

Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

[NCWA Website](#)

April 2019

General Meeting
Tuesday, April 2nd 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

April Program

Sculptor and Furniture Maker Kevin Reiswig

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." Our April 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.

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 April 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 April 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 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

Due to cancellations being on the Standby List is recommended

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
Mar 9	Fundamentals of Wood Carving	Bill Pierce	Full
Mar 23	Card Scraper Sharpening and Use	Bill Pierce	Full
Mar 30	Staining Core Skills	Richard Gillingham	Full
April 6	Routed Bowl Class	Jerry Anderson	2 Spaces
April 10	Routed Bowl Class	Jerry Anderson	2 Spaces
April 13	Vacuum Veneering	Greg Koenker & Jim Bucknell	4 Spaces
April 20	Sharpening	Dale Brandland & Andrew Pellar	4 Spaces
April 27	Woodfest		
May 4 & 11	2-Day Make a Live Edge Box	Jerry Couchman	5 Spaces

NCWA General Meeting Notes March 5, 2019

- The March meeting was held at the Mount Vernon Christian School.
- President George Knutson opened the meeting and new members and guests introduced themselves. Treasurer Al Ashley referred members the latest newsletter for the full treasurer's report. Al also reminded paid members to pick up their 2019 membership cards.
- George reminded everyone about the President's Challenge for the May meeting. The challenge is to make a serving tray, cutting board or other food/kitchen-related items.
- Committee Reports
- Greg Koenker, Education Committee Chair, referred members to the table with the signup lists of the upcoming classes. Bill Pierce reported on the Library. Bill and Richard Gillingham designed and built a storage cart for the library now that the materials can be stored at the school and Committee members no longer need to haul several hundred pounds of materials to and from every meeting. The cart consists of several modular trays with dividers designed to hold the DVDs and books. Additional trays can be added if needed. Kudos to Bill and Richard and special thanks to Richard for his provision of a significant amount of the materials that went into this project. And be sure to check out the carving that Bill Pierce added to the top cover of the cart!
- David Vandette reviewed the preparations for Woodfest which will be in Sedro-Woolley on April 27-28. It will be on Saturday from 9-4 and Sunday from 10-3. There will be two workbenches for demonstrations and Jim Hickey has the lead for organizing the demonstrations. David needs members to serve as greeters to welcome visitors to the booth and we also need members to provide items for our displays.
- Toys for Tots will also have a display at the NCWA area.
- The Spring Shop Tour is coming and Jim Redding said there are five shops in the Stanwood/Camano Island area including one that features a number of restored industrial quality machines and it sounds pretty amazing.
- George mentioned that the June meeting will feature boats and he asked for a show of hands to see if there are enough members willing to bring a boat or make a presentation about boat building to make the topic worthwhile. There appeared to be plenty of hands raised so hope for good weather for the June meeting in the parking lot at the Christian School!
- George also mentioned that the Board has talking about mentoring. This has been a topic off and on for a long time and it means different things to different people. For now, members needing assistance are encouraged to use the Forum on the website and it was also suggested that they should use our list of instructors as a source for problem solving information.
- Bring and Brag
- Yikes! We had an amazing display of bring and brag items which is a sign that NCWA is alive and well! Here are the items that were displayed:
- Bill Pierce displayed a mid-century modern cabinet he made for a niece as a housewarming present. Lucky lady! It is a George Nakashima-inspired cabinet with loose mortise and tenon joints, hand-cut dovetails, a book matched floating top, and sliding doors with an mdf core and solid wood veneers. The wood is cherry and Bill demonstrated that he is NOT just an excellent wood carver! The finish is Jerry Couchman's blend. See below for details.
- Phil Humphries makes beautiful band-sawn boxes (and teaches a class so keep an eye out for that!). Typically, the process involves cutting a plug out of the middle of the piece of wood. Phil decided to retrieve one of the plugs from his scrap bin and make a small box. Then he decided to use the plug from that box to make an even smaller box. The nesting boxes are made of maple and walnut and finished with wipe on polyurethane and milk paint. We may need to buy him a magnifying glass if he keeps this up!
- Jim Bucknell showed a small table that hooks over the back of a leather couch. The top is a shelf that can hold a tea pot or carafe and the lower shelf can hold a cup warmer and a cup. It is made from figured maple laminated to 1/8" plywood and is finished with shellac and satin polyurethane.
- Jeff Palmer presented his benchtop vise made of hickory and ash. Jeff said it is very handy when working on small items because it raises the height of the workpiece which makes it much less tiring. He also said this would be a great idea for someone who is downsizing their shop to a smaller area. It is based o plans in March-April 2005 Fine Woodworking, Issue # 176.

