



Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

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April 2018

General Meeting Tuesday, April 3rd 7:00 PM **Burlington Library**

Take I-5 to Exit 230 (State Route 20). At exit, turn east onto State Route 20 (Rio Vista Ave), to S. Burlington Blvd.
Turn left onto S. Burlington Blvd. At next light, turn right onto E. Fairhaven Ave.
Just after the Post Office (on the right), at the next 4-way stop, turn right onto S. Anacortes Ave. Drive one block. Turn left (east) onto E. Washington Ave.
One block up, Burlington Library is on the right.
Parking is available on both sides of street in front of the Library, on the east side of it. Also parking on E. Washington Ave. in the next block east of the Library.



Stuart Welch Clock

April Program Tom Dolese

Our April program features club member Tom Dolese. Tom builds gallery and commission pieces and teaches woodworking classes in his Bellingham Wa studio. Tom will highlight what's new in his shop and feature some of the projects our club members have built in his classes. Time permitting he will talk a little about the process of building a chair.

Come and enjoy Tom's presentation on April 3rd

This month "*The Raffle*" be giving away two aluminum clamps which were purchased from Tom Dolese at a great price, a Lee Valley picture frame clamp (valued at \$38), and a couple of Hardware Sales T-shirts. Make sure to wear your NCWA membership badge.

President's Spring Woodworking Challenge

Beads of Courage

Our first woodworking challenge this year will be to build a box or turn a bowl that you can donate to **Beads of Courage**. This is a program dedicated to helping children cope with serious illness. Through the program children receive colorful beads to acknowledge their courage in completing each step of their treatment program. Children who are patients at the Cancer Care Unit of Seattle Children's Hospital will be receiving your boxes. [Click here](#) to watch a 2 minute video about the Beads of Courage program.

We're asking that you build a lidded box or bowl that will give these kids a treasured place to keep their hard-earned beads. We'll build our boxes in April and May and bring them to our June 5 general meeting. We'll deliver the boxes to Seattle Children's later that week. To see the build requirements for the boxes [click here](#). The club will supply the ceramic logo bead to incorporate into your box.

Find out more at our April 3 meeting at the Burlington Library. We'll have some sample boxes and we hope to have some box-building sessions and mentorships available to club members who might like a little help. Here are some examples of what other woodworking clubs around the country are doing for this great program: [click here](#) and [click here](#).

For more info contact: Jim Bucknell jimbowbucknell@gmail.com (360) 766-5088

Gary Danilson gdanilson@hotmail.com (360) 540-5768

Board of Directors Meeting

NCWA Board of Directors Notes - March 14, 2018

- The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by President Dale Brandland.
- Members Present: Tim Wynn, Sascha Vandette, David Vandette, Bill Rawls, John Braun, Mike Titus, Jerry Anderson, Gary Danilson, Mike Chaplin, George Knutson, Kent Crouse, Dale Brandland, Al Ashley
- Others present: Ed Pysher, Jim Bucknell
- Al Ashley gave the Treasurer's report.
 - NCWA has a total of \$6580.18 in checking and savings as of 3/14/2018
 - NCWA has a total of 200 members as of 3/14/2018 with 7 memberships pending
- Gary Danilson led a discussion on a 'departed member survey' that he had conducted as part of the membership committee. The Board agreed with Gary that at present no specific trend could be identified from departing members. Gary will continue to monitor this aspect of membership.
- Dale Brandland led a discussion on the NCWA Strategic Plan (Feb 2018).
 - Many aspects of the plan were highlighted and discussed to include participation in committees, the financial sub-committee, and focus groups.

NCWA Board of Directors Notes - March 14, 2018 (continued)

