



# Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

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December 2017

## General Meeting

**Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 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.



Magnificent Wood House

## December Christmas Program

The program for our December meeting will be our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Party at Hillcrest Lodge. All members are invited to bring their spouse or significant other for what is always a good time. We'll have our Toys For Tots Benefit Raffle, our Christmas Woodworking Challenge, presentation of the club's Spirit Award and election of next year's officers.

Our social hour will begin at 6:00 and this will be your time to purchase raffle tickets for what will again be some pretty amazing prizes. The club will provide our usual cheese table, coffee, hot cider and bottled water. We're asking that member please bring a small appetizer, salad, pot luck dish or dessert. Please remember that we won't be using the lodge kitchen this year so please bring food items that don't need cooking or warming up.

For this meeting only, we're asking that you enter through the Hillcrest Lodge main entrance on the west side of the building. This will allow you to drop off your food item and woodworking project and pick up a nametag. The sidewalk leading to the main entrance is off the west side of the parking lot about 75' south of the lodge.

All club members should have received an email invitation. Please help us plan your evening by RSVP'ing. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

## NCWA General Meeting Notes - November 7, 2017

President Dave Strauss opened the meeting with a welcome and introduction of guests and new members. Election for 2018 officers will be held at the December meeting. The proposed slate of officers is as follows:

President Dale Brandland  
Vice President, George Knutson  
Secretary, Tim Wynn  
Treasurer, Al Ashley

John Bellinger congratulated the members for their attendance at the Fall shop tour. We thank him for his hard work, arranging it.

Gary Danilson said a few words about the upcoming Christmas meeting which will be a pot luck, with the club providing the meat entree. To insure the proper amount of seating, please RSVP to your invitation. There will be a bucket raffle with many very nice donated items. Proceeds go to Toys for Tots program. Bring your partner.

We are invited to attend an open house at Grizzly Industries on December 1, 2017 from 8:30 to 5 o'clock. There will be donuts. Our Toys for Tots display covered ten tables, with bags of toys leftover. Bill Baer and his wife Lorriane were responsible for a good deal of them. John Braun and Jerry Anderson each gave brief talks on the ease of building toys, with examples of their methods.

A Marine Representative, Rick Blazedel, was on hand to accept the toys.

Show and tell:

Jerry Couchman again displayed his careful craftsmanship with a Pagoda Urn, built for a friend, out of maple, sepele, ebony and brass, and finished with shellac and oil/varnish

Bill Ballentine displayed a lovely box made in one of our classes, constructed of sapele and finished with osmo oil.

Kent **Crouse** displayed a unique sliding top box, constructed of Elm and finished with varnish. He found the corner joinery challenging, with 80 and 100 degree corners.

Chad Lewis, who was a visitor brought a Keepsake Box, made of Black Walnut, Maple, and Plum. He used an interesting design feature, contrasting plugs in his own pattern. It was very nicely finished with only Beeswax.

SEE YOU AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY Tuesday, December 5 ,2017



## Bring and Brag



View all pictures [at CLICK HERE](#)  
November's Bring and Brag showed us these masters of craft!



Toys for Tots treasures for the kids!



## Viking Boat Launch



View all pictures [CLICK HERE](#)





### Meet Jamie Fell

Jamie Fell is from Perth, Australia and wound up in Eastern Washington through an agricultural exchange program. When he met the love of his life, he stayed. In his professional life, he operated a fencing business for some time then became interested in carpentry. He went through a carpentry apprentice program in Mt Vernon, then, as a member of the local carpentry union, he worked as a foreman for two commercial contractors in the Bellingham area. Sadly, he was forced to retire early as a result of a stroke in 2012. That's when he started woodworking to keep his mind and hands as active as possible. His shop in Ferndale is very well equipped and he currently has some very nice furniture projects in progress. In addition to the basics, he also has a full sized CNC machine which has expanded the complexity of projects that he can do. He learned about NCWA through Tom Dolese when he took some of Tom's classes. Jamie is looking forward to learning how to make boxes so I think I'll get to spend more time with him!

