



Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

[NCWA Website](#)

June 2020

Next General Meeting

Tuesday, June 2nd

5:30 PM

ZOOM



Garrett Hack



A Look Into Garrett Hack's Shop



Garrett will give us a look into three projects in his Vermont shop: a six drawer side table, an Edward Barnsley cabinet recently restored/repared, and a curvy desk underway.

The six drawer table is a bowed front variation of a much older piece. It has the challenges of building a strong case with the facade almost entirely drawers and only light stiles and rails, laminating curved drawer faces and then dovetailing the sides to them, fitting and fixing solid wood bottoms, working with highly challenging curly birch, and building in two secret drawers.

Edward Barnsley was an important British furniture maker of the mid-20th century. His cabinet has many lessons: how symmetry can be powerful, the punch of repeating, varying and changing the scale of details, how our work ages from the stresses of wood movement, and how Barnsley built the cabinet strongly and efficiently using hand tool techniques.

If there is time Garrett will discuss his latest project, a complex curved desk with some very secret compartments and drawers. He'll talk about the design, making full scale working drawings, patterns, and laminations.

[Garrett Hack's Website - Click Here](#)

How to Access ZOOM for June 2nd Meeting

To all NCWA Members –

Thanks to those of you who attended the NCWA test Zoom meeting this past Tuesday night. It allowed some of us to get a bit more acquainted with the Zoom format, as well as work out some bugs.

Our next monthly meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, June 2nd. Garrett Hack, nationally recognized woodworker, educator and author, will be our presenter. **Garrett's presentation will start at 5:30 PM.**

Prior to Garrett's presentation, **NCWA members are invited to login to Zoom beginning at 5:00 PM** to allow time to get familiar with the Zoom format before Garrett starts his presentation at 5:30 PM.

Garrett's presentation will go from 5:30 - 6:30, and allow for about 15 minutes of Q & A time included in the hour. After that, Jim Bucknell will conduct our other meeting business and announcements, we will vote on a By Law change, and we'll conduct a virtual Bring and Brag (this is your chance to show off something that might normally be too large to bring down to our meetings in person).

A couple of tips and/or things to be aware of for Zoom meetings...

The invitation to join details were/will be sent to you in a separate email.

At 5:30 PM the Zoom host (King Dahl) will mute everyone's microphones. This will eliminate background noise that can come over your mic inadvertently, even if you are not speaking.

There are two buttons to be aware of at the bottom of your screen - the '*Participants Button*' and the '*Chat Button*'. Depending on whether you are using a Mac, PC, iPad, iPhone, or other device, the buttons may be in slightly different locations.

Clicking the Participants Button allows you to view a list of all NCWA members that have joined the Zoom meeting. It also allows you to click a button to '*Raise your hand*' if you'd like to be unmuted to speak or ask a question. You will also see some other small buttons at the bottom of the Participants window, specifically the "*Yes*" and "*No*" buttons. These buttons will be used to cast your vote for the By Law change.

The Chat Button allows you to chat with a specific person during the meeting, privately, or you can send a message to everyone in attendance. Anytime during Garrett's presentation, if you have a question for Garrett, **Chat it to NCWA Wood (that goes to the host, King Dahl)** and he will forward it to Garrett at the appropriate time. We will do our best to get as many questions answered as possible.

Lastly, if for any reason, your internet drops you from the meeting, re-click the invitation link to re-join. Everyone's internet service is a bit different, with some better than others, so we hope your service will allow a pleasant viewing and participatory experience for you.

We look forward to our first Virtual NCWA Monthly Meeting on June 2nd.

Making Sawdust

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Bill Pierce, Library Committee Chair

Even woodworkers need a silver lining in this public health crisis. With so many things cancelled or shut down these days, it is a good time to read a book or pick up some new skills from a video. Now, you'll have lots of extra time to do this.

The Library Committee is going to freeze circulation, at least until the club starts meeting again. We're asking members who have checked-out items to hold onto them. We'll be sending out a reminder to you to verify what we think you have. We will not be sending out overdue notices.

