

## Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

April 2016

### **General Meeting** **Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM** **Burlington Library**

Take I-5 to Exit 230 (State Route 20). At exit, turn east onto State Route 20 (Rio Vista Ave), to S. Burlington Blvd.

Turn left onto S. Burlington Blvd. At next light, turn right onto E. Fairhaven Ave.

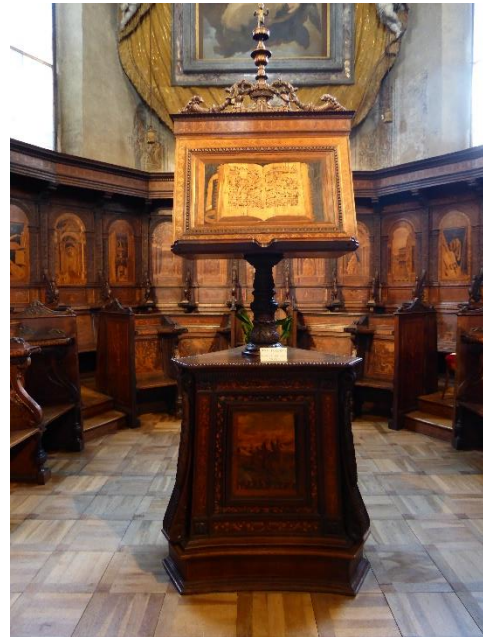
Just after the Post Office (on the right), at the next 4-way stop, turn right onto S. Anacortes Ave.

Drive one block. Turn left (east) onto E. Washington Ave.

One block up, Burlington Library is on the right.

Parking is available on both sides of street in front of the Library, on the east side of it. Also parking on E.

Washington Ave. in the next block east of the Library.



**Wooden intarsias of Giovanni da Verona**

### **NCWA** **April 2016 Meeting**

#### **You may have heard of the Three Sopranos** **You may have heard of the Three Amigos** **But have you heard of the Three Carvers?**

April's monthly membership meeting program (at the Burlington Library this month) will feature three of NCWA's own wood carvers, who will demonstrate three separate approaches to wood carving. You may not have considered wood carving before, but after seeing how a piece of wood and just one – or a couple of - carving knives can be used to create an interesting and attractive piece, you too may want to explore the creative world of wood carving!

Don't forget – the April 5th meeting is being held at the Burlington Library, at 820 E Washington Ave, Burlington.

## NCWA General Meeting

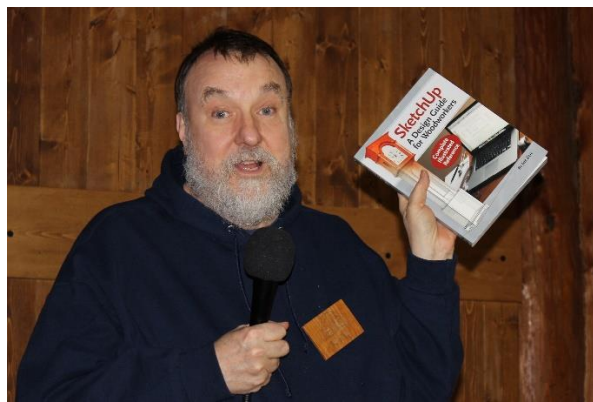
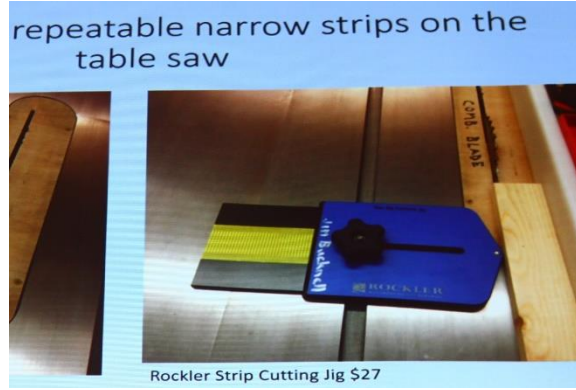
March 1, 2016

