



Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

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Next Meeting at Carl's Paints 1515 Freeway Drive, Mount Vernon April 3, 7:00

Notes from the President

The meeting at the union hall turned out to be awesome. Art did a fantastic show and tell on his craft. It was an inspiration to me. Thanks to Larry for setting up that program.

I was thinking the meeting was going to be on the slim side. But craftsmen slowly drifted in. If there is anyone with a detail problem, this group is a great place to ask for solutions. We are full of experience and imagination.

I am looking forward to the next meeting at Karl's Paint in Mount Vernon. You can never know enough about finishing wood.

Thanks to all that make this club happen

Secretary's Report

This meeting's format changed in that the educational portion came first. This was to accommodate our speaker, Art Hyatt. Art is a carver who specializes in Northwest Indian carving as well as a whimsical look at life.

Art began his presentation wearing a salmon mask. The mask showed his style and set the tone for his presentation. Art

began his craft by learning chip carving to make Christmas decorations for gifts.

He carves Indian masks, cooking utensils, baby rattles, jewelry and fun stuff.

The Indian carving style is rather primitive. Border lines are cut cleanly and left as part of the carving. Symmetry is a characteristic of the primitive style. Art likes to use Cedar and green Alder for his projects. These woods are easy to carve and are predictable in their drying and finishing. He believes Yellow has a spiritual quality while carving masks.

Acrylic paints are used because they cover the grain and cover stains (as with Alder).

Art used a chain saw to rough out his projects. Next he uses a couple of adzes followed by an assortment of knives. He believes in the K.I.S.S. theory of sharpening. He uses a water stone for rough grinding, followed by finer stones and using a strop for honing.

Art before

Art after



The following are samples of Arts work:



As you can see, Art has both a serious and a whimsical approach to carving. Thanks, Art for a most informative and entertaining presentation.

**Woodworking Show
Tacoma Dome May 11-13
Details later**

Don't forget "Bring and Brag", We all do something unique or have something that others would enjoy seeing.

Secretaries Report (cont.) 3/06/01

Meeting called to order by president Gary.

Gary introduced his sister Becky and her daughter Allison. Also introduced new member David Johnson.

Old Business:

Gary spoke about the upcoming show in Sedro-Woolley. The show will be held April 8&9. Hours are :

Saturday 9-7

Sunday 10-4

Participants set up will be 7-9 am Saturday. The show is at Sedro-Woolley High school. This show is held to encourage woodworking in Skagit county schools.

Wood of the Month:

Makore. This wood comes from Nigeria. Often called African Cherry. Makore is a hard heavy, dense wood. It machines well although it contains silica so carbide tools are necessary.

Used in boat building, furniture, architectural projects and veneers.

The dust causes sneezing and watery eyes. Wear your respirators and goggles!

Trees often grow over 100 feet high with a 4-10 foot diameter trunk. Large clear boards are available.

Bring and Brag:

Gary showed some sanding blocks and a slick trick using a plastic scraper covered with adhesive backed sandpaper for sanding corners.

Larry showed an elevator bolt and spoke on their uses. (Elevator bolts have a large, thin, flat, shouldered head, with uses similar to a carriage bolt.)

Gary brought some of the apple wood mentioned in the last newsletter. The wood

is from a 100 year old tree and kiln dried . Available in 6/4 and 8/4 various widths and up to five feet long for about \$5 bdft.

A question was asked about shop dust collection. Many opinions were given, the Oneida cyclone was rated highly as well as the Fein shop vac. Racal supplied air respirators also are very effective. A tip – if you cannot smell the sawdust wearing the respirator– it works!

For Sale

Delta tenoning jig, used few times, with box and instructions. \$70 (new \$109) Call tom 360-734-9473.

Woodworking Class

Through structured classroom theory and hands-on practice, this course provides students with knowledge, safety, and skills to use woodworking tools and machinery. Instruction emphasizes typical woodworking and remodeling methods employed by building maintenance technicians. Text required.

\$54.28 4/10-6/12, 6-9:00pm

Information, BTC 360-738-0221

Next Meeting.

Treasurer's Report 1/11/2001 to 2/11/2001

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,529.24
Dues deposited	84.00
Interest	2.92
Newsletter expense	<u>-100.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$1,583.16

Take I-5 to Mount Vernon, exit at College Way, proceed east to Freeway Drive, turn left, Karl's paints is on the right.

See you there!

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