



Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

June 2017

General Meeting

Tuesday, June 6th 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.



Tyrolean Awls

Old Hand Tools

June Program Restoring Old Power Tools

Have you ever been offered somebody's old woodworking machine from an estate of a friend or loved one or just saw something on Craigslist that reminded you of your high school shop class? Are you on a budget and can't afford to buy the latest and greatest shop equipment? If that's you, you may be interested in old woodworking machines or 'old arn' as I prefer to call them. Learn a little bit of what some might call a *voyage of discovery* by using old woodworking machines in your woodworking. What you won't get is factory support, dust collection, riving knife or flesh sensing technology but you will get is history, style, design, cast iron—and lots of it.

Come join me for a night when we will look at machines of old still used today.

Presented by Phil Kezele



NCWA General Meeting Notes May 2, 2017

- The meeting was called to order by NCWA President Dave Strauss at 7:00 PM in the Hillcrest Lodge in Mt. Vernon.
- President Strauss announced that to accommodate the travel schedule of the program speakers the program would be presented first to be followed by the break and then the traditional business meeting.
- Charlie Drake introduced the speaker, Tom Fulk, who presented the program “Bamboo Fly Rods”
- Program:
 - Tom said that he could tell the NCWA audience how to build a fly rod in 1 minute which he proceeded to do!
 - The procedures, which are easily and quickly described, are very difficult to achieve and to master in practice and require the construction of several specialized jigs.
 - Tom indicated that in addition to several jigs, the key to making a rod is the use of a hand plane- in his case a Stanley 9 ½. He pointed out that it is necessary to plane tapered pieces of Bamboo to within 1/1000 inch.
 - Bamboo for his fly rods is obtained from a very small area in China.
 - Tom demonstrated the procedures necessary to join 6 tiny tapered pieces of Bamboo making a fly rod tapering at the end to approximately 1/8 inch.
 - Tom had available his book, “Fundamental Concepts of Bamboo Fly Rod Design”, for those members wanting more detail on construction and design of Bamboo fly rods.
- The Coffee Break began at 7:45 at the conclusion of the formal program.
- President Straus reconvened the meeting at 8:00 PM.
- Tom Howorth won the raffle prize for the set of Narex Mortising Chisels. Congrats Tom!
- New members were introduced.
- Al Ashley presented a series of changes to the bylaws which were distributed previously to the membership by email. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the bylaw changes. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.
- Al also indicated that NCWA hats were available for sale at \$15 each.
- Al indicated that the NCWA is sponsoring a ‘Fine Woodworking’ group order available at a 20% reduction in the 1-3-year subscription price. Forms are available and members who are interested should send their completed form and a check made out to NCWA and send to Al Ashley.
- Dale Branland reported on the status of the NCWA education classes and indicated that while many of the classes were full, members should sign up anyway in case a cancellation makes a space available as well as to determine if another section of the class should be offered.
- Dale reported on the status of the Long-Range planning effort he is leading and indicated that he would be scheduling small group regional meetings to solicit input from the membership.
- Charley Drake announced that there was a sign-up sheet for the Jay Smith Viking Ship Boatyard tour scheduled for Saturday, May 27th.
- John Braun, Chairman for the ‘Toys for Tots’ committee publicly thanked Jack McKee, Jim Hickey, and Maggie McInnes for their help in the ‘Woodfest’ Toys for Tots display and demonstrations.
- Bring and Brag
 - David Helm – a beautifully made ADZE made from Big Leaf Maple and finished with Maloof Oil.
 - Ed Crouch – small box made from KOA with ebony splines and chestnut burl – detailed and exquisite.
 - David Steele – This Birdhouse is Dave’s first attempt at a bandsaw style project and was made from buckeye and finished with shellac. Good Job Dave!
 - Jerry Anderson – Vase made from Baltic Birch Plywood and finished with cherry stain and gloss polyurethane. This was Jerry’s first experiment with plywood and it turned out very nice.
 - Jerry Anderson – Routed Candy Dish made from Sapele and finished with 5 coats of clear shellac.
 - Bill Pierce – Carved Date Plaque made from Sugar Pine and finished with Spar Varnish.
 - Gene Radermacher – Wine Barrel Bench made from Oak and finished with Lacquer.
 - Kent Crouse – Sliding Top Box made from Walnut and Quilted Maple, finished with Varnish and featuring 80 and 100-degree splined joinery.
 - Kent Crouse – Routered Box made from Hububali and finished with Oil/Varnish. Kent indicated that it was a challenging wood to plane.
- The May meeting of the NCWA was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Bamboo Fly Rods and Bring & Brag



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



There should now be many Bamboo Fly Rods under construction in Skagit, Whatcom and King counties.

New Member Profile



Meet Charles Ogren

Charles Ogren joined our club in March after an invitation from Lee Schuirman. Charles was raised in California and enjoyed woodworking from an early age. In fact his Dad was a carpenter/foreman at Folsom Prison. Charles apprenticed in cabinetmaking and then worked in the carpenter's union for 26 years spending much of his time installing checkstands and fixtures for Safeway. Moving to Washington in 2008, Charles and his wife Carol now live near Big Lake in the last of 3 houses he has built. His log home is filled with trim and cabinetry crafted from the logs he milled on his property. Besides woodworking Charles enjoys hunting and gardening. He went on the Spring Shop Tour right after joining and has enjoyed meeting other club members. He has a box of carving tools left to him by his father and is hoping to take advantage of future carving classes offered by the club. Welcome to the NCWA Charles.