- Jim Redding showed three woodcut prints. One was a hummingbird that has been hanging around his house all winter. The second was a portrait of one of his old instructors with a pet owl, and the third was of a tiger from a photo Jim's wife took at the zoo in Columbia, South Carolina. Don't ask me how he did it, but he managed to capture the look in the tiger's eye IN WOOD! Jim teaches a class on woodcut prints that has been highly acclaimed by those who have been fortunate enough to take his class.
- Hank Van Zanten displayed a bandsawn box with Baltic birch plywood and Ipe. It was oval shaped and very pleasing to the eye and finished with Formby's Tung Oil..
- David Schull presented a beautiful walnut vase (pronounced vahs). The author has determined that it is WAY too nice to be pronounced merely as veys)! It is finished with boiled linseed oil, cyanoacrylate, and paste wax.
- Jerry Couchman presented a table lamp with a stained-glass shade made by his brother in law. It is made from zebra wood and Peruvian walnut with ebony trim and, as is always the case with Jerry's work, it is very well done and beautifully finished with his signature finish consisting of 5 parts tung oil, 4 parts Minwax wipe on satin poly, and one-part boiled linseed oil. This will be a donation to the Interfaith Coalition Annual Auction in March 2019.
- Dustin Bell is a new member who joined last year. Dustin gave a shout-out for NCWA classes. He showed a Krenov-style wooden plane that he built in Val Mathews' class. Dustin has ordered three more sets of parts to build three more planes. It's great to see such enthusiasm for the NCWA classes. His plane is eastern hard maple with a brass pin and a Hock blade.
- Al Ashley presented a waterfall live-edge coffee table made out of black walnut that was harvested in Bow. Al finished the table with Rubio Monocote from Belgium. It is (as the name implies) a one-coat product that is applied with a white scotch-brite pad. The finish is designed for hardwood flooring and can easily be touched up and restored if it gets scratched. Al also thanked several members of the club for their help with the table. That's a great quality of the NCWA.
- Gene Radermacher brought a Beads of Courage box made of wood scraps that looks a bit like Southwest Native American designs (at least to me). It is a great illustration of how small scraps can be creatively used to make something really nice! The box consists of six different woods (alder, cherry, maple, red oak, sapele, and walnut) and the top is alder. Gene glued strips together and cut them on the table saw and then flipped them and glued them together to make the sides. Gene also said that he had a tip from Jerry Couchman about finishing the inside of the box to make glue-squeeze out easier to clean up and he said that was a big help. It is finished with lacquer.
- Jim Green brought two small boxes . . . a ring box of cedar and redwood burl and gift box of Plum wood with a Koa top and ebony splines. Both were buffed with carnauba wax to a really nice gloss finish. He also used brass slot hinges for the box with the hinged top.
- Greg Koenker bought a new toy and it is the Shaper Origin which is a hand-held CNC machine. Greg brought two projects. The first is a Velociraptor skull cut from Baltic birch plywood that fits together like a puzzle. This was his new tool familiarization project. The second is a box of afromosia and figured maple with pin/crescent joints that were common in the 1871-1900 period. Rumor has it that the first ones were NOT made with a hand-held CNC machine but, when looking at the joint, that seems as plausible and any other method! That joint looks impossible!
- Kitty Noel brought two boxes. One is made from alder from Oregon and the other is wood from West Virginia and has nice strawberry accents. Nice job Kitty.