- committee, and focus groups.
- After discussion, David Vandette moved that the Strategic Plan be accepted by the Board.
 - Further discussion followed. It was emphasized that acceptance of the plan by the BOD would not mean acceptance of all the recommendations. Each recommendation would have to have a separate action by the BOD.
 - After this discussion, Jerry Anderson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously by the Board.
- Gary Danilson reported on his efforts to find a different and larger venue for the NCWA. He indicated that the Burlington Community Center potentially had enough room but it came with a higher cost and restrictions that may not be acceptable to the NCWA. It was agreed to continue looking for possible venues and get more information on the Burlington Community Center.
- Shows. David Vandette gave an update on preparation for Woodfest. He indicated that he still needed some volunteers and display items. Woodfest will be April 14 and 15 in the Sedro-Wooley High School Gymnasium.
- Education Committee. Jerry Anderson gave an update for the Education Committee.
 - Committee is going very strong.
 - They will start an active program to look for Assistant Instructors.
 - They are starting to formulate a new Calendar for next year.
- Toys for Tots. John Braun indicated that the person handling the program in Skagit County will not be doing that anymore. There is no indication that anyone will take his place. This triggered a discussion on potential changes to the program. John requested that a budget for the committee be set up next year to handle incidental expenses.
- Ed Pysher (BOD member and ex-President emeritus) raised the issue of dealing with the estates of deceased members. He highlighted the needs of Bill Baer's widow who needs help disposing of his many shop items. After discussion, it was decided that formulating a policy on this issue would be difficult and that the BOD would leave this type of initiative to individual members and lend support with communication and member data when appropriate.
- Beads of Courage. Gary Danilson and Jim Bucknell gave an information program on this program which provides beads to young children undergoing treatments for life threatening illnesses. Gary and Jim indicated there is a need for boxes which the children can use to hold their beads. Gary and Jim suggested that this could be something that the NCWA could do. The BOD agreed that this was something we could be involved in and suggested that the NCWA form a focus group to pursue that effort.
- Vendor Discount Program. Previously a member of NCWA had raised concerns about the NCWA providing a third party with a member's personal information (e.g. email address) without first obtaining approval from the member. As a result of those concerns, Gary Danilson prepared a draft recommendation with regard specifically to the Hartville vendor discount program. After discussion by the Board it was determined to broaden the recommendation to include any vendor discount program that requested personal information about the members. The revised recommendation reads:
 - The NCWA will participate in vendor discount programs under the following conditions:
 - NCWA will notify members that participating in the program is voluntary and they may opt out at any time.
 - Any NCWA member that advises the Membership committee Chairman that they do not want to participate in the vendor discount program (i.e. opt out) will be excluded from the member information provided to the vendor.
 - A listing of participating NCWA members and contact information will be provided to the vendor.
 - New members joining NCWA will be advised when they join the club that the vendor discount program is voluntary and that they may opt out if they wish.
 - Annually, NCWA will notify members, via the club newsletter, that the vendor discount program will be renewed (generally in February) and that any club member that wishes to not participate will need to notify the Membership Committee Chairman.
 - The Membership Committee Chairman will provide the Club Treasurer with names of those members who have opted not to participate in the vendor discount program.
 - Al Ashley moved and Mike Chaplin seconded that the revised recommendation be accepted by the Board. The motion passed unanimously.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



View all March pictures at [MARCH PICTURES !](#)



A wonderful variety of superb woodworking creations from March

WOOD FEST 2018

WoodFest Invitation

WoodFest is part of the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival - By volunteering to be a NCWA greeter, demonstrator, or providing items for display or sale, you:

Become a participant in the area's premiere Spring event.

Saturday, April 14th, 10 AM – 4 PM and Sunday April 15th, 10 AM – 3 PM

Our booth will be located at Sedro-Woolley High School in the gym.

Meet fellow association members and get to know them. Our members are a diverse and interesting group.

The collective woodworking knowledge of our members is a gold mine. Are you digging into it? If not, you are missing out. There is an easy fix – Sign up and show up! You may even discover a mentor or the opportunity to become one.

The old saying "You get out of it what you put into it" is the key. This is your association – it will be better, and so will you, when you participate.

There will be great demonstrations by several of our members. What a wonderful way to learn something new!

Everyone who signs up (and shows up) will be entered in a drawing – the prize is dinner for four at the Vandette house. Roast Beef & Yorkshire anyone?

Contact Information:

Demonstrations:

Bill Pierce

soaringswallowfarm@gmail.com

Greeters/Display Items:

Sascha Vandette

s.vandette@comcast.net

Save the Date

On April 14th, Woodcraft Seattle will celebrate the art and craft of Japanese woodworking.

Join us for Japanese hand tool demos, Japanese snacks, door prizes and sale pricing on all our Japanese hand tools.

To add to all the fun, we're going to have a Japanese style hand plane contest. The contest is open to both Japanese and Western style hand planes. There will be prizes in each category. The winners from each group will face off for the title of "Seattle World Hand Plane Champion" and take home the grand prize and the bragging rights that go with it!

