

NORTHWEST CORNER WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION

February 2007

Next Meeting: February 6th, 7:00 pm

Hillcrest Park Lodge

1717 South 13th Street, Mount Vernon

Phone: 360-202-0099 or 360-319-7600

Take 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.

From our prez.....

We had a great response to the committee sign-up sheet. Five of the committees are fully staffed, which is great, but we need some additional “volunteers” for the other four committees. The ones that could use some help are Education, Tours & Exchange Meetings, Membership, and Newsletter. Each of these has unique requirements. Education needs some help finding places to hold classes. This could be a fun job because it would get the person out into a whole lot of shops. Tours and Exchanges needs help arranging some of the tours we offer each year. Membership needs someone to be liaison in the Bellingham area. This also could be a fun role, since it would also put the person in touch with other members. Newsletter needs some help with photography and computer work.

We will pass the signup sheet around again at the February meeting. Help them out, folks. It’s what makes this outfit so great!

By the way, our “Publisher”, Rick Anderson is going to be moving to his new shop next month and we will not have a full newsletter. We will, however, get out a notice of the meeting.

On another matter, in order to preserve as much time as possible for the monthly program, in the future we will rely on the Newsletter as the main means of committee communication. The committee chairs will make announcements at the meeting only to update information in the Newsletter or to emphasize particular data. Let us know how this works for you.

Don’t forget to wear your nametag. You could save yourself a buck and me the embarrassment of having to ask you your name. ☺

It’s sunny today! I’m going outside.

Ed



January was bedtime for woodworkers.....

Unfortunately, our trusty scribe was absent and no one stepped up to pinch hit. But we all enjoyed Dave Blair's talk on making a pencil post bed for his Granddaughter.



February Meeting

Mark Clemens, the Washington representative for Epilog Lasers will be the speaker/demonstrator for the February meeting. Epilog Laser manufactures machines that engrave, cut and mark materials; most familiar to our membership as equipment that creates our membership name badges.

Mark will have a brief explanation and presentation and then demonstrate how the Epilog Laser will convert any image, i.e.: photo, line art, logo, etc. into an engraved image on most any material, i.e.: wood, glass, plastic, etc. Their web site: www.epiloglaser.com has a lot of interesting information, including several success stories of woodworkers who have created an income source by providing this service for their communities. There are some interesting examples of cutting delicate wood pieces with the laser.

Members are urged to bring an image and a piece of material they would like that image engraved on, for demonstration purposes. The image should be no larger than 8 x 10 to fit the scanner and the material should be no larger than 18" x 24" to fit the engraving machine. We anticipate that everyone will be accommodated.

Also, don't forget that the "found object" contest will be conducted at this meeting. To participate, take some object from your garage, shop, attic or the local junk yard and incorporate it into something useful or decorative using wood as a medium. Prizes and bragging rights will be awarded.

This should be an exciting program for everyone.
Don't forget to bring something to be engraved! -Cec Braeden

Another Fine Day in Fantasy Land

On Saturday, January 13, a number of Woodworking enthusiasts ventured through the cold, and snow covered streets to visit two of our member's shops at Shelter Bay in LaConner.

My driving companion and I arrived at Doug Duehning's shop just in time for warm, delicious chocolate chip cookies and wonderful hot coffee. Doug's home in Shelter Bay has just enough room in the family garage to house his rather complete and well organized shop. Doug has his operation situated so that he can wheel out whatever tool or device he needs for the task at hand and then return it easily to its assigned location when the task is completed.

I figure any shop that has heat is a really good shop, and Doug's shop has heat. In spite of the occasion when the heaters blew a breaker, Doug was Johnny on the spot. He simply turned something else off and reset the breaker. Simple. But there was heat. The members who arrived while we were there engaged in spirited and convivial conversation on many subjects, some of them included woodworking. Doug's bride of many years made an appearance when she delivered more cookies. She certainly brightened up the place.

In short, Doug truly enjoys his woodworking retreat and revels in the challenge of fashioning wood into joyous projects. Thanks, Doug and Peggy, for your hospitality.