Gary Danilson



Meet Tom Voegeli

Tom Voegeli grew up on a farm in Kansas where he got his introduction to woodworking from his father. He recently retired from Caterpillar, where he worked for 36 years as an engineer, and moved out West to Bellingham. One day while riding his road bike, he saw Tim Wynn working in his shop. It didn't take long for Tim to convince him to check out our club's website. Tom and his son, who is also a woodworker, both came to our last meeting. Tom is still in the process of setting up his shop, but he's got a good start. There is a nice new Saw Stop cabinet saw in the center. He has several projects on his list including a new dining room table and a set of very creative end tables based on a wooden puzzle. He and his son built a prototype of the table from fir to see how it would look in the house. When you build the final version, Tom, be sure to bring it to one of our meetings!

Jerry Couchman

New Member Profile



Meet Dennis Dorgan

Dennis Dorgan grew up in Concrete, WA and currently shares a place in Bellingham with his good friend, Ben also from Concrete. Dennis has been interested in woodworking for a long time, but it really took off when he got hired at Pacific Rim Tonewoods, a company on State Route 20 that has been supplying wood to makers of fine musical instruments for over 30 years. Dennis considers himself lucky because he runs a giant resaw machine where he works and has access to lots of nice scrape wood that would simply be discarded. Since joining, he has already taken Bill Pierce's carving class and is anxious to learn more. His shop is starting to take shape and includes a small lathe that he loves to use (yes, he's also interested in the turners' club, but we can forgive him for that!) Dennis plays guitar in a rock band that does shows locally, Seattle, Eastern Washington and BC, so he also wants to build a guitar someday. Ironically, that's exactly how Pacific Rim Hardwoods was founded!

Jerry Couchman



Full House at May Meeting

RAFFLE TIME! RAFFLE TIME! RAFFLE TIME!

For our tool raffle this month we have a nice 7 pc. boxed Forstner bit set made by Wood River. So grab your NCWA badge and pick up ticket at our June 6th meeting . See you there.



NCWA 2017 Programs and Shows

Date	Program	Show
June 6	Restoring Old Power Tools with Phil Kezele	
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	

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.



For sale; Grizzly 6" x 80" Edge Sander Model G1531. Mounted on stand, extra large table, extra belts. Like new, \$500.00.
Dave Strauss, 360-491-6367

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE !!!



The June meeting will feature a President's Challenge for the Bring and Brag! Which member of the Association will have the best Bird House and Bird Feeder!? Inquiring minds want to know!

Step up to the challenge!

Come with your best bird house or bird feeder!

NCWA Board of Directors Meeting May 10, 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, John Braun, Bill Rawls, David Vandette, Charley Drake, David Shull, Mike Chaplin, Phil Choquette, David Strauss, and Jim Redding.
- Al Ashley gave the Treasurer's Report:
 - NCWA has a total of \$6,235.70 in the checking and savings accounts as of 05/10/2017.
 - NCWA currently has 197 paid members (compared to 181 last year at this time).
 - We have had 22 new members this year.
- Al Ashley reported that the sale of the club hats had gone very well. There are currently less than 10 hats left from the original order of 50.
- Mike Chaplin gave a brief report from the Ad Hoc Committee for making a better club. He indicated that the committee was ready to have regional discussion sessions to determine the thoughts of the membership with regard to improvements for the NCWA.
- The Anacortes Arts Festival will be August 4, 5, and 6. Members will be asked to sign up to support at the June General Meeting.
- The Picnic will be August 26.
- Programs.
 - The June program will be "Restoring Old Woodworking Machinery".
 - The July program will be at Northstar Door
- Shows.
 - The Shows Committee has been reformed as the result of the By-laws changes adopted at the May meeting. David Vandette will be the Chair.
 - Woodfest will definitely be held next year on April 28-29.
- Mike Chaplin brought up the difficulty that was experienced in the May meeting with the sound system. After discussion, David Shull moved and Mike Chaplin seconded the motion to upgrade the sound system. The motion passed unanimously. Charley Drake will investigate options for the upgrade.
- New Business.
 - Jim Davis needs new blanks to make nametags for new members. David Strauss volunteered to make the blanks.
 - Tim Wynn indicated that, due to an extensive traveling schedule over the next year, he would have difficulty fulfilling his duties as Association secretary. The Board suggested that he canvass 'likely candidates' to act as Assistant Secretary and to fill in when he was gone.
 - David Strauss indicated that he thought the Association should have some business cards to pass out to potential members and sponsors. The Board thought this was an excellent idea. David Shull moved and Charley Drake seconded that the Association purchase 500 cards. The motion passed unanimously.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:42 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	Bill Rawls	(360) 387-2993
Vice President	Dale Brandland	(360) 961-0102	Education	Dale Brandland	(360) 961-0102
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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	Shows	David Vandette	(360) 755-3043

Future Events

June 6	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
June 14	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
June 17	Saturday	Newsletter Deadline
July 11	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting at Northstar Door
July 12	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
July 15	Saturday	Newsletter Deadline
August 26	Saturday	NCWA Picnic

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.



NCWA NEWSLETTER