

Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

May 2017

General Meeting

Tuesday, May 2nd 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.



Adirondack Chair

May Program

Bamboo Fly Rods

On May 2nd Tom Fulk and Tim Whittman will show us some of the tricks needed to make fly fishing rods from bamboo. The precision necessary to join six pieces of wood into a tiny rod tip 1/16" in diameter is daunting. Each piece is tapered as well. I'm looking forward to learning more about this craft.

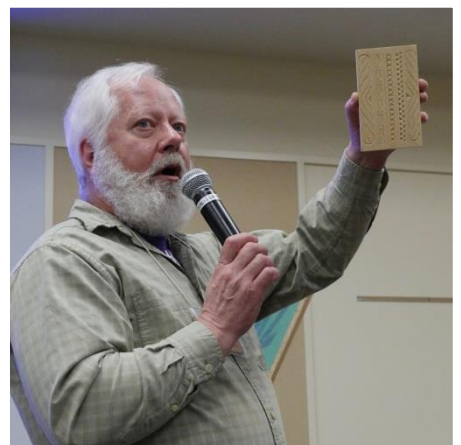
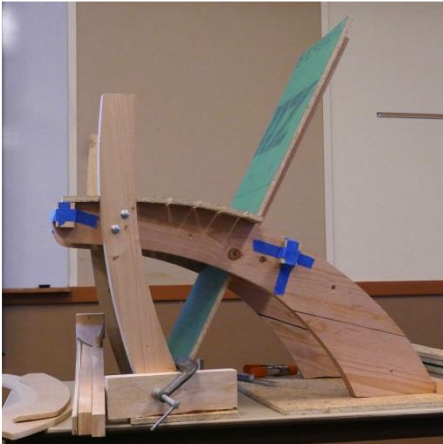
See you on May 2nd!



NCWA General Meeting Notes April 4, 2017

- The meeting was convened by NCWA President Dave Strauss at 7:00 p.m. in the Burlington Library.
- Al Ashley, the NCWA Treasurer, reported that we have \$6,461.47 in the club's checking and savings accounts. We also have 184 dues paying members with several more 'in process'.
- Al asked for a showing of interest in having a club hat. Approximately 35 members indicated interest in purchasing a hat. Significantly fewer indicated interest in buying a shirt or shop apron.
- Jim Bucknell announced that new members would have a red dot on their badges so that it would be easy to identify them and make them welcome. If you see someone sporting a red dot, make sure to introduce yourself and get to know them.
- David Vandette reported that the Woodfest show was the best in several years for the NCWA. He thanked everyone for their contributions.
- Charley Drake indicated that we would be putting together another visit to Jay Smith for a tour of his shop where he makes authentic Viking wooden boats. The last tour in October could not accommodate all interested members so another was scheduled in the spring. See the sign up list at the back of the hall.
- Dave Strauss announced the June meeting would include a 'President's Challenge'. All members were challenged to build a Bird Feeder or a Bird House. Get busy woodworkers and come up with a unique home for our feathered friends!
- Bring & Brag.
 - Andy Rudy displayed another one of his outstanding models. The one was a two masted ship called the Dolphin. Andy indicated the toughest part was the rigging. Andy continues to amaze us with his exquisite work and productivity.
 - Jerry Couchman showed us a spectacular aquarium stand that he built for his wife. He used Sapele and desert Ironwood. It looks great and, hopefully, will keep Jerry out of the doghouse for a while.
 - John Bellinger presented a really lovely couch table along with several beautiful steam bent boxes.
 - George May displayed a really intricate chip carved bowl which 'wow'ed the members. Great job, George.
 - Bill Rawls showed us one of his typically beautiful framed wood figures.
 - Gordy Dahl displayed a box that he built in Jerry Couchman's class with a really striking jasper medallion worked into the lid.
 - Bill Baer showed us a woodworking bench addition which he fabricated to help his back.
 - Charley Drake displayed some forge worked tools that he made in a blacksmithing class given by Paul Thorne.
- Gary Weyers won the raffle for the clamps. Congratulations, Gary and thanks to Tom Dolese for donating such a cool raffle prize.
- Program. Adirondack Chairs presented by Andrew Pellar and Jerry Couchman.
 - Andrew presented a short history of the Adirondack Chair which dates back to the early 1900s when it was originally designed by Thomas Lee who then had his design stolen and patented by Harry C. Bunnell. Andrew indicated that his design was an amalgam of designs garnered off the web (Pinterest, Houzz) as well as the Fine Woodworking Design. Andrew altered those designs to fit his needs for a chair with a higher seat. Andrew walked us through the design process from early sketches to scale drawings to full size drawings. He then showed us how he transitioned the design into construction. His presentation gave us a wealth of ready to use tricks and techniques for the design to construction process.
 - Jerry emphasized his use of a Fine Woodworking magazine article and the use of templates for the construction process. (Jerry offered to loan the templates to any club member who might want to use them). Jerry finished with a slide montage of the many looks that can be achieved within the Adirondack Chair basic blueprint.
 - This was an outstanding presentation by two of NCWA's best woodworkers. There was a wealth of learning to be picked up. If you didn't make the April General Meeting, you really missed a good one.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Adirondack Chair and Bring & Brag



