

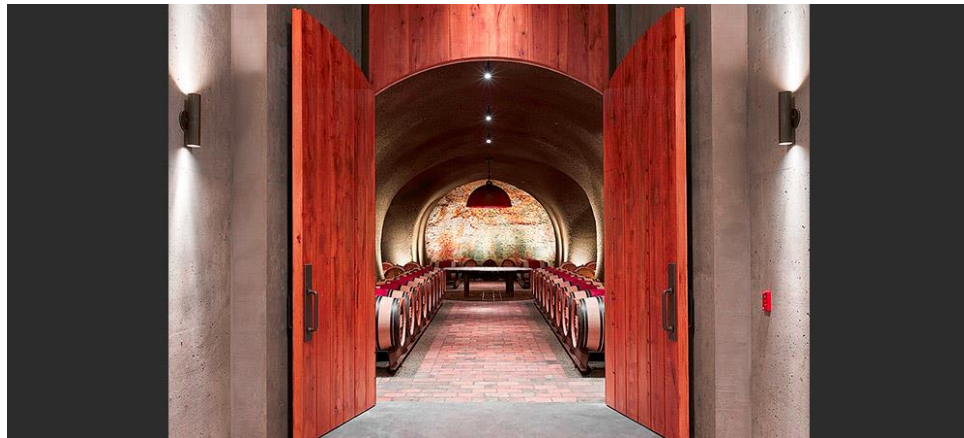
# Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

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July 2017

## July Program **Northstar Woodworks**

Our July 11th meeting will be held at NorthStar Woodworks, a custom door and window manufacturer located in Ferndale. NorthStar is owned and operated by two founding members of NCWA, Frank Chambers and Mike Anderson. Frank and Mike started their business in 1980 in a small custom furniture shop that occasionally made entry doors. When the demand for custom doors outpaced furniture, they began specializing in crafting fine wood doors. They have operated in their current state-of-the-art facility since 2001 and are recognized as one of the premier custom door and window shops on the west coast. They will give us a guided tour of their facility which includes some amazing production machines, many CNC operated. Since this is a field trip, our meeting will be abbreviated: *THERE WILL BE **NO** BRING AND BRAG SESSION and THE LIBRARY WILL **NOT** BE AVAILABLE.* Please arrive well before 7 pm to get your coffee and cookies and your ticket for the monthly tool raffle, which we will conduct. There will not be any chairs available, so you may want to bring your own for the short business meeting prior to the tour.



### **Next Meeting - July 11<sup>th</sup>**

At **NorthStar Woodworks** 7:00 PM, General Membership Meeting 6186 Portal Way, Ferndale, WA I-5 exit 263 just past the Nooksack River bridge. Turn right on Portal Way, drive .5 miles and look for a large blue building on the right set back from the road. There is no sign announcing that this is NorthStar Woodworks. The business just north of NorthStar is Northsound Refrigeration, and if you see Carl's Mower and Saw Shop on the left, you've gone too far.

