



## Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

February 2017

**General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</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.



### February Program

#### **WHAT DID YOU GET FOR CHRISTMAS ??**

One of the speakers at the February meeting may be you! The topic is WHAT I GOT FOR CHRISTMAS. For the record, we aren't interested in your socks, ties, or underwear. However, we would LOVE to see any new tools, jigs, or other woodworking-related items. In addition, we would like to hear what you hope to make with your new item(s). Why did you need it? Who gave it to you? etc.

And if you didn't get any woodworking items but you decided to treat yourself to something because, after all, you clearly deserve it, we would like to hear about that, too!

Jim Bucknell has agreed to host this part of the meeting and he needs to know who will be speaking during the program. Please notify Jim prior to the meeting and let him know that you will participate, what items you will discuss, and how you have used it or hope to use it.

Please e-mail Jim at [jimbowbucknell@gmail.com](mailto:jimbowbucknell@gmail.com) and let him know that you will help make the February program a success. Remember, the main reason the NCWA is the most prestigious woodworking club in this quadrant of the Milky Way is because of volunteers. And now it's your turn! As of January 24, only 9 members have volunteered to participate. Jim Bucknell is asking members to contact him via e-mail if you are willing to help make this program a success.

Please send Jim an e-mail. Thanks in advance for your help!

## NCWA General Meeting Notes January 3, 2017

- President Dave Strauss convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Lodge in Mt. Vernon, WA and introduced Dale Brandland as Vice President
- New members and guests were welcomed
- Dave announced that membership dues must be paid by the end of the month. Unpaid members will be dropped from the membership roster thereafter
- Education committee report by Dale Brandland. Classes not filled to minimum capacity (to be specified by the instructor) will be dropped by the Monday before the scheduled date of the class.
- Programs and shows: Next month's program: "What I got for Christmas" A great opportunity to show off your latest tool, gadget, or jig. Where else on earth could you share this stuff before an appreciative audience? Jim Bucknell will host the program. Please bring your coolest new tool and rub our noses in it.
- Bring and brag: Jim Hickey brought an alcove table made from fir with a vinyl top and copper tubing in the base. Tom Napier showed off toy trucks constructed from fir, pine, and cedar, and finished with shellac. Ray DeVries displayed his latest wooden hand plane that he made during Val Matthews' hand plane class. He used cherry and goncalo alves for the sole. He also showed off a rabbet plane, a high-angle plane and a block plane. Greg Koenker also showed off a plane he built in Val's class using cherry and Peruvian walnut. Charlie Drake presented a long-awaited chip carved Lazy-Susan platter. Made from stained basswood with a polyurethane finish, the platter was remarkably detailed. Jim Green brought a gift box made from walnut, maple and ebony, with fancy hinges and a shellac/wax finish. Ben Gage shared his latest creation – a maple/walnut checkerboard platter. Rounding out bring and brag, Dennis Lindsay showed off a plaque of Oahu made from kiava, curly maple and cherry.
- Raffle: NCWA raffled two microplanes and some wood donated by Mike Titus.
- Main program: Mike Chaplin on "The Shakers". After watching a portion of a Ken Burns documentary on the Shaker movement, Mike Chaplin discussed the Shakers, their contributions to woodworking, and showed slides of several Shaker communities he had visited. He shared about Shaker villages in Hancock, MA, Canturbury, NH, and Shakertown, KY. He then showed off several pieces he had made from cherry in the Shaker style including a medicine drawer, a sewing table, step stock, clock, a bench and a candle shelf. At the time of his presentation, three shakers were still living. The day after, there were just two left alive (reported in the NY Times).



Bring & Brag

Dennis Lindsay



Ben Gage



Tom Napier



Greg Koenker



more Greg



Jim Green



Charley Drake



## New Member Profiles

On Monday, January 23, Gary Danilson and Jim Bucknell had the pleasure of meeting with Gale O'Neil (right) who is a new NCWA member. Gale joined NCWA in October. Gale is a very retiring man. To be clear, we don't mean he is shy. We mean he is thinking of retiring for the fifth time! Mr. O'Neil is a pastor and is currently providing that service to a small church in Arlington.

