

NORTHWEST CORNER WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION

July 2011

Next Meeting: Saturday July 9

Jim Hume's Shop, 1 P.M.

22334 Prairie Road, Sedro Woolley 360-856-1646.

From the west, and from Burlington, Mount Vernon and Bellingham, take I5 to the Bow Hill exit, exit 236. Turn east and at the bottom of the hill cross Old 99 onto Prairie Road. (Bow Hill Road becomes Prairie Road on the east side of Old 99.) Drive 5.7 miles to Jim's place on the right.

From the east, and Sedro Woolley; drive north on hwy 9 from hwy 20 5.7 miles and turn left onto Prairie Road. Drive 2.01 miles to Jim's shop, on the left. Jim's house and shop are red. The shop has a new addition on the side. There's plenty of parking, but it's a long way, and given gas prices, you may want to car-pool.

Northwest Corner Woodworker's Association at the Mall



A Father's Day Weekend to Remember

The weekend of June 18th and 19th was extremely busy for many of the NCWA members. Our exhibit took months to prepare. The numerous pan-

els explaining our club's mission had to be prepared. The layout of the show was decided on beforehand. Many volunteers were recruited and organized. Dozens of projects and displays were transported and set up. We filled the atrium at the

center of Cascade Mall with examples of beautiful finished projects as well as works in progress. NCWA members talked to countless Mall patrons. There is no doubt many more people know about NCWA now than before the show. Jim Bucknell did a huge amount of work putting the show together, with support of dozens of members. Since there were so many members involved with this I would like to run a reflection article next month with your comments as the content. Please send me your thoughts in the form of a short quote that I can include in next month's newsletter. I'll include photos from members as well. We should take the time to discuss this momentous event. Send your emails and photos or drop me a note at cn Drake@wavecable.com or Charley Drake, 5955 Central Ave., Anacortes WA 98221.

Charley Drake

June Membership Meeting at NorthStar Woodworks

Just for fun let's pretend that you are rich. Not a little bit rich, but really filthy stinkin' rich. Bill Gates rich. You have a cozy 80 acre spread in central California. The architectural team has produced the plans for the chateau, covering some 10,000 square feet. You want the very best craftsmanship for your windows and doors. Where do you turn? NorthStar Woodworks in Ferndale, WA of course.

We got a glimpse into how the (big) door and window business works at our June 7th meeting.



Table saw view of our meeting. This saw can be operated with digital controls or manually. A 4X8 sheet of plywood is dwarfed by the size of the sliding table.

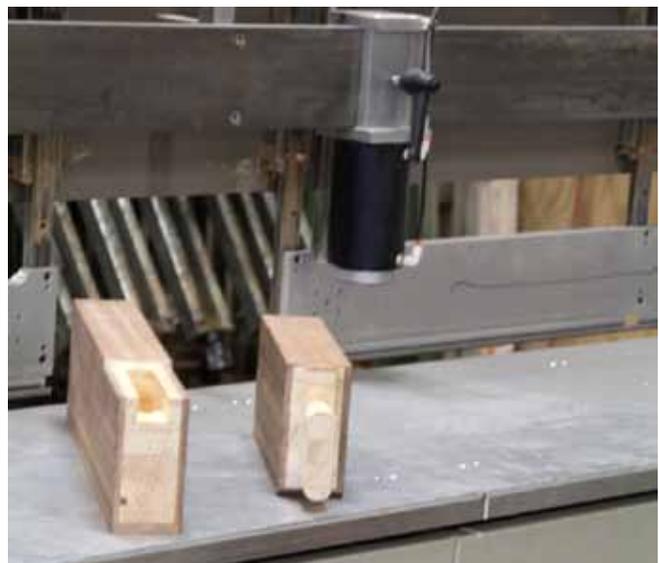


Not Your Father's Shaper



Pick a shape. Any shape.

The power feed for this machine is a good investment. How would you like to have your hands near these big heavy cutters? Do they even have a router?



A Router. A CNC (computer numeric control) programmable 3 axis version.



This is Either a Jointer or the Deck of a Small Aircraft Carrier.

Complete with the first segmented cutter guard I've seen. That's the yellow thing that looks broken.



How to Install a 12' Tall Sliding Door and Live to Tell the Tale



Management Presented with a NCWA Cup by Jerry Couchman

Bring and Brag

Jerry Couchman built the chair to the right at the Port Townsend Woodworking School. It just needs a seat cushion with upholstery to be complete.



Andrew Pellar with a box. I don't remember the details - maybe a sliding top?



More on Hartville Tools:

The Hartville Tool website recognizes an NCWA member by our email address when we log in and automatically gives us a discount. This means that we need to let Hartville Tool know when we change our address. Recently, Verizon “sold out” to Frontier, and everyone who had their email through Verizon had their address changed to Frontier. You-all need to let Hartville Tool know your new address.

