

## Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

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October 2017

### General Meeting

**Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</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.



Chris Barbo at work

## October Program

### **WELCOME BACK, CHRIS AND HOLLY, BARBO FURNITURE!**

The Barbo furniture company has been an active business in Bellingham for most of the past 80 years. Originally started by Chris Barbo's father and uncle, it had to close during WW II, and also briefly in 1978 when Chris's dad decided to retire. Eventually, Chris and his wife Holly opened a furniture store in Bellingham. They no longer run the store, but still build pieces on commission. Most of their current business is repairing and refinishing fine furniture and antiques. Some of you may have seen their presentation on laminating veneer in 2014. In this program, Chris and Holly will talk about how they do furniture repair and refinishing. They'll go into lots of detail and share some of their secrets! For more information on the Barbos, see their website at: [www.barbofurniture.com](http://www.barbofurniture.com)

## NCWA General Meeting Notes September 5, 2017

- The meeting was convened by NCWA President Dave Strauss at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Lodge in Mt. Vernon.
- President Dave Strauss reflected for a few moments on the death of long time members Doug Duehning and Jim Gleeson. They were good friends and woodworkers. They will be missed.
- Dave introduced new members and guests.
- Shop Tours.
  - The next Shop Tour will be October 21 for the area of Bow, Mt. Vernon and Burlington. John Bellinger is still looking for one more shop to round out the tour.
- Dale Brandland brought everyone up to date on the NCWA's strategic initiative. The Ad Hoc group is currently assembling all the comments that they received during the individual area sessions and will be sharing those comments with the whole membership shortly.
- Dave Vandette gave a report on the Anacortes Arts Festival. Everyone participating agreed that it was a success with several valuable lessons learned for next year.
- Bring & Brag.
  - Bill Rawls showed us a really nice Rosewood and Padauk table. He used Polyurethane for the finish.
  - Greg Robinson showed us an exceptionally cool Cherry and Sapele wastebasket. He and Tom Dolese will be giving a class on making these in the future.
  - Roger Shimer showed us a really nice stool which he made out of Koa and African Mahogany.
  - Tom Howorth displayed a beautiful Spill Plane made out of Curly Maple and Walnut. He finished it with Tung Oil and paste wax. He indicated that the hardest part of the construction was the compound angles.
  - Jim Bucknell displayed another one of his exquisite boxes. He used box joints on this one. He used figured Fir and finished it with polyurethane.
  - Dennis Lindsay presented a truly fabulous tool box which he built with Curly Maple, Cherry, Walnut, and African Limba. The box has 28 hand cut dovetails and is finished with Shellac over oil.
  - Charley Drake showed us another one of his miniature chip carved Bark Houses with a cool little door in the bottom. It is made out of Basswood and finished with polyurethane and dark wax.
- Samantha Chang, Bill Keeler, and Tom Dolese won three of the four raffle items. The fourth person got out the door before I could catch him and get his name.
- Program. Wood Movement by Charley Drake.
  - Charley gave a great program on wood movement with great take away lessons for woodworkers.
  - He gave us great insights on EMC (Estimated Moisture Content) of wood as well as how to determine where and how much wood will move depending on time of wood, cut of wood, and season/location.
  - Charley also gave quick tutorials on project design to allow for wood movement.
  - Bottom line: Excellent class which was appreciated by all.



## Bring and Brag



September's Bring and Brag showed us these masters of craft!



