

Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

[NCWA Website](#)

July 2019

**General Meeting
Tuesday, July 2th
5:00 PM**

**FastCap
5016 Pacific Hwy
Ferndale, WA**

[Google Map Link to FastCap](#)



FastCap Headquarters in Ferndale

July Program

FIELD TRIP TO FASTCAP ON JULY 2nd

**Coffee Hour & Shop for Tools 5 – 6 pm
Program Starts at 6 pm**

In July, we're visiting FastCap just north of Bellingham, a company founded by Paul Akers, a woodworker and cabinet maker. FastCap makes innovative woodworking products that make jobs easier and save time. The company name comes from the first product he developed - small peel and stick adhesive covers to cover screws in cabinets. The meeting starts at 5 pm to give everyone a chance to buy something if you choose to. Paul will give us 10% off, and if you purchase at least \$100 worth, you'll be included in a drawing for the **Paulk Workbench** at the end of the program. After our coffee and shopping hour, Paul will give us a tour of his impressive facility. We will then have the privilege of seeing his personal presentation on the company including how lean manufacturing made FastCap a success. Paul is often asked (and paid \$\$\$) to give this presentation to corporations around the world. Since this is a fieldtrip, bring and brag and the library will not be included this month.

For more on FastCap, check out their website at www.fastcap.com.

Paulk Workbench: <https://www.fastcap.com/product/paulk-workbench>

NCWA General Meeting Notes June 4, 2019

- The meeting was convened by NCWA President George Knutson at 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Christian School.
- Guests and new members were introduced.
- Announcements:
 - David Vandette, chair of the Shows Committee, indicated that the Anacortes Arts Festival would be on August 2,3 and 4 this year. He asked for volunteers to be greeters, demonstrators, submit displays, and help with the Toys for Tots booth.
 - Program for July will be at FASTCAP in Ferndale on Tuesday, July 2.
 - 5-6 p.m. will be a coffee hour where you can buy all FASTCAP material for 10% off. You get a chance at winning a workbench if you buy \$100 of goods.
 - Actual Meeting & tour will begin at 6 p.m.
 - The Annual Picnic will be August 17th at Val and Laura Matthews.
 - Martin Lumber in Everett has some really nice slabs for sale. Check them out.
 - Targo Woods is being sold. Interested parties should talk to Odie.
 - The Small Business development class will be on June 16 or 17. Watch for announcement.
 - George Knutson is developing a shop talk on shop milling of limbs, trees, etc.
- Bring & Brag
 - Al Bohan showed us a really nice domino box made out of Walnut and finished with polyurethane.
 - Kirk Ratajesak show cased some exquisite carved earrings, gun stocks and pistol grips.
 - Harvey Rossiter displayed a model ferry boat made out of scrap oak and mahogany he got from Price and Visser Millworks.
 - Bill Pierce exhibited his artistic flare with some Art Deco carvings in Basswood and Sapele. Very striking, Bill.
 - John Ellis showed off two beautiful mountain dulcimers. Wonderful work, John.
 - Chris Richards displayed Mason Bee houses made out of Juniper.
 - John Gruenewald proudly exhibited his ultra lite Kevlar skinned canoe. The 15' boat only weighs about 15-18 lbs. It was finished with varnish. Nice job, John.
 - Art Tucker lovingly showed a model Steamboat that was started by his son and that he finished. Exquisite detail, Art.
 - Steve Nordal brought a windshield from a 1957 Chris Craft and asked if anyone needed it or knew anyone who wanted it.
- Program.
 - The program was a potpourri of great workmanship centered around boats and model collections. Some of the highlights were:
 - Lauren Wright's ultra-light rubber band powered model airplanes. Would you believe that some of those gossamer artifacts could stay in the air for over 30 minutes?! Amazing.
 - Al Baker's bird houses built with various themes. My favorite was the Western Town theme. Very cool.
 - Andy Rudy's model boats. Seriously, is there anything he can't do?!!
 - And all the rest of the boats that were brought for display.
 - We gotta do this program again. It was super!