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- 2) Log in using your current email address. If this works, you’re home free. If not, log in using your old email address. (If this doesn’t work, you are not registered with Hartville as an NCWA member, and you need to let me know.)
- 3) Once logged in using the old email address, click on the red down arrow next to “My Info” on the black bar above the customer information.
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- 4) Click on the little Pencil icon next to your name and e-mail address, then just follow the instructions to update.

Let me know if you have a problem.

Ed Pysher
epysher@aol.com

Meet The New Members



Meet Dwayne Campbell. He is a man of many interests. He retired from Boeing and needs to go back to work to be able to have time to spend in his hobbies, which just happen to include two very small grandchildren. In his spare time he carves wooden fish hooks and other small items. He is also a “ham operator” and from his office in his home, he “chats” with other ham operators all over the world.



Meet John Braun. John also is a man of many interests, which include stained glass, model WWII airplanes, a horse and a lovely home on one of Colony Creek’s feeder streams. John retired from contracting and carpentry and is in the process of converting to “fine woodworking”. He has courageously launched into several box and toy-making projects and is in the process of equipping his shop for woodworking.

Board of Directors Meeting Cascade Mall, Here We Come!

NCWA's Board of Directors shifted into high gear Wednesday night, June 8th, as time ran out for tinkering with its exhibition aims for Fathers' Day weekend at Mount Vernon's Cascade Mall. The epic event for showcasing our woodworkers' craftsmanship is now!

The Board heard final comments from Jim Bucknell, John Bellinger, Mike Titus and others who have been working hard to prepare our introduction to the shopping public on June 18th and 19th at the center's main entrance. Bucknell assured us that all that could be done has been completed and we are ready to go. Volunteers will assemble at 9 p.m. Friday to move exhibits and presentation equipment into place for the Mall's Saturday morning opening.

Our public exhibition will include greeters at four points who will interpret the various Club displays on more than a dozen tables. The displays of our activities such as library, woodworking classes, and field trips will be augmented by live demonstrations of woodworking techniques and the projects themselves, all with color photos and textual signage.

A feature of this Father' Day event will be half-price gift membership offerings to NCWA that can be purchased on site. Our greeters will be wearing special aprons bearing our logo and will be handing out the newly reprinted Club brochures.

President Jerry Couchman called the Board together at 7 p.m. at the Farmhouse Restaurant on Route 20. With a quorum present and previous Board meeting minutes approved, the members received Doug Duehning's treasury report of \$3,979. Doug says he has more than two-dozen unclaimed membership cards for 2011. Members can claim them in person from the Treasurer. They will not be mailed.

Education Chairman Gerald Anderson reported that the final class of the Spring would be given

on Saturday (Phil Choquette's "Wood Finishing, Part II"), winding up a very active 2011 first-half educational season. He reported that 12 different woodworking classes were offered to 85 NCWA members during that period, while 8 instructors participated. He also suggested that we could offer two-hour evening classes and split four-hour classes on Saturdays. A new class already scheduled for the Fall is Val Matthews' course on building a shoulder plane.

Regarding the final preparations for the Cascade Mall exhibit, Jay Geisel reported that the newly redesigned Club brochure was at the printer's and would be ready for distribution on the 18th. Jim Torrence, who is supplying six special aprons with Club logos attached, said they would also be ready before the 18th. John Bellinger assured members that the woodworking projects for display would be set up in the Mall on Friday night, ready for Saturday morning's opening. Mike Titus, who has the responsibility for member participation and demonstrations, said all was ready to go,

Further Old Business items involved a suggestion by Andrew Pellar that the Club pursue a State-approved non-profit business application in a move that would help guide our organization in a search for insurance waivers that would protect members' coverage during classes and demonstrations.

July's meeting has been changed to Saturday, July 9th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Jim Hume's shop. Driving instructions are given in this issue of the Newsletter. Our annual Club picnic is scheduled for August 20 on the Matthews' home grounds.

New Business. The ever-popular Jig Night is expected to be the program for our September meeting at Hillcrest Lodge. President Couchman noted that we are looking for someone to take over the Webmaster duties. Mike New has handled the job since our site was formed years ago. He wants to retire and NCWA needs an experienced replacement.

Education Committee July, 2011

The offer by Washington Alder for a shop building to be used by NCWA in their Toys for Tots program has the interest of the Washington Woodturners. They would like to share the building with us, according to Jerry. Since we have not responded to the Washington Alder offer, the Board decided it was time for action. An ad-hoc committee was formed to talk with the lumber company's management regarding the fine points and come to a proposal for solution. The committee includes Gene Benson, Andrew Pellar, Ed Pyscher, Jim Torrence, and non-Board members Bill Baer and Val Matthews.