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 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
Mar 31	Make a Bandsaw Box	Phil Humphries	Full
April 7,21,28	Live Edge Mitered Box Construction	Jerry Couchman	Full
April 14-15	Woodfest		
April 21	Making a Routed Bowl	Jerry Anderson	Full
April 28	Wood Block Printmaking	Jim Redding	Full
May 5	Veneering Techniques	Greg Koenker	5 Spaces
May 12	Handcut Dovetails	Val Mathews	4 Spaces
May 19	Wooden Toy Making 101	John Braun & Jerry Anderson	2 Spaces
May 26	Marking and Measuring	Greg Koenker	4 Spaces

OLD TIME TOOLS & NEW-FANGLED FURNITURE



Last month's newsletter had an article that caught my eye! Stuart Welch, one of our members, has put together an outstanding display of his recent furniture in the Skagit County Historical Museum in La Conner. His display also includes some amazing antique tools from the museum's historic collection. Last weekend, Stuart did a presentation at the museum that many of our members attended. *Since his special exhibit continues until May 13, I highly recommend taking the time to see it.* Stuart uses vintage hand tools in the creation of his furniture and his work is definitely eye catching!

Museum website: www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/HistoricalSociety

Club Facility Search

We wanted to let everyone know that your Board of Directors is taking the crowding issue at our meetings seriously. While Hillcrest Lodge has served us well in the past we have been exploring the option of finding a new meeting place. Jerry Anderson, Sascha Vandette and Gary Danilson have been actively searching for possible facilities but with limited success.

So we are reaching out to you for help. Some of the obvious possibilities have already been checked out (such as the Burlington and Mt Vernon Senior Centers, the fairgrounds, public schools and convention centers). Do any of you belong to or know of a church or organization that would have a meeting area available? We need a facility in the Mt Vernon/Burlington area with a capacity of at least 150 people and adequate parking. Facility owners will hear the words "woodworking club" and think machines, noise and sawdust. You can assure them that these issues can be dealt with. If you have any ideas for a new meeting place please let Jerry, Sascha, Gary or any board member know.

Thank you for your help.

NCWA Library News

We just wanted to let everyone know that the library will be set up at the Burlington Library meeting. Also you'll notice that we now have separate logs to check books in and out. Hopefully this will speed up the check out process. There will be a library committee member near the log books if you have any questions.

Great Local Museum Exhibition

The Skagit County Historic Museum is hosting an exhibition, '*OLD TIME TOOLS & NEW FANGLED FURNITURE*' from February 23rd to May 13th. The exhibition will feature the new work of Skagit County furniture maker Stuart Welch. His furniture reflects a high level of craftsmanship and imagination. This work can be previewed at www.StuartWelchFurniture.com.

Stuart has exhibited internationally and in prominent galleries here in the U.S. In addition, the exhibition will feature vintage woodworking machines and tools that will form the backdrop to the process of furniture making.

A series of lectures are planned to explain the aspects of design, construction and tool use.

New Member John Ballenger

Don't confuse new member John Ballenger of Mt Vernon with member John Bellinger of Burlington. This John is a little younger and definitely better looking. John and his wife Melissa built their home off Hwy 9 six years ago and John retired last year from a career as a marine facilities engineer for the oil industry. John joined the club after becoming friends with NCWA member Bill Keeler at the Fidalgo Fly Fishers club.

John just joined the club in January but he's already taken classes taught by Greg Robinson and Jim Bucknell. John considers himself a beginning woodworker and is currently building a nice book shelf for their home and is designing an entryway bench. He's putting a great shop together in a dedicated 16'x23' space with a Grizzly cabinet tablesaw, bandsaw and drill press. He has a nice workbench is looking to add a router table soon. He's also designing a central dust collection system.

John and his wife enjoy camping and traveling and recently visited Peru where John's Spanish came in handy. Melissa is an accomplished fused glass artist and they're already planning future collaborations. Welcome to the club John.

Gary Danilson



New member profile: Tricia Steiner

Tricia joined our club last year after seeing our great booth at the Anacortes Arts Festival. After a long residence in Whatcom county Tricia moved to Anacortes 4 years ago where she and her husband bought a home in Charley Drake's neighborhood. Tricia works remotely as the Billing Accounts Manager for medical company in California. She has long had an interest in woodworking and one of her first projects in their new home was to fill 2 of the den walls with floor to ceiling bookcases to display her husband's collectibles. She also built a nice bed headboard and footboard for their master bedroom.

Tricia is putting together a nice shop in a 10x20 pre-fab building she had delivered to her back yard. In the picture you'll see the new Grizzly 14" bandsaw she just added after getting the club email about a shop sale in Bellingham. She's presently taking Jim Bucknell's "Introduction to Woodworking" class and is anxious to learn more about fine woodworking. She enjoys being part of the club but wishes we had more female members. Tricia just volunteered to join the club Membership Committee so maybe she can help make that happen. Welcome to the club Tricia.