Please bring in your library items when club meetings resume. At that time, we will evaluate the public health situation. We are working on ways the library can continue to provide service without risk of spreading the virus.

Thanks for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email us at library@ncwawood.org.



ZOOM MEETING TUESDAY JUNE 2ND

Login to join the meeting.



Notes for Board of Directors Meeting – Via Zoom 4/22/2020

Meeting started 7pm

In attendees:

King Dahl, John Braun, Jim Ferguson, George Knutson, Greg Koenker, Phil Humphries, Mike Titus, Jim Hickey, Jim Bucknell, Al Ashley, Richard Gillingham, Angela Hills, Sascha & David Vandette

King Dahl organized the zoom Meetup

Jim Bucknell ran the meeting

Motion - Jim Bucknell made a motion to cancel all in person activities through the end of August 2020 (including but not limited to the picnic).

Seconded by _____

All agreed.

It has been suggested to donate \$1000 to each of the four food banks: Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom & Island.

Al Ashley explained the unused portion of our budget. With no meetings we have been and will continue to save on rent, speakers' fees, coffee & cookies, picnic expenses, Woodfest & possibly Anacortes festival fees. We can guesstimate that there is easily \$2500 worth of savings from March through August.

It was asked about our Bylaws and if a donation to the area food banks falls in the guidelines of our Bylaws.

Al Ashley ready through the bylaws and said there was nothing to keep us from making the donation however there is only mention of donating to a non-profit organization if we dissolve the club.

Motion - Jim Bucknell moves to donate \$1000 to the 4 community food banks that services members of NCWA - Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish & Anacortes. Pending review of the Bylaws to make such charitable contributions.

Seconded by Sascha Vandette

All agreed.

Much discussion went on about the current by-laws and it was decided that the bylaws would be changed for future needs to allow the board the opportunity to donate or contribute to meaningful community organizations or causes.

Al Ashley will work on a new draft that will be presented to the club members to be voted on at an upcoming meeting (June Zoom meeting is the goal)

Motion - Jim Bucknell moves to allow King Dahl to get NCWA registered for Zoom and allow Al Ashley to schedule payment for the Zoom membership

Sascha Vandette seconded it.

All agreed.

We're going to have a test club meeting on Zoom prior to the 1st Tuesday of May so we can be ready for the clubs 1st ever electronic club meeting

Al Ashley showed us the new NCWA logo on a wooden name badge and it looks snazzy! New badges are \$6.

Meeting ended 8:11pm

King Dahl

Notes for Board of Directors Meeting – Via Zoom 5/13/2020

Meeting started 7:05pm

In attendees:

King Dahl, John Braun, Jim Ferguson, George Knutson, Greg Koenker, Phil Humphries, Mike Titus, Jim Hickey, Jim Bucknell, Al Ashley, Richard Gillingham, Angela Hills, Sascha & David Vandette

King Dahl organized the zoom Meetup

Jim Bucknell ran the meeting

Phil Humphries – June Meeting presenter will be Garrett Hack (still waiting on his list of topic choices). July Meeting – Brenden Gaffney. August Meeting – Mary May (she has done many Zoom meetings in the past). In May we need to schedule a “Test Run” Zoom meeting night to help us get familiar with the new program.

Zoom account options - \$15 – 1 host and 100 guests

\$65 – 1 host and 200 guests

\$200 – 10 hosts and 500 guests

Motion - Jim Bucknell moves to allow King, Mike and Al to set up a Zoom Account with a general NCWA Email account so anyone could potentially login in and use the account as the host. Expecting a \$65 fee for Zoom that can have up to 200 members in attendance.

Seconded by David Vandette.

Yes – Everyone

Tuesday May 19th we'll have a Test Run Meeting night to try it out.

Future Board communications – Should we use Slack or Emails?

So far 13 of the 16 board members are on Slack. We'll invite the remaining 3 (David, Jim & Gary) and use slack in the future for communications. This will help everyone see the complete conversation in real time and avoid many emails back and forth.

1st zoom meeting ended 7:40. We logged back on with Kings new invite.

Is it possible to record Zoom? – Yes. With the Presenters permission we will record in the future so members not present can watch later.

