

Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

[NCWA Website](#)

February 2019

**General Meeting
Tuesday, February 5th 7:00 PM**

**Mount Vernon Christian School
820 West Blackburn Road
Mount Vernon**

See directions later in Newsletter

[Google Map Directions Link](#)



Kevin Reiswig Table

February Program

Sculptor and Furniture Maker Kevin Reiswig

Our February program will be a presentation by Port Townsend woodworker Kevin Reiswig. Kevin's creations stem from his fascination with plants, animals and the land. A natural born forager, his work frequently incorporates scavenged materials from his environment. Since moving from Chicago in 2010 his work has consisted mostly of studio furniture and projects that reimagine wood salvaged from alleyways and gutted buildings.

Kevin is a graduate of the College of Wooster in Ohio where he studied sculpture under the guidance of Walter Zurko. He has lived at the Anderson Ranch Arts Center in Colorado twice, once as an intern and again as an artist-in-residence. He also had an artist residency in China.

From Kevin "Work builds me as much as I build work. I have spent the last decade studying traditional craft techniques and expanding my understanding of wood. I have spent thousands of hours practicing the processes of milling, joinery and shaping wood as well as more obscure methods such as steam bending and coopering."

Come and enjoy seeing what Kevin has worked on in the past and his plans for future projects.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES - 2019

LAST CHANCE TO PAY YOUR 2019 DUES - \$35.00

The February meeting will be your last chance to pay your 2019 membership dues. Any member who hasn't paid their dues will be dropped from membership. Your fellow woodworkers enjoy your company so please don't let this happen.

If you can't make it to the February meeting please mail your \$35.00 dues check (payable to NCWA) to NCWA, c/o Al Ashley, 26220 48th Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

For those members who have paid their 2019 dues, membership cards will be available for pick up at the February meeting.

NCWA Classes for Winter 2019

Hello from your education committee! The upcoming NCWA Classes are listed below.

Please contact Carol Osterman to register for classes at carol@akylafarms.com

Remember, classes have a material fee which is payable in cash to the instructor at the time of the class.

Date	Class	Instructor	Spaces Status
Feb 9	Clamping & Glueing	Jim Bucknell	Full
Feb 16	Basic Tablesaw	Mike Chaplin	4 Spaces
Feb 23	Wood Identification	Samantha Chang	Full
Mar 2	Make a Wooden Plane	Val Mathews	1 Space
Mar 9	Fundamentals of Wood Carving	Bill Pierce	1 Space
Mar 23	Card Scraper Sharpening and Use	Bill Pierce	Full
Mar 30	Staining Core Skills	Richard Gillingham	Full

