

Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

[NCWA Website](#)

June 2019

General Meeting
Tuesday, June 4th
7:00 PM

Mount Vernon Christian School
820 West Blackburn Road
Mount Vernon

[Google Map Directions Link](#)



Napoleon and Tim!

June Program

Boat Night

Our June program will be a Boat Night similar to what we did several years ago. Members and friends will bring wooden boats they have built and we'll showcase them in the parking lot of the Christian school. Members are also invited to bring wooden models they have made which will be included in the Bring and Brag segment of our meeting. We'll have our business meeting and Bring and Brag at 7pm and then have our break and a chance to look at the boats outside. Please note that we'll be putting all of the chairs away at the end of the business meeting. Come and enjoy the display of maritime craftsmanship as well as some collections of model planes, jewelry, and bird houses from some of our talented members.

NCWA General Meeting Notes May 7, 2019

- The meeting was convened by NCWA Vice President George Knutson at 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Christian School.
- David Vandette thanked the participants in the Woodfest and held a drawing for the volunteers.
- Greg Koenker gave an update on the remaining classes for the year. He also announced two classes that will be held in the summer.
 - July 11 – Constructing cabinet carcasses.
 - July 19 – Dovetail drawers
- Greg also recognized the many instructors that have given their time and shop resources to give the classes. 19 instructors have taught 34 classes over the past year.
- Bill Pierce thanked all the donators to the Library.
- Mike Titus described how the magazine table works and encouraged people to use it. He indicated that because of the amount of magazines currently available, we did not need any more donations at this time.
- George Knutson asked whether the club would be interested in a presentation by the small business development center. He indicated that he would keep the club informed about that possibility.
- Bring & Brag.
 - Gene Radermacher displayed a breadboard made out of various woods with beeswax and cooking oil finish. He also displayed a bamboo and walnut frame board. Nice work, Gene.
 - Andrew Pellar showed end grain board made out of various maple wood scraps. Sweet.
 - Bill Rawls showed a really nice oak serving board made out of scrap oak flooring.
 - Tom Howorth exhibited a maple and walnut board made in the shape of Washington State by his new C&C machine. It was finished with mineral oil. Great first project, Tom.
 - Dave Strauss displayed a serving board made out of spalted and big leaf maple. It was finished with oil. Beautiful. He also showed some wooden utensils.
 - Mike Titus displayed a serving board made from cherry wood reclaimed from a house demolition. It was finished with walnut oil. Very nice.
 - Hank Van Zanten showed a really neat serving tray made out of oak slats and finished with lacquer.
 - Al Ashley exhibited a bread board storage cabinet made out of oak and finished lacquer. You win the prize for uniqueness in the President's Challenge, Al.
 - Rod Parker showed one of his early pieces. It was a cherry round cutting board with feet. Nice.
 - Bill Keeler displayed his first 'Bring & Brag' piece. It was a routed bowl made out of maple with a shellac and poly finish. Great first piece, Bill.
 - Phil Kezele exhibited a serving board made out of oak wine barrel sections. It was finished with 'cabernet'. Looks tasty, Phil.
 - Jeff Palmer made a maple, walnut, oak and cherry board and finished it food grade oil. (Is that WD-40?)
 - Andy Rudy showed some really nice spalted maple boards. Looked great as usual, Andy.
 - David Steele displayed a maple hors d'oeuvres server shaped like a fish. Really nice.
 - Jerry Anderson made a really cool wooden fire truck which he presented to Dave Strauss. Nice gesture, Jerry.
 - David Helm exhibited a very striking live edge board made out of spalted big leaf burl maple. WOW!
 - Jim Bucknell naturally had a great piece. It was a serving tray with spring loaded legs. It was finished with satin poly.
- Jim Bucknell announced that the club would be reviewing the Strategic Plan and asked for volunteers for the Ad Hoc committee.
- Program – Stuart Welch
 - Stuart Welch is a member of the club and has been a professional woodworker for 40+ years. He has a fascinating presentation on the 'Roots of Current American Woodworking'. During the presentation he covered the professional journeys of the following great American Woodworkers:
 - Wharton Esherick
 - George Nakashima
 - Art Carpenter
 - Sam Maloof
 - Wendel Castle
 - James Krenof
 - Tage Frid
 - Stuart met and worked with a number of these greats and gave fascinating insights into their design and construction techniques as well as great personal anecdotes. If you missed the meeting, you missed something really special that you will not get from a book or the internet. Thanks, Stuart.