Bring & Brag

ultra light flight



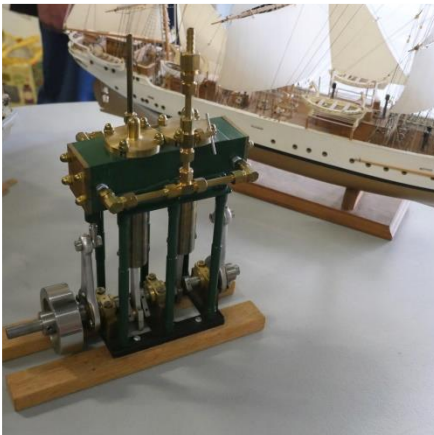
Mountain Dulcimers



equisite carvings



Andy Rudy's models



Boat models



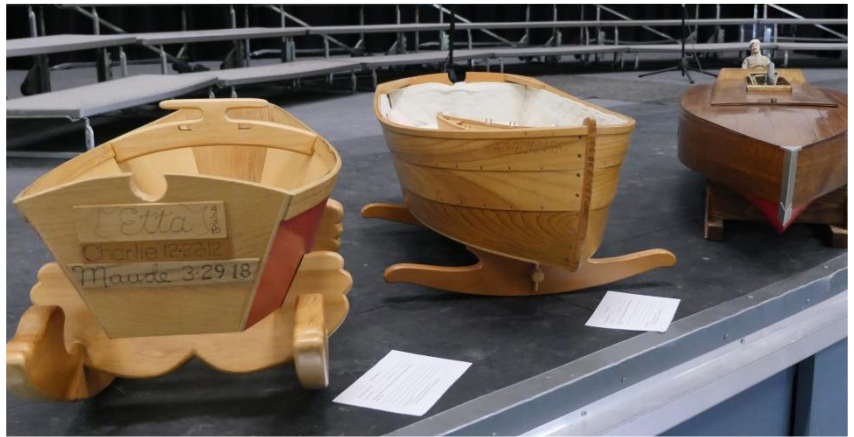
Bill Pierce's Art Deco



would you believe bird houses?



Rock a bye boats



[Click HERE for more Meeting and Boat Pictures!](#)

Bring Your Boat Highlights

Summer Time Sailing



ARTS FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sign Up sheets will be available at the NCWA monthly meeting on July 2nd 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.

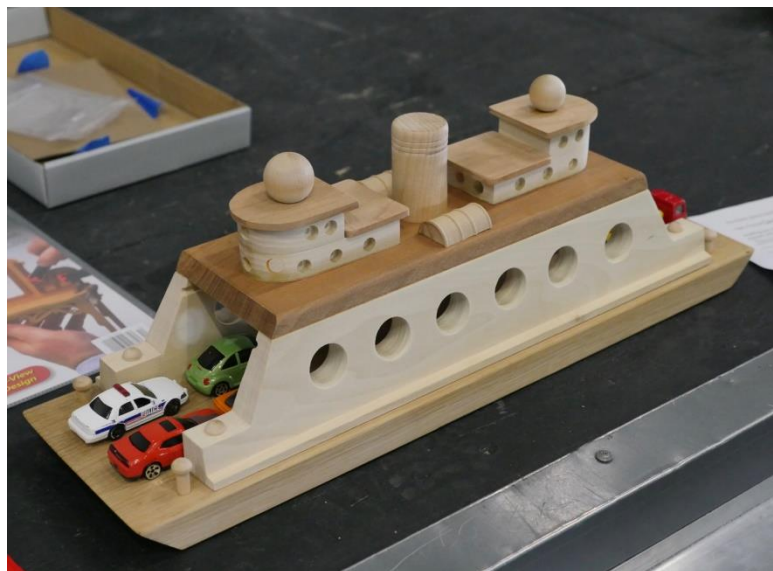
The Anacortes Arts Festival takes place Friday, August 2nd through Sunday, August 4th. The Festival has over 250 juried artisan booths and averages 80,000 visitors.