Gale lives in the Conway area and has a two car garage that is being put to good use. There is no sign that there has ever been a car in the garage and it is packed with a lot of high quality woodworking tools. Gale has built a number of his cabinets and was the general contractor for his house when it was built a number of years ago. He is currently building boxes and wants to perfect his skills on boxes before moving on to other things. Please look for Gale at the next meeting and introduce yourself and welcome him to the NCWA, the most prestigious woodworking club . . .



New NCWA member Al Dennis (left) joined the club last year and brings with him a wealth of experience in woodworking and construction. He spent years working in Skagit County as a contractor and has also built everything from boats and furniture to cutting boards and carved boxes. Al has a well outfitted shop in his 2-car garage and recently added a Sawstop contractor's saw with a pretty cool Inkra table saw fence. Al has especially enjoyed making toys for his grandkids and is interested in finding out more about NCWA's Toys for Tots program. After a career in building, he became an RN and recently retired after working in the Critical Care Unit and and Kidney Dialysis Center for Skagit Valley Hospital. In 2015 Al was elected as Commissioner for Hospital District 1. Welcome to the club Al.

Jim Green lives in Bellingham and has been woodworking for many years. He spent his early years in Michigan, Ohio and even the United Kingdom. His working life included building and remodeling houses and that led to building furniture and small boxes that include contrasting woods and clever lamination. His home has many beautiful items including hand made cabinetry, and his shop is small, but efficient and well equipped. Jim also became a talented stain glass artist, but these days gardening and woodworking for fun take much of his time. Jim has displayed his boxes at bring and brag, and has taken at least one class in our education program. He and his wife Rita also run a dog sitting business in their home.



Jerry Couchman

Ben Feetering grew up in Bellingham and developed a love for the guitar and music, so much so that he became an apprentice guitar maker under Devin Champlin, an accomplished luthier who recently moved to Seattle. Ben joined our club after meeting one of our members, Roger Shimer at the Bellingham YMCA where they both work as indoor rock climbing instructors. Ben is currently enrolled at Whatcom Community College and is also restoring a 1960's vintage International Harvester Scout in his garage/workshop. Ben hopes to further his woodworking skills through our education program, but after seeing the guitar that he built, I'd say he's well on his way. Welcome to our club, Ben!



Jerry Couchman

## NCWA 2017 Programs and Shows

Date	Program	Show
March 7	Woodfest with Mike Stewart and Jigs & Fixtures, shop tips (Host?)	
April 4	How to Make and Adarondak Chair with Andrew Pellar and Jerry Couchman	Woodfest Sedro-Woolley 1st and 2nd
May 2	Making bamboo fly fishing rods with Tim Whittman	Viking Shipbuilding with Jay Smith
June 6	Restoring Old Tools with Andrew Pellar	
July	Northstar Door (Jerry Couchman)	
August	Picnic	Anacortes Arts Festival 4,5 and 6
September 5	Shop Safety with Randy Ross	
October 3	Selecting and Installing Hardware with (?)	Windsor Plywood (?)
November 7	Toys for Tots, Nomination of Officers	Arts Alive LaConner 4,5
December 5	Holiday Party, Election of Officers	

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

## LAST CHANCE TO PAY YOUR 2017 DUES - \$30.00

The February meeting will be your last chance to pay your 2017 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.

### MEMBERSHIP CARDS

For those members who have paid their 2017 dues, membership cards will be available for pick up at the February meeting.

### Library News

Just a reminder that your NCWA library has added a lot of new books for the beginning of the year and will have them all on a separate table during the next meeting. Among the new titles are:

*The Pen Turner's Bible: The Art of Creating Custom Pens*  
*The Ultimate Bandsaw Box Book*  
*Make Your Own Cutting Boards*  
*The Great Book of Woodburning*  
*Tiny Boxes: 10 Skill-Building Projects*  
*The Furniture Bible: Identifying, Restoring and Caring for Furniture*

Check out these books and about a dozen more new titles at the February meeting.

# EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## NCWA WOODWORKERS CLASSES

Hello from your education committee! The winter/spring class schedule is listed below.

Please contact Carol Osterman to register at [carol@akylafarms.com](mailto:carol@akylafarms.com) or by phone 360-941-1533

Remember, classes are \$10.00 each, which is payable in cash to the instructor at the time of the class.

Date	Class	Instructor	Spaces Status
Feb 4	Photograph Your Projects	Charley Drake	1 spaces
Feb 11	Dust Control	Rick Anderson	10 spaces
Feb 18	Cabinet Carcase	Bill Baer	3 spaces
Feb 25	Cabinet Doors and Drawers	Bill Baer	3 spaces
Mar 4	Fundamentals of Woodcarving	Bill Pierce	3 spaces
Mar 11	Handcut Dovetails	Val Mathews	4 spaces
Mar 18	Shop Tour		
Mar 25	Wood Bending	John Bellinger	4 spaces
Apr 1	Woodfest		
April 8	Bandsaw Use		4 spaces
April 15	Pricing and Selling Your work		4 spaces
April 22	Make a Spokeshave		4 spaces
April 29	Processing Wood for Projects & Compound Angle Mortise & Tenons		4 spaces

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Our raffle item this month is a set of 4 Stanley Sweetheart Chisels. There has been a lot of interest in these chisels since they were introduced a few years back. They have been compared to Lie-Nielsen chisels and although they are not of that quality, for the price they have been considered to be some darn good chisels. So come to our next meeting on the 7th, get a raffle ticket and you just may get a chance to see what they can do.





**WHEN:** Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 am to 4 pm and Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm

**WHERE:** Sedro-Woolley High School Gym, 1235 Third St, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

**WHO:** This event draws a variety of vendors and display booths from chainsaw carvers, wood turners, traditional carvers, woodcrafters, artisans, high school woodworking exhibits, and woodworking organizations, including NCWA and Northwest Washington Woodturners.

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

**COST:** Admission is free

**LINK:** [www.sedro-wooley.com/sedro-woolley\\_events](http://www.sedro-wooley.com/sedro-woolley_events) (scroll down to WoodFest)

Each year at WoodFest, NCWA participates with the goal of encouraging and stimulating interest in woodworking by showing pieces created by NCWA members, including our Toys For Tots work. Anyone with a passion for woodworking needs to attend.

The NCWA booth will showcase members' woodworking items. This is an open call to all NCWA members to contribute to the display of woodworking pieces.

- If you have ever brought in something for Bring and Brag, those would be excellent to include in our display area.
- If you have created any woodworking piece, this would be the time to show WoodFest attendees what can be done with a few woodworking tools.
- Volunteer to be a Greeter for a couple of hours on one or two days.
- Volunteer to do a demonstration.

If you have an item or items but would not be able to bring them to the Sedro-Woolley High School 2017 WoodFest location for the start of the event on April 1<sup>st</sup>, we may be able to pick up and return your pieces for you.

## Condolences

NCWA member John Batsell passed away in January after a short battle with cancer. John joined our club in Jan of 2015 and many of you will remember touring his shop on Camano Island in March of that year. John was a lifelong woodworker and had finally built his dream shop about 7 years ago. John loved coming to the NCWA meetings and could always be seen sitting in the front row so he wouldn't miss anything. He is survived by a daughter in the Seattle area.



