



# Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

January , 2004

## Next Meeting: 01/06/04, 7:00 p.m. Rick Anderson's Shop

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December 11, 2003

### Prez Letter – December 2003

Happy Holidays to One and All. May the New Year bring to each of you and your families happiness and good fortune – at least as much as is deserving under the circumstances.

This is my last message as your club President. First and foremost, many thanks to all of the club members who gave their time and effort to make the year so successful. I am indebted to each of you. And so are your fellow club members. Each of the activities we enjoyed during the year is the direct result of someone stepping up to the plate and taking charge. From Woodfest last April to Arts Alive in November; From the trip to Leigh Valley Tools in April to the visit to the Tool Show in October; the club picnic at the Matthews in August and the Router Workshop in November and much more, this has been, in my humble opinion, a lot of fun and very helpful to the membership. Not only that, I have learned much about woodworking from our activities and from the unselfish sharing of many of our members. Thank you all for a wonderful trip.

Our January meeting will include election of next year's officers. The Nominating Committee has offered the following candidates for your consideration:

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| President      | Rick Anderson |
| Vice President | James Haddock |
| Secretary      | Jay Geisel    |
| Treasurer      | Ed Pysher     |

Nominations will remain open until the beginning of the January meeting so the membership can nominate other candidates. Any additional nominations and the election of new officers will occur immediately after the secretary's and treasurer's reports. A majority of those present will elect the new officers.

You must be present to vote. Please attend and show the new slate of officers that you're behind them and will support their program for the next year.

And finally, your club officers and committee chairs will meet at the Farmhouse Restaurant on Wednesday, January 21, 2004 at 7:00pm to discuss club business. All members are welcome to attend. Please let us know if you're going to be there so we can provide another chair for you.

Yours in Woodworking

Nick

### It Was A Dark and Stormy Night, But They Came

Julian Lee's *Toy Shop* is, by all accounts, a misnomer. Yes, it is full of big-boy toys and easily accommodates half the population of NCWA. Wood and heavy-duty metal-working machines aplenty elicited ooh's and aah's from the assemblage while Lee deferred queries from various individuals as to what he was producing in this magnificent power plant. If we locals are ever called upon by our government to generate munitions or other technical devices this is one place to start work.

The evening's featured program was a spin-off of the router workshop held a few weeks earlier. Selected members were invited to demo different tools used in creating mortises and tenons. Nick Van had recently constructed an imposing fixture out of one of the woodworking magazines. It was well constructed and offered a full range of conveniences, such as easy clamping of the wood pieces in vertical, horizontal, or angled positions. However, Nick had not used the device before so results were unconfirmed.

Two professional tools were shown by Julian, one, the Multi-Router, a mainstay in the mortise/tenon machine inventory, and the other an accessory to his Laguna Jointer/Planer combination machine. Julian showed us samples of the work from both pieces of equipment and described how they were created. The final demo came from Rick Anderson who had recently purchased a relatively new entry in the M/T competition. This was a Leigh FMT Jig that was substantially less expensive than the other two manufactured jigs. Since showing it that night, Rick says he has used the Leigh several times and it works like a champ.

**Wood Pegs into Round Holes.** Not a tenoning jig, but a router jig nevertheless, was Val Matthews solution to turn square wood into round dowels. Val's shop-made device was powered by a router and the work piece was fed and continuously spun by an electric drill. It was an interesting demonstration and Val generously contributed a duplicate to the evening's raffle.

Raffle winners were Tom Chartier, Cec Braeden, Rick Anderson, and Don Parry. Two of our new members, Gene Benson and Paul Johnson, introduced themselves with short bios, and President Van honored Larry Tomovick for winning the prestigious Gold Medal in Woodworking in the recent National Handicapped Veterans competition. Also lauded were Dave Solie and Jim Murphy for their Arts Alive winning bird feeder and bird house designs.

Walt Meyers was enthusiastic in reporting on his recent California seminar where he spent two days with guru Yeung, author of *Classic Joints with Power Tools*. That book has now been added to the Club's Library, according to Tom Chartier. Tom also asked members to dig deep in their own libraries and return any long-overdue Club materials. He reiterated that Library donations are always welcome.

**Bring and Brag.** Remember that large operable wooden lock with key created by Don Parry? He showed it at Leibrant's shop almost a year ago. Now he has displayed its cousin, but this one is keyless. Don fortunately recalled the combination of his new creation and opened it for us at the December meeting. Cec Braeden reported seeing a variety of good lumber at Mount Vernon Building Supply, and Rick Anderson had a glowing report on his recent trip to Mendocino's annual fine furniture show. Paul Johnson, our lecturer and demonstrator at the Router Workshop, provided additional copies of his router table plans for those that didn't receive them earlier, and he donated two copies of his high school educational work on video to the Club library. Ed Pysher circulated a listing of Club working committees and asked members to sign-on for committee work in 2004.

