

# NORTHWEST CORNER WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION

**October 2011**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday October 4th, Hillcrest Park Lodge**

**7:00 PM General Meeting**

**1717 South 13th Street, Mount Vernon**

**Phone: 360-770-7203 or 360-387-4174**

**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.**

## David Grey Presents for October



### **OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Don't miss the October meeting in the Hillcrest Lodge! We have invited another professional woodworker who will be doing a presentation about his woodworking experiences and style of work. David Gray has been building beautiful arts and

crafts furniture since 1978. His shop is in Langley on Whidbey Island, and he currently displays in several galleries in the Northwest, including Artwood in Bellingham, Northwest Fine Furniture in Seattle, The Wood Merchant in LaConner, and several others. David likes to keep his furniture simple with clean lines with you can often see

elements of the Green and Green style in his work.

As always, all members are encouraged to bring their latest projects for Bring N Brag, and don't forget to sign up for our new classes in the 2011-2012 education schedule. Looking ahead, our November meeting will focus on the Marine Corps annual Toys for Tots drive. See you at the meeting!

Jerry Couchman, President

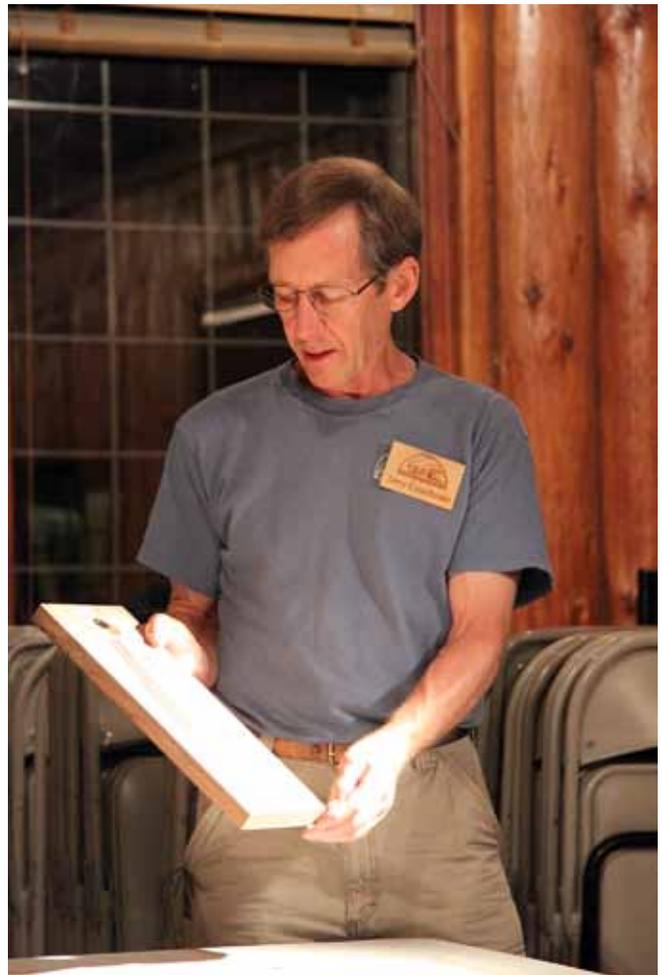
### Jigs and Fixtures Highlight September Membership Meeting



Chuck Robertson with an Alignment Jig for Boxes



Jim Bucknell with a Simple Jig to Help with Squaring Up a Box or Cabinet



Jerry Couchman with Jig to do Curved Inlays for a Headboard



Jim Bucknell's Finger Pointing out a photo of a new Cabinet with the Projector System Helping Out