Gary Danilson

Basic Relief Carving

with internationally recognized woodcarver

Mary May

When: Saturday, May 26, 2018, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Where: Anacortes Senior Center, 1701 22nd St. Anacortes, WA

Admission: \$15 before May 15th OR \$20 at the door

Please join the **Northwest Corner Woodworker's Association** for a presentation and demonstration of basic carving techniques.



The beauty of woodcarving first captured Mary May's heart while she was traveling Europe, during her early college years. After returning home to Minnesota, Mary studied for three years with European master carver Konstantinos Papadakis, who taught her the traditional, old-world techniques and styles of classical European woodcarving. After studying with Konstantinos she returned to Europe; first to Greece, then to the City and Guild's College in London, England to learn from other master carvers.

She has worked as a professional carver her entire adult life, and - in addition to commission work - Mary now writes articles and teaches classes all over the world and via video through her website marymaycarving.com. She lives in coastal South Carolina.

To pre-register by May 15, send your name and a check, payable to NCWA, to:

NCWA, c/o Al Ashley, Treasurer

26220 - 48th Ave. NE, Arlington, Washington 98223

NCWA General Meeting Notes - March 6 2018

- The meeting was convened by NCWA President Dale Brandland at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Lodge in Mt. Vernon.
- Tim Celeski, master furniture crafter and frequent contributor to Popular Woodworking, presented a program highlighting his crafting of high end outdoor furniture as well as his use of CNC machines (A CNC (Computer Numeric Control) tool is used in prototyping and full production for cutting, carving, machining and milling in wood, MDF, plastics, foams, and aluminum.)
 - Crafts mainly high end outdoor furniture and presented pictures showing a number of his works.
 - Uses Greene & Greene detailing in many of his works.
 - Primarily uses Mahogany with other woods for accenting.
 - Uses patterns extensively to allow for easier replication and efficiency.
 - Finishes with Penofin Hard Wood oil almost exclusively.
 - Since CY 2000, he has built almost 7800 custom pieces of furniture.
 - Recently, he has 'stepped back' to focus on art.
 - Tim showed us some examples of his exquisite wood art.
 - His recent projects include some truly unique workbenches that he made for the Bainbridge Artist Resource Network.
 - Tim is a big fan of CNC machines and illustrated their advantages to the NCWA members. Those advantages include.
 - Precision
 - Repeatability
 - Exploring possibilities
 - Tim emphasized that everything starts with a drawing and encouraged woodworkers to develop that skill.
- After the program, Sascha Vandette reminded the members of Woodfest which will occur on April 14-15 at the Sedro-Wooley High School. Sascha indicated that they still need display pieces.
- Mike Titus, Webmaster, indicated that the Forum was now active on the website and that every member should now have a password. See him if you are having problems.
- John Bellinger reminded everyone of the Shop Tour on March 17.
- Bill Pierce announced that NCWA would be hosting master carver Mary May for a 3 hour program at the Anacortes Senior Center on May 26. The cost will be \$15. More details will be forthcoming.
- Stuart Welch reminded everyone of his show at the Skagit County Museum. He will give a personal tour for members at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 9.
- Bring & Brag.
 - Dick Schofield showed us his cutting board that he made with the Festool Domino tool. It was made with black walnut and finished with mineral oil. Dick highlighted the simplicity and ease of the Festool Domino for this type of work.
 - David Helm showed three beautiful sculptures made out of Maple, Driftwood, Yellow Cedar, Copper and Steel.
 - George Lanphear showed a wonderful pine toy lion that he made for his grand children. It was finished with stain and polyacrylic.
 - Keith Reynolds displayed a beautiful walnut box finished with Watco Oil.
 - Dave Steele stole the B&B show for the night by displaying "One Board Foot" (replica of a human foot made out of wood) finished with Shellac. Nice job, Dave.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 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
Hard Woods To Get	1405 "E" Street	Bellingham	hardwoodstoget.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
FASTCAP	5016 Pacific Highway	Ferndale	fastcap.com	888-443-3748
Rockler Woodworking	832 NE Northgate Way	Seattle	rockler.com	206-634-3222
Woodcraft	5963 Corson Ave.	Seattle	woodcraft.com	206-767-6394

Officers and Chairpersons 2018

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Member at Large	Sascha Vandette	(360) 755-3043	Member at Large	Mike Chaplin	(360) 305-5112
Shop Tours	John Bellinger	(360) 708-4036	Shows	David Vandette	(360) 755-3043

Future Events

April 3	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
April 11	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
April 21	Saturday	Newsletter Deadline
May 1	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
May 9	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
May 19	Saturday	Newsletter Deadline
June 5	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 \$35 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.