NCWA General Meeting Notes January 8, 2019

- The meeting was convened by President George Knutson on 1/8/2019, 7 PM at Mt. Vernon Christian School
- A tour of the school's woodshop was conducted before the meeting began.
- New club membership cards were distributed to all NCWA members.
- A suggestion box at the back of the room was added as a means for the board to receive feedback from club members. It will be available at subsequent meetings.
- Dave Vandette announced that there were two vacancies on the shows committee. If you would be willing to participate, please speak to Dave.
- The "Beads of Courage" program might have another outlet for boxes. More information about this opportunity will be announced later.
- Bring and brag:
 - Rod Parker showed off a spectacular stool with turned ebonized maple legs, turned cherry stretchers, and a maple and cherry seat. He made the stool following plans published in *Popular Woodworking*.
 - Jim Redding also showed off a delicious three-legged stool, made from edible cherry. The legs were asymmetrical, cut on the bandsaw and shaped using a spokeshave.
 - Jim Green displayed an impressive cherry model biplane with a cocobolo propeller that spins.
 - Charley Drake introduced the club to an unusual turning tool, the 30-grit angle grinder. He used it to produce a large bowl from some really hard maple.
 - Mike Titus also showed off a bowl – a small cherry bowl with a really smooth finish. He achieved that finish using Yorkshire grit, a paste made of wax and rottenstone. The finish did not look rotten to me.
 - Gale O'Neil bragged about his lovely maple and walnut box with dovetail keys. He was unable to attend Jerry Couchman's box-making class so instead, Jerry spent three days with Gale tuning up his tools and supervising the box construction. A great collaborative effort.
 - John Erbstoezer showed off two boxes built from OSB (construction-grade oriented strand board). He even built the hinges from walnut for one of the OSB boxes!
 - Phil Humphries brought a beautiful crescent-shaped bandsaw box with four drawers! Lovely.
 - Tom Howorth showed photos of a shoji screen that he made to cover the door to his shop, complete with basswood kumiko panels. I wish the door to my shop looked that nice. He also showed photos of a 3-D printed zero-clearance insert he printed for his miter saw.
- After the break, John Erbstoezer won the 50-50 raffle. It was not me. I was not happy. Congratulations! We're all happy for you.
- The main event was Grady Mathews who shared lessons from 50 years as a self-taught woodworker. Grady was one of the founders of the NW Gallery of Fine Woodworking in Seattle. He has produced an eclectic array of creative fine furniture and cabinetry, including specially designed uncomfortable chairs. Grady's presentation was informative and entertaining. And, he gave us creative tips on how to create and sell your work. For example, if no one purchases your bedroom set at your woodworking show, place a sold sticker on it. Otherwise, people won't know that it's worth the money.
- The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Bring & Brag and General Program

Wonderful works shared at the meeting and program

Phil Humphries



Jim Green



Gale O'Neil



George Knutson



Tom Howorth



January program Grady Mathews



[More Pictures HERE](#)

New Member Peter Gantt

Peter Gantt recently moved to Bellingham after he retired from a career as a set designer in Seattle. He studied industrial design at UW and fell into that field after being hired as a stage hand at the Seattle Repertory Theater. They recognized his talents after he was assigned to help with sets, so that became his full time job. Over the years, he's worked on countless productions at the Seattle Repertory, Pacific NW Ballet, Seattle Opera, and the Paramount Theater



and had access to some amazing woodworking and metal working shop equipment. Before moving from the houseboat he lived on at Lake Union, he started building a 1950's small runabout wooden boat from a plan in an old Popular Science Magazine. The boat is nearly done, but he does have a bit left before it's ready for the water. Peter has made some beautiful furniture for his house and looks forward to participating in our club's activities. I'm certainly looking forward to seeing the completed Fireball, designed by William Jackson back in the 50s, complete with a vintage Mercury outboard!

Jerry Couchman

"I was just wondering....."

George Knutson February 2019

Even if you don't do the cooking in your house, we ALL love to eat. And we ALL love building things out of wood. So why not have something in the house that's beautiful to look at, enjoyable to use, delicious to eat your food from, and makes others smile? Not to mention Mother's Day, Father's Day, Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Celebrations of all sorts where a beautiful, handmade gift would make someone you care about smile!!

So, for **The President's Challenge for May**, let's see what kind of **Cutting Boards and Serving Boards** you can build. And if you take the time to set up to make one, why not make a couple extras to have on hand for that "Oops, I forgot to get something" moment. Bring one, or as many as three, to the May general meeting and let's see how many variations we can come up with. Look for help by asking questions on The Forum on our website. Collaborate with a friend, and share ideas. Check the Library and magazines for plans and ideas. If you haven't been building anything in your shop for a while because you're BOREDbuild a CUTTING BOARD!!!