Jerry Couchman



### Meet Ivan Schierling

Ivan Schierling was exposed to woodworking at an early age growing up in Oakland, CA. In addition to a school shop class, his grandfather and a family friend were important influences. His degree is in math and had planned on becoming a teacher, but his passion is in Japanese woodworking and joinery and teaching children about woodworking. While he was still in the Oakland area, he enrolled in the Zen Joinery Apprenticeship program under Paul Discoe to learn Japanese joinery and hand tool use. He also participated in an EcoNest Japanese timber framing workshop to further his woodworking skills. He is a member of Kezuroukai USA, an organization dedicated to the preservation and transmission of traditional Japanese hand tool carpentry techniques, and even made a trip to Japan for one of their conventions. After volunteering with Kids Carpentry in Seattle, originally founded in Berkeley, CA, he realized that teaching kids about woodworking was important to him. He currently works at Grizzly in the Bellingham store, but his long term goals include setting up a woodworking business with a shop that includes teaching. He plans to participate in the November Shop Talk session in Whatcom County by demonstrating sharpening techniques.

Jerry Couchman

## ***SHARP, SHARPER, SHARPEST !***

What would happen if you asked 8 different woodworkers about sharpening? Well, we did.

At the latest **SHOP TALK** session, graciously hosted by Jerry Couchman, 8 members demonstrated their sharpening methods for members from Whatcom County.

Each sharpener set up a station and demonstrated how they sharpen their various tools. Members were encouraged to bring in their tools and several did. You could visit each station and see the methods to sharpen tools, ask questions, and try them out.

Dave Blair used ceramic stones for general sharpening and shaped hones for carving tools. Andrew Pellar used sand paper on glass to sharpen chisels and card scrapers. David Shull sharpened hand saws. Mike Chaplin and Mike Titus had different Tormek systems. Rick Anderson brought his Work Sharp. David Helm used diamond lapping film to sharpen straight and curved tools. And Ivan Schierling used Waterstones to sharpen Japanese tools.

Talk about one stop shopping. Where else could you see all such a variety of sharpening methods being demonstrated all in one place? Thanks to one and all who participated in making this a success.

Next up – Routers! Stay tuned.

[VIEW ALL PICTURES HERE!](#)

Andrew Pellar

## ***SHOP TALK      SHOP TALK      SHOP TALK      SHOP TALK***

**WHAT IS SHOP TALK?** Its part social, part educational, part shop tour, and all fun. The events are smaller regionally based events occurring in member's shops.

**WHY IS IT LIMITED IN SIZE? AREA?** Our club is great but the monthly meeting is big and busy. It's hard to get to know people and to dive into much detail in 2 hours. Shop Talk offers an opportunity to connect with members from your neck of the woods in a smaller more relaxed setting.

**WHEN WILL IT COME TO MY AREA?** This depends on you. It is your club and you get out of it what you put into it. This is not a top down organized event. Our hope is that enthusiastic members will connect with each other and explore things of interest to them. We cannot continue to rely on the same few to do all the work. Besides, this is not work; it's fun.

**HOW DOES IT HAPPEN?** It's easy. It starts with one person deciding they want to get more out of the club. You are out there. We know, we heard from you in the regional club improvement meetings.

- Contact Al Ashley at (360) 474-9711 He can target your email invitation to regional members – be it County or City.
- Send out a local inquiry to gauge interest. (We can help you with this)
- Pick a topic, any topic. It could be purely social to get to know fellow club members. Or try a specific topic – Sharpening, Mortise and Tenon. May just have a generalized question and answer session.
- Pick a Place – Your shop, a host shop, maybe a restaurant for social settings. They all work. You made need to limit attendance because of space limitations. Don't worry about that. It just means people want more. Then host another session or better yet get others involved.
- Pick a Time and Date.

That's it. Get going! There is a wealth of talent and knowledge in our membership just waiting to be tapped. Shop Talk is a step in the right direction.

# 2017 - 2018 Class Schedule

Hello from your education committee!