Charley Drake's Cabinet for Moving and Placing Plywood for the Saw



John Gruenwald with a Jig to Help With Toys for Tots Trains



Mike Titus with a Jig to Transfer Inside Measurements Without a Ruler



Stephen Wagoner with a Slick Nail Puller Tool

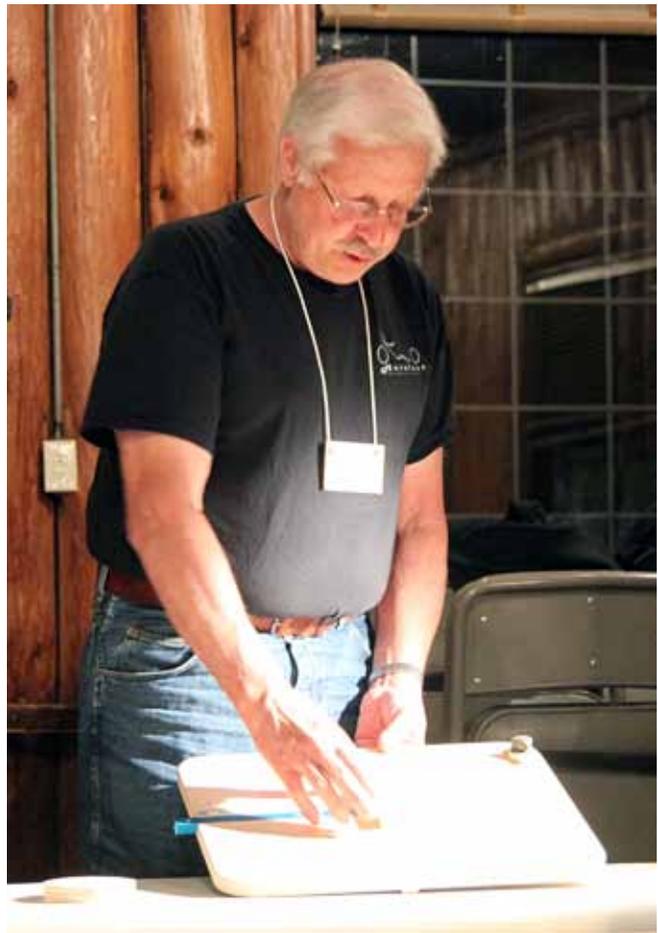


Phil Choquette with a Jig to Measure Parallelism of the Miter Gage to the Table Saw Blade

All photos from the membership meeting were taken by John Erbstoeszser.



Ben Gage with His Jig for Cutting Segments for a Geodesic Wood Soccer Ball



Val Matthews with a Bandsaw Jig for Cutting Circles

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Our fall class schedule has gotten off to a little bit of a shaky start, with very few members signing up for classes schedule in Sept. & Oct. This has required Wood Sculpturing & Wood Bending to possibly be rescheduled later. In the future, the committee will try to publicize classes in early August and schedule the fall classes to start later in September, so everyone has a chance to coordinate their schedules and participate in the many great educational opportunities.

### UPCOMING CLASSES:

Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>: Making Boxes with Routers, taught by Chuck Robertson. CLASS IS FULL!

Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>: Making Boxes with Routers, taught by Chuck Robertson. ONE OPENING LEFT - Call Jerry Anderson at 360-770-8559 by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> to enroll. First caller is in the class.

Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> : (Wed)Woodworking Overview, taught

by Jerry Anderson & Pellar. The location has to be determined, either in the Bellingham area or at Andrew's shop at the Skagit Regional Airport. The types of initial projects, resources available, suggested tools for early stage woodworking, and other topics will be discussed. NO LIMIT ON ATTENDEES!

Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>: Router Basics / Using Router Jigs & Templates. Taught by Jim Hickey & Andrew Pellar. Jim will teach and demonstrate safety issues and the correct way to use routers, increasing your enjoyment of making projects using this tool. Andrew is very creative in designing & constructive jigs & templates, which will also enhance your ability to use the router. SIX SPACES LEFT IN THIS CLASS

As always, your Education Committee solicits

your ideas for new classes & welcome any of you who would like to instruct a class in one of your favorite topics.

Jerry Anderson  
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### Tool Definitions

**DRILL PRESS:** A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

**WIRE WHEEL:** Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light . Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, <Oh sh--!>

**SKILL SAW:** A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

**PLIERS:** Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

**BELT SANDER:** An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

**HACKSAW:** One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

**TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST:** A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

**PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER:** Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

**STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER:** A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

**PRY BAR:** A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

**HOSE CUTTER:** A tool used to make hoses too short.

**HAMMER:** Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

Sent in by Ed Pyshe, George Newberry

### Classifieds

**For Sale:** Craftsman Router 1 1/8 hp \$30; also a variety of router bits; a 4 piece set of Stanley wood chisels \$10; a 7 piece set of brad-point drill bits \$7.50; and a canvas tool belt \$7.50.

Rich Zegers ph. 360-734-7087 email [zegersre@comcast.net](mailto:zegersre@comcast.net)

**FOR SALE:** 10 inch Powermatic tablesaw, 5 hp, with "Excalibur" extension table. \$2000.  
18 inch Laguna bandsaw. \$2000  
Kim Houtz (360) 420-0646

**Wanted:** I am looking for a used 14 inch band saw in good shape. I can be reached via email. My phone number is 360-733-0042. Thanks.

Herman Ehrlich <[hermanehrlich@hotmail.com](mailto:hermanehrlich@hotmail.com)>

### 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

## **BOARD MEETS TO START OFF FALL SEASON**

After almost two months of inactivity, the Board of Directors met at the Farmhouse Restaurant on Route 20 on Wednesday night, September 21, to discuss plans for the new 2011-2012 NCWA season. The Board quickly appointed a Naminating Committee to prepare a slate of officers for announcement at the October meeting. Elections will be held the following month.

