

Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

[NCWA Website](#)

October 2019

General Meeting

**Tuesday, October 1st
7:00 PM**

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

[Google Map Directions Link](#)



Steve McMinn

October Program

Pacific Rim Tonewoods Steve McMinn

Steve McMinn is the founder of Pacific Rim Tonewoods, located near Concrete. PRT is a small specialty mill that produces wooden components for stringed musical instruments. They cut spruces, maple, koa, and walnut, most of which goes to US guitar companies. They are also involved in forestry research for figured big-leaf maple and koa, and are now making forays into torrefaction and sonic testing. Employment is 35.

[Pacific Rim Tonewoods Website CLICK](#)

NCWA General Meeting Notes September 3, 2019

- The meeting was convened by NCWA President George Knutson at 7:00p.m. at the Mount Vernon Christian School.
- Thank you's were passed along to Paul Akers of FastCap for hosting our July meeting at his manufacturing facility in Ferndale and to Val and Laura Matthews for once again hosting our Annual Club Picnic in August.
- It was reported that 11 NCWA members attended the "First Steps to Starting a Business" workshop put on for us by The Small Business Development Center. Great comments from attendees and a follow-up workshop is in the works for October.
- David Vandette reported that the Anacortes Arts Festival was a huge success. Biggest and best so far. Great participation by our members, great comments from attendees about our demos, and quite a few sales of works by our members. We're all looking forward to seeing how the Special Events group tops this one next year!!!
- Greg Koenker gave us an update on the class schedule for the balance of the year. Lots to choose from!!!
- George announced a Shop Talk to be held at his shop on September 7th from 9am to Noon on Milling Lumber from Logs. Topics to include different types of milling equipment, drying the lumber, and how to cut quartersawn, rift sawn, and plainsawn lumber.
- George also suggested a couple ideas for Shop Talks that others may want to host. Like how to create a cutlist from a design drawing, how do I decide what I should buy at the lumber yard (4/4, 8/4, quartersawn boards, rift, etc). Or how to take a "good" design to a "great" design (what details can I change or add to take it to the next level). Contact George if you'd be willing to host a Shop Talk on any of these or any other topic. It's a discussion amongst members, not a class led by one person.
- Several members asked for help on various projects they were struggling with and by the end of the night, I believe they all got help from other members at the meeting. That's what this club is about!
- John Burmaster, Baker River Woodworks in Concrete, brought a truckload of beautiful lumber/slabs to tempt our members, and it worked very well for all! Many members picked up unique materials of all shapes and sizes for future projects. I'm sure they'll be showing up in Bring and Brag photos in the coming months. And John graciously donated some of his wood to the woodshop at the school as well. A very nice gesture and greatly appreciated by NCWA member and Shop Instructor Brannon Mucke! Thank you John.
- Bring and Brag
 - Steve Wagoner showed a Shave Horse he modified for portability. He also customized it with several features to better suit his projects. Steve also showed his custom chisel holder.....a music stand modified to hold a leather chisel roll so all his chisels are within reach and easy access. Great idea, Steve!!!
 - Greg Robinson displayed a wall sconce he created with curved and bent wood slats. Another great project done with his CNC router. Greg also collaborated with NCWA member Tom Howorth to make a protective holder for his block plane.
 - Speaking of Tom Howorth, he showed us the storage box he built to hold his antique moulding plane and accessories. He even embedded rare earth magnets to hold the pieceparts in place and also recreated the original labels for the outside of the box. Great reproduction Tom!
 - David Steele's latest project was a drum type musical instrument. He used a variety of woods with varied fastener placement to accommodate the sound considerations for the instrument. Nice job, David.
 - Jeff Palmer continues to stay busy in his shop. This month, he brought us a beautiful live edge end table. Tapered legs, nice mix of woods, and crazy character in the live edge top. Coffee table next?
 - Harvey Rossiter showed us a great toy called the "Bouncing Boy". It incorporates magnets and a swinging pendulum that flips and spins and swings, mesmerizing anyone who gives it a spin. And you can even adjust it do change the movements if you want. I can see hours of entertainment for young and old with this one!! Great piece, Harvey.
- Program – Lani Gabriel – Consultant with the Department of Labor and Industries
 - Lani shared lots of information on Product Labels and Safety Data Sheets, Dust and Chemical hazards, and Procedures for safe use of materials.
 - She explained how to read and understand the sometimes confusing information on product labels.
 - Different types of dust masks and respirators were discussed as well as their effectiveness.
 - She shared a few resources on alternatives to some of those highly dangerous materials like www.epa.gov/saferchoice and <https://www.thisoldhouse.com/ideas/safer-paint-strippers>
 - And for finding those Safety Data Sheets, go to Google and search "manufacturer + product + SDS" and you'll find the info on that specific product.
 - If you have specific questions, she can be reached at Gabo235@lni.wa.gov or (360) 647-7312
 - Thanks for a great presentation, Lani.