The NCWA cLASS 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
Dec 2	Make a Wood Plane	Val Matthews	Full
Dec 9	Bandsaw Tuneup	Charley Drake	Full
Dec 9	Wood Identification	Samantha Chang	4 Spaces
Dec 16	Wood Carving	Bill Pierce	Full
Dec 16	Card Scraper	Bill Rawls	Full
Jan 6	Clamping and Gluing	Jim Bucknell	Full
Jan 13	Make a Stool	Bill Baer	4 Spaces
Jan 20	Varnishing Techniquis	Richard Gillingham	4 Spaces
Jan 27	Jointer Tune-Up	Charley Drake	2 Spaces

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES - 2018

### **\$35.00 - Annual Dues**

Dues for 2018 have been rolling in. Over half of the membership have already renewed 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.

The many benefits of membership include: participating in woodworking classes, discounts from our vendor support group, library books & DVDs, excellent programs at monthly membership meetings, shop tours, and the opportunity to associate with the best group of woodworkers in the Northwest.

(Remember, you can only sign up for a class if you are a current member)

It is not too late to pay your dues (cash or check) at one of our regular meetings or you can mail your \$35.00 check payable to NCWA. Please mail your dues to:

NCWA, c/o Al Ashley, 26220 48th Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223.

**Dues are due by the end of January**

Membership cards will be available at the January meeting.

## NCWA Board of Directors Meeting November 15, 2017

- The Meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by President Dave Strauss.
- Members Present: David Shull Jerry Anderson, Dale Brandland, George Knutson, Bill Rawls, David Vandette, Sascha Vandette, Jim Redding, Mike Caplin, Charley Drake, John Braun, Phil Choquette, Dave Strauss.
- Treasurer's Report (sent by Al Ashley in abstentia): Checking acct: \$4,463.43, Savings acct: \$3,402.92. Current membership: 220 (compared to 198 last year at this time).
- Programs and Shows Committee Report:
  - Gary Danilson sent information on Christmas party. The lodge no longer has a piano. Aside from that, the party will be similar to last year's event.
  - This is an event for members only, no guests. New member should attend in January.
  - Needs a head count. Will send invitations shortly.
- Tool raffle discussion
  - It was moved to increase the tool raffle budget to \$900. This change in budget will be discussed more at the next BOD meeting.
  - Name tags will be required to participate in the tool raffle.
- Bill Rawls discussed professional woodworkers to be invited to present at club meetings next year.
  - He is in the process of contacting four professional woodworkers
  - So far, one commitment, one tentative, two likely presenters
  - The BOD agreed that an honorarium of \$200 would be appropriate, unless Bill can negotiate a cheaper rate.
  - Other programs next year will feature club members
  - Some planned programs: Jim Bucknell "Tips and Tricks", Tom Dolese, George Knutson, Jerry Couchman, along with a few professionals from outside the club including Seth Roland.
- Dale Brandland discussed the Whatcom County shoptalk. 30 people attended. The meeting focused on sharpening techniques. Dale encouraged other regions to organize similar small or hands-on gatherings.
- Mike Chaplin discussed the strategic planning meetings that have been occurring and identified five areas for improvement or for focusing effort: communication, member participation, Monthly meetings, Diversity of woodworking experience, General club structure.
- Mike Titus (in abstentia) and club web site: Four members are helping to improve online presence (Mike, Bill Rawls, Greg Koenker, and John Bellinger). They are meeting to consider improvements and expansion of the NCWA web site.
- Elections: All positions are filled or have members who have agreed to run.
- Jerry Anderson discussed presented information from the education committee. Plans to offer more project-based and perhaps multiple date classes.
- Dave Vandette discussed upcoming shows. Woodfest: April 14-15<sup>th</sup>.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM



Shop Talk action! See full article above in newsletter!



## 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>
FASTCAP	5016 Pacific Highway	Ferndale	fastcap.com	<b>888-443-3748</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>

## 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
Member at Large	Jim Redding	(206) 307-4553	Member at Large	David Shull	(360) 393-7926
Member at Large	Phil Choquette	(360) 675-8320	Member at Large	Mike Chaplin	(360) 305-5112
Shop Tours	John Bellinger	(360) 708-4036	Shows	David Vandette	(360) 755-3043

## Future Events

December 5	Tuesday	NCWA Christmas Party
December 13	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
December 16	Saturday	Newsletter Deadline
January 2	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
January 10	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
January 20	Saturday	Newsletter Deadline
February 6	Tuesday	NCWA 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.