

# Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

[NCWA Website](#)

May 2019

**General Meeting  
Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM**

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

See directions later in Newsletter

[Google Map Directions Link](#)



Cutting Board!

## **May Program**

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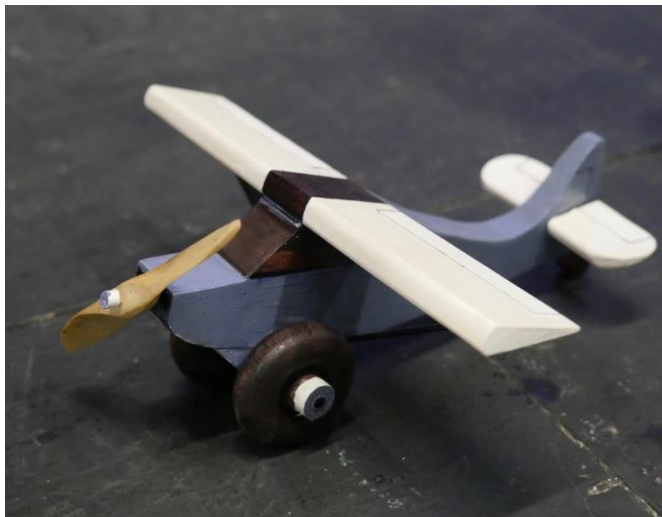
## NCWA General Meeting Notes April 2, 2019

- The meeting was convened by President George Knutson on 4/2/2019, 7pm at the Mt Vernon Christian School.
- The club library is looking at adding new books/dvds. Any suggestions for additions can be made thru the club suggestion box.
- Our Spring Shop Tour had over 50 members attend and was considered a great success.
- Shows Chairman David Vandette gave an update on the upcoming Apr 27-28 Woodfest. Help is still needed manning the Toys 4 Tots booth and as greeters. David mentioned what a great support Woodfest is to student woodworkers.
- Education Chairman Greg Koenker went over classes that still had openings since they weren't published in this month's newsletter. Greg stressed the importance of filling out the standby slots even if classes were full. He reminded everyone that our classes run from Sept-May.
- Member David Helm asked that anyone interested in working for the 2020 Census to get in touch with him. Part or full-time work at \$18.50 to \$20.50/hour.
- Program Chairman Bill Rawls reported that our June meeting will be Boat Night. Anyone who has built a boat is asked to display in the school parking lot that night. It has been expanded this year to include model boats and planes.
- President George Knutson reminded everyone that our May meeting is the President's Challenge and all members are asked to bring cutting boards, serving boards/trays etc for Bring and Brag. He also asked the membership about their interest in having a club Facebook page and using this as a possible alternative to our website forum. Concern was expressed by several members about security issues on Facebook. George indicated that he was just gauging initial interest and that this would continue to be discussed.
- It was mentioned that the owner of Gordon Plume Architectural Millwork in Ferndale is retiring and looking to sell a large assortment of wood. George will pass along details as available.
- Bring and Brag
  - Bill Rawls brought a box that was inspired by an urn
  - Mike Forst displayed a Unity Cross that he made for a wedding
  - Rod Parker brought his first attempt at seat carving on a stool designed by a German woodworker.
  - David Steele demonstrated how he use a clever cardboard outline to produce a small curved plane.
  - Chuck Barnett brought a tenor ukulele he made out of quilted maple.
  - King Dahl displayed an artistic table with a catalpa top and metal legs.
  - Heime Letterick brought a small turned Venezuelan toys that he demonstrated to the club.
- We had an **Ask The Experts** session and covered everything from noiseless kazoos to humidity control for cabinets. Bring your questions for the Experts at our next meeting.
- Our featured speaker was Port Townsend woodworker Kevin Reiswig. He spoke about his varied career explores ways to process wood and making use of salvaged and found materials.
- George closed the meeting by mentioning that Stuart Welch would be our May program speaker and we were reminded that the upcoming Grizzley Tent Sale is May 4.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Bring &Brag



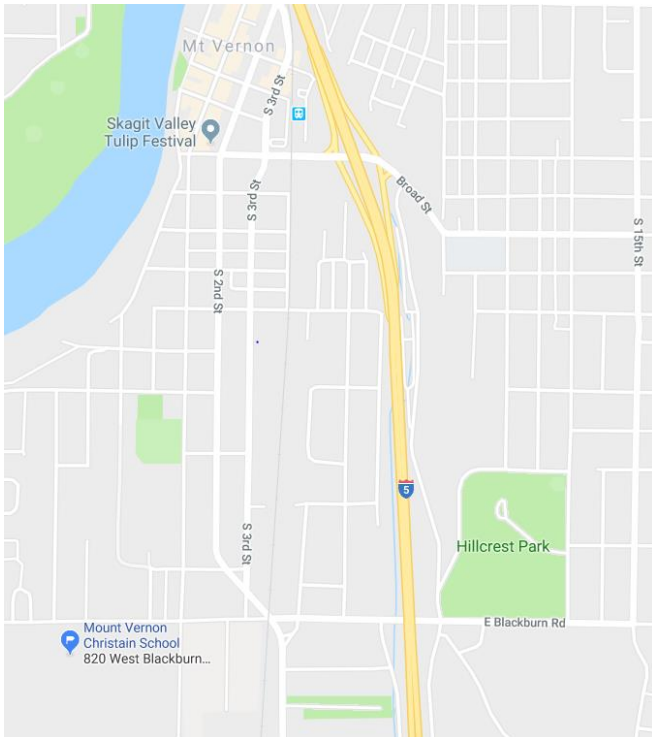
See all of the photos at [CLICK HERE](#)