Shop Tour Madness



The club had another well-attended Spring Shop Tour in March as it traveled up north to Whatcom County. Thanks to Ed Crouch, Jerry Couchman, David Kohles, Phil Humphries and Tom Dolese for opening up their shops for a great tour. After a light lunch in his shop we were treated to a short chair-making demo by Tom.

New Member Profile



Meet Paul Ingalls

Gary Danilson and Jim Bucknell recently had the pleasure of meeting new member Paul Ingalls at his lovely home in Sedro-Woolley. Paul is a Plans Examiner for the City of Anacortes and has known about NCWA for a number of years, primarily from his friendship with a former member, Ken Atkins. Recently, Paul was involved with NCWA member Jim Redding in his work for the City and decided that now is the time to join the most prestigious wood working club.

Paul has been doing woodworking for a number of years. He started out as a child whittling with a pocket knife until a crow took his knife and flew up to a telephone pole cross-arm with it . . . where presumably it remains today.

He worked in housing and commercial construction and enjoys experimenting with different finishes, especially the use of aniline dyes to color wood for dramatic effect.

Paul said he decided to join the NCWA now because he wants to get back into woodworking and he thinks the club (including the meetings, the presentations, bring and brag, the newsletter, etc.) will be a source of inspiration. Paul is interested in using jigs for woodworking. His past includes working for a man in Stanwood that made musical instruments in a company that was called "Traditional Instruments of Stanwood", where they made a number of dulcimers from a variety of woods. He also had a job at Bayliner Boats. He spent a lot of time in the Arlington-Marysville area while growing up and moved back to the Skagit Valley a few years ago.

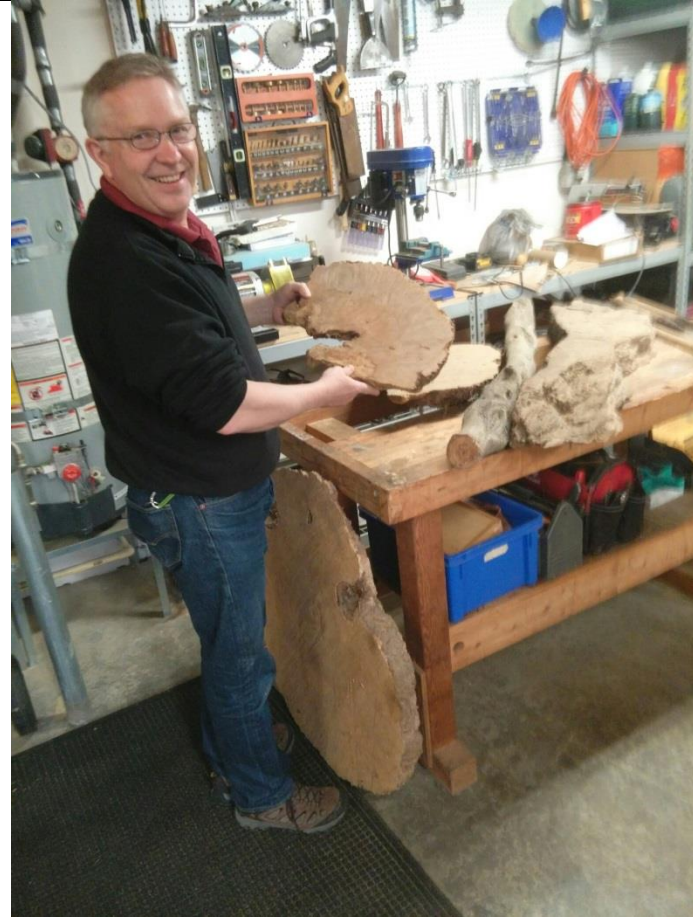
Paul and his wife recently bought their new home which overlooks the floodplain and has a beautiful view including a pond for which he is rebuilding a wood duck house which he hopes to install on a pole in the pond. We suggested that he record the installation in case it goes badly and he ends up in the pond. Paul would not commit to providing a visual record of the event but we tried.

