



# NORTHWEST CORNER WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION

November, 2008

**Next Meeting: November 7, 8, 9**

## **Art's Alive**

**Garden Art Center, La Conner**

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

**2nd Street in LaConner.. Bring your woodworking project, new or old, finished or unfinished, hardwood or softerwood, turning or flatwork, for show or for sale, to show the community who we are and what we're about.**

### **Art's Alive – LaConner**

Our best opportunity for public contact is upon us once more. Art's Alive will be held this weekend in LaConner at the Garden Center on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. This is our chance to show our stuff, to demonstrate that we are a living testament to the art and craft of woodworking.

All members are encouraged to bring one or more items to show. You can choose to display your work and/or sell your work. Your work can be finished or unfinished. Your projects can include turnings, flatwork, craft constructions or anything else having to do with working with wood.

Members are encouraged to bring projects to the Garden Center between 4:00PM and 8:00PM on Friday, November 7. The Woodworking show will commence on Saturday morning, November 8, and conclude on Sunday, November 9. Show times are 9:00AM to 5:00PM.

Thanks to Phil Choquette for his work in securing the venue and for working with club members to ensure a great show. My understanding is that the duty list is complete and that members with assigned duties have been informed and are eager to begin the fun.

All members are encouraged to visit Art's Alive and bring your friends and relatives to the festivities. Be there or be square!!! - Jeff O'Donnell

### **From the Nominating Committee**

It's that time again, when we need to elect officers for the coming year. Here are the nominees from the Nominating Committee. We will vote at the December general meeting and nominations will be taken from the floor:

- President – Jeff O'Donnell
- Vice President – Jim Torrence
- Secretary – Jay Geisel
- Treasure – Doug Duehning

Committee chairpersons serve at the pleasure of the President but so far, all current chairpersons have agreed to serve in their capacity again next year.

Let's give these folks a hand. Without volunteers, we would not exist!

Phil Choquette, Ed Pysher  
Nominating Committee

### **New Bylaws**

Every now and then the skeleton of the organization needs to be reviewed and updated to reflect current requirements. To that end, Jim Torrence, Jay Geisel and Dave Blair reviewed our current bylaws and proposed a number of changes and recommendations. These were reviewed by the Board and, after much discussion, the

revised bylaws (below) were approved by the Board for presentation to the membership for a vote.

The vote on the bylaws will be at the December meeting. Any suggestions should be sent directly to Jim Torrence (360-629-6670 or [jetink@hughes.net](mailto:jetink@hughes.net)) for presentation at the November Board meeting and inclusion in the December newsletter for general membership consideration. - Jeff O'Donnell

### **Name tags:**

Starting with the December meeting, we will be getting serious about name tags. Anyone arriving incognito will have to fork over a buck (\$1) to our Treasurer, Doug Duehning.

Anyone who does not have a name tag should call or email me (360-770-7203, [epysher@aol.com](mailto:epysher@aol.com)) and I'll either mail you one, or bring it to the December meeting.

Also, please let me know if you do not have a membership card for your wallet. You need this card to get the discount at many of our discount vendors. - Ed Pysher

### **Do you know what your committees do?**

We have some pretty dynamic committees that work in the background to make sure of the success of NCWA. It occurs to me that many members, particularly the newer ones, do not really know what all these folks do. To remedy that condition, starting with the January newsletter, we will feature one committee and introduce you to the things they do for you. The article in the newsletter will be called "Spotlight On". Your comments and recommendations following each issue will be very helpful in improving our work and your enjoyment of woodworking. - Jeff O'Donnell

### **Toys for Tots**

Hey Woodworkers -It's Toys for Tots Time! December 2nd is coming up fast - when we will give our Toys to the Marines for their Toys for Tots drive. If you are making toys, it is time to shift into high gear to get them done. If you are buying toys, be on the lookout for that special toy to give. The December meeting will be a dinner meeting, with wives and special guests invited, too. Last year's December meeting was a huge success as we gave the Marine's hundreds of hand crafted toys and also generously donated other toys and also gave over \$400 to them.

At our annual participation in Arts Alive on November 8 and 9, we will have a special area to display our Toys

for Tots projects - finished or non-finished. We encourage you to bring a sample of what you are working on. We will also have a sign-up sheet there for the December dinner meeting. - Glenn Koontz

### **Education Committee**

Arts Alive is not the only thing going on in November for the woodworkers. We will also be offering two excellent classes. On November 15, Bob Doop (or his stunt double) will use his experience to help us with choosing and using planes, chisels, and scrapers. I hope he answers the question of when to use which.