# May 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 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 ¼ 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 13<sup>th</sup> St.
2. Drive south to end of 13<sup>th</sup> 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

May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting

## NCWA May Program

NCWA woodworker, Stuart Welch, will present Roots of Current American Woodworking. Several well known woodworkers of the 1950's - 1970's will be featured with photographs of their work. Stuart will also present some of his woodworking projects which he displayed at the Skagit County Historical Museum this past winter.

## NCWA Board of Directors Meeting

April 10, 2018

- 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, John Braun, George Knutson, Tim Wynn, Al Ashley, Phil Humphries, Greg Koenker, Jim Bucknell
- Treasurer's Report:
  - NCWA has a total of \$9,194.49 in checking and savings accounts as of 04/10/2019.
  - Total membership of NCWA is 207 as of 04/10/2019.
  - 4 new members for 2019 to date
  - Board reviewed the cash basis financial report (budget to actual) for the quarter ended March 31, 2019. No budget adjustments were made.
- Shows Committee. (David Vandette)
  - Woodfest dates are Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 9-4 and Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 10-3.
  - NCWA Woodfest support is ready. All demos, Toys for Tots help, greeters are ready.
  - Sascha Vandette suggested that it might be appropriate to charge NCWA members who sell items at shows a modest fee for letting them use the NCWA venue. This suggestion initiated an extended discussion with numerous comments both for and against the suggestion. Finally, Jim Bucknell moved and Phil Humphries seconded a motion that:
    - NCWA members who sell at NCWA show venues will be assessed a 20% selling fee if they do not participate in the show venue (as a demonstrator, or greeter, or booth manager, etc.) and a 10% fee if they do participate. The motion was passed.
- George Knutson then led a discussion on the General Meeting 'Ask the Experts' period. While most board members thought it had some merit there was a consensus that individual questions should not be addressed in the open meeting as most questions were very specific and were not, in general, of interest to the entire membership. Instead Board members wanted to promote and encourage the use of the forum on the NCWA website.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

## NCWA Classes for Spring 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](mailto: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
May 11	Measuring and Marking	Greg Koenker	3 Spaces
May 18	Biscuit Joint and Pocket Screw Joinery	Jim Bucknell	Full

## ***“I was just wondering.....”***

George Knutson May 2019

I spent most of the past weekend at the NCWA booth at Woodfest and had a GREAT time! Lots of conversations with lots of people about all things wood related. If you've never attended, or assisted in our booth, you really should plan on it for next year. But the best part for me was the kids. Young kids, older kids. Small kids, bigger kids. Girls and boys alike. They were smiling and laughing as they teamed up and built a Builder Board house, only to dismantle it and start another one all over again. Bigger and better!! And the kids who made cars and trucks at our Toys For Tots table were SO fun to watch. Most were pretty serious when they started out, but quickly figured out that “Hey, this isn't so tough”. They clearly left with a newfound sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. And then there were the projects on display by the “kids” at 8 area high schools. Some pretty impressive pieces!!

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

Do you remember some of your first woodworking projects? Mine were pretty crude. But I built them, and was very proud of them. And they got better, thank God!! My Dad had a box of wood scraps under a small bench built of 2 x 12's in the basement. Hand tools were hanging on nails on the wall, just barely within reach for me. I built boxes for my “treasures”. And ladders for tree forts. And go karts with no engines on them, remember them? You needed a friend to push you, or a hill. In western Minnesota, we had very few, very small hills!! My feet on the ground were my brakes on the first models. Then I took Wood Shop in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and built a small wall hanging shelf which hangs in my shop today. Again, nothing fancy, but it built self confidence in a kid who was lacking it in a big way at the time.

We all have kids in our lives, whether they're our own kids, or grandkids, or nieces, or nephews, or neighbor kids, or friends with kids.

So next time you're out in your shop, looking for something to work on, put together some materials for a small project that a kid could do. Something simple. Something like one of YOUR first projects. And when those “kids” in your life come around next time, take them out to your shop and plant that seed for another woodworker. And water it often. One success leads to another and another. Too many kids these days use only their thumbs (as in video games). Get them using all 10 of their digits and I bet they'll be amazed what they can do!!! And they'll keep coming back for more.

Happy Woodworking, Kids.  
George

## 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>
Hard Woods To Get	1405 "E" Street	Bellingham	hardwoodstoget.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>
Klingspor	website only		woodworkingshop.com	<b>800-228-0000</b>
Rockler Woodworking	832 NE Northgate Way	Seattle	rockler.com	<b>206-634-3222</b>
Woodcraft	5963 Corson Ave.	Seattle	woodcraft.com	<b>206-767-6394</b>
Woodworkers Supply	website only		pro.woodworker.com	<b>800-645-9292</b>

## Officers and Chairpersons 2019

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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](mailto:janekirstine@comcast.net) with subject line as NCWA Newsletter.