Paul is currently establishing his shop in an outbuilding next to his house. It is an old farm building and he is in the process of building benches and figuring out how to best use the space which consists of two adjacent rooms. He recently bought a Ridgid tablesaw and he showed us some OLD but functional router motors and a number of hand planes that he has labeled and dedicated to specific uses.

He is also the proud owner of a brand new NCWA name tag with a red dot which the membership committee has decided to add to new members' name tags so the rest of us can know who is new and can make them feel welcome. So, start looking for people with red dots on the name tags and introduce yourself. When you meet Paul, you will be glad you did.

Submitted by Jim Bucknell and Gary Danilson

New Member Profile



Meet Kelvin Nesvog

Kelvin Nesvog, was raised in Canada but has lived in Washington for 34 years. His father was in the building trades and so was his grandfather. Kelvin has built several small row boats and also bedroom furniture and cabinets for his beautiful home located on a one acre lot in Stanwood. There is plenty of room on the lot to build that dream shop, this summer he plans to move the fence on his lot as a first step to that goal. Kelvin is a music lover and is interested in making his own guitars. Since he still works fulltime as a director at the Edmonds Community College, he has had limited time to devote to woodworking. However, he feels that by joining the club he will be motivated to spend more time to advance his woodworking skills. He is interested in attending NCWA's wood identification and sharpening classes. He was able to go on the latest shop tour and was inspired by what he saw. Kelvin was introduced to the club by Loran Wright.

Submitted by Bruce Reynolds and Al Ashley

RAFFLE TIME! RAFFLE TIME! RAFFLE TIME!

May is mortise month! We will be raffling off a very nice set of 6 Narex mortising chisels. Lee Valley sells them and they are made to their specs. So bring your NCWA badge to our May meeting and grab a raffle ticket. Remember we will be back at the Hillcrest Lodge.

See you on May 2nd!



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

NCWA WOODWORKERS CLASSES

Hello from your education committee! The May 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
May 6	Exploring Woodcarving	Bill Pierce	2 spaces
May 13	Veneering Fundamentals	Greg Koenker & Jim Bucknell	FULL
May 20	Routed Bowls	Jerry Anderson	3 spaces
May 27	Sliding Dovetails	Tom Dolese	1 spaces

NCWA 2017 Programs and Shows

Date	Program	Show
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	

YES! You Need Another Hat !?!



NCWA Hats

The club has ordered 50 hats with the NCWA logo. If you would like to purchase one of these classic hats bring \$15.00 with you to the next meeting (cash or check payable to NCWA).

An Open Letter To the Membership

The NCWA Board of Directors has initiated a long range planning process to identify areas of improvement for the club and to determine the club's future direction.

We begin this planning process from a position of excellence and strength. We feel that we are THE most successful woodworking club in Washington State and perhaps the NW region. You only have to look at our increasing membership numbers. The attendance at the monthly meeting is so good that we need to put 100 chairs in the hall and we have 190 members. We have the largest woodworking lending library in the state and our education classes are well attended and happening almost every weekend of the year.

When you consider all of this you might be asking, "If we are this good, why do we need to go through the review process?" Our answer to that is "if you want to continue being good at what you do, you should always be looking for ways to be even better".

