

Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

[NCWA Website](#)

November 2019

General Meeting

**Tuesday, November 5th
7:00 PM**

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

[Google Map Directions Link](#)



Shop Tour

November Program NCWA Members Speak

Due to a schedule change for our November speaker, we now have an opportunity to hear from two of our members.

Mike Titus, NCWA Webmaster Extraordinaire, is going to fill us in on how to use the Forum, which, in case you didn't know, is a feature on our website. The Board thinks the Forum can be a great asset to the club and can help fulfill at least part of the members' interest in mentoring. But, in order for that to happen, we, the members (and that includes Board Members) need to use it. And in order to use it, we have to know how. And that is what Mike has agreed to show us.

The second part of the program will feature our Vice-President, Jim Bucknell, who is going to discuss and show examples of a number of table saw jigs. He will discuss how and when he uses them and where he got the plans for the ones he has made. This will include a sacrificial fence, a tapering jig, a jig for safely ripping consistent thin strips, a tablesaw sled with a couple of accessories, and a couple of box joint jigs and maybe more! Jim will leave time for questions and will also allow time for members to come up and see the jigs up close.

We think this will be an interesting and informative program. We hope that, once it is over, you will agree! See you Tuesday night!

NCWA General Meeting Notes October 1, 2019

- The meeting was convened by NCWA President George Knutson at 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Christian School in Mt. Vernon.
- Announcements.
 - Jim Bucknell indicated that there had been a meeting of the Ad Hoc Strategic Plan Review committee and that there had been a continued emphasis on communications.
 - Bill Pierce reminded everyone that there was a book sale tonight and that there was a new process for returning borrowed books and videos. Just put them in the marked box! He also indicated that the Library Committee needed some new members. This is a great committee to get your 'toes wet' helping to make NCWA the best in the northwest.
 - There will be a Shop Tour on October 19th. Look for details in an email.
 - Greg Koenker asked for a show of interest in a new Beginners Woodworking Class.
 - George Knutson announced a follow-up meeting on 'financial mechanism for Woodworking Shops' e.g. LLC.
 - George Knutson announced that the President's Challenge for December will be "Something Curvy" so woodworkers get out your steam generators and laminate jigs and go to towns!
 - Tom Dolese announced that he would be participating in a Whatcom Artist Studio Tour on Oct 5-6 at his shop.
- Bring & Brag.
 - David Shull showed a practice craftsman style dining room chair that he made prior to going into 'production'. He also displayed a beautiful finished product crafted out of White Oak with ebony details. He finished it with Shellac, gel stain and an oil/varnish blend.
 - Roger Shimer displayed Cherry and Sapele trivets that he made from left over scraps in his workshop. Great use of the wood, Roger!
 - Jerry Couchman showcased another one of his great boxes made out of Sapele and Elm Burl. He also showed an exquisite side table to be donated to the Whatcom Hospice. It was made out of Peruvian and American walnut with Ebony trim. Jerry used vacuum pressing to attach the Walnut Burl Veneer.
 - Charley Drake displayed an intricate Butternut plate that he carved in noted carver Wayne Barton's class in Ellensburg last summer. Amazing.
 - Rod Parker displayed a Big Leaf maple platter finished with Walnut Oil. Really nice work, Rod. He bought the wood at the sale in September.
- Program.
 - Steve McMinn, owner/founder of Pacific Rim Tonewoods gave one of the best presentations of the year to the NCWA. He took us not only through the history of his firm but also through the entire process of making the sound boards for high end guitars.
 - He started with the process of hand selecting the Sitka Spruce Logs.
 - He then went on to detail the steps of milling drying, cutting and inspecting.
 - But he didn't stop there. He went on to detail how he was looking into the future and investing in Koa wood planting and cultivating as well as Big Leaf maple cultivating to insure that these woods would be available in the future.
 - His talk generated tons of interest and questions.