Bring & Brag

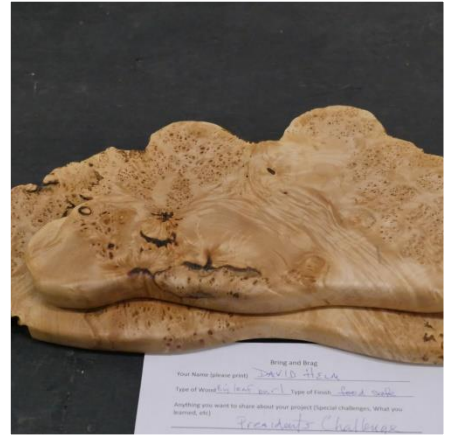
Clock



Three tier stand



Boards



Boards



Boards



And more boards!



Very nice truck!



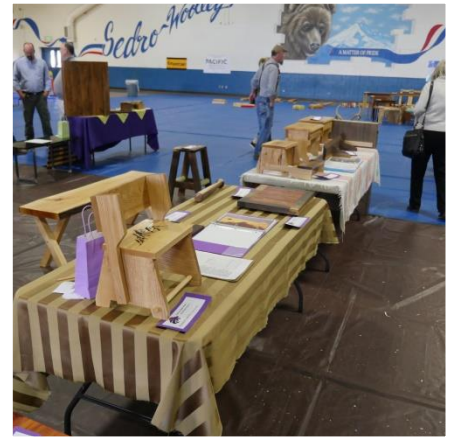
Coffee Table



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WOODFEST

Richard Gillingham



Jerry Couchman



Tables galore



Demonstration



Charley Drake



Beautiful Best in Show award



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Biscuit Joint Pocket Screw Class



FOR SALE

Grizzly G1014Z Combo Sander - \$235



6" x 48" Belt / 9" Disc sander, about 20 years old but still in good condition. Includes original manual, lightly-used 220 grit belt, unused 180 grit belt, and 6 unused discs of various grits. On mobile base with casters. See <https://www.grizzly.com/products/Grizzly-6-x-48-Belt-9-Disc-Z-Series-Combo-Sander/G1014Z> for more details.

Contact Mike Titus at mike@mike-titus.com or 360-389-7009.

ARTS FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sign Up sheets will be available at the NCWA monthly meeting on June 4th at Mount Vernon Christian School. If you are unable to attend the June meeting, please email the following Shows Committee members to have the best selection of two-hour time slots:

Greeters:

King Dahl
kingdahl1@gmail.com

Demonstrators:

Jim Hickey
jhhickey@gmail.com

Display & Sales:

Jerry Couchman
sofa01@hotmail.com

Toys For Tots:

King Dahl
kingdahl1@gmail.com

Anacortes Arts Festival 2019 News

The 2019 Anacortes Arts Festival is coming soon!

Friday, August 2nd through Sunday, August 4th

10 AM to 4 PM daily.

The NCWA Shows Committee has already begun planning for this premier summer event. The Anacortes Arts Festival and the NCWA Work Studio provide a great opportunity to share our NCWA talents and skills with woodworking.

We need your help to make NCWA's participation in the Festival a rousing success:

Greeters to engage the public as they stroll by, looking with great curiosity at the Display & Sale items and the Demonstrations. Don't worry, they won't bite. We have an easy script to follow, if you'd like, so you won't be tongue tied or nervous. You might even encourage someone to join the Club! Please sign up for a two-hour shift.

Demonstrators to show how well we do what we do and how much fun it is! Which skill would you like to show to the Festival visitors? What talent can you demonstrate during a two-hour shift?

Display & Sale Items showing the fruits of your labor. We can all do amazing things with wood, as well as incorporating other elements. Show them your stuff! You might even sell some things!

Toys For Tots to help children put wooden toy cars and trucks together, wheels and all! Your two-hour shift will fly by. It's a great experience and a joy to see their smiles, as they create something they can take home. No batteries required!