Then on the 29th, Phil Choquette will give us the low-down on routers. Learn what kinds of routers are available and the advantages of each. Learn how to choose bits, make dovetails, and router jigs.

In December, Chuck Robertson will hold a class on making drawers. The drawer you make will fit the cabinet that Nick Van will be having you make on March 7, 2009.

To sign up for any of these classes, either call or email Chuck Robertson (360-387-6333, [cerjor@hotmail.com](mailto:cerjor@hotmail.com)) with your request or fill out the registration form on our web site (<http://www.ncwawood.org/Education/registration.htm>). -Chuck Robertson

### **Library Corner**

During the month of December the Library Committee will inventory the library so an up date listing can be put on the club's webpage. The committee will also purge the library of outdated and unused material. To this end, the committee asks that all members return checked out material at the December meeting. Thanks for your cooperation. - Jim Torrence

### **Woodworking at its Finest**

My wife and I were privileged to visit our nation's capital last month. During our visit, we included the Smithsonian Institutes on our agenda - every venue that was open to the public. We saw it all. Our legs were thoroughly worn out each night from our schedule, but the sights to be seen were wonderful, certainly unique and inclusive of all of the achievements of Man through the ages.

One of the Smithsonian venues was the Renwick Gallery of the American Art Museum in downtown Washington DC dedicated to contemporary arts and crafts. The Renwick had, as one of its features, an entire floor devoted to the work of Lino Tagliapietra, an incredibly creative and innovative devotee of the art of glass



Wood Hinged, Drop Leaf Table with six chairs - Sam Maloof

sculpture. He was trained right here in western Washington at the Pilchuck School of Glass and worked under Dale Chihuly before advancing on to teach and refine his talents in Europe.

But on the second floor of the Renwick was a woodworker's dream. As you can see from the few photos I was able to take, we were treated to a wood hinged, drop leaf table and six chairs made by Sam Maloof and a spectacular multi-purpose "high boy desk" crafted by Kim Schmahmann, entitled "Bureau of



Bureau of Bureaucracy - Kim Schmahmann



Bureau of Bureaucracy - Front Side

Bureaucracy." In addition, there were several items to please the turners. One that caught my fancy was a "rolled edge bowl" crafted by Edward Moulthrop. I hope you enjoy the pictures. - Nick Van



Rolled Edge Bowl - Edward Moulthrop

**New By-laws**

The board recommends that the club's by-laws be changed in the manner described below. Please read the proposed by-laws and be prepared to vote your preference at the December meeting.

**NORTHWEST CORNER  
WOODWORKER'S ASSOCIATION  
Bylaws**

**ARTICLE I  
Name**

The name of this club shall be Northwest Corner Woodworker's Association

**ARTICLE II  
Purpose**

The purpose of the Association shall be:

- a) Promote high standards in woodworking.
- b) To support the efforts of both amateur and professional woodworkers by conducting seminars, workshops and other educational activities relating to woodworking.

- c) To showcase local woodworking through shows, exhibits and displays.
- d) To assist local woodworkers through the cooperative purchase of tools and materials and cooperative marketing.

**ARTICLE III  
Nonprofit Status**

The Association is not for profit and no part of its assets are to be used for the personal benefit of any of its members

**ARTICLE IV  
Membership**

Section 1. Membership in the Association is open to both amateur and professional woodworkers.

Section 2. The membership period is the calendar year, from January 1 through December 31 and the annual dues will be determined by the Board of Directors (hereafter called the Board). For those joining after January 1, dues shall be prorated in a manner stipulated by the Board.

Section 3. Membership shall be terminated if dues for the year are not paid by February 1.

Section 4. A member may be terminated for just cause upon petition to the Board by at least three members and concurrence of two-thirds of the Board.

**ARTICLE V  
Officers and Members-at-Large**

Section 1. Elected Officers.  
There will be four (4) elected officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. Eligibility.  
Any member in good standing is eligible to hold office.

Section 3. Term of Office.  
Elected officers shall hold office for one year beginning on January 1 or until successors are

elected. Officers are eligible for consecutive years in the same office.