- King Dahl plays the upright base and was tired of leaning it in a corner when not in use. SO, he made a spline miter compound angle box/stand to hold the base. It is made of Sapele, and rumor has it that a Version 2.0 may be in the works! Stay tuned! (see what I did there? Tuned, instrument). King also acknowledged the assistance of Jerry Couchman who is developing a great and well-earned reputation for helping other club members! Thanks, Jerry, from all of us!
- Andy Rudy bought a scratch-built model of the Charles Morgan, a whaling ship built originally in 1841. Andy estimated he has about 250 hours invested in this project and the detail is amazing! Andy estimated that there are probably about 3-4,000 pieces in this model! For those of you who haven't seen Andy's work before, he does a lot of really amazing things that are also very different from one to the next so it's always fun to see what he has been doing lately!
- Tom Thornton displayed a bowl turned and mounted in a large burl of what may be madrone along with maple and wenge. He won the wood at a raffle and has created a beautiful and unique item. It is finished with walnut oil and dye.
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- The 50/50 raffle was won by Angela Hills, who took home \$46. Not a bad return on the ol' \$35 annual dues!
- The March Program was a presentation by members Andrew Pellar and Tom Dolese who both spoke about design and how they look at design and how their ideas have developed over time.
- Andrew Pellar
- Andrew spoke about designing a project with three main ideas:
- Who is it for? E.g. If it's a chair, is it for a child or a basketball player?
- What is the purpose? If it's a coffee table that will hold books, are the books small or large?
- Where will it live? Is it appropriately sized for the ultimate destination? Can you get it to the site and through the door and up or down the stairs?
- Andrew also discussed wood selection and the use of plain sawn, rift sawn, and quarter sawn lumber and explained the differences in terms of appearance and stability. He also stressed the importance of buying more than you think you will need. That way, if you need more, you will get a better match in terms of color and grain.
- Andrew showed a number of his projects and detailed why he included certain details and how they provide unique and, as he put it, "elegant variation" to the projects. He used several similar boxes with subtle but significant differences to illustrate a number of design features. The result is quite different looks in what were otherwise very similar boxes. One of these elements was different edge treatments (rounded-over, beveled, squared, etc.). He also discussed proportions, which included consideration of things like thickness, length, width, height, etc.
- Tom Dolese
- Tom spoke about his evolution and experiences in designing furniture. He described designing as painful but I think we can all agree that his work clearly shows that it has been worth it! Tom recommends looking at things around you and thinking about the things you like, identifying what it is that you like about them, and then try to incorporate those elements into your design. He said he feels like his best designs flow through him and not from him.
- Tom illustrated several of his projects from floor lamps to tables to chairs. He showed pictures of a table he had made and explained how, when he viewed it from some angles he was happy with it. But, when he walked around it, he didn't like the way it looked from EVERY angle. So he made changes and came up with what is now his signature leg design.
- He also showed several chairs he has designed and how the design has evolved. An interesting tip was that the front leg of a chair should be vertical! He encouraged people who want to build chairs to take his class but, failing that, encouraged people to talk to him (and maybe buy him lunch) to get his ideas about any chair you are thinking of building.
- The presentations by Andrew and Tom were a great reminder of the depth and breadth of talent that exists within the NCWA and we are all lucky to have members who are so willing to share their expertise with the rest of us!