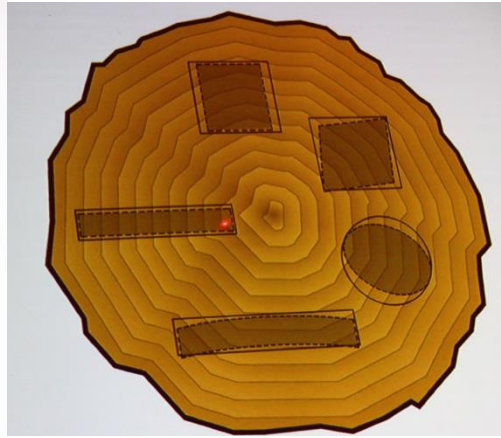
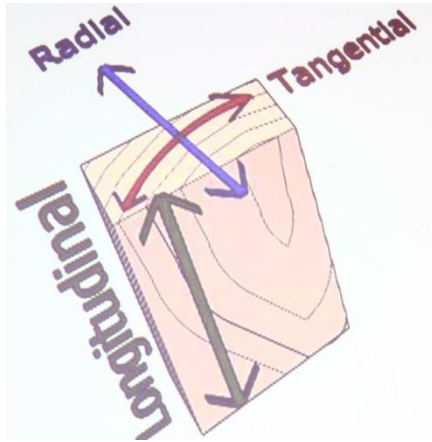
**COMING SOON TO  
BURLINGTON  
MT. VERNON  
SEDRO WOOLEY  
BOW!!**

## **THE FALL SHOP TOUR!!!**

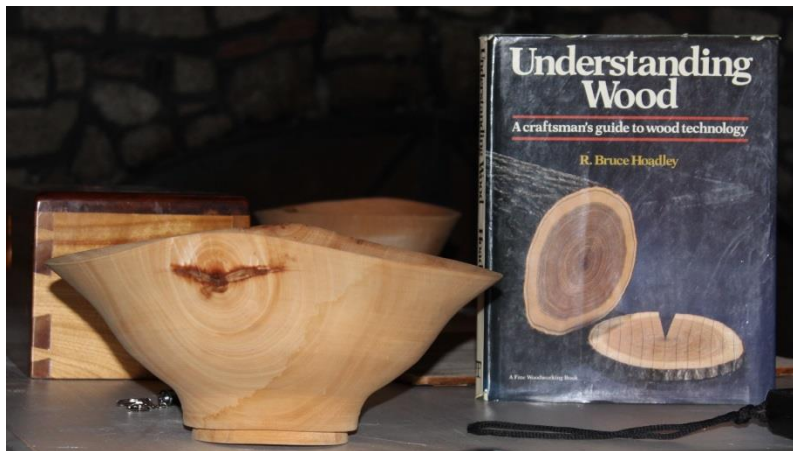
You could be part of this historic event. Please consider volunteering your shop as part of the tour. Benefits are numerous: starting with cleaning your shop for the first time in X years and gaining your significant other's admiration; finding that lost tool that you knew was there but couldn't see it because of all the junk; finding a really nice piece of wood buried under a pile of not so nice wood; getting good suggestions from the participants on how to make the shop better; feeling good about being part of one of the most favorite events that the NCWA holds. Please consider volunteering and contact John Bellinger (360) 708-4036.



## Designing with Wood Movement in Mind



Charley Drake presented an outstanding class on Wood Movement.



# 2017 Class Schedule

Hello from your education committee!

The FallClass 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
Oct 7	Constructing Segmented Waste Basket	Greg Robinson Tom Dolese	1 Space
Oct 14	Vacuum Applications	Greg Koenker	4 Spaces
Oct 21	Shop Tour		
Oct 28	String Inlays	David Shull	FULL
Nov 4	Router Basics	Jim Hickey	FULL
Nov 4, 11 & 18	Combination Box/Marquetry/Finishing	Jerry Couchman	FULL
Nov 11	Making a Routed Bowl	Jerry Anderson	FULL
Dec 2	Make a Wood Plane	Val Mathews	2 Spaces
Dec 9	Bandsaw Tuneup	Charley Drake	5 Spaces
Dec 9	Wood Identification	Samantha Chang	5 Spaces
Dec 16	Wood Carving	Bill Pierce	3 Spaces
Dec 16	Card Scraper	Bill Rawls	5 Spaces

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES - 2018

### **\$35.00 – Annual Dues**

Yes, it is that time again – time to renew your membership for 2018!