## NCWA Board of Directors Meeting January 11, 2017

- The meeting was convened by President Dave Strauss at 7:00 p.m. at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Mt. Vernon, WA.
- Members Present: Dave Strauss, Al Ashley, Tim Wynn, Gary Danilson, Bill Rawls, John Braun, Mike Chaplin, Phil Choquette, Dave Shull, Jim Redding, John Bellinger.
- Al Ashley presented the Treasurer's report:
  - The Association has \$6,203.90 in checking and savings accounts as of January 11, 2017.
  - The association had 200 paid members as of December 31, 2016. This is down slightly from 211 the previous year. To date, 149 members have paid dues for 2017. Al passed out a list of members who had not paid dues yet and requested Board members to contact as many as possible to encourage them to continue their membership.
  - Al presented a proposed budget for 2017 to the Board. The Budget details an estimated \$10,000 in revenue from dues, raffles (toys for tots) and other minor sources. (Dues for the calendar year 2018 will increase from \$30.00 per year to \$35.00 per year.) The budget also details approximately \$10,725.00 in expenses leaving a budgeted deficit of \$725. After discussion, the Board determined that this deficit was acceptable as \$1000 of expenses was from potential equipment purchases which could be delayed if additional revenue could not be found to cover their cost. After additional discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Budget for 2017.
- Board Changes:
  - The Board welcomed new member-at-large Mike Chaplin.
  - Gary Danilson, Chair Library & Shop Tour committees, has agreed to take over duties as Membership Chair. Gary will turn over his duties as Chair of the Shop Tour Committee to John Bellinger who will be aided by Mike Chaplin. Tim Wynn will meet with Gary in January to transition the duties.
- Christmas Party discussion:
  - The Board agreed that the December Christmas Party was a very successful event and congratulated all who had participated in the planning and execution.
  - The Board was slightly disappointed at the level of donations for the Toys for Tots program at the party and discussed possible changes to increase these donations.
- 2017 Program Review
  - The Board agreed that the NCWA's participation in the Anacortes Arts Festival was highly successful and that it should be continued and expanded in 2017.
  - The Board agreed to participate in the 2017 Woodfest in April in Sedro Woolley.
  - The Board had some reservations about participating in the La Conner 'Arts Alive!' festival again but agreed to review the matter at a future meeting.
- Membership Badges and Cards:
  - Tim Wynn requested that the Board consider paying for mailing membership badges and cards to members that did not pick them up at the General Meeting. Tim indicated that he had approximately 40 membership cards from 2016 for members that had not picked up their cards. After discussion, the Board felt that a reinvigorated new member outreach would solve the problem of the badges but that the 2017 new member cards might be considered for mailing if they were not picked up in the first few months of 2017.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

## Vendor Support Groups

Hardware Sales	2034 James St.	Bellingham	hardwaresales.net	<b>360-734-6140</b>
Bellingham 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>
<b>WEST</b>				
Sebo's Hardware	1102 Commercial Ave.	Anacortes	sebos.com	<b>360-293-4575</b>
<b>SOUTH</b>				
Martin Lbr/True Value	2730 Broadway	Everett	martinlumbereverett.com	<b>425-259-3134</b>
Arlington Hdw & Lumber	215 N. Olympic Ave.	Arlington	arlingtonhardware.com	<b>360-435-5523</b>
<b>CENTRAL</b>				
Karl's Paints	1515 Freeway Drive	Mt. Vernon	karlspaints.com	<b>360-336-2855</b>
Mt. Vernon Bldg Center	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>
<b>EAST</b>				
E & E Lumber	201 W. State Street	Sedro Woolley	eelumber.com	<b>360-856-0825</b>
<b>SPECIALTY</b>				
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 2017

President	Dave Strauss	(360) 391-6367	Programs & Shows	Bill Rawls	(360) 387-2993
Vice President	Dale Brandland	(360) 961-0102	Education	Dale Brandland	(360) 961-0102
Past President	Charley Drake	(425) 785-2994	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	Gary Danilson	(360) 540-5768
Webmeister	Mike Titus	(360) 525-4131	Toys for Tots	John Braun	(360) 708-0055
Board at Large	Jim Redding	(206) 307-4553	Board at Large	David Shull	(360) 393-7926
Board at Large	Phil Choquette	(360) 675-8320	Board at Large	Mike Chaplin	(360) 305-5112

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.

## Future Events

February 7	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
February 15	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
February 18	Saturday	Newsletter Deadline
March 7	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
March 15	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
March 18	Saturday	Newsletter Deadline
April 1 & 2	Sat & Sun	Woodfest



**NCWA NEWSLETTER**