Bring & Brag



See all of the photos at [CLICK HERE](#)



Woodfest 2019

YOU ARE INVITED!

We have opportunities available at WoodFest. **No experience required.** What are we talking about? Supporting NCWA by volunteering a couple of hours (or more) of your time at one of our booths during WoodFest (Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28).

We have four major areas that need you:

NCWA demonstrations – Show your talent/specialty by doing a demonstration at one of our two workbenches

NCWA display/sale tables – Greet the public at our display tables / display one or more of your completed projects

NCWA - Toys for Tots – Assist little ones attach axles and wheels to a wooden car/truck they can take home

NCWA – Jack McKee’s Builder Boards and children’s workbench/tools – Join in the fun helping Jack out with his marvelous children’s activities

This is a wonderful way to get to know some of the other club members, to boast about our wonderful Association, to catch that wonderful spark in the eyes of a child the first time they use a hammer to get those wheels on that axle!

Signup sheets will be available at our April monthly meeting, or contact the following:

Demonstrations – Jim Hickey

Display Items – Jerry Couchman

Booth Greeters – King Dahl / Sascha Vandette

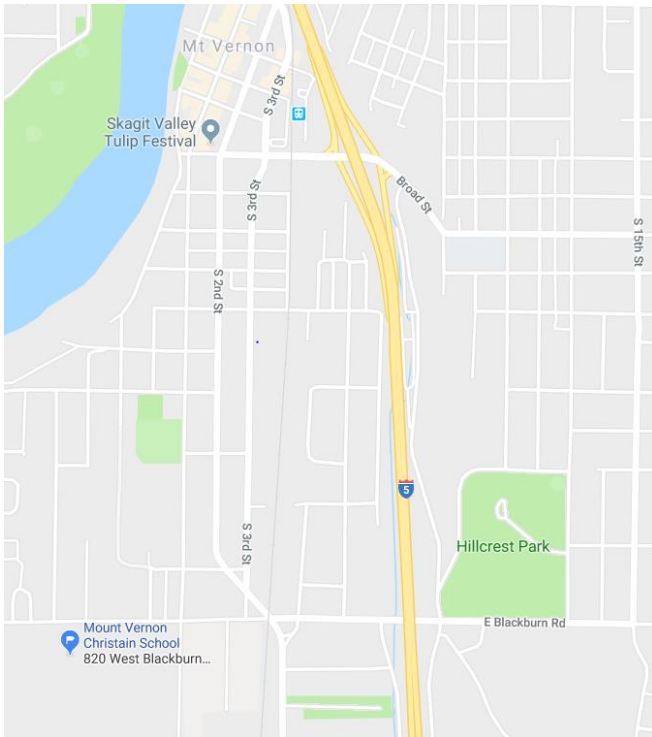
Toys for Tots – John Braun / Sascha Vandette

Builder Boards/Children’s Workbench – Sascha Vandette

March 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 toll-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 1-5 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

Future Events

April 2 nd	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
April 10 th	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
April 27-28	Sat Sun	Woodfest
May 7 th	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
May 15 th	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
June 4 th	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
June 12 th	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting

TOOL REQUEST

The Shows Committee is looking for drawknives and spokeshaves. Our Shave Horse has historically been one of the best public draws at our shows. We would love to receive good condition, used (or new) tools to enable anyone to demonstrate how the Shave Horse works. Please check those dark, dusty corners of your workshop to see if you have one or two of these items you would be willing to donate.

Please contact Sascha or David Vandette if you have any questions

NCWA Board of Directors Meeting

March 13, 2018

Attendees: George Knutson, Bill Rawls, Al Ashley, David Vandette, Sascha Vandette, Phil Humphries, John Braun, Gary Danilson, Jeff Brandenburg, Jim Bucknell

George called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Al Ashley referred to the recent treasurer's report. He distributed a list of non-paid members and encouraged members to call anyone on the list to remind them to pay or they will be dropped from the membership list.

David updated the Board on WoodFest preparations. There are now 8 sponsors and 8 schools participating, both of which are very good news. There will also now be 6 raffle items with separate boxes for each, so people can put tickets in for the items they want most. David handed out posters to the Shows Committee members and to Board members so they can post them in various locations. David will be speaking about WoodFest to the Sedro-Woolley Rotary Club on April 11 and will be encouraging sponsorships and donations from that group.

George reminded everyone of the shop tour on March 16th.

Gary updated Board on the Beads of Courage project. George, Jim, Gary, and Dave Strauss delivered 25 boxes to the Proton Therapy Center in Seattle where they also met with a rep. from Children's Hospital. We have about 14 boxes left and MAY decide to have another club build, depending on the demand. We may also be building some models of the machines the hospitals use for their therapy, because they use them to help ease the fear of the kids about what they are going to experience. Gary is coordinating with the hospitals to get a better idea of what they need and we may enlist members to assist once we know more about what is needed and what we can provide.

George briefly reviewed a number of the suggestions that have been received via the suggestion box. The Board will continue to evaluate these in the coming weeks.

The Board will also continue discussions about mentoring and what that might entail.

Jeff Brandenburg volunteered to put together a sample Facebook page for the NCWA so we can evaluate whether that is something we want to officially establish. The value of a Facebook page and how it compares to the Forum will be a part of those discussions.