Bring and Brag

Roger Shimer



Charley Drake



Rod Parker



Rod Parker



Jerry Couchman



Drake



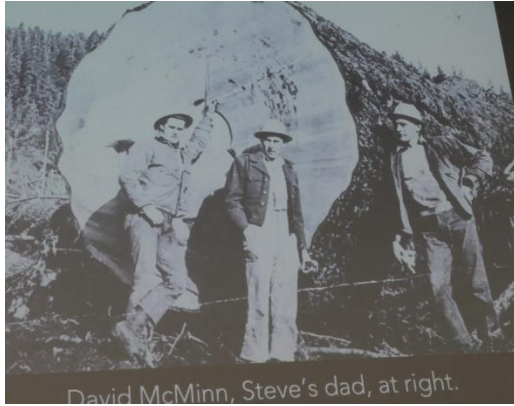
Roger Shimer



David Shull



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Steve McMinn presenter from October General Meeting

Shop Tour Fall 2019 Pictures

Click below to view The fall 2019 shop tour
in the Anacortes and La Conner areas.

[Shop Tour Pictures](#)

Shop Tour Highlights

A special thank you to those who opened their SHOPS for the club!



Making Sawdust

Welcome New Member!

Jim LeSage

Born in Western Massachusetts, Jim has built all kinds of things in all kinds of places. After building tree forts as a kid in Western Massachusetts, Jim headed in a completely different direction building computer hardware and software. He worked for several technology companies in the Northeast, Colorado, and Seattle, WA, eventually picking a career in software engineering. However, Jim is not restricted to hi-tech production. He has worked in construction and for a time was an apprentice blacksmith. He renovated a house outside of Bellingham at Gooseberry Point that he and his family moved into in 2007. He is working on organizing his workshop, which centers around a Robland combination woodworking machine. In the future he would like to refine his woodworking skills so he can build even more things including fine furniture and maybe even a boat.

I was just wondering...

George Knutson November 2019

What do you like/value about this club? I suspect that every member has a different priority or expectation, but when the day is done, there are bound to be a lot of common issues that we all consider priorities. This club has grown by leaps and bounds over the past several years. That tells us that we've been doing the right things. We've been trying a lot of different things, so what we really need to determine is what are the things that made the difference for YOU! What pushed you over the edge to decide to join? What made you volunteer for the library committee? Or the coffee/cookie committee? Or the shop tours committee? Tell us what brought you here!! And tell us what keeps you here!! Or what do you think needs to happen in order to make you comfortable with volunteering to help on one of the many committees that keep this club functioning like a well-oiled machine!! It doesn't just happen. But no one person bears the load of the club. It's very much a team effort. Even though I'm leaving office in January, I'd like to offer my email box as safe haven for any ideas, suggestions, recommendations, rants, and raves.....for the good of the order. We can't stay the same. It doesn't work that way. We need to change, evolve, adjust, and grow.

Please send me any ideas or thoughts you have on what brought you here, and what will keep you here. What WE can do, and what YOU can do to help. We're ALL learning from each other, bottom line.

See you in the shop,
George



Shop Tour

Future Events

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
January 7 th	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
January 15 th	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting

Annual Membership Dues 2020

\$35.00 – Annual Dues

Just a reminder – it's time to renew your membership for 2020!

Dues will remain the same for next year - \$35.00.

Benefits of membership include:

- NCWA woodworking classes,
- Discounts from our vendor support group,
- Monthly newsletter,
- Library books and CDs,
- Spring & Fall shop tours,
- Monthly membership meetings,
- Annual joint picnic, BBQ and silent auction,
- Special events (Woodfest, Anacortes Arts Festival, etc.),
- 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 November meeting works) or you can mail your check payable to: NCWA. Send your check 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 for all who have renewed their membership.