Section 4. Removal from Office.  
Officers may be removed from office by a vote of no confidence of the Board.

Section 5. Vacancy in Office.  
Should a vacancy occur, the Board shall find a replacement for the remainder of the year.

Section 6. Duties.  
The duties of the officers are as follows:  
President. The President shall provide leadership to the Association and shall preside over the meetings of the Board and the general membership. The President shall carry out direction as provided by the Board. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.  
Vice-President. The Vice President shall act for, and in place of, the President in the absence or incapacity of the President. The Vice-President will also carry out duties as assigned by the President.  
Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a record of all the meetings of the Board and the general membership and perform other duties as assigned by the President.  
Treasurer. The Treasurer shall supervise the financial affairs of the Association and perform other duties as assigned by the President. The Treasurer shall provide an annual budget to be brought before the Board for their approval. The Treasurer may make budgeted disbursements independently. Unbudgeted disbursements over \$100 shall require the approval of the Board.

Section 7. Members-at-Large  
An incoming President shall appoint one Member-at-Large in January. The Member-at-Large shall serve on the Board for a term of 2 years. There shall be two such members serving at the same time with staggered terms.

ARTICLE VI  
Board of Directors

Section 1. Composition  
The Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, at-large members

and all chairpersons of standing committees.

Section 2. Duties.  
The duties of the Board are to serve as the governing body of the Association, determine and supervise the implementation of Association policies, programs and practices. The duties also include ensuring that sound administrative and financial procedures are followed.

Section 3. Regular Meetings.  
The Board shall hold monthly meetings at a time and place mutually agreed upon.

Section 4. Special Meetings.  
Special meetings may be called by a written or electronic request of three members of the Board. At least 48 hours notice shall be given. The business transacted at any special meeting shall be limited to that notice in the call.

Section 5. Quorum.  
A quorum of 50 percent of the Board members is established.

ARTICLE VII  
Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees.  
The Association standing committees shall consist of those committees established by the Board. Committee chairpersons shall be appointed by the President with confirmation by the Board. Committee chairpersons will serve at the pleasure of the President and Board.

Section 2. Duties.  
The committees shall perform the duties as set forth by the Board.

Section 3. Temporary Committees  
Temporary committees may be established as necessary by the Board.

ARTICLE VIII  
Regular Meetings of the Membership

Regular meetings of the membership shall be held monthly on the first Tuesday of the month at a place announced. These meetings will normally not be

held in months when other Association events are taking place, (i.e., annual picnic and Arts Alive.)

ARTICLE IX

Newsletter and Internet Services

Section 1. The Association will publish a newsletter to be distributed to the membership and to other individuals and groups as may be deemed appropriate. At a minimum the newsletter will contain announcements of upcoming meetings, events and the minutes of the past meeting. It will be published monthly before each regular meeting. The chairperson of the newsletter committee will serve as the editor.

Section 2. The Association shall maintain a web site. At a minimum the web site will contain a calendar of events, news, educational classes, newsletters, photo gallery and resources.

ARTICLE X

Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominating Committee

The President shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of three members. Such appointment shall be made in a timely manner so as to permit the nominating committee to function and provide candidates for election. Nominees will be announced to the membership in the November newsletter.

Section 2. Election

The election for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer and shall take place at the December regular membership meeting. A simple majority of the members present is required to elect.

ARTICLE XI

Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters not specifically covered in these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments

Proposed amendments or changes to these Bylaws must be announced to all members at least two weeks in advance. Proposed amendment or changes will be voted on at a regular meeting and must pass by at least 2/3 vote of the members present.

ARTICLE XIII

Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the Association, the Board shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Association, dispose of all the assets of the Association to a nonprofit organization or organizations, preferably a woodworker's organization.

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**COMING EVENTS**

Nov 7	4 - 8 PM	Art's Alive - Setup	Garden Arts Center, LaConner
Nov 8, 9	9 - 5 PM	Art's Alive	Garden Arts Center, LaConner
Nov 19	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	Farmhouse Restaurant on Hwy 20
Nov 22	Noon	Newsletter Deadline	Nick's Email (nvan@verizon.net)
Dec 2	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	Hillcrest Lodge, Mount Vernon

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, 24 Jacks Pass Court, Camano Island, WA 98282 or Email to nvan@verizon.net or call 360-387-4174.

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