The possibilities are endless, but here are just a few ideas. **Let's get slicing and dicing!!!**

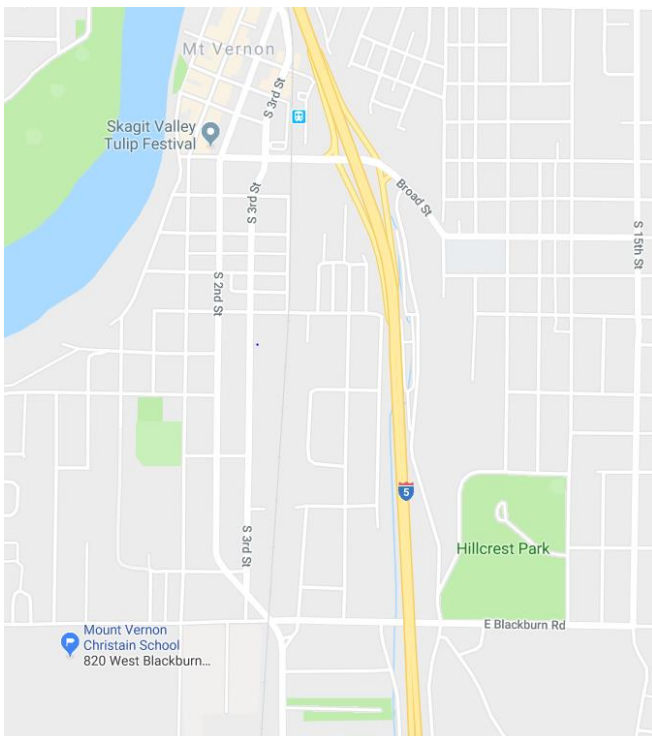
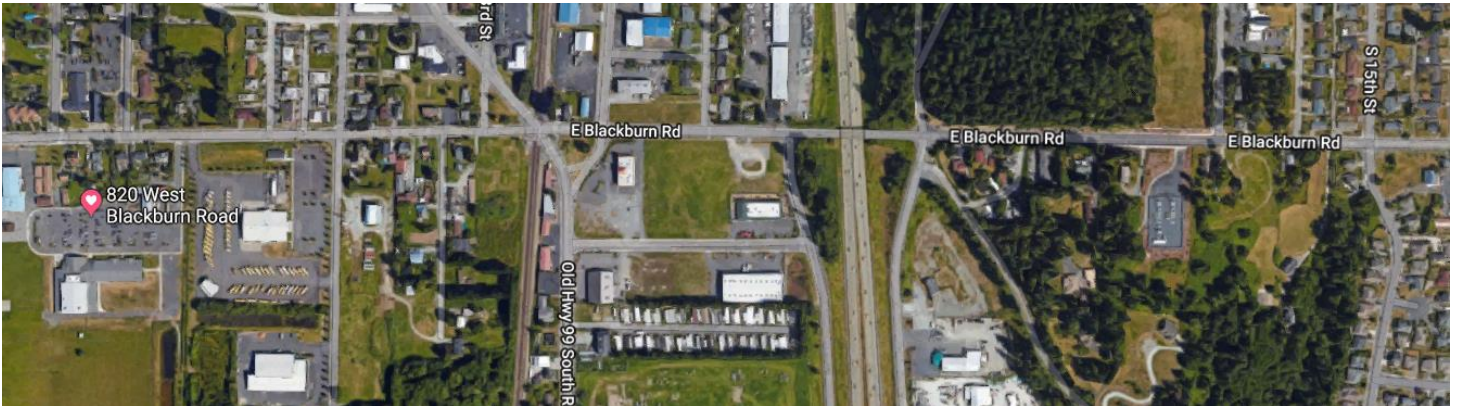
End grain	Long grain	Inlaid	Banded Edges	Live edge slab	Fish Platter	Barbeque Platter
Carved details	Dessert Tray	Breadboard Ends	3 Dimensional	Pattern	Woodburned details	
Small boards for Herbs/Garnishes	Specialty – get creative				Cheese/Meat/Fruit/Veggie Board	

JANUARY 2019 Meeting Location

Mount Vernon Christian School

820 WEST BLACKBURN ROAD

[Get LINK to Google Map Directions from where you live](#)



From west:

1. Take SR 20 to I-5 in Burlington and turn south
2. Use Kincaid St. Exit 226 and turn right onto Kincaid St.
3. Go west on Kincaid to Cleveland Ave. and turn left (heading south on Cleveland)
4. Drive south about 1 mile on Cleveland to Blackburn Road
5. Turn right on Blackburn and drive ¼ mile
6. Turn left at MV Christian School sign and enter parking lot

From north:

Take I-5 exit 226

Follow directions (from west) #2 – 6.