- President Charley Drake convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Lodge in Mt. Vernon, welcoming attendees to the most distinguished woodworking club in the northern hemisphere
- New members and guests were introduced to the members and welcomed.
- Announcements
  - The library acquired eight new videos from Woodsmith.
  - New membership cards will be available at the next general meeting
  - The next general meeting will take place at the Burlington Library
  - The club received a thank you note from Lynn Postler, administrator of the Skagit Valley Herald Christmas Fund thanking NCWA for the Toys for Tots donations before Christmas. John Braun encouraged club members interested in building toys to talk to him about how to be involved with this great program
  - Shop tours will take place in Bellingham and Ferndale on March 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - Richard Gillingham made several announcements about programs and shows.
    - The April general meeting program will be “Three approaches to carving”
    - Woodfest, highlighting high school woodworking projects, will take place on 2-3 April at Cascade Middle School in Sedro-Wooley. NCWA will present the best-in-show award. Members are encouraged to display their work at the show and to volunteer to help out.
    - A sign-up sheet was passed among members who indicated their woodworking skill level. These data will be used in the planning of future presentations
  - Dale Brandland made several announcements from the education committee
    - The first shop talk in Bellingham was a success. Members who attended discussed shop design, finishing, hinge installation, and other subjects. Dale floated the idea of regional shop talks.
    - The education committee’s next meeting will be held at the Burlington Bob’s Burgers and Brew at noon on March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Bring and Brag
  - Jerry Couchman showed off a lamp made from Peruvian Walnut with a stained glass shade made by his brother in law and a lamp fixture from grandbrass.com. He plans to donate the lamp to raise money at an upcoming Interfaith Coalition Fundraiser
  - Andy Rudy displayed a walnut replica of a 1911 Colt .45. It’s so realistic that Andy is fortunate that WA State gun laws allow for open carry.
  - Don Wilkins shared a Sketch-up book by Joe Zeh that he found readable and very useful.
- Dave Steele won the microplane raffle
- Main Presentation: Woodworking Tips and Tricks by Jim Bucknell
  - Jim presented a slide show of his favorite woodworking skills, tricks, and other sneaky things.
  - Among the numerous tips were:
    - Put five things away every time you enter your shop
    - Use a Wixi gauge for precisely setting the angle of your miter gauge
    - Use alcohol to remove pencil marks (either denatured or Maker’s Mark)
    - And many, many others
- The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

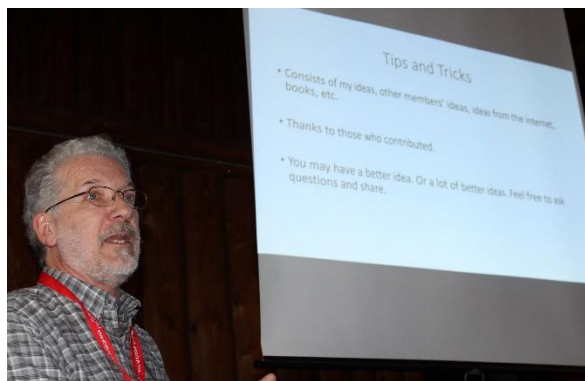
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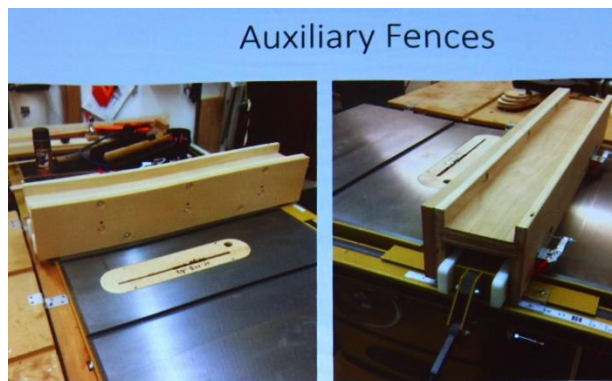
President Charley Drake



Don Wilkins has mastered SketchUp



Jim Bucknell presents Tips and Tricks



## Bring and Brag



Jerry Couchman presents his beautiful table lamp



Andy Rudy displayed a walnut replica of a 1911 Colt .45

**For Sale:** More tools available. Contact: Janet Boge 360-391-4271  
Craftsman Radial Arm Saw, excellent shape with cabinet and drawers. (\$50)  
Delta variable speed scroll saw, Model 45-540. (\$50)  
Craftsman variable speed plunge router, Model 315. (\$30)  
Porter Cable plate joiner, Model #555. (\$30)  
Portable work bench. (\$30)

## Shop Talk by Charley Drake

NCWA has become a large club over the past 10 years or so. We typically have 70 to 100 members at our meetings. Although our programs and classes are interesting and well done it is a challenge to get to socialize or get answers to woodworking related questions. Setting up visits to vendors or shops is also tricky. We need a large venue with a big parking lot.

