

Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

[NCWA Website](#)

September 2019

**General Meeting
Tuesday, September 3rd
7:00 PM**

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

[Google Map Directions Link](#)



Lani Gabriel

September Program

Occupational Safety Consultant Lani Gabriel

Lani Gabriel wants you to be safe in your shop! Born and raised in Port Orchard, WA, she studied environmental and occupational health sciences at the University of Washington, in Seattle, where she spent 4 years in laboratory work (research labs and an environmental lab). She has worked for Washington State Labor & Industries, for the past 6 years, as a compliance officer and now as a consultant.

Lani will talk about simple steps to safely handle a chemical product: reviewing the product label and the safety data sheet, determining what personal protective equipment (respirator, gloves, eye protection) is required, and how to make the appropriate selection (i.e. dust mask vs. organic vapor respirator, nitrile gloves vs. butyl gloves, goggles vs. glasses), and when to consider an alternative product. She will touch on all the major woodworking finish chemical categories. If there's time, she'll talk about other shop hazards, such as the need for hearing and eye protection.

Don't miss this chance to ask questions and ensure you'll be around to enjoy woodworking, with all your faculties, long into the future.

NCWA General Meeting Notes July 2, 2019

FASTCAP TOUR Hosted By Paul Akers

On July 2nd, about 75 members converged on the 50,000 square foot facility of FastCap north of Bellingham. This was our second visit to the unique business founded by woodworker and cabinet maker Paul Akers. Members shopped for many of his innovative products during the first hour, and then Paul welcomed the group with a short descriptive background of his company. Several members asked questions about the business model which embraces the concept of lean manufacturing with constant improvements to reduce waste. Lean started as an American concept, and was initially embraced by many Japanese companies like Toyota. Kaizen is the Japanese word which sums up the process of continuous improvement. Paul then took us on a tour of the facility which included an incredible woodworking shop. We adjourned to his conference room for Paul's presentation that more fully explained the lean concept. The evening was capped off by a drawing for a free workbench. Those who spent at least \$100 during the shopping session were eligible and Tina Schmidt won. Tina surprised us all, including Paul, when she told us that her nephew, Tyler works at FastCap. Paul informed us that coincidentally, Tyler was instrumental in developing the workbench! Tina gave the workbench to her son, Josh, who came on the tour and is also a member of our club.



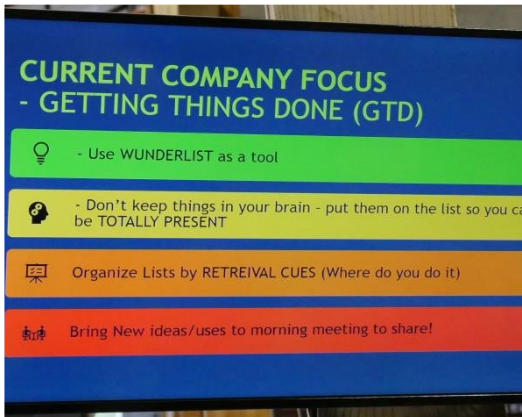
Fast Cap Presentation



Josh Tina Schmidt

Fast Cap at General Meeting

Fast Cap Focus



Demonstration



Drawing



Walk through!



Presentation



John Braun



Samantha Chang



Dave Shull



Tables galore



Display



Mike Titus



Beautiful Best in Show

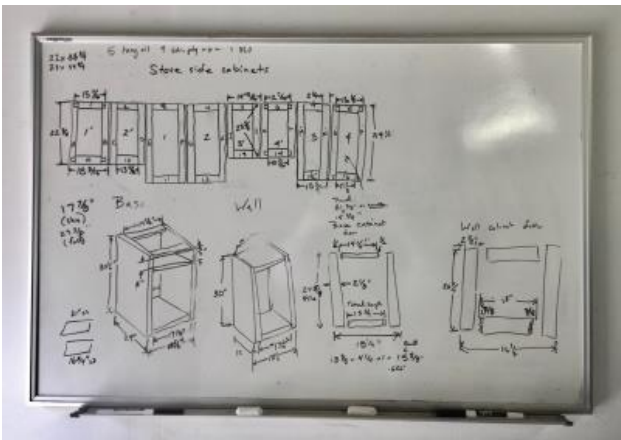


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Class Pictures



David Shull's Cabinet Class



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A Big Thank You!

We all want to say a big “thank you” to everyone that attended our club BBQ last Saturday at Val and Laura's. The weather cooperated this year, and the spirits were high of those who came out to enjoy a wide array of delicious foods and great company.

A special thank you to Val and Laura for once again hosting our picnic. They both seem to brush it off as no big deal, but I can assure you that it is a big deal! They spend a lot of time and energy in the preparation that they do before we even get there, and again after we leave. Be sure to thank them yourselves the next time you see them.

Also, a special thank you goes out to John Braun for once again picking up and returning the BBQ to the rental center in Mt. Vernon. And to Bill Rawls for arranging for, and transporting, the brats.