## NCWA General Meeting Notes     June 6, 2017

- The meeting was convened by NCWA President Dave Strauss at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Lodge in Mt. Vernon.
- Al Ashley indicated that we only had one hat left for sale from the original order of 50. (It was later sold that night)
- Gary Danilson announced that there was free stain donated by Marysville Paint in the back of the room.
- Dale Brandland announced that he was stepping down as Chair of the Education Committee but that he would continue chairing the strategic planning process currently underway for the NCWA.
  - He also indicated that Greg Koenker would be taking over as Chair for the Education Committee.
  - He thanked Jerry Andersen, Jim Gleeson and Carol Osterman for their tremendous contribution to the committee.
- Dale Brandland indicated that the first regional meeting of the Strategic Planning Process in Bellingham (Tom Dolese's Shop) on May 23<sup>rd</sup> had 26 attendees. The next regional meeting would be in Arlington on Jun 12.
- Jerry Anderson announced that Jim Redding would be giving a new class on Wood Block Printing. He is currently looking for a couple more students.
- David Vandette announced that the Anacortes Arts Festival would be on August 4, 5, 6. Volunteers are needed for demonstrations, hosting, and display. Sign-up sheets are in the back.
- Bring & Brag.
  - Mike Forst showed us a jig for cutting slabs from logs as well as a very nice Myrtle box.
  - Carol Osterman displayed the results of her attendance at Jerry Andersen's Routed Bowl class. It was a really nice Monkey Pod bowl finished with Shellac. She also indicated that this was her first real woodworking project. Beautiful start, Carol!
  - Tom Thornton displayed a 'striking' Maple Burl clock finished with spray-on polyurethane. Great job, Tom.
  - Jerry Anderson and Larry Forsyth showed us a spectacular wooden toy crane constructed out of Birch, Walnut, and Birch plywood. It was finished with three coats of shellac. Fantastic workmanship. Kudos to both.
  - Jerry Couchman exhibited another stunning coffee table. It was constructed from book matched spalted, figured Maple with a Black Walnut base and a Maple trestle. It was finished with shellac and oil using epoxy to stabilize the soft spalted areas. He used butterfly keys to join the slabs. Once again Jerry has raised the bar for woodworking in the NCWA.
  - Jim Redding, not to be outdone by Jerry, displayed an equally beautiful live-edge, spalted, figured Big Leaf Maple coffee table. It was finished with polyurethane varnish. Wonderful work, Jim!
  - Jim Redding also displayed some of his woodcut prints that he made using Baltic birch plywood printing blocks and oil based printing ink. Based on these prints, his class on Wood Block Printing should be a real winner.
  - Gary Weyers showed us a Pachinko Game which he made out of some spare MDF. Nice job, Gary.
- President's Challenge. Build a Birdhouse or Bird Feeder.
  - John Braun kicked this off by showing us a really neat 'Light House' bird house.
  - Jerry Couchman followed up by revealing a 'Funky' Cat bird house made out of pine with a painted finish.
  - Jim Hickey displayed his octagonal bird house made out of Yellow Cedar, Cherry, Sapele, Madrone, and stainless steel. The Cherry and Sapele sections were finished with Teak oil. Neat use of wood, Jim.
  - David Steele went with a more natural looking bird house by building one out of a western Red Cedar Stump. He finished the bird house with a clear stain.
  - Steve Wagoner made great use of some scrap wood in the shop to construct two Acorn bird houses. He finished them with milk paint and urethane. Most original, Steve!
  - Jerry Anderson showed off his scroll saw ability with a set of Kiwi Birds and some routed bowls made out of poplar and white oak. He finished them with a brown and yellow textured spray paint.
  - John Gruenewald displayed his skill by making a very small bird house for a very small bird. He finished it with polyurethane.
  - Bill Rawls joined the crowd by making a bird house with a ball on top. It was constructed out of alder and madrone. He finished it with polyurethane.
  - Paul Anderson finished off the challenge with a great bird house built to resemble a gazebo.
- Program. Restoring and Using Old Woodworking Machines by Phil Kezele.
  - Phil presented a great program on the restoration of old woodworking machinery. He started off with a tutorial on how to get started.

- Get the Brand name, the serial #, and find reference manuals if at all possible. The internet is an invaluable resource.
- Before you start tearing it down, take plenty of pictures.
- Get a game plan to tear down and organize your effort.
- During tear down, use baggies, bins, boxes, and tags to mark pieces and keep them separated.
- Save tags and decals at all cost.
- Phil gave some invaluable tips and suggestions on working through difficulties.
- He then showed examples of some fantastic restoration work that he and his friends had done. The before and after pictures were incredible.
- Phil is an outstanding NCWA asset. Make use of him when you are contemplating restoration of machinery!



Phil Kezele



Bring and Brag Table

## NCWA 2017 Programs and Shows

Date	Program	Show
July 11	Northstar Door (Jerry Couchman)	
August 26	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	
December 5	Holiday Party, Election of Officers	

Bird Houses and Bring & Brag



Beautiful Bring and Brag items were proudly shared at the May NCWA meeting.



Wonderful fire engine toy



Beautiful custom table

Viking Ship Tour in May



Wonderful Ship



Jay Smith



## New Member Profile



### Meet Paul Benetti

Paul joined the NCWA after encouragement from his neighbor (and fellow new member) Gale O'Neil. Paul works for Boeing as an engineering tech liaison with airline customers. He grew up in the midwest with a Dad who was a woodworker and now as a Dad has decided to build beautiful desks for each of his 3 daughters as they head off to college. He has just drawn up plans for the third desk for his daughter Sophia. He has also done some nice custom work in the house that he and his wife Marie built east of Conway 14 years ago.

