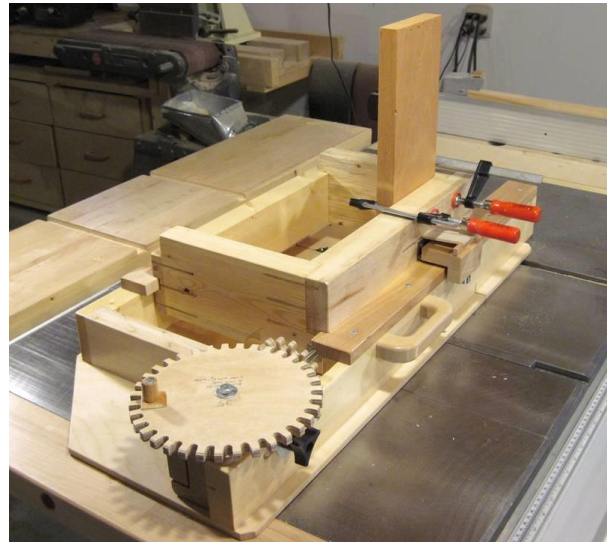


Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

March 2017

**General Meeting
Tuesday, March 7th 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.



[Coolest Jig Ever!](#) Click!

March Program

“Cool Tools, Jigs & Gadgets”

Who among us has made a handy shop jig over the past year or discovered a new woodworker's handy gadget? Well, now is the time to take 1 to 5 minutes to show the rest of us what you spent your hard earned money on (or, even better, made). We've done this kind of meeting almost every year in the past, and there are always new tools, jigs & gadgets to see – anything that you think might be useful to other woodworkers! We like to see them all. If you bring one of your jigs, please bring a few copies of the plan that you used to make it. Remember – this is 'participative' – your opportunity to share your own 'woodworking valuables' with your other woodworking members. Drop Dave Strauss a note at dsstrausscamano@gmail.com if you think you might participate so that he knows how hard he has to 'beat the bushes' for presenters.

NCWA General Meeting Notes February 7, 2017

- President Dave Strauss convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Lodge in Mt. Vernon.
- New members and guests were introduced.
- John Bellinger indicated that the Spring Shop Tour will be on March 18 in the Bellingham area. He asked for volunteers to show their shops in that area.
- Charley Drake indicated the Wood Turner's Club will be hosting a presentation by Trent Bosch. Contact Charley at cndrake@wavecable.com if you are interested in attending.
- The Woodfest held annually in Sedro Woolley will be on April 1st and 2nd this year. If you are interested in showing or selling your work or manning the booth, contact Bill Rawls at whrawls1@gmail.com.
- President Dave Strauss threw down the gauntlet for a President's Challenge in June. He challenged the members of the NCWA to bring their best examples of bird feeders or bird houses. ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO!
- Bring & Brag.
 - David Shull started out the B&B showing us his very first woodworking project which he had discovered while cleaning out a family member's garage. It was a Rubber Band Rifle which I am sure he used in an entirely non-violent, politically correct way when he was younger.
 - Bill Rawls showed us a beautiful framed spalted maple panel (table top). He indicated that he got the spalted veneer from Wild Edge Woods in Oso.
 - Charley Drake showed us a very striking Sapele sculpture stand in the shape of a truncated pyramid. It was finished in oil and varnish. Nice job, Charley!
 - Tom Dolese showed us one of his Adjustable Back Chairs which can be made in some of the classes that he holds. It was a beautiful example of woodworking art. If you haven't taken one of Tom's classes I strongly advise you do so. They are worth every penny.
 - Phil Humphries displayed a really neat illuminated owl which he made out of an interesting piece of book matched walnut. He indicated the hardest part was figuring out how to illuminate the piece from the back.
 - Phil Humphries also displayed a really nice cheese board made from walnut and finished with mineral oil.
 - Dennis Lindsay and Gene Remington (a joint effort!) showed us a very cool napkin holder with a Humming Bird pyrography. It was made out of Maple & Walnut with a linseed oil and shellac finish.
 - Gene Radermacher presented a Sapele and Maple box which he made in Jerry Couchman's class. He finished it with lacquer. For those of you who have not done so, Jerry's box class is well worth attending.
 - Al Dennis showed us a 'shrink' box and stir fry spoon made out of alder. Nice job on the box, Al.
- Raffle winner – Tim Wynn won the raffle for the Stanley chisels. He was so overcome with excitement that he ran screaming around the room until Dave Strauss stunned him with the gavel.
- Program – Christmas gifts you got, gave or somehow procured during the Christmas season.
 - Jim Bucknell, the M.C., started off the program by showing us his cool T-shirt followed by some powerful switchable magnets, a magnetic tool holder wrist band, and a camellia oil applicator.
 - Tim Wynn then wowed everybody with his family's heritage chest which he renovated in a Green & Green style for his elderly mother. Tim thanked George Knutson for his invaluable help. Tim indicated that the hardest parts were stabilizing the very old cedar wood and making the ebony details.
 - Gary Danilson showed us a very small sanding pad which he got for fine detail work. He also showed us a really handy small dust collection hose.
 - Jerry Couchman proudly displayed a new set of carving knives (which he now has to learn how to use) as well as an antique plane, ebony marking gauge, and an ebony square.
 - Al Dennis showed us a center rule from Woodpecker which he said was very handy. He also showed us a very nice, hand stitched French rasp.
 - Bill Pierce presented a 22" jointer plane and a scrub plane which he found in an antique shop.
 - David Shull displayed some new lathe tools. (He was strongly encouraged to also join the turner's club by other members of that organization.)
 - Loran Wright offered a new bench hold down which he indicated worked very well.
 - Charley Drake showed us a new angle measuring gauge and a dimension gauge.
 - Carol Osterman displayed a new Kreg pocket screw jig which she was very excited to start using.
 - Tom Howorth showed us an impressive display of 'gifts' from himself to include an antique 6" combination square, an antique rosewood bevel gauge, and an antique layout tool.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Bring & Brag