In the interest of spending more time with other woodworkers Dale Brandland organized an informal get together in Bellingham at the end of January. It was well attended and fun. I would like to host a get together at my shop for people in and around Anacortes. The grand plan is to hang out and talk woodworking. No special presentation, no speeches. Tentative date is Monday night, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30. The address is 5955 Central Ave., Anacortes WA. 425-785-2994. We can get to know each other and kick ideas around for things to do in the future. Small scale tours? Visit other shops? Pick a big project and team up to do it quicker? Help one of the group with a big shop improvement? Lots of possibilities!

Richard Gillingham has sorted our database by zip code. If you are interested in hosting a shop talk in your area you can email people close to you with the data base or put a notice in the newsletter or announce your interest at a general meeting and get the ball rolling in your area.



**WHEN:** April 2nd from 9 am to 4 pm and April 3rd from 10 am to 3 pm

**WHERE:** Cascade Middle School 905 McGarigle Road, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

**WHO:** High school woodworkers, woodworking organizations (including NCWA!), woodworking retailers

**PURPOSE:** Showcase to the public the creations and efforts of the local woodworking community

**COST:** Free

Each year at WoodFest NCWA takes a booth with one of the goals there to encourage and stimulate interest in woodworking by showing pieces created by NCWA members.

This is an open call to all NCWA members to step up and contribute to our collection of woodworking pieces.

- If you have ever brought in something to a monthly members meeting for Bring and Brag, they would be excellent to include in our display pieces.
- If you have created any woodworking piece, this would be the time to show the 'walk-by' people at the event what can be done with a few woodworking tools.

If you have a piece (or pieces), but would not be able to bring them in to the Sedro-Woolley Middle School (2016 WoodFest location) on the start of the event (April 2), we might be able to make arrangements to pick up (and return) your piece(s).

Contact Richard Gillingham, [candgachers@yahoo.com](mailto:candgachers@yahoo.com) – 206-909-6660

**Education Committee**

**Shuswap School of Carving and Arts**

We are a group of volunteers who organize a once-a-year, 5-day carving school that is held in Sorrento, BC – this year it is from September 18-23. The School is operated as a non-profit Society for the purpose of promoting carving as an art form.

Information is at the website [www.bccarvingschool.com](http://www.bccarvingschool.com).

**The Early Bird Registration draw date is April 15<sup>th</sup>.** Kathy Phoenix, Coordinator (250-573-2277)

Hello, NWCA! The folks at **Port Townsend School of Woodworking** would like to share our schedule of upcoming classes. Please access the website at [ptwoodschool.org](http://ptwoodschool.org) for the schedule.

Please contact me or PTSW director Tim Lawson (tim@ptwoodschool.org) if you have any questions..  
Lia Johnston, Marketing Coordinator, Port Townsend School of Woodworking, (360) 499-2209

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**NCWA WOODWORKERS CLASSES – March and April**

Date	Class	Time	Instructor	City
4/9/2016	Fundamentals of Hand Cut Dovetails	9AM - noon	Val Matthews	Bow
4/16/2016	Hand Tool Fundamentals	10AM - 4PM	Mark deVries	Mount Vernon
4/30/2016	Make a Routed Bowl - AM Class	9AM - noon	Jerry Anderson	LaConner
4/30/2016	Make a Routed Bowl - PM Class	1-4 PM	Jerry Anderson	LaConner
5/7/2016	Shop Design	(not yet set)	David Strauss	Anacortes
5/14/2016	Exploring Wood Carving	9AM - noon	Bill Pierce	Arlington
5/21/2016	Spray Finishing Techniques	9AM - 4PM	Tom Dolese	Bellingham
5/28/2016	Veneering Fundamentals---Patterning, Cutting and Seaming	9:30AM - 12:30 PM	George Knutson	Anacortes

**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)).

A friend passed away awhile back and his family still has a few of his tools to sell.