Then it was off to Gene Benson's basement wonderland. Gene has recently made some pretty fancy additions to his compact

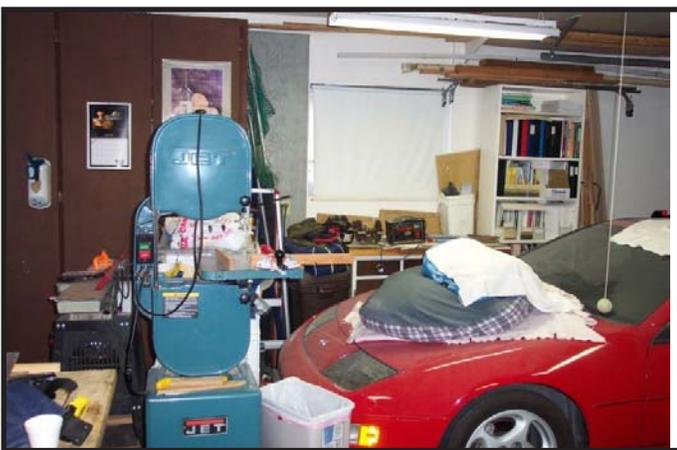
and well laid out shop. He helped to make Grizzly's fiscal year end a very profitable one with the purchase and delivery of a brand spanking new 10" jointer and a brand new 15" surface planner. Gene had to rearrange his floor space to accommodate the new equipment and he has settled in to the routine of fashioning wood into more beautiful objects.

Oh! By the way, Gene's shop is also heated and is very comfortable. He and his better half, Dory were very hospitable and had more delicious coffee and scrumptious cookies ready for us. Dory was in her workshop working on a lovely quilt and greeted each member of the club as though we were her long lost brothers.

Gene enjoys almost any form of woodworking. At present, he's working on a book cabinet made from western broadleaf maple but he also enjoys turning wood, and makes numerous projects from time to time. And in his spare time, he directs, plans and executes projects for Toys for Tots. Nobody enjoys woodworking more than Gene.

Thanks, Gene and Dory, for greeting us so warmly.

Nick Van



Sometimes woodworkers have to share our space.....with our little red sports car and the doggy bed and the refrigerator.
Doug Deuhning's workspace is organized for efficiency.



Gene Benson's shop just keeps getting better.....with some interesting ideas we all might want to copy. Clockwise, from upper left: Table saw outfeed table combines for LOTS of added storage, shop built Sanding Table connected to dust collector helps keep the shop & lungs clean, a combination work table and clamp storage.....it comes complete with coffee and cookies! As for the 4th photo, let's just say "what a pair!"..... Thanks to Charley Drake for providing shop tour photos!

Let's Get Educated!

Big changes within the education committee. Greg Shumate has set up a fantastic calendar of events feature on the NCWA web site. We will now be using this feature to keep you posted of all the activities and classes that are offered. Go to www.ncwawood.org and click on the "calendar of events" button in the left column. This will take you to the calendar and you can then click on any class or activity you are interested in. This will open up a separate window which will provide you with all the pertinent information regarding that specific activity. If your name does not appear in this information and you want to participate, contact Nick Van at: nvan@verizon.net and he will enter your name on the list.

You can also click on the date for the Open Shop Tours and find out who's shops will be open that month.

WOW, what a great feature. Use it.

See you at the next class. -RP Myers, Education Chairman

Toys for Tots 2007

NCWA can be proud of their efforts for the kids in our local area. We have done a great job for the third year running. With the start of the New Year, let's commit to doing better than ever. No matter how "good" life seems to be, there are always many who are having a real difficult time economically, which impacts the kids. We can do something really positive for the kids by just making some toys to contribute to the Toys for Tots Foundation.

I am asking again, for all of you to come aboard to make a great 2007 Christmas for the kids. There is no better way to make yourself happy or even happier than sharing some of your time to give to kids who are without, especially at Christmas.

Please join your fellow woodworkers in the Toys for Tots program - Gene Benson

Have you found the OBJECT of your affection???

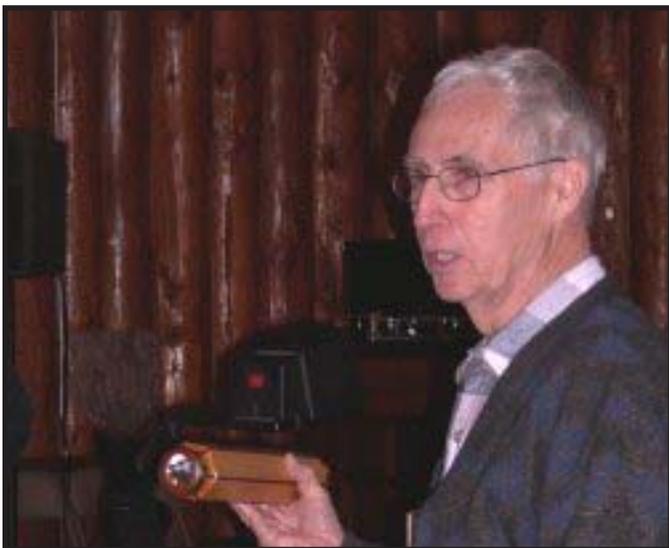
Just a reminder, the "found" object contest will reach it's conclusion at the February meeting. I realize that you have all been earnestly working on your entries for the past four and a half months and don't actually need this reminder, but here it is anyway.