Earlier this year the Board voted to increase the annual dues from \$30.00 to \$35.00. With this small increase the club wants to make sure we have the funds to attract interesting speakers for our monthly programs, to continue to invest in improved audio & video equipment and to maintain our other programs.

Benefits of membership include:

- NCWA woodworking classes,
- Discounts from our vendor support group,
- Library books and CDs,
- Shop tours
- Monthly membership meetings
- Special events (Woodfest, Anacortes Arts Fest, etc.), and
- The opportunity to associate with the best group of woodworkers in the Northwest.

You can pay your dues (cash or check) at one of our regular meetings (the October meeting works) or you can mail your check payable to: NCWA, c/o Al Ashley, 26220 48th Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223. Dues are due by the end of January and membership cards will be available at the February meeting.

## NEW MEMBER PROFILE



### Meet Kris Abshire

Kris has been looking for a group that shares her love of wood and after talking to Charly Drake at the Anacortes Arts Festival she joined our club at our September meeting. While new to fine woodworking Kris is a lifelong weaver and textile artist whose work has been displayed in fine galleries in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest. She moved to LaConner in 2014 after living in Alaska for nearly 50 years. It was while in Alaska that she attended a workshop and made the pictured Aleut hunting hat. She still has her carving tools and is interested learning 2 and 3D woodcarving. A beginning woodworker, Kris is already mapping out space for a garage workshop. Kris is a passionate supporter of wildlife conservation and has been active in a number of conservation groups. She's also pretty active in the NCWA since she responded to Dave Strauss's call for volunteers and has offered to help out with coffee and cookies at our meetings. Anyone interested in finding out more about Kris's fabric arts career and her workshop offerings can check out [www.krisabshire.com](http://www.krisabshire.com).

Welcome to the club Kris!

## FOR SALE



### RBI Hawk 226 VS Scroll Saw

\$400. Good condition, very few hours of use. 26" throat allows for cutting large pieces. Variable speed. Includes about 20 blades (various TPI). Solid construction, made in the USA. You haul. I can help you load.

Phone or text Mike Titus at 360-389-7009.