George reviewed the guidance documents that are being prepared related to the setup and operation of the audio-visual equipment at the school and guidance for our presenters so they have a better idea of the NCWA's expectations of their presentations with an increased emphasis on tips and techniques that our members can use in their work.

Lake Erie Toolworks approached the NCWA about sponsoring the NCWA. George asked for additional information and they provided a link to a video. King Dahl has volunteered to be our vendor representative so George will ask King to contact Lake Erie and see if we think this would be beneficial to NCWA.

George discussed ideas regarding the location of tables and chairs at the school to make our most important functions easier to access and those will generally be located near the membership table to the left of the stage.

The use of the 50/50 raffle proceeds was identified as a topic for further discussion including potential use for charity.

George reminded us of the President's Challenge for the May meeting (Cutting boards, serving platters, trays, etc.).

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jim Bucknell (Acting {Pretending?}) Secretary

“I was just wondering.....”

George Knutson April 2019

Wow! Isn't it nice to have the doors and windows open in your shop, finally? I know what you're going say, "It's gonna turn cold again before it gets warm again". And I'm sure that's true, but I'm definitely enjoying it while it's here!!!

We're going to try a new segment at our April meeting. I mentioned it last month and got quite a few hands saying, "Let's do it!. It'll be one more way for folks looking for mentoring, coaching, assistance of some kind on a project that they're not quite sure how to handle. It'll be called "Ask the Experts".

So here's what "I was just wondering":

What have you been having problems with recently? Glue-ups? Choosing the best joinery for a particular situation? Tear-out with your router? Staining? Wood movement? Milling issues? Getting a tool to cut straight? Chances are, SOMEONE in the group has some suggestions that may help you out the next time you're faced with that issue. We can't handle a question from EVERYONE, in the short time allotted for this, but we'll do our best, while holding out enough time for our presenter to have his full allotment of time too. If the answer is going to be lengthy, we'll ask you to get together with the "expert" during the break, or talk after the meeting. Any questions that don't get answered can be put in the Suggestion Box, and I'll see to it that someone contacts you with some answers. Or you can bring it up at the next meeting, or the next meeting.

This is a strong club with a lot of expertise. The more we get to know other members, the more opportunities we have to learn from each other.

George

Shop Tours Spring 2019

The spring shop tours were held on Saturday, March 16 in the Stanwood/Camano Island area. Thank you to Jeff Palmer, Bill Rawls, Dave Hudson, Loren Wright, and Phil Kezele who opened their shop doors to the club members.

Spring Shops Tours



Jeff Palmer



Dave Hudson





Bill Rawls



Jeff Palmer



Loren Wright



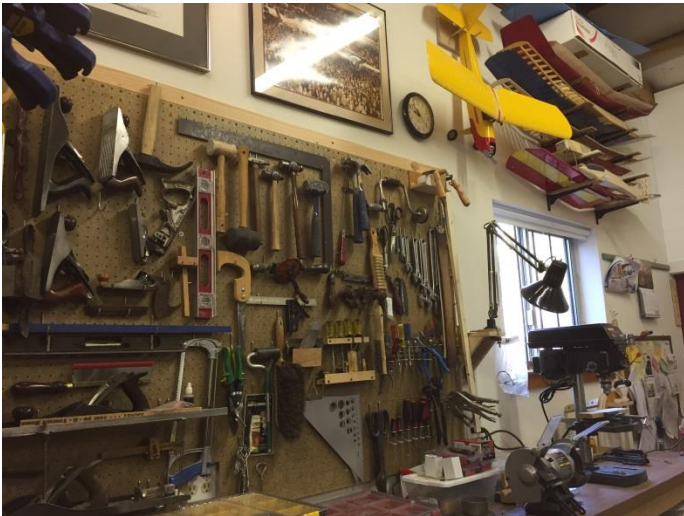
Four NCWA members hosted tours of their dust free shops.



Loren Wright



Loren Wright



Phil Rawls



Phi Kzele



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

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Webmaster	Mike Titus	(360) 525-4131	Toys for Tots	John Braun	(360) 708-0055
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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

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.