The purpose of this contest is to construct an outstanding example of your woodworking expertise around a "found" object. In other words, throw some wood around some piece of rubbish that you "found" and make it look special! I'm really looking forward to the February meeting and the results of everyone's imaginations. This should be exciting! -Val Matthews

Bring 'n Brag



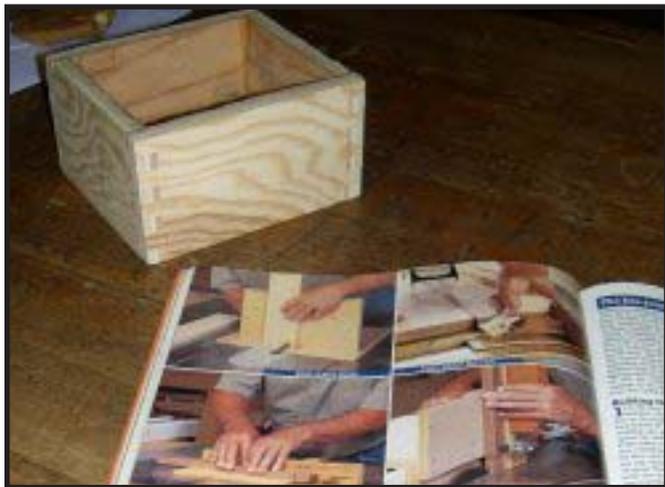
Logan Sullivan Cribbage Board & Box



John Greunwald Kleidescope



Nick Van Mystery Wood



Steve Intveld Box Joint Jig



Gary Weyers Tiny Critters

Second Plea from the Collector

NCWA dues for 2007 were due by January 1, 2007. If you haven't already paid, you're now really late. So stop reading right now and go write your check to NCWA for \$30. To the 47 people who have already paid, Doug thanks you for making his job easier - you can keep reading. To the 47 who haven't paid, you are beginning to give your Treasurer a big paid in his a . . . from sitting at his computer to write these reminders.

The Board, at it's latest meeting, decreed that all members not paying by March 31, 2007 will be dropped from the NCWA membership roster. We love you all and really don't want to lose anyone, so please pay ASAP.

Please make your check payable to NCWA, and mail to your Treasurer, Doug Duehning, 150 Swinomish Dr., LaConner, WA 98257. If for some strange reason you don't intend to renew, please email Doug at daduehning@yahoo.com or phone (360) 466-1281, so that he doesn't waste his time and yours continuing to pester you.

Please, please, please help Doug - he can't do any woodworking while he's sitting at his computer.

Shelly Clouse is Home!

Wish I could go on these open tours, next time maybe. I just wanted to let folks know I'm going home today! I don't know how to e-mail the club in general, so was hoping you could spread the word. Many thanks to all who came to visit me. Looking forward to getting back to things, still have a bit of healing tho. Not sure if my first meeting back will be Feb. 1st or the March meeting. Will depend on how stubborn I decide to be. Take care and thanks. - Shelly C.

Shelly.....we all look forward to seeing you soon!

Words of the Month.....

Bolection Inlay - an esthetic element that is proud of the surface.

Green & Green - Design Elements for the Workshop by Darrel Peart, Linden Publishing 2005 pg. 28

Cloud lift - essentially the rise in two horizontal lines connected by two small radiuses, sometimes with a short straight line linking the radiuses.

Green & Green - Design Elements for the Workshop by Darrel Peart, Linden Publishing 2005 pg. 59

Words & references courtesy Walter Meyers. Members are invited to submit other unique words & definitions for future newsletters. And yes, there will be a test.....

SHARE THE JOY!

Just completed a woodworking project? Did you devise a special technique or jig? Visit an interesting shop, show or gallery? Have a problem you would like to solicit assistance with from amongst our membership? Then share your experience with our membership! Sit down and write a few paragraphs.....and take a photo or two (or call me for assistance with photography).....and we will run it in a future issue. Share the joy of wood-working! - Rick

FROM OUR WEBMASTER.....

Any members who have a woodworking related website are invited to submit the URL to their website for inclusion on our NCWA website. To see examples of websites already listed, go to www.ncwawood.org and click on "resources" and then click on "woodworking links". This is another benefit of NCWA membership!

-Greg Shumate

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COMING EVENTS

Feb. 6th	7:00PM	Monthly Meeting	Hillcrest Lodge
Feb. 21st	7:00PM	Board Meeting	Farmhouse Restaurant on Hwy 20
Feb. 24th	Noon	Newsletter Deadline	Pysher's Email Box
Mar. 6th	7:00PM	Monthly Meeting,	Hillcrest Lodge

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, 1331 Meador Ave., Suite J105, Bellingham, WA 98229 or Email to rick@gardenarches.com or call 360-650-1587.

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