Jim Bucknell – Donation to the food bank – he received 3 yes comments, 3 no comments and a few suggestions for other donation options. Should we continue having a vote on new Bylaws to include our ability to donate to non-profits in the future? We could leave the suggested bylaws the way they are, we could eliminate the “cash donation” option and only have “wood related” donations. Or we could not change this part of the Bylaws and in the future instigate “passing the hat” to gather donations from members to go to specific causes. Jim suggested that the vote to change the bylaws about donating funds be tabled at this time and the board concurred.

Several people commented on the idea. Then Jim said for now we will only vote on the changing bylaw that is addressing meetings being held via telephony (such as Zoom).

Jim will send out an email to the board and then the members restating the plan for voting in June during our June 2nd Zoom meeting. He will also mention the Test Run Meeting on May 19th at 7pm. We will go over the basic Zoom features and help get more familiar with Zoom's layouts.

Jim Adjourned Meeting 8:35

King seconded it.

May and June Sheltering in Place Bring & Brag



Jerry Couchman

Recently, my wife and I decided to upgrade to a larger HD TV with smart capability. The problem was that our old TV cabinet that I built in the early 90s was only big enough for a 32" TV. Well, that could go to our guest bedroom, I thought, so I designed a cabinet that would not restrict the TV size. It's sort of mid-century style and has two nice drawers for storing old DVDs and stuff. The top and legs are black walnut and the rest is Sapele except for some thin live edge figured maple on the drawer fronts. I built the drawer case using mitered corners reinforced with $\frac{3}{4}$ " dovetail splines, kind of like my box class that I teach.



The New York Times Style Magazine recently published a long article about [George Nakashima](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/16/t-magazine/george-nakashima-legacy.html) and the two houses he built in New Hope, PA (now occupied by his children). The article includes many wonderful photographs of the houses and the Nakashima furniture inside. Highly recommended if you're a fan of Nakashima's work.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/16/t-magazine/george-nakashima-legacy.html>

Message From the NCWA President

Hello everyone and Happy June! I hope you and your loved ones are staying healthy and making it through this interesting and, sometimes, frightening time!

I retired (again) at the end of March and, while I knew I would be spending more time at home, I really had no idea of how true that would be. I also didn't envision that, shortly after turning 71, I would be digging ditches for water and power lines! I guess that what staying home gets you!

I know many of you have really missed the usual activities of the NCWA. I know I have. The quarantine has really emphasized just how many friends I have because of this club and our shared passion for woodworking and I'm sure you have many of the same feelings.

The GOOD NEWS is that we are having a meeting in June with a program. We will be meeting via Zoom and you will find all the juicy details elsewhere in this newsletter.

While Zoom isn't as good as meeting in person, we are able to get some presenters that might not otherwise be available. Special thanks to King Dahl for helping us understand and get set up to use Zoom. And more special thanks to Phil Humphries for his work in securing some great programs for June, July, and August. . . .and Phil continues to work for more presenters for the remainder of the year. So, while NCWA has had to make some changes in response to the virus, I think we are "rolling with the punches", "making a silk purse from a sow's ear", "going with the flow", "making lemonade from lemons", etc., etc., etc.! (That's all I can think of at the moment)

So let's stay involved, bring stuff for bring and brag and the President's challenge, and I literally hope to see you all virtually on Tuesday. As Red Green used to say on his show, "Keep your stick on the ice!" We will get through this!

Jim

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Future Events

Tentative

June 2 nd	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting - Zoom
June 10 th	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
July 7 th	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
July 15 th	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
August 12 th	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting

Guest Column

MY 'HOLEY WAR'

May 16, 2020

At first, it certainly seemed like a good idea. Somehow I had been too busy in November to even think about crafting holiday gifts for the family. Christmas came and went with store bought presents or gift cards. "Bullet" dodged!

Then "the birthdays" crept up in February...and the guilt! My wife proclaimed the truth: "You should be using your shop more in the winter months. How about a project?" I pondered the options and realized the birthday folks had a common interest-they all enjoyed playing cribbage. Why not make several cribbage boards? I could learn from the first one and "cruise" through the rest. I could just hear their compliments and feel myself wallowing in adoration from those grateful recipients. But then the harsh reality...the first birthday was 3 weeks away!

