Gillingham indicated that the programs for the following months:
    - February Meeting – "Mining the Internet for Woodworking Gold"
    - March Meeting – "Woodworking Tips & Tricks"
- New Business.
  - President Charley Drake indicated that it would be helpful if the general membership had a better idea of the duties of the Board members. After discussion, it was agreed that the Board Members would be formally introduced at the February General Meeting with a follow up paragraph on each Board of Director to be published in the March newsletter.
  - Richard Gillingham stepped down as an "at Large" member of the Board of Directors. Richard will remain on the Board as Chair of the Program Committee.
  - President Charley Drake appointed Phil Choquette as an "At Large" member of the Board of Directors.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



## WOODSHOP EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Henry Riddle, Camano Island. Tel: 360-387-3316

Rockwell/Delta 10" table saw with additional blades

Craftsman Radial Arm Saw

Light duty band saw

12" Grizzly Thickness Planer with stand & infeed /outfeed table

8" Grizzly Jointer

Grizzly wood lathe with chisels & attachments

2HP Grizzly dust collection system with cyclone Separator and lots of hose/fittings.

16 speed Enco Drill Press and Mortising Attachment

3HP Ryobi Plunge Router and Bits

24 inch Leigh Dovetail Jig and Router Bits

DeWalt Biscuit Joiner & Selection of biscuits

Heavy duty woodworking bench with side & end vices and bench dogs

Drawing table

Lots of Hand Tools, clamps etc.

143 issues of Fine Woodworking dating from #31 winter 1976 to #163, June 2003

Approx 120 bd ft of rough sawn big leaf maple. The majority is 1" thick, 10"by10ft. There are also some thicker boards, 3" and 4" thick.

### LIBRARY NEWS

Your club library has some new additions to begin the New Year. These new books will all be displayed together for you to take a look at:

<i>Turning Hollow Forms</i>	Mark Sanger
<i>Woodturning Magic</i>	David Springett
<i>All New Turning Projects</i>	Richard Raffan
<i>The Homemade Workshop</i>	James Hamilton
<i>Home Workshop Storage</i>	Jim Harrold
<i>Home Workshop Setup</i>	Jim Harrold
<i>Home Workshop Jigs and Fixtures</i>	Jim Harrold
<i>Box Builder's Handbook</i>	A. J. Hamler
<i>Design Book 5</i>	Fine Woodworking

We will also have the Bill Anderson DVD *Choosing, Refurbishing and Using Moulding Planes*. In addition we have added the entire DVD set of the **Woodsmith Shop** TV series. We now have all 8 seasons available for check-out.

## Vendor Support Groups

Hardware Sales	2034 James St.	Bellingham	hardwaresales.net	<b>360-734-6140</b>
Bham Millwork Supply	3879 Hannegan Road	Bellingham	Bellinghammillwork.com	<b>360-734-5700</b>
Stockton's Paints	1413 Railroad Ave.	Bellingham	stocktonspaint.com	<b>360-733-5630</b>
Targo Woods	1405 "E" Street	Bellingham	targowoods.com	<b>360-738-9140</b>
Windsor Plywood	1208 Iowa St.	Bellingham	windsorplywood.com	<b>360-676-1025</b>

### WEST

Sebo's Hardware	1102 Commercial Ave.	Anacortes	sebos.com	<b>360-293-4575</b>
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### SOUTH

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

### CENTRAL

Karl's Paints	1515 Freeway Drive	Mt. Vernon	karlspaints.com	<b>360-336-2855</b>
Mt. Vernon Bldg Ctr.	815 Roosevelt Way	Mt. Vernon	mvbc-online.com	<b>360-424-9073</b>
Cedar Creek Lumber	950 B Fountain St.	Burlington	cclumber.com	<b>360-757-6343</b>
Sherwin-Williams Paint	1526 Riverside Drive	Mt. Vernon	sherwin-williams.com	<b>360-428-3775</b>

### EAST

E & E Lumber	201 W. State Street	Sedro Woolley	eelumber.com	<b>360-856-0825</b>
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### SPECIALTY

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

## Officers and Chairpersons 2016

President	Charley Drake	(425) 785-2994	Programs & Shows	Richard Gillingham	(206) 909-6660
Vice President	Dave Strauss	(360) 391-6367	Education	Dale Brandland	(360) 961-0102
Past President	Bill Rawls	(360) 387-2993	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	Tim Wynn	(360) 770-7203
Board at Large	David Shull	(360) 393-7926	Toys for Tots	John Braun	(360) 708-0055
Board at Large	Jim Redding	(206) 307-4553	Webmeister	Mike Titus	(360) 525-4131
Board at Large	Phil Choquette	(360) 675-8320			

### Future Events

February 2	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
February 10	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
February 20	Saturday	Newsletter Deadline
March 1	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
March 9	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
March 19	Saturday	Spring Shop Tour

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 [jane Kirstine@comcast.net](mailto:jane Kirstine@comcast.net) with subject line as NCWA Newsletter.



## NCWA NEWSLETTER