NCWA Board of Directors Meeting

October 9, 2019

- The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by President George Knutson at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Mt. Vernon.
- Members Present: Richard Gillingham, Sascha Vandette, David Vandette, Bill Rawls, Kent Crouse, Jim Bucknell, Jeff Palmer, Greg Koenker, Dale Brandland, Al Ashley, George Knutson, Bill Pierce, Gary Daniels, Tim Wynn
- Treasurer's Report.
 - NCWA has a total of \$8,988.13 in checking and savings as of 10/09/2019.
 - NCWA has a total membership of 215 as of 10/09/2019.
 - Discussion of proposed budget for 2020.
 - After discussion which resulted in several minor changes to the budget, Dale Brandland moved and Jim Bucknell seconded a motion to approve the budget as modified. Motion was passed with unanimous approval.
- Nomination Slate for officers and Committee Chairs for 2020.
 - The Nomination slate for officers for 2020 is complete with the following names to be presented to the membership in December for approval.
 - President – Jim Bucknell
 - Vice President – King Dahl
 - Treasurer – Al Ashley
 - Secretary – Tim Wynn
 - The positions of Committee Chairs have received commitments for all but one critical chair. **The Toys for Tots committee needs a Chairperson.** This is a wonderful committee with a lot of dedicated members getting together to build toys and bullshit...I mean have fun constructive dialogue with each other. They need someone to handle the minor administrative chores. Please consider stepping up to help.
 - The Board is also still looking for someone to act as an alternate Secretary for the club as Tim Wynn has been traveling a lot. This would be an easy way to get insight into how the NCWA works.
- Strategic Plan Update. Jim Bucknell gave an update on the discussions of the Ad Hoc Review Committee for the Strategic Plan.
 - The committee recommended concentration on developing more mechanisms to encourage volunteering within the NCWA.
 - The committee also recommended emphasizing improving communications within the NCWA e.g. improve use of the forum.
- Report on Library usage. Bill Pierce and Richard Gillingham gave a comprehensive report on library usage. Library usage was analyzed and summarized identifying most used books and videos as well as most popular categories. The report generated a lot of discussion. There was unanimous agreement that Gary Daniels (collecting data) and Richard Gillingham (collating and analyzing data) had given the Board an excellent tool not only for the library but also for identifying future program possibilities.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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
Nov 2	Stock Preparation	George Knutzen	Full
Nov 9	String Inlays	David Shull	Full
Nov 16	Core Varnishing Skills	Richard Gillingham	Full
Nov 23	Make a Bandsaw Box	Phil Humphries	2 Available
Dec 7	Toy Making	Jerry Anderson	4 Available
Dec 14	Core Staining	Richard Gillingham	Full



Shop Tour

Purging Tools and Supplies

John Greene is purging some tools, supplies, and wood offcuts in preparation for an upcoming move. He has a couple random orbital sanders, sanding discs, sanding belts, metal shelving, boxes of offcuts, a teak door from a boat remodel, and brass fittings from retired fire hoses (be creative!), just to name a few of the items. He's going to bring these to the November meeting and set them out on several tables in the back of the auditorium. But wait, there's something special about this opportunity. John will not be "selling" these items. Instead, he'll take donations for any of the items you can make use of. And at the end of the night, John will donate all of the proceeds for these items to NCWA!!! So not only do you help John out with his purging, but you help YOUR club as well!

John also has a number of tools that he's selling, like a Safety Speed Cut Panel Saw, Rockwell 46-525 Variable Speed Lathe with a ton of chisels and accessories, a new in the box Porter Cable pin nailer, Radial Arm saw/Chop Saw/Long bench, and a metal storage cabinet. See the links for photos and details on these items. And contact John via email (jgreenejr@msn.com) to arrange to see these.

[Locker](#)

[Lathe](#)

[Nailer](#)

[Saw](#)

[Bench](#)

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
Targa Woods	316 W McLeod, Ste 109	Bellingham	hardwoodstoget.com	360-738-9140

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
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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.