



NORTHWEST CORNER WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION

September 2011

Next Meeting: Tuesday September 6th, Hillcrest Park Lodge

7:00 PM General Meeting

1717 South 13th Street, Mount Vernon

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I-5 exit 226 (Kincaid Street Exit). Go East up the hill. This is Broadway Street. Continue on Broadway to S 13th Street (which is about 5 to 6 blocks from the freeway). Turn right (south) onto South 13th and go about 6 blocks. The park is on the right. Turn into the park, the parking lot is in front of the lodge.



2011 Annual Picnic

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thanks to all of you who attended the Annual Picnic at Val and Laura's place. It was a perfect day and there was some great food, especially all the excellent side dishes and desserts everyone brought! Once again, we owe our thanks to Val and Laura Matthews for their generous hospitality. I was amazed at some of the items in the silent auction. I think most of it was bid on and sold.

Our next regular membership meeting will be Tuesday, September 6 in the Hillcrest Lodge in Mt. Vernon. The program for this meeting is "Jigs and Tricks." This is where all of you get to show off all those clever ways you've discovered to get things done in the shop. It might be a jig that you created to solve a woodworking problem or to speed up a process, or it could be any kind of trick or technique that you've discovered that works for you. When we share our ideas, everyone benefits! And don't forget to bring those projects you've finished recently for our Bring & Brag session. That might also tie into one of your own personal jigs or tricks you've developed in your own shop!

Jerry Couchman, President



Lathe Inspectors



Rick Anderson and George Way



Bargin Hunters



Desert Counter
Check out John's tray - picnic expertise!

Update on the Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival

This year's Wooden Boat Festival runs from Friday, September 9th through Sunday, September 11th, and features more than 300 wooden vessels, hundreds of indoor and outdoor presentations and demonstrations, music performances, food vendors, etc. For more information see <http://www.woodenboat.org/festival/>

There will *two* Woodworking Stages featuring presentations by Chris Schwarz (former editor of Popular Woodworking), Mike Wenzloff of Wenzloff Saws, Jim Tolpin & Tim Lawson of the Port Townsend School of Woodworking, and many others. For a complete schedule see http://www.ptwoodschoo.com/wooden_boat_festival_2011.html

Lie-Nielsen, Lee Valley, Edensaw, and Sawstop will have exhibit booths where you can try out hand tools, ask questions, and watch demonstrations.

The festival always draws a large crowd, so carpooling to the ferry is a must. There will be carpool sign-up sheets at Tuesday's meeting for interested members. The ferry leaves from Keystone Ferry Landing on Whidbey Island. From there, members will walk-on to the ferry for the 1/2 hour ride to Port Townsend. In Port Townsend, there will be free shuttle buses running between the ferry landing and the festival every ten minutes.

The ferry costs \$5.50 round-trip for a walk-on passenger, \$2.70 round-trip for seniors over age 65. Festival admission for a single day costs \$15, \$10 for seniors over age 65. Don't miss it!

Michael Titus



From LaConner's Classic Car and Boat Show, 2011

Northwest Washington Woodturners present Douglas Fisher!



The Northwest Washington Woodturners are presenting an all day seminar and demonstration by

Douglas Fisher on Saturday October 22nd, 9am to 4pm at the Anacortes First Baptist Church. Cost is \$35.00 pre-registered or \$40.00 at the door. Lunch, snacks & beverages are included!



Doug is from Parksville, B.C. on Vancouver Island and is one of the rising stars in woodturning with unique artistry and innovative techniques. Doug became a full time professional artist in 1992 and since 1997 has focused on wood sculptures, primarily made using the lathe. Doug collaborated with a British Columbia First Nation artist for several years and now, since that artist's passing, continues to utilize First Nation inspired art for the visual designs in most of his pieces.

Doug's work makes use of multi-center turning techniques to create the base piece. He then carves, textures and burns utilizing techniques that can be applied to many types of woodworking, not just turned objects. His unique finishing utilizes inks and stains applied in multiple layers to attain an "old wood" patina that is quite wonderful. His finished works are beautiful!

Be sure to check out Doug's work at www.douglasfisher.com You can also see several pieces of Doug's work on display at The Fairhaven Originals Gallery in the Fairhaven District of

Bellingham.



All images of Mr. Fisher's work are from his website

For additional information contact: Rick Anderson 360-319-7600 or Email: vicepresident@nwwwt.org

To register, mail your check (payable to Northwest Washington Woodturners) to:

Greg Anderson
23607 Hidden Valley Road
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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
www.nwwwt.org/DouglasFisherDemoPoster-1.pdf

MEET THE NEW MEMBER

Simon Johnson learned about NCWA when he took Tom Dolese's chair making course at the Port Townsend School of Woodworking. That was Simon's first experience in furniture making and his chair turned out great. In fact, he was actually the first student to finish the project in the five day course. Simon grew up in New York, and after a marketing career in the drug industry, moved to Bellingham in 1990 where he's been involved in real estate. When I visited his shop, he had recently completed a beautiful artist studio in his back yard for his wife. Simon has already taken a couple of our club courses and is looking forward to more projects.

Jerry Couchman



Simon Johnson

Education Committee Report

September is rapidly approaching, and the 2011-2012 class schedule is nearing completion. The committee has selected some repeat classes and will present several new or renewed topics.

Some of the new classes are: *Power Tool Safety (required for the beginning woodworker class series); Router Basics; Making & Using Spokeshaves; Mortise & Tenon Joinery; Toy Making; Making a Shoulder Plane.*

I'm excited about some of our younger members teaming with more experienced NCWA instructors to learn specific skills & add to our talent pool. This is no doubt the best way to ensure that the quality of NCWA classes will continue!

If you have a specific topic or skill you'd like to learn, please let any of the committee members know, and we'll do our best to help you. Committee members are Jerry Anderson, Chair; Bill Baer; Gene Benson; Andrew Pellar; John Bellinger; Charley Drake; AND Chuck Robertson.

Look for the sign-up sheets at the September meeting. Each class has a \$5.00 fee to cover

supplies, copying, etc.

Jerry Anderson, Education Committee Chair.

Tablesaw Safety

This link from Andrew Pellar is a good update to the ongoing issue of safe tablesaw use. <http://www.popularwoodworking.com/woodworking-blogs/editors-blog/new-cpsc-report-human-factors-in-table-saw-safety>

Classifieds

For Sale: Nothing this month. Must have all been sold at the picnic!

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. except in August this year.
Charley Drake

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COMING EVENTS

Sept. 6th	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	Hillcrest Lodge
Sept. 14th	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	Farmhouse Inn
Sept. 24th		Wood Movement	Phil Choquette

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 held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Location is announced in the newsletter. Dues are \$30 per year, payable to NCWA, 150 Swinomish Dr., Laconner, WA 98257. Newsletter submissions are welcomed and are due by the 3rd Saturday of the month. Submit to NCWA Newsletter, 5955 Central Ave., Anacortes, WA 98221, or email to cndrake@wavecable.com or call 360-588-8448.

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