From south:

1. Take I-5 exit #225 (Anderson Rd) turn left at end of ramp
2. Cross over I-5 and turn right on Old Highway 99
3. Drive north about ¾ mile to Blackburn Road
4. Turn left on Blackburn Road
5. Travel 1/3 mile to MV Christian School and turn left into parking lot

If you forget & go to Hillcrest park:

1. Turn right, going out of parking lot onto 13th St.
2. Drive south to end of 13th and turn right on Blackburn Road
3. Follow Blackburn Road about 1.25 miles to MV Christian School
4. Turn left at MV Christian School sign and enter parking lot



January meeting program



NCWA Board of Directors Meeting

January 16, 2018

- The meeting was convened at 7:03 p.m. by President George Knutson at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Mt. Vernon.
- Members present: Sascha Vandette, David Vandette, Bill Rawls, John Braun, Jerry Anderson, Phil Choquette, Greg Koenker, Jim Bucknell, Al Ashley, George Knutson, Tim Wynn, Phil Humphries
- Others present: Jeff Palmer, Jim Baker, Jim Ferguson (all from the Shop Tour Committee)
- Treasurer's Report:
 - NCWA has a total of \$9,934.90 in checking and savings accounts as of 01/15/19.
 - Total membership of NCWA is 243 as of 01/16/19.
 - 181 members have paid their 2019 dues.
 - 59 members have not paid dues yet.
 - Board reviewed and approved the cash basis financial report (budget to actual) for the year ended December 31, 2018.
- Storage Shed has been closed out. Funds allocated for rent of the storage shed will be used to defray costs of the new meeting venue at Mt. Vernon Christian School (MVCS).
- Bill Pierce and Richard Gillingham are building a storage cart for use at the MVCS.
- Shows Committee. (David Vandette)
 - Woodfest dates are Saturday, April 27th, 9-4 and Sunday, April 28th, 10-3.
 - Woodfest organization activities are going full speed with the new CTE director at Sedro Wooley High School, Jerry Grisham, and the new Superintendent at Concrete HS both providing new energy and direction.
 - First Shows Committee meeting is on January 22. The committee is looking for a couple more members. See David or Sascha Vandette if interested.
- Review of new General Meeting venue (MVCS).
 - General opinion that it is going very well.
 - We now have an "A/V for dummies" cheat sheet to help us use the wonderful equipment in the auditorium.
 - Will have to adjust how we do Bring & Brag so that there is more visibility to everyone.
- There have been several changes in standing committee chairs.
 - Bill Pierce has been proposed to take over the Library Committee.
 - Jim Redding has been proposed to take over the Shop Tours Committee.
 - George Knutson proposed that the BOD accept these nominations. Jim Bucknell seconded the motion. It was approved by the BOD unanimously.
- Programs.
 - George Knutson and Bill Rawls have developed a draft 'Presentation Packet' to give to individuals who are making presentations at the General meeting. The idea is to give them an idea of what we are interested in as a group and when/how much time they will have when presenting. The 'packet' idea was well received by the BOD. The programs committee will be finalizing it in the next several weeks.
- Education Committee.
 - Greg Koenker led a discussion on whether we should have a minimum age limit for club. After discussion, it was agreed that we would not change the Bylaws at this time but continue to monitor the issue.



For Sale: Delta Unisaw \$1,125

Mid-century Delta Unisaw original Repulse Induction motor, loads of torque. Includes 42" Biesemeyer fence, zero clearance insert, original metal inserts, mobile base, original blade guard. Several carbide tip blades included. The 'derby' motor cover is after market. No miter gauge included.

This is strong running, very accurate machine. Setup for 220 vac but can be switched to 110 vac.

I'm very sad to be selling this Unisaw as it was the first piece of commercial quality equipment that a purchased and restored!

