

# Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

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**Next Meeting: W. A. Smith Woodworks  
5471-B Guide Meridian  
Bellingham, WA (360) 398-7201  
February 5, 2002 7:00**

### Notes from the Pres.

Another great meeting and another great turn out of members. I am happy the election part went well and a big thanks to the new and old officers.

I appreciate everyone's understanding for putting up with me as director of our meetings. I don't know if I will ever understand Roberts Rules. As long as some of us understand the rules, we will make it work.

Another thanks goes out to Jay and Owen for the creation of a membership flyer and business card holder. To me, this flyer says what our club is about and it is very nice visually. I would rather start out with a small amount and let our growth be slow. But that is something we will have to vote on.

Thanks to Stuart Welsh for an informative talk about his woodworking experiences and his wood scraping techniques. The man has a wealth of information. I hope we see more of him.

I am excited about the possible flag box project. We will talk about it some more at the next meeting. Anyway, I can't think of anything else.

See you all at the next meeting!

Gary

### Librarian's Note

There are many books and videos that have been out for sometime. It is very easy to use a book in the shop, then it seems to become part of the scenery. By the same token, videos seem to go under the TV to a kind of never-never land. Check around and see if you have any club materials that you could bring back.

Tom

### Secretaries Report

Meeting called to order by President Gary. The meeting started with the members introducing themselves, this is good to for new members.

The first order of business was the election of new officers. The election went smoothly due to the somewhat informal election process. The officers for 2002 are:

President: Gary Holloman

Vice President: Larry Tomovick

Secretary: Jay Geisel

Treasurer: Laura Matthews

Librarian: Tom Chartier

Programs: Larry Tomovick

Editor: Tom Chartier

The new officers were elected by a unanimous vote.

### Old business:

Roster committee: Larry reported the roster was coming along well. He advised that we buy 75 rosters at a cost of about \$50 more. (This is twenty-five more than the original fifty.) Moved, seconded and carried to raise the order to seventy-five.

Jay presented a brochure for prospective members. The brochure included

an application form. A discussion followed concerning the amount of brochures to buy. The matter was tabled until the next meeting. Bob was going to look into having the brochures printed using a laser printer to save costs. Several members commented on the good job that Jay and Owen did on designing the brochure.

The brochure project triggered a discussion about the club's future. Could we get too big too fast? Would we lose the fellowship with more members? Most home shops are not large enough to accommodate a large group.

#### **New Business:**

Laura suggested the club purchase a program like Adobe Acrobat so the newsletter could be emailed, thus saving printing and postage costs. This would be a good move because many members have Internet access. Laura and Tom to check prices and will report at the next meeting.

There is a movement among other Woodworking Clubs to make flag presentation boxes for the families who lost loved ones at the September 11 terrorist attack. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

A comment was made that the Jet/Powermatic/ Performax company sometimes donates or loans a power tool to Woodworking Clubs.

#### **Education Portion:**

Our guest speaker this evening was Stuart Welsh, who started woodworking in high school shop and then attended Rochester Institute of Technology. While attending R.I.T., he studied under James Krenov, Wendle Cassle, Tage Frid and others. After the institute he worked for a large chair making company that made expensive

chairs for the government, commercial and private consumers. Next he opened his own business making furniture, toys and anything that would sell. His business prospered and soon was selling furniture through interior designers and architects. During this time he taught at the University of Berkely and in Saskatchewan. He was then approached by an investor to travel to Indonesia to oversee the building of a commercial shop to produce garden furniture. He worked with Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth to market furniture made from a sustained yield teak wood plantation. Stuart returned to the U.S. to help out a family business in a time of need. Stuart then moved to LaConner to buy a grocery store and make custom furniture in a shared shop space.

Stuart teaches woodworking, hand tool use, design and furniture history at The Bellingham Technical College.

His talk tonight covered the use and sharpening of hand scrapers. He uses Japanese waterstones and diamond stones to sharpen, hone and polish scrapers. A honing guide is also helpful in maintaining the needed angle. A burnisher is used to create the hook at the edge of the scraper. The blade is held in a vise, oiled lightly and then burnished **once** at the proper angle. A lot of pressure is exerted on the burnisher to make the edge.

The scraper in use is like an airplane doing a touch and go. It swoops down, cuts the wood and swoops up at the end of the stroke.

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

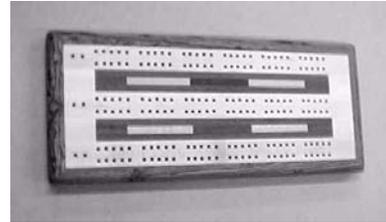
Stuart recommended two books for maintaining shop tools. They are:

**Woodshop Power tool Maintenance**  
Cunningham, Beryl M. And Holtrop, William F.  
Isbn 870002-145-1

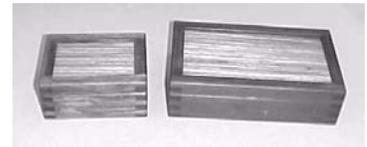
**Power Tool Maintenance**  
Irvin  
Library of Congress number 76-126174-32050

These books are out of print but available on the Internet for \$35.13 and \$80.97 respectively.

Stuart shared a little extra information on buying wood for a future project. He recommends buying the wood a week or so before cutting it. Stack, sticker and weight it off the floor to acclimatize to the relative humidity of the shop.



**Cribbage board by Bill Hakins.**



**Coffee Grinder and Boxes by Owen Huffaker**



**Stuart discussing and demonstrating scrapers**



**Scrub Plane Sharpening Jig by Mike Hess**

This jig uses scraps, a dowel screw and two nuts to position the blade over a bench stone (not shown) The blade is moved back and forth for sharpening.



**1/4 Sheet Sandpaper Cutter By Phil the jig man.**

This device uses two straight edge stops, and an inlaid strip to align the sandpaper. A hacksaw blade is used to tear to size.



**Directions to W.A. Smith, Woodworks**  
Take the WA-539 MERIDIAN ST. exit number 256 A-B. Proceed North on Guide Meridian (WA-539) about four miles, cross Smith Rd., proceed North about 2 blocks, left at sign, 1st building on left.

**Jake Strauss**  
Kiln dried NW Washington hardwood lumber. (Sales by appointment only)  
6389 North Star Rd. Ferndale, WA 98248  
(360)384-3948

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