President Jerry Couchman laid a lengthy Agenda before the Board, while at the same time noting that only a bare quorum was present. Some of his action items were going to be postponed due to he absence of key chairmen. A discussion took place regarding the shop safety training of the large number of new members aboard who have little or no woodworking experience. We have added dozens of new members recently who claim to be beginners and who should be given specialized shop safety instruction before they take the more advanced classes given by the Club. Education Chairman Gerald Anderson and Membership Chairman Ed Pysher have been working on the details of this special instruction, which is expected to start next month.

Pysher said we now have 139 members, a considerable boost over last year at this time, and that many are at the beginners' stage. They are eager to learn the basics but need safety instruction before doing hands-on shop activity. Anderson said he put sign-up forms on the tables for all classes at the September general meeting. The Board suggested that the crowding at the tables was slowing down the process and that more sign-up space should be found. A few of the classes are full or nearly so. Val Matthews is giving two different classes in hand plane making; the new class is shoulder planes. Anderson said none of the Saturday sessions will be given on holiday weekends, and he noted that the sculpture and carving class has been cancelled.

Member-at-Large Mike Titus has accepted the job of Webmeister and he is planning to rid the website of some old material in an effort to up-date it and make it more useful. He has set a goal for himself to complete the task by the end of the year.

President Couchman said the date for the Fall Shop Tours, set for the Bellingham area, is now October 15th. Further details will be announced soon by Chair Gary Danilson. The Toys for Tots annual dinner meeting is scheduled for the November general meeting on Tuesday, November 1. Spouses and friends are invited to take part in this celebration where we honor those members who have contributed their talent and energies to providing a Christmas for needy youngsters. Advance meal reservations are required for this salad and pizza affair.

Newsletter Editor Charley Drake who has put together our video and sound system has suggested that we purchase lighting equipment and possibly another microphone to augment the present system. Couchman asked for a dollar estimate and suggested Charley take advantage of the balance unused in the earlier funding of \$1500. Couchman also discussed courses available at the Port Townsend School of Woodworking and their quality of instruction. The School usually invites the public to an open-house in the Spring. We will be informed. Couchman also said that David Gray, a professional furniture maker and speaker for our October meeting, will be paid \$120 for his time and expenses.

Andrew Peller has drafted a letter of application addressing the non-profit status of NCWA in a continuing

search for insurance waivers for our woodworking classes. No action was taken at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Members Present include Anderson, John Bellinger, Phil Choquette, Couchman, Charley Drake, Jay Geisel, Peller, Pysher, and Titus.

Respectfully submitted: Jay Geisel, Secretary

## **2011 Port Townsend Woodworker's Show**

Submissions are sought from furniture makers, boat builders, instrument makers, turners, carvers and other woodworkers in Port Townsend and adjacent areas for the Port Townsend Woodworker's Show 2011. Submissions should be well-crafted original designs. No work from kits or commercially available plans will be accepted.

In 2011, we are limiting the number of booths to 25 and will give preference to local woodworkers. We're introducing an early signup registration fee of \$50 which rises to \$75 after September 7th, 2011. All applications must be received by 1 October, 2011. We will also give preference to woodworkers who are able to help us by distributing posters and setting up the venue.

We recommend that you be present during the show to sell your own work but you may leave business cards. We will not be selling your work for you. No commission will be taken on work sold.

Show hours are Saturday November 5, 2011, from 11 am to 8 pm (to coincide with the Gallery Walk) and Sunday November 6 from 11 am to 3 pm.

You will need to deliver and set up your work Friday November 4 between 2 pm and 7 pm and pick up your work on November 6 between 3 pm and 5 pm. If your work is not self-supporting, you will need to provide a support. If you need more than 8' x 5' please contact us to make arrangements. Wall space is available. Power is also available by request.

Your application fee helps us cover the cost of hall rental, advertising and includes a listing on the show's website.

For more information, call Tim Lawson (360) 797-5846 or Seth Rolland (360) 379-0414

Interesting website for those interested in workbenches.

<http://www.workbenchdesign.net/>

- Andrew Pellar

**Help!!**

Audio Crew: Two people to set up, adjust, tear down and store the audio system for the Hillcrest meetings. It's not difficult. You plug in 3 microphones and one speaker. I'll show you the four knobs that need to be adjusted.

Video Crew: Two people to set up, run, tear down and store the video projector and camcorder (when necessary). It's not difficult either. You plug in the camcorder, maybe a laptop, and aim the camcorder. I would like to continue to do the newsletter and photography for the next year, but I can't do that and the audio/video stuff too. Charley Drake (360-588-8448) [cndrake@wavecable.com](mailto:cndrake@wavecable.com)

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**COMING EVENTS**

October 4th	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	Hillcrest Lodge
Oct. 12th	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	Farmhouse Inn
Oct. 15th	10:00 AM	Shop Tour	Gary Danielsen

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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 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](mailto:cndrake@wavecable.com) or call 360-588-8448.

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