



NORTHWEST CORNER WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION

February 2012

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 7th, 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.

Design, Mock-Ups Focus of February Meeting

Bob Gaubatz will show tricks and techniques he uses to work through design and build details before committing to expensive wood. Save time and money through quality planning!

Good NCWA Crowd Starts the New Year

Newly elected President John Bellinger opened the NCWA year presiding at his first meeting at Hillcrest Lodge in Mount Vernon on January 3, 2012. The assembly drew some 70 interested members and several guests..

Ballinger's first order of business was to call up his predecessor, Jerry Couchman, to present him our gift of appreciation for guiding our organization through the year 2011. The gift was a low angle hand plane by Veritas. John praised Jerry's leadership and said he learned from his year as Vice President and his working relationship with Couchman,

Educational classes for January through June were announced by Chairman Gerald Anderson who also issued a call for instructors. A pep talk was given by Gene Benson to get woodworkers started

on a new year of Toys for Tots program. Benson said he has wood available for all toymakers that join the program.

Doug Duehning, busy receiving dues payments that evening, reminded late payers that dues must be paid by the end of January to assure uninterrupted membership. Other announcements concerned a forthcoming Spring Shop Tours date for the Anacortes area in April and new Programs Chairman Jerry Couchman's outlined prospective meeting programs for the year.

Jim Torrence announced that our first order of NCWA caps bearing the Club logo has been sold. Anyone wanting a cap should notify Jim for placement in a future order. Charley Drake, who helps with our new A-V system, pointed out that the Club is now equipped with two quality loudspeakers. John Bellinger has been setting up, tearing down and storing the audio system, but his duties as president will keep him too busy to do both. We need a volunteer or two. Free training offered!

Membership chairman Ed Pyscher conducted two raffles for two different prizes: one, a \$50 gift card donated by Woodcraft in Seattle and presented by Steve Dando our speaker and demonstrator of the

evening, and the other a prize of \$33 from Hartville Tool in Ohio. Larry Tomovick won the Woodcraft prize.



Ben Gage

Bring 'n Brag.

Ben Gage gave members something new to eyeball. His latest sphere is small, about three inches in diameter, and created out of northwest cedar. He is calling it a Shanghai ball.

Bob Gaubatz, who showed off a lot of his creative woodworking tool ideas during our Fall shop tour, displayed a couple ideas for safe-working at the table saw. Both tools you can make yourself, they were a vertical material hold-down and a splitter, or antikick-back device, that fits into the table insert.



Ben's Sphere



Bob Gaubatz and Jig



Andrew Pelliar

Andrew Pelliar put his attractive blanket chest on display. He reported using a combination of magnolia and Eastern red cedar with a shellac finish. **Steve Wagoner** showed his collection of old spokeshaves and chair scraper that he uses in his shop. The kit includes in-shaves, out-shaves, and a travisher. **Bob Shimer** let us see good joinery at work on a box he finished recently. Another example of **Jerry Couchman's** excellent box creations was also on display.



Jim Bucknell

Jim Bucknell showed his grandchild's Craftsman-style chair he recently completed. The chair is made of cherry and incorporates about 50 mortise and tennon joints. He gave it a fine Pro-Fin Satin finish. Another frequent B&B-er, the prolific **Bill Baer** brought his Shaker stool and two different-sized staved wood buckets.

--Jay



Steve Wagoner and spoke shaves. Steve is offering a class on building your own wooden bodied spoke shave in January.



Jerry Couchman's box to the left, and Ed Pyscher's new "reminder" ruler above.



Bill and his Bucket



Bob Shimer and Box

WOODFEST 2012

Mark your calendars. Woodfest 2012 is set for Saturday March 31 and Sunday April 1 in the Sedro-Woolley High School gymnasium. NCWA has a long history of participating and of having a significant role in this event.

Again this year we expect to be heavily involved. This year's event will feature a variety of vendors and display booths. There will be chainsaw carvers, wood turners, wood crafters and most importantly exhibits of the woodworking projects of students from various high schools. The club will present an award to the student whose work is judged best. NCWA will have two booths so our members can display and sell their work if they choose. The club would like to have a large number of members displaying their work, much like what we had at the Burlington Mall this past Father's Day weekend. At our next two general meetings we will have a sign up sheet so members can indicate their intention to

Bring 'n Brag Notice

Dwain Campbell was the creator of the rocking horse featured in last month's Bring 'n Brag. To avoid future mistakes in identifying members' projects, we will use a tag system. Fill out info on the tag before your object is placed on the front table for Bring 'n Brag.

The tag requires your name, a brief description of your project, and any details such as wood and finish used. Please place the tag on your item and wait for the President to call your name. Thank you.

~Jay

participate.

Let's get behind this event. This is a great opportunity to showcase our work, promote woodworking and support Woodfest, especially woodworking programs in our high schools.

~ Phil Choquette and Jim Torrence

Send it In!

Are you building something you want to share? Perhaps a special trick or tip someone would find useful? Share it with us! I'll help with photography or writing if needed. ~Charley Drake

_COFFEE MEISTER NEEDED

My schedule is overloaded, so I'd like someone to take my place with this very important job in the NCWA. Please call or email me if you want to help. I'll explain your duties and help you get started, with this important part of our group.

Jerry Anderson
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Chair Making Class

Tom Dolese is having a chair class Feb. 20 - 24. There is one spot left. Tom may be reached at 360-393-7577 or at dolesejt@msn.com.