The Board adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Board members present: Anderson, Bellinger, Benson, Bucknell, Couchman, Gary Danilson, Duehning, Charley Drake, Geisel, Pellar, Pyscher, Titus and Gary Wyers.
Guest: Bill Baer.

Respectfully submitted by Jay Geisel, Secretary

ANNUAL NCWA/NWW PICNIC

Well, it's time to mark your calendars for the annual picnic and tool auction. This year the event will be held on Saturday, August 20. Gathering at 1 PM and we'll probably eat around 3 PM. As many of you know, this event includes a fairly extensive tool auction conducted with bidding forms for each item. Anyone can bring tools, etc. and there is usually plenty to choose from. We'll include more detail in the August Newsletter, but we wanted to make sure everyone knows it's coming. See you there! Oh, by the way, the picnic is at Val and Laura Matthews place at 7550 Ershig Road, Bow, WA.

The class season 2010/2011 finishes on June 25th with a Spray Finishing Technique class taught by Dale Ragan, owner of Karl's Paints in Mount Vernon.



Dale Ragan's Finishing Class

Many thanks to all of our NCWA folks who volunteered to teach the many woodworking skills classes this season. Sharing your talents, time and experience has contributed significantly to the success of our education program!



Phil Choquette's Finishing Class

The Education Committee will be reviewing classes for the 2011/2012 season. If any NCWA members would like a particular class, please let any of the committee members know. Committee members are Jerry Anderson, Chair; Bill Baer; Gene Benson; Andrew Pellar; John Bellinger;

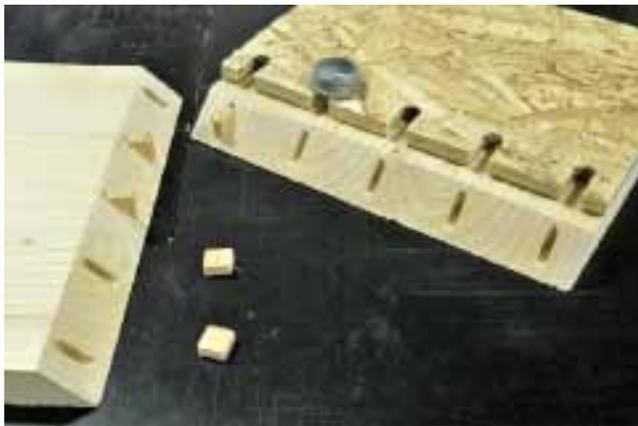
Charley Drake; and Chuck Robertson.
Signup sheets will be ready for you at the September meeting.

It's been my personal pleasure working with all of you this year. Thanks to Chuck Robertson & all of the Education Committee folks for contributing to the NCWA ongoing program. I've really benefitted by getting to know most of the membership much better. Your friendship and willingness to help & learn has been a high point of this year.

Jerry Anderson, Education Committee Chair.

A SIMPLE SHOP MADE TEMPLATE

Miters are not a strong joint; they need to be reinforced. I don't own a biscuit joiner. So I made a simple shop made router template to be used with a template guide. A bearing bit would work also. I cut perfectly aligned hidden slots which hold small loose splines. This template could be used to make finger joins or dovetails as well. Just add a fence. – Andrew Pellar



Andrew's Router Template with Bushing
DRILL PRESS JIG

Featuring a table that tilts, a replaceable throat, and a simple fence, this jig has proven very useful.
– Andrew Pellar



Your Jig Here

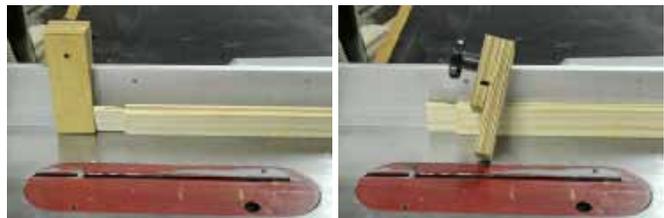
Yes, you too could be a published author. Write up a description of your jig. I'll fit it in. C Drake



Drill Press Jig with Replaceable Insert **STOPPED CUTS ON THE TABLE SAW**

I attach two simple shop made stops blocks to my fence to make stopped cuts. Recently I made stopped grooves in a frame to hold a panel using this technique. I always turn the saw off to remove the work piece. I use the closest stop as a pivot point to ease the work on top of the spinning blade to start the cut.

– Andrew Pellar



Stop Blocks by A. Pellar

Classifieds

For Sale:

Nice set of old carving tools with convenient canvas storage bag that could use tuning up and cleaning, and complete brace and bit set with wooden box for the bits. Contact Owen Ward at (360)733-2234. Any offer will be considered.

All Members are Welcome

If you would like to attend the board meetings please feel free to do so. The Farmhouse has good food, and the board discussions can be entertaining. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 P.M.
Charley Drake

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July 9th	1:00 PM	Membership Meeting	Jim Hume's Shop
July 13th	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	Farmhouse Inn

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