With this thought in mind, the board would like to solicit your feedback on what you like about our club and see if there are areas where we can improve. We plan to do this by holding small group meetings in your area. We will try to hold these meetings at random times so that we can accommodate your schedules. Our hope is that you will think this is important enough to take the time to attend and bring your ideas and suggestions to us.

WOOD FEST

A great time on April 1st and 2nd at Sedro-Woolley High School Gym



NCWA Board of Directors Meeting April 12, 2017

- The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by President Dave Strauss at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Mt. Vernon.
- Members Present: Tim Wynn, Al Ashley, Bill Rawls, Gary Danilson, David Shull, Dale Brandland, Mike Chaplin, Charley Drake, Dave Strauss, Jim Redding, John Bellinger and John Braun.
- Others present: Samantha Chang
- Al Ashley gave the Treasurer's Report:
 - NCWA has a total of \$6,325.11 in checking and savings as of 04/12/2017.
 - NCWA currently has 190 paid members (compared to 178 last year at this time).
 - We have had 19 new members this year.
- Al then reviewed the quarterly financial report for the Board. All budget line items are in line with budget projections with no 'red flags' visible.
- Al then opened a discussion on the possibility of buying hats with NCWA logo for interested club members. The cost of the hat would be \$15. A brisk discussion followed focusing on how many hats the NCWA should buy up front for the membership. At the conclusion of the discussions, Al moved that NCWA buy 50 hats for sale to the membership at \$15 per hat. Jim Redding seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously by the Board. John Bellinger offered to run the program for the NCWA.
- Al then asked if we should offer a program to buy Fine Woodworking Magazine at a group rate for the club. After discussion, the Board agreed that offering a group rate for Fine Woodworking Magazine would be a beneficial service. Al will sign members up.
- Al Ashley and Gary Danilson then briefed that Board on some proposed Changes to the NCWA By-laws. The changes were primarily administrative and did not have any substantive impact on how the NCWA functions. One of these administrative changes was to designate the following committees as 'Standing Committees':
 - Education Committee
 - Membership Committee
 - Shows Committee
 - Programs Committee
 - Shop Tours Committee
 - Toys for Tots Committee
 - Library Committee
- After review and discussion of the proposed changes, David Shull moved that the draft changes be accepted by the Board for presentation to the membership at the May meeting. John Braun seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously by the Board.
- Dale Brandland then presented a report from an ad hoc group that was looking at the future of the NCWA. Dale will write a report for the entire membership in the May newsletter on these discussions.
- Charley Drake volunteered to get some business cards made up for the NCWA to be used to hand out at shows. The Board agreed this was a good idea.
- Last but definitely not least, Samantha Chang gave a report on the club's donation of the wood samples collection to Humboldt State University in California. Samantha invested a lot of time and effort to arrange the donation of this collection to the University. The Humboldt State University Department of Forestry and Wildland Resources sent a very nice thank you note signed by the entire faculty to the NCWA for this donation. Many thanks to Samantha for championing this donation.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Vendor Support Groups

NORTH

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
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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
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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 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
Shop Tours	John Bellinger	(360) 708-4036			

Future Events

May 2	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
May 10	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
May 20	Saturday	Newsletter Deadline
June 6	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
June 14	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
June 17	Saturday	Newsletter Deadline

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.

This month members of our club helped put on a wood and tool sale for Pat France of Anacortes. The sale was held in Gary Danilson's Mt Vernon shop and raised \$2,000 that Pat generously donated to Toys For Tots. Donations of \$1,015 each were made to the Whatcom County and Skagit County Toys For Tots units. Thanks goes to Jim Bucknell and Gary for helping make this happen.

I had a lady call me yesterday from Arlington that has live edge maple boards for sale. They are 3" thick, 2'-3' foot wide, 6'-10' long. Her name is; Erin Peterson, 360-305-6303. I don't know if this can go in the newsletter and it's OK if it doesn't. I can make an announcement at the next meeting. Thanks.

A friend had a large cedar taken down. I haven't seen it, but she says it's about 24" dia. The bad news is it's in 18" lengths. Near Lake Padden.

Call or text me 360 303-0155 Phil Humphries



NCWA NEWSLETTER