NCWA has, once again, been invited to be one of the prestigious Working Studios. Working Studios are open from 10 am through 4 pm each day.

This is our largest annual event. Our members' participation to provide booth support is critical for success. We need display items, demonstrators, and greeters. We also need assistance with the Toys for Tots children's activity, which is fun for both the young and the slightly more mature.

Please volunteer to participate, it's a great way to spend a couple of hours!

If you are not able to volunteer this year, please stop by to see us in action. We will send out a broadcast email with our demonstration schedule prior to the event to help you choose the perfect time.



Future Events

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
September 2 nd	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
September 10 th	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting



Paddle Wheel Boat

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 Phip 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

June 12, 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, John Braun, Al Ashley, Phil Humphries, Jim Bucknell, George Knutson, Tim Wynn
- Treasurer's Report:
 - NCWA has a total of \$7,787.42 in checking and savings accounts as of 06/12/2019.
 - Total membership of NCWA is 210 as of 06/12/2019.
 - 6 new members for 2019 to date
- Shows Committee. (David Vandette)
 - Anacortes Arts Festival will be the first weekend in August (Aug 3-4). They need more volunteers to do Demos and help with the Toys for Tots area.
- August Picnic. It is the Turners turn to cook. All we need to do is supply the grill.
- Program Committee. (Bill Rawls) The July program will be at FASTCAP in Ferndale.
 - 5-6 p.m. will be coffee and opportunity to shop/buy FASTCAP items for 10% off. Members buying more than \$100 will be entered into drawing for a workbench.
 - 6-7 p.m. tour and presentation.
 - The program committee is looking for a new chair. Phil Humphries volunteered to co-chair the committee with Jim Bucknell.
- 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. He is looking to have a July meeting.
- NCWA needs a new chair for the Toys for Tots.
- Sascha and David Vandette will be assisting Tom Thornton with the 50/50 raffle.
- George Knutson is organizing a meeting on Small Business Development. He sent out an email on June 10.
- The board engaged in an extended discussion on a possible milling Shop Talk. Most discussion centered on whether to have one or two venues. More discussion to come.
- George indicated that we needed to renew the committee and position descriptions so members could determine if they wished to volunteer for those committees/positions.
- The board discussed whether to purchase more hats for sale to the members. It was agreed that any purchase of hats or aprons would wait until a new logo was developed for the NCWA.
- Calling all artists! We need a new LOGO developed for the NCWA. The current LOGO isn't readily discernible as a person with a hand plane. We need a LOGO that tells everyone that NCWA is about woodworking.
- Bill Pierce had a tip published in the August Fine Woodworking (pg. 14).



“I was just wondering.....”

George Knutson June 2019

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I don't know how you all feel about the Programs we've had over the past few years, but in MY opinion, they've been great!! Great variety. Great topics. Some from professionals, some from mainstream woodworkers, some relative newcomers, some members and some not. I'm working on a program for next year myself. It's based on the fact that each of us has tried various methods of doing something and landed on the process that works best for us. We've all learned something from a class, friend, book, or video. And I think ALL of us have something that we're doing a particular way, even though we're not convinced that there isn't a better way. But this is the best way so far, so we do it that way and we keep looking for that "better mouse trap".

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

What was your best "Ah hah!!" moment so far? You tried something that sounded and looked like it might significantly improve your results, streamline a process, improve the fit and finish of your projects, or otherwise make a day in the shop more enjoyable. And when you gave it a try, it actually DID that!!! I know we all have enjoyed these experiences after some amount of struggle, so next time it happens for you, write it down. Take a few photos of it. Or call or email me, and I'll gladly come out to your shop and take some photos, or talk with you about how and why this particular "thing" worked for you, and we'll create a description that can be shared with the rest of our club members in a Program next year (maybe sooner, depending on how many ideas I hear about). Share your "better mouse trap" with the rest of the group and we'll all be better woodworkers for it.

Phone lines are open, give me a call

George

425-753-4476

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 August 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
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

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.