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**Next Meeting at Larry Tomovick's Shop !
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NCWA Membership Meeting Minutes

Meeting was held at Gary Holloman's shop in Sedro-Woolley with meeting called to order at 7:15 by President Gary.

MINUTES – None available.

Treasurers Report – Checking account has been reassigned to new treasurer and signature cards filed. Balance on hand \$1521.

Old business - Displays for shows were further discussed as to needs. Gary will look at his display to see what may be needed for a permanent display. A hand tool display needs to be developed and a manager is sought.

Wood of the Month - This month's wood was presented by Phil Choquette. Phil discussed Mahogany in various types. Among these were Honduras, Phillipine, and Meranti as Phillipine is also known.

Guests - Guests introduced were Bob Duke and Vern Tater.

Bring and Brag – John Gruenwald showed a belt guard made with flexible veneer and a discussion of use of bender board for similar applications was held.

Spring Show – Rocky talked of the Sedro-Woolley show in the spring. Much more promotion is being developed for this event which is part of the Tulip Festival. We voted to give \$75 to the prize fund for student displays. Rocky will advise us as time goes on.

Programs – Program schedule includes February – steam bent boxes; March – wood masks and April – finishes. Others (with dates not set) include band sawn boxes and design. Perhaps a visitation to the Center for Wooden Boats at Lake Union and a visit to Pacific Woodworkers guild in the Vancouver area.

Safety in the Woodworking Shop

The heading could also read “Keeping What You Have”.

As many of you might know, I have been on the Safety Committee where I work for several years. My mission on this committee was to try to change peoples’ thoughts on safety. Safety should **not** start when an employee punches in for his daily job. Safety should start from the time the alarm sounds in the morning until the bed lamp is shut off at night.

Woodworking presents a lot of opportunity for serious injury. This craft also presents the opportunity to take pride in a finished project. A craftsman should be proud each time a project is completed safely. All too many times a finished project comes with a few nicks from sharp edges, the memory of sawdust in an eye or maybe some skin or respiratory irritation from a finish or a particular type of wood.

Safety needs consideration during the planning stages of a project.

Many small injuries can be avoided using some simple and pretty inexpensive personal protective equipment (PPE).

PPE includes: **Safety Glasses** – these can be had for less than \$5. This price is for the simple plastic bubble type that will fit over regular glasses. Prescription ground glasses cost a lot more.

Respirators – there are many types available. Simple disposable dust masks can be purchased for \$2-3 each. These work well for dusty work **not** for fumes from finishes and solvents! Many solvents and finishes have serious effects to skin, lungs and internal organs. The type of respirator for these must be matched to the product used. Information must be on the product label relating to personal hazards. A half face respirator is best for these chemicals. There are many safety equipment dealers that can provide help in the selection of the proper respirator. These can be somewhat costly \$15– to about \$50. The filters are replaceable.

Gloves – leather gloves can provide protection from burns and slivers but not cuts. Kevlar gloves provide cut protection and some puncture protection. Latex, rubber and Nitrile gloves provide protection from chemical hazards.

Hearing protection – all types of hearing protection come with an NPR (noise protection rating). Simply, the number represents
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Don’t forget “bring or Brag”, We all do something unique or have something that others would enjoy seeing.

the amount of decibels the device removes. Hearing protection with a rating of 28 should be adequate for shop tools. Many woodworking tools have very high sound levels. (If your ears ring after using a tool, you should have used hearing protection.) Ear plugs, cheap about a buck a pair, washable and disposable. Ear muffs are quicker to put on and off but are more expensive. (\$15 to \$40)

Face shield – these used with safety glasses protect the face from flying objects associated with lathe turning and using a grinder.

This is only an introduction to shop safety.

In following newsletters, I will attempt to cover ergonomics, blade and belt guards, electrical safety, push sticks and a bunch of related safety stuff.

Tom



Next Meeting's Demonstration:

Steam Bent Wood Boxes by Larry Tomovick

Directions to Larry's shop: Take Highway 20 to Anacortes. From Highway 20, turn left onto Commercial, proceed to Longview (past the little store) turn right onto Longview, go straight to the next corner, turn right on to "N" Ave. Larry's house is on the immediate right hand corner.

The NCWA was formed to promote high standards in woodworking, woodworking education, and showcasing local woodworking. The NCWA is open to all interested woodworkers.. Dues are \$24 per year, payable to NCWA, 754 Ershig Rd. Bow, Wa. 98232. Newsletter submissions are welcomed and are due by the 18th of the month to NCWA Newsletter, 925 South Hills Dr. Bellingham, Wa., 98226. Or call (360) 734-9473. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. Location announced in the newsletter

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