Gene



David



Bill



Charley



Phil



Dennis



What did you get for Christmas this year?



Meet the New Member – Bill Weaver

When I walked into Bill's shop the first project I saw was a coffin. It is a very well done coffin as these things go, but a coffin just the same. Of course I was very curious about the story behind the coffin. Soon a teenager came through the door. Turns out he wanted to build the coffin for a bed! He was there to prime the wood for finishing. Of course it will end up black. Gloss black.

Bill retired from Canyon Creek, a cabinet shop in Monroe, in December of 2016. He was the President and CEO. Canyon Creek houses 25,000 square feet of space. At its peak the company employed 715 people. CNC machines are taking up more floor space every year. Bill has offered to provide the club with a tour of the facility.

Bill started out with a stint in the Navy. When he got out he went to work in a two person cabinet shop in Idaho. He worked his way up to a job with Riverside Millworks in Mt. Vernon. At one point when he was between jobs he decided to learn more about business so he took a series of classes at Skagit Valley College in management. He moved into a cabinet sales position and ended up at Canyon Creek.

Bill's shop is very well outfitted with power and hand tools. The shop is a condo warehouse in the Skyline part of Anacortes. There is enough room for lots of storage in addition to the shop machines. Bill's wife has a long arm sewing machine for quilting in the upstairs balcony. Two RV size doors open up the space when the weather warms up. Bill's residence is a condo near the shop. The two condo solution he came up with seems to work well.

The young man building the coffin is Gordon Weaver, Bill's grandson. He is learning to create and to be a good craftsman. The skills he is acquiring will be his for a lifetime. Together Bill and Gordon are working on building a relationship, the best part of the whole project.

Charley Drake



NCWA 2017 Programs and Shows

Date	Program	Show
March 7	Jigs & Fixtures and Shop Tips with Charley Drake	
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 Power Tools with Phil Kezele	
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	

Library News

Two New Carving DVDs added to Library

by Bill Pierce

Thanks to Gary Danilson and the Library Committee, we have two new videos to support the new woodcarving classes that started last year.

DVD 347 - **Wood Carving Basics** - David Sabol, Taunton Press

David Sabol has made his career as a professional woodcarver. This 2 DVD set is broad introduction to many different kinds of carving, including relief letters and signs, chips, and 3D figures, decoys and animals. The tools and techniques he covers include carving woods, knives, gouges and power carving, sharpening, painting and finishing. The material is immediately useful, and the teaching is insightful.

DVD 346 - **Chip Carving with Wayne Barton**

Wayne Barton is a recognized master in chip carving, which is succinctly described as geometrical carving done with a knife to remove a series of chips, one at a time. In the video, Barton covers and demonstrates the few basic tools and techniques from which complex chip carvings can be made. This craft is all about efficient motor skills. I did not find his teaching as natural, but it was an excellent demonstration of how he easily carves challenging and beautiful designs. Such a steady hand!