Paul is putting together a nice shop in the daylight basement of his home and recently converted all of his overhead lights to LEDs. He has been making plans to upgrade a few of his tools and says he appreciates the tool sales that are listed in the club newsletter. He recently took Val Matthew's hand cut dovetail class and is anxious to incorporate that into future projects. Welcome to the club Paul.

Submitted by Gary Danilson and Jim Bucknell



Stunning elaborately inlaid floors of the Habsburg Staterooms in the Albertinia in Vienna, Austria. The fine woods used in the intarsia floors are maple, walnut, oak, ebony, satinwood, rosewood, mahogany and palisander.



Submitted by Jim Bucknell

## Meet Christi Brua Weaver

Welcome an enthusiastic new member . . . Christi Brua Weaver (she goes by Christi Weaver so look for that name tag!) Christi and her husband (and dog and cats) moved to Mount Vernon about 4 years ago and have spent the last 3-1/2 years renovating their home. They are just about done with the inside and are starting on the outside by tearing up the driveway and having it repaved.

Christi learned about the most prestigious woodworking club from members Phil McCloud and John Erbstoerzer so we have them to thank for her becoming a member.

Christi is a construction supervisor for Habitat for Humanity and she joined the NCWA in January of this year. She started woodworking about 2-1/2 years ago during which time she apprenticed with a woodworker which allowed her to learn new skills and do several projects including a very substantial red oak dining room table.

Christi is making great use of NCWA. She thoroughly enjoys the programs. She says she loves seeing people's skills and passions, even if she will never make those particular items or perform those specific tasks. She also enjoys the bring and brag sessions and being inspired by the work of her NCWA colleagues. She has already taken several classes and is considering bringing the bowl from Jerry Anderson's routed bowl class to the next Bring and Brag session.

Christi likes to always have a project whether it is woodworking, crafting, remodeling, or any of a number of other activities. I'm not sure if or when she sleeps but, as long as she keeps participating in NCWA, we will all be better for it! Look for Christi at the meetings and help her feel welcome to NCWA.

## Woodezine

A free resource for woodworkers since 2003. NCWA website [NCWA Website Click](#) is linked in the clubs.  
[WOODEZINE Click](#)

Did you know that ALL of the NCWA NEWSLETTERS can be read on the [NCWA WOODWORKING](#)

## RAFFLE TIME! RAFFLE TIME!

Woodworking in style! At our next NCWA meeting we will be raffling off a Professional Woodworking Apron. This is by far the nicest apron I have come across, well thought out and practical with some great and useful features which includes a cross-back strap system that relocates the stress point from your neck and distributes the weight to your shoulders. If you have ever worn any of the traditional aprons you know what I am talking about. It comes highly recommended by Tom Dolese and in fact has been donated by him. Thank you Tom. So don't take my word for it, Tom wears one of these everyday all day. Ask him how it really feels. So come to our next meeting at Northstar, pick up a raffle ticket and you may just add a very nice "tool" to your shop.



## John Needs Wheels

John Braun, of NCWA Toys For Tots, needs wooden wheels for the cars and trucks being built for the Anacortes Arts Festival.

The requirements are:

- The wheels are made with a 1 inch hole saw, with a 1/4 inch drilled center. The thickness of the wheels can be from 1/4 to 3/8 inches.
- All wheels should be made of a hard wood such as Walnut, Beech, Alder, Sepele or other woods that will not break when the axle is driven into it.
- Sand slightly to round off sharp edges, and then dip into shellac.

If you already have some, or can build them, please bring what you have to the July 11th NCWA meeting. Sounds like a lot of work, but the children will really appreciate your contribution!

Thank you very much! Remember, that meeting will be held at NorthStar Door in Ferndale."



## **ANACORTES ARTS FESTIVAL**

The Anacortes Arts Festival is scheduled for August 4th, 5th and 6th this year. Dave Strauss and Charley Drake did such an awesome job last year that the Festival has invited NCWA to attend again this year as a live woodworking event in the Work Studio area.

We need your participation to make this year another fine representation by the NCWA membership for hands-on-woodworking. The Studio Work area hours are 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day.