Please call Rod Parker (480) 338-3395



Continued: BOD for January 16, 2018

- Greg also proposed a change in the Materials Costs and Fees Policy applicable when club members teach NCWA sponsored classes. Greg and Al Ashley have been working together to revise the wording to ensure that it meets the requirements of Washington law (RCW 4.23.670). The new policy reads:
 - Each participant in a NCWA sponsored educational program shall pay to the instructor, as reasonable reimbursement for incidental expenses incurred, a materials fee of \$10.00 for each class session. In addition, a participant may be required to reimburse the instructor for actual expenses incurred to acquire specific materials and supplies that required for the class.
 - Any volunteer instructor that wishes to charge an instructional fee as compensation for a NCWA sponsored class shall obtain approval in advance from the Board of Directors. Total instructional fee charged by a volunteer instructor of a NCWA sponsored class shall not exceed \$500.00 during any calendar year.
- After discussion, Jim Bucknell moved to accept the new Policy. Tim Wynn seconded it. It was passed unanimously by the Board.
- Al Ashley indicated that we needed to formally approve those members authorized to sign checks for the association for 2019.
 - David Vandette moved and Sascha Vandette seconded that
 - Dale Brandland is removed from signature authority for the NCWA.
 - Jim Bucknell is added as signature authority for the NCWA.
 - BOD members with Signature Authority will now be.
 - George Knutson
 - Al Ashley
 - Tim Wynn
 - Jim Bucknell
 - The motion was passed unanimously by the Board of Directors.
- Tim Wynn indicated that he and Jane (the newsletter editor) will be on a cruise in March and may need to buy more internet access to edit the newsletter. Bill Rawls moved and Jim Bucknell seconded the motion to allow up to \$100 additional for internet access. The motion was passed by the BOD unanimously.
- George Knutson indicated that he has appointed Phil Humphries and Phil Choquette as Board Members at Large for the next two years. (Existing Board Members at Large are Kent Crouse and Sascha Vandette)
- The Board then had a discussion on whether to change the club tax status to 501(c)(3). After looking at the administrative burden imposed by such a change, it was quickly decided not to entertain that change.
- The Board then discussed supporting the MVCS Wood Shop. The instructor is looking for ¼" and ¾" Plywood as well as 1"x12" pine boards. NCWA members that have some of these items available are urged to donate to the MVCS. There was also a discussion of a possible wood sale with part of the proceeds going to the MVCS.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 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
Hartville Tool	website only		hartvilletool.com	800-345-2396
Klingspor	website only		woodworkingshop.com	800-228-0000
Rockler Woodworking	832 NE Northgate Way	Seattle	rockler.com	206-634-3222
Woodcraft	5963 Corson Ave.	Seattle	woodcraft.com	206-767-6394
Woodworkers Supply	website only		pro.woodworker.com	800-645-9292

Officers and Chairpersons 2019

President	George Knutson	(425) 753-4476	Programs	Bill Rawls	(360) 387-2993
Vice President	Jim Bucknell	(360) 305-2118	Education	Greg Koenker	(360) 543-7090
Past President	Dale Brandland	(360) 961-0102	Librarian	Bill Pierce	(360) 435-1674
Secretary	Tim Wynn	(360) 739-0515	Newsletter	Jane Wynn	(360) 224-7001
Treasurer	Al Ashley	(360) 474-9711	Membership	Gary Danilson	(360) 540-5768
Webmaster	Mike Titus	(360) 525-4131	Toys for Tots	John Braun	(360) 708-0055
Member at Large	Phil Choquette	(360) 675-8320	Member at Large	Kent Crouse	(360) 224-5532
Member at Large	Sascha Vandette	(360) 755-3043	Member at Large	Phil Humphries	(360) 752-0082
Shop Tours	Jim Redding	(206) 307-4553	Shows	David Vandette	(360) 755-3043

Future Events

February 5 th	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
February 13 th	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
March 5 th	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
March 13 th	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
April 2 nd	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
April 10 th	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting

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.