Greg Robinson



David Steele



Harvey Rossiter



Jeff Palmer



Tom Howorth



Tom Howorth



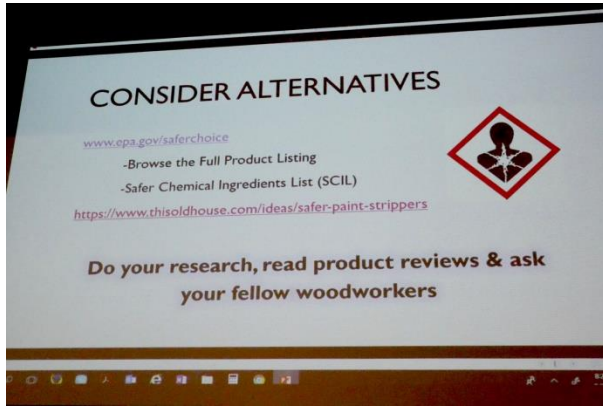
Steve Wagoner



Need a new project?



[Click HERE for all pictures!](#)



Lani Gabriel presenter from September General Meeting

A large graphic shaped like a house, filled with a wood-grain texture. Inside the house, there is a white rectangular box with a blue border containing the following text:

**Shop Tour
Fall 2019**

The fall 2019 shop tour will be held October 19 in the Anacortes and La Conner areas. A detailed email addressing this will be sent to all members approximately a week before the tour.

Making Sawdust

Hey Woodworkers! Our very own Tom Dolese has been mentioned again in print.

Check out the October, 2019 issue of Popular

Woodworking. Tom has a ten page spread where he walks through chair making Tom's way. It is a great read and, naturally, contains a huge number of great tips and suggestions. It is a must read for anyone looking to build a chair. Better yet take Tom's chair making class and you can hear it first hand.

I was just wondering...

George Knutson October 2019

How many clamps does one woodworker need? Really!!

Isn't there one finish that can universally be used on everything and work well?

How much wood is too much wood?

Why is it that free wood is never really free?

How often have you heard, or used, the phrase....."I don't know what I'm gonna use it for, but I just have to have that wood (or tool)"?

Why is it that there's ALWAYS one more tool "that'd be great to have"? Even if we already have one, or two, of them.

We often times get caught up in gathering together all the tools and accessories for building projects, and collecting materials when they're just too good to pass up, and getting the shop set up so it's as efficient as we can make it. And pretty soon, we realize that we haven't actually built anything for quite a while.

Time marches on for all of us, and at some point we notice that some of our physical abilities aren't quite what they used to be. We can't lift as much as we used to. Or we can't see the marks on the wood as well as we used to. We can't work from sun up to sun down without several breaks, and longer breaks than usual too.

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

If we start having issues that prevent us from working as much as we'd like to in our shops, or we just feel like we've built everything we want to build, how can we put all those hard-earned skills and knowledge to good use in a different way?

Pass it on!! Mentor a novice woodworker. Donate "extra" wood for charitable projects or classes. Teach a class. Do demos at a woodworking event. Hold a Shop Talk Session and share some of what you've learned on any given topic. Help someone else layout their new shop. I think there are a lot of other ways to keep this craft alive and keep US alive. Stay active. Keep learning. Get involved in a different way. Share your knowledge. Share your skills.