I had noticed that Rockler had a sale on cribbage templates (but somehow forgot that Rockler always had a sale...frequently on cribbage templates!). They made it sound incredibly simple and efficient. So I ordered one and realized, even by my high standards of procrastination, I should have plenty of time to make that first board. Another moment of self satisfied anticipation of adoring praise...

The template arrived and I was disappointed how small it was. Instead of a drill press, they recommended using a hand drill, apparently assuming all wood workers held their hand drills at a perfect 90 degrees (I must have a genetic defect in this regard). Having created many a piece of firewood out of a special, expensive, exotic hardwood mistake, I wisely (for once) chose to experiment first on a nice piece of scrap. Actually, the acrylic Rockler template worked well once I figured out the set up, but it was a bit clumsy as it had to be moved every ten holes or so. After drilling 150 holes and losing sensation in my right hand, I noticed "tear out" around many of the holes. I also realized I had purchased too small a template for what I had anticipated would be a larger board. I decided to consult a smarter and wiser source...so I went to YouTube.

On YouTube everyone is an authority and, through the magic of video editing, everything looks perfect and easy. One chap had what seemed like a great solution. It included a "free" template that one could download and then paste on wood and drill away. I thought it looked amazingly straight forward, uncomplicated, and fairly effortless...always a dangerous combination of adjectives when it came to woodworking. As usual, reality confronted my illusions. When I downloaded the on line template, it was too small for what I had desired. Being computer challenged, I could not for the life of me figure out how to enlarge the pdf. Frustrated, I found a local store which had no problem with the enlargement and providing me with the right size templates. Now I was really going to make progress.

I bought the identical adhesive spray that my YouTube authority recommended and carefully applied the paper template. That part went well and I was ready to drill. I had chosen a rather complicated three person cribbage board pattern with a rounded top. This meant drilling **388** holes. Not a problem with a drill press...or so I thought. But after 250 *#*%'ing holes, my shoulder was burning and by the finale of the last hole, I thought a shoulder transplant was definitely in my future. (Did I really have to repeat this two more times to produce the needed three birthday boards?!?)

Onto the next step which was removing the paper template. The YouTube guru had said “it was breeze” as he just sprayed mineral spirits onto the paper. He then magically peeled the paper off as if it were last summer’s second degree sunburn. Harsh reality check! Unfortunately, removal of my paper template left a fair amount of residual “gunk.” Many of the holes were plugged with this combination of glue, paper debris, and saw dust. Even after a thorough drying, the “gunk” could not be vacuumed or easily skewered out. Another harsh reality check! I was going to have to **re-drill** those 388 holes in order to remove the gunky debris!

After several Ibuprofen for my shoulder tendonitis, a bit of well earned profanity, and final humble resignation, I re-drilled those 388 obnoxious holes to acceptable standards. After resting in a shoulder sling for a couple of days and licking my wounds, I was nearing the finish line, or so I thought...

I needed to create a storage pocket for the cribbage pegs on the underside of my board. After several challenges and the clock ticking down for that first birthday, I finally settled on a sliding dove tail cover out of sapele and it seemed to do the trick. I finished it with multiple coats of tung oil and...just made it on time for that first birthday present.

Needless to say, the second and third cribbage boards went a bit more easily...but after drilling a total of **2,328 holes**, completion could only occur after purchasing an extra large bottle of Ibuprofen. If anyone is interested in a free acrylic cribbage board template with drill bit, I won’t be needing it in the future-EVER!

Steve Johnson



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 Street	Bellingham	windsorplywood.com	360-676-1025
Village Books	1200 11 th Street	Bellingham	Villagebooks.com	360-671-2626
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
Stormo Hardware	2730 Broadway	Everett	stormohardwoods.com	425-359-8042

CENTRAL

Ekrem Hardware	237 E Fairhaven	Burlington	ekremhardware.com	360-755-0040
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

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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.