Future Events

June 4 th	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
June 12 th	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
July 2 nd	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
July 10 th	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
Aug 2, 3, 4	Fri Sat Sun	Anacortes Arts Festival
August 17	Saturday	Val and Laura Matthews House



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NCWA Library

New Library Books

We added three new titles to the Library last month:

815 Working with Tablesaws	by Fine Woodworking
977 Woodworking 101 for Women	by Marilyn MacEwen
978 Wood Architecture Now!	by Phiiip Jodidio

Thanks to the members who donated them for circulation. Donated books that do not go into circulation will be used at this year's book sale to raise funds for new book purchases.

NCWA Board of Directors Meeting

May 15, 2019

- The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by President George Knutson at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Mt. Vernon.
- Members present: Sascha Vandette, David Vandette, Bill Rawls, Phil Humphries, Kent Crouse, Jim Redding, Greg Koenker, Jim Bucknell, Al Ashley, Tim Wynn, George Knutson, John Braun
- Others present: Jim Green, Jeff Palmer
- Treasurer's Report:
 - NCWA has a total of \$8,516.57 in checking and savings accounts as of 05/15/2019.
 - Total membership of NCWA is 208 as of 05/15/2019.
 - 5 new members for 2019 to date
- Shows Committee. (David Vandette)
 - Jim Bucknell asked if we could buy an additional canopy to support the Anacortes Arts Festival this year. It would cost \$219.00. Phil Humphries moved and Tim Wynn seconded a motion to approve funding that action. The board voted unanimously to approve the expenditure.
 - David Vandette reported that Woodfest was a resounding success and the Sedro Wooley Chamber of Commerce hoped to build on that success (primarily through David's efforts).
 - Anacortes Arts Festival will be the first weekend in August (Aug 3-4). David and Sascha will be getting out signup sheets.
- Program Committee. (Bill Rawls)
 - The Board discussed the proposed boat show for the June program. There was concern that there might not be enough boats to make it interesting. After discussion, it was agreed that the program would be opened to allow several members to display 'collections' such as doll house furniture and bird houses.
- Jim Bucknell has gotten nine volunteers for his Ad Hoc committee to review the Strategic Plan. He will be contacting the volunteers to set up a meeting over the summer.
- Mini Shop Tours Discussion.
 - Jim Green proposed that the club set up a program for 'mini-shop tours'. This would allow greater interaction between members with more informal gatherings. After extended discussion, it was determined that the on line forum would be a better mechanism for facilitating that interaction and discussion focused on how to promote use of the forum. It was suggested that the club have a mini class each meeting (beginning?) showing how to use the forum.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.
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“I was just wondering.....”

George Knutson June 2019

In the first 5 months of this year, I've heard more conversations about milling your own lumber. Someone had a tree blow down, or had to cut one down that was in the way of construction or paving, or some similar situation. And it looked like pretty good wood, and the price was right.....free!!!! But the next question is always, what do I do next? How do I get this log or branch cut into boards that I can use? And then, how do I dry the wood so it doesn't warp, twist, bow, split, or explode?

There are numerous ways to mill a large branch or small log into boards including a portable bandsaw mill, portable chain saw mill, and your typical shop bandsaw.

The two methods of drying lumber are air drying (just letting Mother Nature slowly evaporate the moisture out of the wood over several seasons), or kiln drying where you enclose the wood and force heated air through the container to speed the evaporation process. Of course these descriptions are very over simplified. There are many issues that need to be taken into consideration with either process, but you get the idea.

So here's what “I was just wondering”:

Have any of you done any of this? How did it go? Did you make adjustments and do it again? What lessons did you learn along the way? And most of all, would you be willing to share your experience with the group? I think this situation has become a pretty common one and we could all learn something that would open up new doors for our woodworking experience. I think this topic would be great for a Monthly Meeting presentation, weekend workshop through our Education Committee, or as a Shop Talk (where small groups of members come to someone's shop and talk about a particular topic or see demos on how people do things). If you're open to sharing your knowledge on this topic in one way or the other, send me an email, give me a call, or catch me at one of the meetings. I'll be happy to assist with organizing or coordinating any format you choose.

Get out there and saw some logs (and I don't mean take a nap!).

George

SAVE THE DATE!

The NCWA Summer picnic will be August 17th this year at Val and Laura Matthews property.
Details will be forthcoming in the July newsletter.

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
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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

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.