RBI 226vs scroll saw for \$700

Grizzly G0645 mortiser with bits for \$145

Older Craftsman jointer for \$150.

All are in good shape. If you have any questions you can call me, and I can get you in touch with his wife.

Allen Brown, Maberry Packing LLC., 360-815-7085



FOR SALE: Padauk "shorts" of various lengths and widths. Lengths from 27" to 78" and widths from 3" to 8.25". All boards are 4/4 and are dry. 70 board feet total, will sell all or part at \$2 per board-foot. Padauk is a dense, heavy, very hard wood from Africa that is dark red in color. Contact Mike Titus at 360-389-7009 or [mike@mike-titus.com](mailto:mike@mike-titus.com)

## March Raffle

### Raffle News

Reminder that there are no raffles in the months of April, July, August, November or December unless there are special items that are donated by members to the Raffle Committee Chairman, Jim Hickey.



Tools used in the building of Siena Duomo

## NCWA Board of Directors

### Meeting Minutes March 9, 2016

- The Meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by President Charley Drake.
- Members Present: Bill Rawls, Al Ashley, Jim Redding, Dave Strauss, Philip Choquette, John Braun, Richard Gillingham, David Shull, Jim Bucknell, Gary Danilson, Jerry Anderson
- Treasurer's Report (Al Ashley): Checking acct: \$2179.88, Savings acct: \$3396.75. Current membership: 173 (compared to 164 last year at this time).
- Programs and Shows Committee Report:
  - Richard Gillingham announced that he will be stepping down as chair of the Programs and Shows Committee, confessing that he cannot do it all.
  - Preparations for Woodfest are 80% complete
    - Date and location: April 2-3, Cascade Middle School in Sedro-Wooley
    - Need to deliver directions to the show to club members
  - Results of skill-level survey: 87% of club members attending the general meeting described their skill level as experienced or advanced. This information will guide the committee as they plan future programs.
- Future shows: Mall Show, Arts Alive in La Connor, Anacortes Arts Festival
  - The BOD discussed the relative advantages and disadvantages of participating in these shows
    - Cascade Mall: Great indoor location, lack of large crowds, most visitors not coming to purchase woodworking items
    - Arts Alive: Well attended, Public interested in crafts. But, it is unclear where NCWA display would be located. Maple Hall will be used for retail, not for club displays. Garden Club is out of the way, Will get more info
    - Anacortes Arts Festival (August 5-7): Huge event. Likely to be room in the parking lot. Would need a canopy. Several board members indicated that they could supply "easy-up" canopies. Unclear what we would do with the display items overnight.
  - The board decided to pursue the Anacortes Arts Festival and to do the Cascade Mall only as a back-up in case we run into problems. Bill Rawls will learn more about the Arts Alive event in La Connor.
- New member ideas
  - Jim Bucknell suggested giving new members a sticker on their badge so older members would know to welcome them.
  - Dave Strauss urged board members to introduce themselves to new members and visitors at the general meeting
  - Jim Redding suggested we reach out to slightly younger members to increase the club's demographic diversity.
  - The BOD will explore the idea of making NCWA business cards that we can give to woodworkers to encourage them to join.
- Viking Boat Yard tour: Jay Smith is willing to give our club a tour of the Viking ship he is building. But, given size constraints the BOD considered splitting the club (perhaps by region?) and doing two separate tours. We also considered charging a nominal fee to reimburse Jay for his time.
- Steve Johnson's neighbor has tools for sale. The board agreed to announce this in the newsletter.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM



## 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) 739-0515
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

April 2-3	Sat Sun	WoodFest
April 5	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
April 13	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
May 3	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
May 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 [jane Kirstine@comcast.net](mailto:jane Kirstine@comcast.net) with subject line as NCWA Newsletter.



**NCWA NEWSLETTER**