- Andrew Pellar

January 2012 Board of Directors Meeting

New President John Bellinger presided over his first Board of Directors meeting of NCWA at the Farmhouse Restaurant Mount Vernon, on Wednesday, January 11, 2012. Board actions included approval of the NCWA Budget for 2012 and a final draft of changes to the NCWA By-laws. The changed wording to the By-laws will be given a reading and vote for approval at the general membership meeting in February. The changed wording will be placed on-line for members to read. A two-thirds vote of attending members is required for adoption.

The fourteen-member Board also made decisions to purchase lighting for staged demonstrations and other meeting presentations, fulfilling a need in our new A-V system.

Doug Duehning reported 90 members had renewed for the year 2012. Plus we have 5 new recruits. He noted 5 members were lost in the process. Our Treasury has a current balance of \$4,700. Duehning also sent the final draft of the 2012 budget to the Board for adoption. Doug reviewed the dates



Create this chair (or similar). Take Tom's class!

for occupying the Lodge and the number he will submit to the City of Mount Vernon for the year. Historically, the Hillcrest Lodge is unavailable during the month of April while the area celebrates the Tulip Festival. Also, the Club opts out during our summer picnic in August. Our current schedule calls for use of the Lodge for 10 months.

The Club By-laws needed some changes to correct voting dates brought about by the decision to devote November's meeting to the Toys for Tots program

as recommended by the local U.S. Marine Corps Reserve for a more suitable collection schedule. The date for nomination of officers has been moved back one month. The slate will be announced in October and elections will be held in December. Other proposed changes: permit the immediate Past President to serve on the Board for one year after completing his Presidential term, and adding another duty to the Vice President's task, that of Parliamentarian.



John and Jerry at Bring and Brag

Program Chair Jerry Couchman distributed a list of potential programs and gave a suggested line-up for the next several months. A discussion of these possibilities followed and other ideas were presented. Charley Drake gave an interesting breakdown of the per capita expense in putting out the Newsletter. He also noted the need for the Club to own lighting equipment to augment the poor facilities at Hillcrest Lodge, apparent during Steve Dando's presentation of dovetailing techniques. Presently used lighting is borrowed.

The Board took up the matter of WoodFest, an annual event that coincides with the Tulip Festival. SedroWoolley High School will hold their woodworking show at the gym again this year under the sponsorship of the Sedro Woolley Chamber of Commerce. Several area high schools have been invited to participate in the weekend show and competition event. NCWA will again participate although we will not judge student entries as in the past. Board members voted to purchase sales and display space (10 x 12 feet)

for our members' use. A similar sized space is provided free to us by Sedro Woolley for general use in soliciting new members and displaying non-salable member projects. The motion to purchase a space for \$40 was approved. Phil Choquette and Jim Torrence share the duties of our participation.

Gary Danilson is making the final shop selections in the Anacortes area for the Spring Shop Tour slated for March 30. The four member shops will be announced shortly. Jerry Couchman is planning another trip to Cascade Mall for a weekend NCWA show similar to the one held on fathers' Day weekend last year. The date selected is the weekend of June 16 and 17. The Board also heard Ed Pyscher's plan for the annual picnic, which was approved for Saturday, August 18 on the Laura and Val property in Bow. It was also announced that Mike Titus, our Webmeister, plans to have a "new look" on our Website next month.

We adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Members present: Anderson, Baer, Bellinger, Chang, Choquette, Danilson. Drake, Duehning, Geisel, Pellar, Pyscher (three absent).

Respectfully submitted by Jay Geisel, Secretary

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2012 classes are off to a great start! Twenty eight NCWA members attended the January classes, with twenty one signed up for the February classes.

February Class Schedule:

Mortise & Tenon Joinery: Unforeseen circumstances require the February 4th class to be postponed until late spring or early summer.

Dust Control: Rick Anderson will teach this class at his shop, 3219 Adams Ave., Bellingham, on Wednesday, February 8th from 7 until 9 p.m. Topics will include several dust control techniques, and planning a dust control system. There are two openings left.

How & When to Use a Plane: This class will be held on Saturday, February 25th from 10:00 a.m until noon. Charley Drake will host and teach this class at his shop, 5955 Central, Anacortes. Here's your chance



(above) Charley Drake and John Bellinger testing the new speaker. (left) Jim "feedback" Bucknell adjusting the audio level. He says it sounds fine to him!

to learn new skills or improve your technique with this popular shop hand tool. This is a hands-on class. Please bring eye, hearing & respiratory protection. You're also encouraged to bring any planes that may need fine tuning or that you need advice about the best way to use them. The class is full!

The NCWA board asks that all members read and sign a liability waiver at all classes they are taking. Your instructors will hand them out and collect them after they're signed. The original waivers will be kept and filed by the Education Committee.

As always, your Education Committee solicits your ideas for new classes & welcomes any of you who would like to instruct a class in one of your favorite topics.

Jerry Anderson
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Classifieds

FOR SALE:

10 1/4 inch Inca jointer/plainer. 2 hp-220 Volt, stand, and mobile base. There's some problems with the gearing for the plainer, but the unit would make an excellent jointer. I need the room in my shop \$150.

Larry Tomovick

For Sale:

Don't know what. At the last meeting someone told me I left out their ad. I looked for it with no success. Please resend it!

Charley Drake

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.

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COMING EVENTS

Feb. 7th	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	Hillcrest Lodge
Feb. 15th	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	Farmhouse Inn
Feb. 8th	7:00 PM	Dust Control	Rick Anderson's shop
Feb. 25th	10:00 AM	How and When to use a Plane	Charley Drake's shop

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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