## NCWA Board of Directors Meeting September 13, 2017

- The meeting was convened at 7:00 PM by President Dave Strauss at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Mt. Vernon.
- Members present: Jerry Anderson, Al Ashley, John Bellinger, Dale Brandland, Mike Chaplin, Phil Choquette, Gary Danilson, Charley Drake, Bill Rawls, Jim Redding, Dave Strauss and David Vandette.
- Others present: Sascha Vandette
- Treasurer's Report:
  - Al Ashley reported NCWA has a total of \$6,042.95 in checking and savings accounts.
  - He also stated NCWA now has a total of 209 members, with 35 joining this year, and two more are pending.
  - Anacortes Arts Festival:
    - NCWA received a \$300 presenter's fee from the Arts Festival
    - The club collected \$500 for the Toys for Tots program
  - Al will begin to collect \$35 annual dues at the October meeting for 2018. He will place a message in the next newsletter.
- Strategic Planning Process:
  - Dale Brandland reported the process is on track, reviewing results in committee
  - They will then meet with other Committee Chairs
  - The group is doing a great job
- Newsletter Considerations:
  - Classified Ads are a possible consideration, as in the NWWT Newsletter
  - Ask Tim and Jane what help they need and how we can provide support
  - Website improvement was discussed
  - Wood working articles were discussed, as were content/rules/guidelines.
  - Dale Brandland mentioned these are some of the topics the Strategic Planning Committee is working on
- Sound System:
  - Mike Chaplin reported the new ten foot projection screen will be installed by next Thursday, 09/21/17, in time for the next NWWT monthly meeting at Hillcrest Lodge. NCWA's shared cost with NWWT was about \$200.
  - The Committee is securing quotes from the Guitar Center in Bellingham, a nationwide company, several types of microphone: Lavalier, Headboom, Wireless and Handheld
  - Unanimous decision from the Board: we need all of them to cover a variety of situations. There is a 45 day return policy if any of the units don't work out.
  - We also need console and mixer adjustments, and an operator
  - We need a specific Audio-Visual Committee of at least three people for coverage and backup
  - The need for additional speakers and an amp is being considered. The existing speakers will be relocated eight feet toward the rear for better audio in the meantime.
- Committee Reports:
  - Bill Rawls reported the Programs Committee will have an October meeting, newsletter item to follow
  - Toys for Tots collection will be at the November meeting, so keep making those toys for the children
  - December meeting will be the Christmas Gathering
  - Coffee and Cookie Team: Need a new Chair and a Team of three or more to provide the service.
  - Other 2018 replacements are required for Vice President, and Chairs/Teams for Toys for Tots and Raffle.
  - Newsletter recruiting write-ups should be sent to Al Ashley
  - John Bellinger reports the Shop Tours event is Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, in Burlington and Mount Vernon area (and maybe Sedro-Woolley).
  - Jerry Anderson reports the Education Committee is scheduled through December now. Mid-month reminders are going out. Winter and Spring classes are being scheduled. There will be multiple reminders.
  - Gary Danilson reports the Membership Committee has provided brochures and holder stands to multiple vendors. We will have a revised brochure in 2018. We would like the new members to all stand as a group, and pass the wireless mike among them for introductions.
- New Business:
  - Dale Brandland reports that Ed Pysher has a friend in Concrete who has two 48" Black Walnut logs and will sell them at a discount to NCWA members. Ed and Dale will check it out and report back.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

## **RAFFLE TIME! RAFFLE TIME! RAFFLE TIME!**

October is just around the corner and it is time to start signing up members for next year. So in order to tempt you to come to our October 3rd meeting with your checkbook, the club is raffling off a Lie-Nielsen #102 Bronze Low-angle Block Plane. This little gem will be a great addition to anyone's shop. It was picked by Fine Woodworking Tool Guide as the "Best overall block plane" and the "Best value block plane" (2012, 2013, 2014). So grab your NCWA badge and pick up a free raffle ticket and you just may walk away with this very fine tool.



## **Volunteer Help Needed**

To All NCWA Members:

As you know, our woodworking club runs on its volunteers - from the folks that set up chairs before each meeting to the board and committee members that keep the club running year round. Now we are looking for some new volunteers.

We need some folks to take over Jim Houston's job of making coffee and getting cookies for our monthly meetings. It involves getting the coffee equipment from the storage unit, going to Costco for cookies, and coming early to get the coffee started. We are thinking that if this were a committee of 3 people, then it would be easier to do. Thank you new member Kris for stepping up already!

Next we need to replace Jim Hickey, who has been handling the tool raffle. This would involve researching and buying cool tools to be raffled, and running the raffle at the meeting. Jim will help you get started.

Next we need someone to replace John Braun as committee chair for Toys-for-Tots. It would involve coordinating toy building groups in the club, and coordinating with shows to promote Toys-for-Tots. John can help you get started and answer questions.

I would like to thank Jim, Jim, and John for their hard work and dedication to these positions. I know they had fun and enjoyed the work.

If you want to volunteer or have any questions, please email or call me. You can also contact any one of the board members and they can help answer questions. Board member phone numbers are listed in the monthly newsletter.

Thank you,  
Dave Strauss,  
President, NCWA



## 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>
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
Vice President	Dale Brandland	(360) 961-0102	Education	Greg Koenker	(360) 543-7090
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	Shows	David Vandette	(360) 755-3043

## Future Events

October 3	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
October 11	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
October 21	Saturday	Newsletter Deadline
November 7	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
November 15	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
December 5	Tuesday	NCWA Christmas Party

## [NCWA Website](#)



## **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.