We also had a lot of people step up and help with bringing supplies, setting up, cooking, managing the food tables, and cleaning afterwards. Each person giving 10 or 15 minutes of time helping makes a three hour picnic enjoyable for all. Thanks to all of YOU from all of us!!

Let's do it again next year,

The First Step in Starting Your Business

A workshop specifically for NCWA members.

August 21, 6:00pm to 8:00pm at The Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County

204 W Montgomery St, Mt Vernon, WA 98273. (360) 336-6114

This is a class that the Economic Development folks are organizing specifically for NCWA members who are thinking about starting a small business to market their craft. Or those who already have a business license and want to learn how to be more efficient. This is the first of several sessions that they will tailor to our interests/needs.

This class will introduce the use of a framework, the Business Model Canvas, to capture your idea so that you can test it before you commit to spending time and resources necessary to start a business.

The canvas is a place to describe all the business owner's assumptions about who their customers are, what the customers value about the product or service, how relationships with customers are maintained and the channels through which the customers are reached. The model also illustrates how to map out revenue projections and the costs of creating that revenue, and identify the key partners, key resources, and key activities to get the business up and running. Then the business owner will have some homework to do, testing these assumptions in order to validate assumptions before seeking capital expenses or spending marketing dollars.

This workshop is for NCWA members only. Please use their online registration to sign up.

Click here for more information:

<https://wsbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/99270763>

To sign up, click on the green button on the top of the first page. There's no charge for this workshop.

And the topics for the second session will be based on the input given by those who attend this workshop.

This is about giving YOU the info YOU need.

Future Events

September 3 rd	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
September 11 th	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
October 1 st	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
October 9 th	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
November 5 th	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
November 13 th	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting



Programs Committee

We know it's only July, but it's not too early to start planning the program content for 2020 club meetings. There have been some tough acts to follow, so to keep things interesting we are asking for ideas from you. Are there some unusual techniques you'd like to learn? Maybe you know someone who would be willing to come teach us about them — a demonstration would be even better.

How about field trips — like the FastCap visit? Where would you like to go? We've gained a significant number of new members in recent years. Is it time to revisit some of the popular locations such as Smith and Vallee or North Star Door.

Please give us your ideas, and don't forget to also tell us what you don't want to see or hear about!

Phil Humphries — pilipo.two@gmail.com
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NCWA Board of Directors Meeting

July 10, 2019

- The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by President George Knutson at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Mt. Vernon.
- Members present: Tim Wynn, Sascha Vandette, John Braun, Bill Rawls, Bill Pierce, Greg Koenker, Al Ashley, Phil Humphries, George Knutson
- Treasurer's Report:
 - NCWA has a total of \$7,066.27 in checking and savings accounts as of 07/10/2019.
 - Total membership of NCWA is 210 as of 07/10/2019.
 - 6 new members for 2019 to date
 - Board reviewed the quarterly Financial Report and determined that no corrections were needed at this time.
- Shows Committee. (David Vandette)
 - Anacortes Arts Festival will be the first weekend in August (Aug 3-4).
 - Show still needs a few volunteers for the Toys for Tots.
 - The Demonstration slots are all filled.
 - Jerry Couchman is in charge of displays and demos.
- August Picnic. It is the Turners turn to cook. All we need to do is supply the grill. We will be sending out the silent auction forms with the picnic reminders.
- Library Committee. (Bill Pierce)
 - Village Books might become a potential sponsor of NCWA. Details still have to be worked out. Village Books would give NCWA members a 10% discount and display the club brochure. They would also set up a small section of woodworking books. Stay tuned.
 - The book sale may be moved to September.
- Small Business Development Meetings will begin on August 21. It will take place at the Small Business Development Center in Mt. Vernon from 6-8 p.m. Follow on meetings will be tailored to the needs identified in the first meeting.
- There will be a Shop Talk on lumber milling at George Knutsons shop. Date and time TBE but it will be sometime in August.
- New Logos. The Board has determined that NCWA needs a new logo and will start the process for developing a new one. We will wait for the new Logo before making an order for any new hats.
- Meeting adjourned at 2022.

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New Classes for Fall

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
Sept 12	Routed Bowls	Jerry Anderson	1 avail
Sept 14	Bandsaw Maintenance	Charley Drake	Full
Sept 14	Bandsaw Use	Charley Drake	Full
Sept 28	Vacuum Applications	Greg Koenker	2 avail
Oct 5	Router Basics	Jim Hickey	
?Oct 12?	Core Staining	Richard Gillingham	
Oct 26	Exploring Wood Carving	Bill Pierce	
Nov 16	Core Varnishing Skills	Richard Gillingham	



Vendor Support Groups

Did you know that NCWA members receive a discount at some stores that sell woodworking related items? Check out the updated list on the next page of the newsletter. Discounts vary at each establishment. Just show your membership card to receive the store discount!

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
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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
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
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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.