Since thousands of people will be visiting our Work Studio during the three-day Festival, this will be a great opportunity to showcase our incredible skills.

Just as we did for a successful WoodFest in April, we need Greeters and Demonstrators along with Display items for the Arts Festival. Please be generous with your time and woodworking items."

### **Six Quick Benefits of Volunteering for the Anacortes Arts Festival**

1. Meet fellow club members and get to know them. It is hard to do at the meetings, which are so busy. Our club members are a diverse and interesting group.
2. The collective woodworking knowledge of our members is a gold mine. Are you digging into it? If not, you are missing out Big Time. Fix it! Just show up!
3. It is your club. Why not make it great? The club will be better for it and so will you. Everybody can come up with a reason not to get involved. Funny thing is that people actually enjoy it when they are there. Don't believe me – Try It! Don't worry if you're a newer member, I was one once, too. After participating, I found I got much more out of the club. I know that you will, too.
4. The weather will be great.
5. Lots to see in addition to our great woodworking. It is the premier regional summer event. Not to be missed. And we are offering you a front row seat.
6. There will be some great demonstrations by several of our members. What a great way to learn something or even try something out for yourself.

Contact information:

Demonstrations: Bill Pierce, 360-435-1674, email: [soaringswallowfarm@gmail.com](mailto:soaringswallowfarm@gmail.com)

Greeters/Display Items: Sascha Vandette, 360-755-3043, email: [s.vandette@comcast.net](mailto:s.vandette@comcast.net)"

## NCWA Board of Directors Meeting June 14, 2017

- The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by past President Charley Drake at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Mt. Vernon.
- Members Present: Tim Wynn, Bill Rawls, John Braun, David Vandette, Jerry Anderson, Mike Chaplin, Phil Choquette, Al Ashley, Jim Redding and Charley Drake
- Others present: Sascha Vandette
- Treasurer's Report.
  - Al Ashley reported that the NCWA had a total of \$5,481.10 in the checking and savings accounts.
  - He also stated that the NCWA now has a total of 197 members with 24 new members joining this year.
- Charley Drake indicated that Jerry Couchman and Mike Chaplin were taking the lead on upgrading the audio system for the club.
- Al Ashley reported that all 50 NCWA hats had been sold. Currently, there does not seem to be sufficient interest to place another order at this time.
- Al also reported that 15 members had signed up for a subscription to Fine Woodworking getting a group discount.
- David Vandette reported that we still needed more volunteers for the Anacortes Arts Festival. This announcement triggered an extended discussion. BOD members expressed hope that the ongoing strategic discussions might provide some solutions. We will push sign up for the Anacortes Arts Festival at the July meeting.
- Jerry Anderson indicated that while Greg Koenker will be the new chair of the Education Committee, he (Jerry) will be the representative of the Education Committee to the Board of Directors.
- The Education Committee will be actively looking for new members.
- Dave Vandette indicated that the Woodfest dates had been changed to April 14 and April 15 for next year. He also indicated that we would need more program brochures to pass out at the Anacortes Arts Festival. It was suggested that he check with Gary Danilson for the brochures.
- Strategic Planning Process.
  - It was reported that the second meeting of the Strategic Planning Process in Arlington went extremely well. Approximately 26 members or roughly 50% of the regions members attended.
  - Next meeting will be in Anacortes.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



### **FOR SALE**

Galaxy 1458 Heavy Duty 12 Speed Drill Press

New 5/8" capacity chuck, along with original 5/8" chuck  
Includes Foot Pedal and Work Light  
Runs well, in excellent condition, well cared for. Asking \$200.00

Black Walnut Beautiful pieces  
16.3 board feet, four boards. Asking \$70.00  
Contact Larry in Anacortes 360-299-9156, if interested.

## Vendor Support Groups

### NORTH

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>

### 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 & Lumber	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 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>

### 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 2017

President	Dave Strauss	(360) 391-6367	Programs	Bill Rawls	(360) 387-2993
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Education	Greg Koenker	(360) 543-7090			

## Future Events

July 11	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting at Northstar Door
July 12	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
July 15	Saturday	Newsletter Deadline
August 4,5 6	Fri Sat Sun	Anacortes Arts Festival
August 26	Saturday	NCWA Picnic
September 5	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
September 13	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting

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## **NCWA NEWSLETTER**

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.