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 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
Mar 5	Fundamentals of Woodcarving	Bill Pierce	Full
Mar 11	Handcut Dovetails	Val Mathews	Full
Mar 18	Shop Tour		
Mar 25	Wood Bending	John Bellinger	3 spaces
Apr 1	Woodfest		
April 8	Bandsaw Use	Charlie Drake	Full
April 15	Pricing and Selling Your work	Paul Anderson	2 spaces
April 22	Make a Spokeshave	Steve Wagoner	6 spaces
April 29	Processing Wood for Projects & Compound Angle Mortise & Tenons	Tom Dolese	5 spaces
May 6	Exploring Woodcarving	Bill Pierce	3 spaces
May 13	Veneering Fundamentals	Greg Koenker & Jim Bucknell	5 spaces
May 20	Routed Bowls	Jerry Anderson	5 spaces
May 27	Sliding Dovetails	Tom Dolese	5 spaces

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This month we will have two winners in our tool raffle. Come on out on the 7th and grab a ticket and you may win either a Veritas 4-WAY Speed Clamp with an extension set or a Flexcut Chip-Carving Set (set of 3 knives). The Speed clamp comes highly recommended by Tom Dolese and I'm sure that Charley Drake will help you with some tips on using the chip-carving knives. See you on the 7th



WOOD FEST

WHEN: Saturday April 1st from 9 am to 4 pm and Sunday April 2nd 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 (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 1st, we may be able to pick up and return your pieces for you.



NCWA Board of Directors Meeting February 15, 2017

- Vice President Dale Brandland convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Mt. Vernon, WA.
- Members Present: Charley Drake, Mike Chaplin, David Shull, Jim Redding, Al Ashley, Bill Rawls, John Braun, Dale Brandland, Tim Wynn.
- The Board first reviewed the upcoming Shop Tour on March 18. Mike Chaplin indicated that John Bellinger was not getting a lot of volunteers from the Bellingham area for the tour. After discussion, it was decided to send out another request for volunteers targeted at an updated list of members living in the Bellingham area.
- Bill Rawls reviewed the planning for the Woodfest which will take place on April 1-2 in Sedro Woolley. Bill indicated that planning was going very well and that we would be working to fill out the participation schedule at the March General Meeting.
- Treasurer's Report. Al Ashley indicated that the Association has a total of \$6,845.35 in checking and savings accounts as of February 15, 2017. The Association had 177 members renew their membership for 2017 so far. Approximately 29 members did not renew their membership for various reasons. We have had 8 new members so far in 2017.
- Programs.
 - March Program will be a member participation program on Jigs and Fixtures led by Dave Strauss.
 - The April Program will be 'How to make an Adirondack Chair' led by Andrew Pellar and Jerry Couchman.
 - The May Program will be 'Making Bamboo Fishing Rods' with Tim Whittman.
 - The June Program will be 'Restoring Old Power Tools' with Phil Kezele.
 - The July Program will be a field trip to Northstar Door led by Jerry Couchman.
 - The August Program will be the picnic.
- Mike Titus' web report. The Board discussed the web report provided by Mike Titus, our webmaster. While some of the data suggested a drop in use by visitors and members, the Board did not feel that additional action was warranted at this time.
- By-laws update. Gary Danilson, who was not able to attend the board meeting, asked Al Ashley lead a discussion regarding appointing a committee to review the by-laws and recommend changes as needed. It was noted that the current by-law do not define which committees are 'standing committees'. After discussion, Mike Chaplin moved and David Shull seconded "to form a committee to review the NCWA By-laws and make recommendation to the Board for changes if necessary. Members of the committee would be Al Ashley, Gary Danilson, Jim Bucknell, and Jerry Couchman." The motion was passed unanimously.
- Dale Brandland adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Vendor Support Groups

Hardware Sales	2034 James St.	Bellingham	hardwaresales.net	360-734-6140
Bellingham Millwork Supply	3879 Hannegan Road	Bellingham	Bellinghammillwork.com	360-734-5700
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
SOUTH				
Martin Lbr/True Value	2730 Broadway	Everett	martinlumbereverett.com	425-259-3134
Arlington Hdw & Lumber	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 Center	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
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 2017

President	Dave Strauss	(360) 391-6367	Programs & Shows	Bill Rawls	(360) 387-2993
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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 with subject line as NCWA Newsletter.

Future Events

March 7	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
March 15	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
March 25	Saturday	Newsletter Deadline
April 1 & 2	Sat & Sun	Woodfest
April 4	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
April 12	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
April 15	Saturday	Newsletter Deadline



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