**Trip to the Boeing Museum of Flight.** I notified members that the tour of the Boeing Museum of Flight on Saturday, January

17, had attracted sufficient ridership and was a Go. A few seats are still available at the advanced reservation price of \$20. After the January 6 meeting member seat prices advance to \$30. The bus is scheduled to leave Lowe's parking lot in Mount Vernon at 8:30 a.m. and arrive at the Museum at 10 a.m. (Lowe's is located just west of I-5 on College Way. Park in the southeast corner of the lot.) The Museum visit will last almost five hours. Lunches are available in the Wings Café. The bus will return to Mount Vernon about 5 or 5:30 p.m.

**New Officers Elected.** Nick Van announced the nominating committee's slate of officers for next year and asked for further nominations from the floor. There being no challenges, the official slate was approved unanimously. President-elect is Rick Anderson, formerly our vice president. Rick owns and operates his outdoor furniture manufacturing shop in Bellingham. Vice President and recent member in NCWA is James Haddock, also from Bellingham. Ed Pysher and I are to continue our offices of Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.

**Tip of the Month.** It wouldn't have been much of an NCWA meeting if Phil Choquette didn't have some tips to share. Tonight he waxed eloquent again about the advantages of using hide glue. Of distinct value in any furniture restoration shop like Phil's is the fact that hide glue is reversible; it can be heated or soaked to release itself from a glued joint. Phil finds that hide glue size is the perfect sealant for certain woods, especially their end grains. Alder, maple, birch, he mentioned and added that when used on MDF, "It's great!" Phil's low-tech formula to make the glue size is 1 cup of glue and 3 cups of water. Wipe it on, remove excess about 10 minutes later, and let it dry for 6 hours, the man said. Sand to 320 grit and finish. There was also a short discussion led by Phil and Val on the best way to loosen a stuck router bit. Val keeps his collets clean with frequent bursts of compressed air. Phil uses acetone on a rag. Orange Stuff with a citrus oil base was also mentioned.

**Coming Meeting Venues.** Program Chair Bob Doop has announced destinations for the next three Club meetings: February, Cec Braeden's home shop in Anacortes; March, Gary Holoman's commercial shop in Sedro Woolley (subject is Artwood in Bellingham, with guest speaker Erica); April, Rick Anderson's new shoppe in Bellingham (subject is Franklin Glues, with a representative as speaker).

Jay Geisel, Secretary

**Notice:**

**2004 membership dues are to be received by January 31, 2004. Annual dues are \$30.00. Dues can be mailed to Ed Pys-her, 5268 Island View Way, Bow, WA 98233-2665 or can be paid at the meeting.**

**Good Surfing for Woodworkers**

Have you checked the resources of electronic magazines lately? *WOODonline*, for example, offers free membership and a bunch of benefits if you register with them. They're offering down-loadable project plans, a weekly email newsletter with news and tips, gift registry at the WOOD Mall, and monthly tool bonus. Other magazines make similar offers. I have added these to my **Internet Favorites** list:

- www.woodmagazine.com/members
- www.popularwoodworking.com
- www.woodworkersjournal.com
- www.rd.com/american woodworker
- www.thefamilyhandyman.com
- www.woodsmithstore.com

The *Woodsmith* web site will connect you with *Shop Notes* and *Workbench* electronic magazines as well. This site, plus the *Wood* and *American Woodworker* sites in particular offer a wide range of technical data and useful charts.  
JG

***More Mortise and Tenon Jig Information Available***

The current issue of *Fine Woodworking* carries an article comparing commercial M/T router jigs that include the new **Leigh FMT** jig demonstrated by Rick Anderson at our last meeting. Also reviewed are two other American jigs, the **QuickTenon** and Woodtek's **Matchmaker** jigs, plus an English import, the **Woodrat**. The four range in prices from \$400 to \$700. The only horizontal routing jig is the **MatchMaker** (\$700), which has similarities to the \$2,600 popular **Multi-Router**. **QuickTe-non**, primarily an all-wood structured jig, is the least expensive while the **Leigh FMT** and the **MatchMaker** are priced about the same.

A magazine now available in its inaugural issue, *American Router*, carries a review of yet another new M/T router jig, **Trend**, which fastens to the edge of the bench and uses just one template set-up to rout both mortise and tenon. The template is reversible to enable round or square end tenons to be produced. Prices start at \$300. See www.trend-usa.com.



**Above left:** A working combination lock by Don Parry. **Right:** Rick Anderson demonstrating a Leigh M&T jig. **Be-low left and right:** Julian Lee demonstrating a JDS Multi-router and the mortiser on a Robland X-31 woodworking machine.



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**2003 Officers and Committee Chairs:**

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| Treas.    | Ed Pysher     | (360) 766-0136 | Historian              | Ray McInnes    |
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