I'm a firm believer in the concept that the more active we keep our minds and bodies, the longer and more fulfilling our lives will be.

That being said, I'm still looking for the answer to the age old question, "How much wood could a woodchuck chuck, if a woodchuck could chuck wood?"

See you in the shop,
George

Future Events

October 1 st	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
October 9 th	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
October 19 th	Saturday	Shop Tour
November 5 th	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
November 13 th	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
December 3 rd	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
December 11 th	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting

Annual Membership Dues 2020

\$35.00 – Annual Dues

Yes, it is that time again – time to renew your membership for 2020!

Annual dues for next year will remain at \$35.00 – no increase has been proposed by the Board.

Benefits of membership include:

- NCWA woodworking classes
- Discounts from our vendor support group
- Library books and CDs,
- Shop tours
- Monthly membership meetings
- Special events (Woodfest, Anacortes Arts Festival, etc.), and
- As always, the opportunity to associate with the best group of woodworkers in the Northwest.

You can pay your dues (cash or check) at one of our regular meetings (the October meeting works) or you can mail your check payable to: NCWA, c/o Al Ashley, 26220 48th Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223. Dues are due by the end of January and membership cards will be available at the January meeting.

NCWA Board of Directors Meeting

September 11, 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, Bill Rawls, Phil Humphries, Jim Bucknell, Al Ashley, George Knutsen
- Small Business Development Meeting. The Small Business Development Meeting occurred on August 21, 6:00pm to 8:00pm at The Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County. George Knutsen indicated 11 persons attended and there was strong interest in another meeting addressing topics developed at the first meeting.
- Shop Talk – Milling Lumber from Logs. George Knutsen reported on the Shop Talk that he held on Sep 7 in his shop in Everson. He indicated that 7 persons had attended with a broad spectrum of experience.
- Library. Bill Pierce has led a team ‘mining’ the checkout database for information on club likes and dislikes. This information will be used not only to buy more books but also to develop programs.
- NCWA Forum Training. George Knutsen indicated that they were trying to have a small training program on ‘how to use the NCWA Forum.’ Currently, the training is scheduled for the November program.
- Treasurer Report. Al Ashley.
 - The NCWA has \$7,228.14 in Checking and Savings accounts as of 09/11/2019.
 - The NCWA has 210 members as of 09/11/2019
 - Al Presented a preliminary budget for 2020 and asked for feedback from committee chairs by next BOD meeting.
 - Al indicated that he would start collecting dues for 2020 at the October General Meeting. A notification will appear in the newsletter. Dues will be \$35/year, same as last year.
- The Board then discussed the need for nominations for some key Officer and Committee positions:
 - Needed
 - Vice-President nomination
 - Toys for Tots Committee Chair.
 - Two Board Members at Large. (Sascha Vandette indicated she was willing to serve again)
 - Assistant Secretary. Tim Wynn indicated that he needed a person or persons to substitute for him when he goes on his trips.
 - All other positions have been filled or the incumbent has indicated that they are willing to serve again.
- The Board indicated that they needed updated position descriptions by the next board meeting from all sitting officers and Board Chairs.
- Jim Bucknell indicated that the Ad Hoc Meeting for Strategic Planning Review will take place on Tuesday, Sep 17.

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 28	Vacuum Applications	Greg Koenker	Full
Oct 5	Router Basics	Jim Hickey	2 Available
Oct 12	Intro to Woodworking	Jerry Anderson	4 Available
Oct 19	Exploring Wood Carving	Bill Pierce	1 Available
Nov 9	String Inlays	David Shull	2 Available
Nov 16	Core Varnishing Skills	Richard Gillingham	Full
Dec 14	Core Staining	Richard Gillingham	1 Available



Library Book Sale at October Meeting

The NCWA Library will be conducting its annual book sale, at the meeting, on October 1st. This is a great way to augment your personal woodworking library, with some super deals on used books. Proceeds go toward purchasing new books for the library.

Sales will begin at approximately 6:15pm, with a limit of 3 books per member, initially. At the break, sales will continue, with no limits.

Thanks to all the members who have donated books to support the library.

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

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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 janekestine@comcast.net with subject line as NCWA Newsletter.