

Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

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**Next Meeting at Jake Strauss'
6389 North Star Rd.
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Notes from the President:

Wow – another great meeting.

Thanks to Judy for being a great host. It is really nice to see the small shops and how they are set up. By venturing out of our shops, we learn new methods of woodworking. Also, we learn much on shop set up and efficient use of space. For the kind of work Judy does you can see how important it is to have a good band saw and blade.

Thanks to Dave who brought in the Veritas Plane. What a nice tool! I am thinking that this plane could be a great gift for the club president. But what I really wanted to talk about was it gave me an idea that as a club we could build a portable work bench to use at meetings or shows for planing or sharpening or whatever. I will have a design that I will present at the August meeting to get everyone's input. This meeting could be a good one to talk about design. Anyway that's all for now.

PS I will not be at the July meeting because I am on my motorcycle trip. I will probably be hanging around a campfire on Tuesday night. Jim will be taking my place, so don't get too rowdy.

Gary

Secretaries' Report

Call to order by president Gary.

Treasurer's Report

Insurance	\$256
Dues rec'd.	48
Closing balance	1312.67

Guests:

Steve and Sharon Westman

Wood of the month:

No one was prepared, but Judy had a piece of Catalpa. So a time of information sharing followed. Catalpa is ring porous, aromatic, medium density and weight. It is hard to dry, prone to internal checking. The wood is very stable with nice figure and color. Usually found as a "street tree" around here.

Sharpening Display

John, Jim and Val are looking into tools and materials.

Roster

Larry and Tom are working on the list of vendors and will report next meeting on their progress.

Business (Old and New)

A discussion took place on the prac-

tice of “grandfathering” former officers who had served three years. Many of the past officers have not attended a meeting for years. After discussion, a motion was made seconded and passed to rescind all former “grandfathering” with the exception of Norman Goll who was made an honorary life member.

July Meeting:

The July meeting will be held at Jake Strauss’ sawmill. Jake does custom sawing and sells kiln dried wood.

September Meeting (annual picnic):

The annual picnic was tossed around and Ray agreed to host the picnic at his shop. The picnic was moved from August to September to work with Ray’s schedule. The picnic is held on a regular meeting night and is a potluck event. The Sept. meeting will be on 9/11/01.

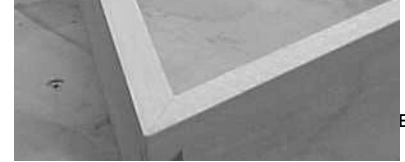
Bring and Brag:

Sol brought a spokeshave he bought at the Vancouver LeeValley store. Sol spoke highly of the attractive store. A nice feature of the store is that you can try out a tool before buying it.

LeeValley
1180 S.E. Marine Dr.
Vancouver B.C.
www.leevalley.com

Dave brought a LeeValley 4 1/2 smoothing plane and a low angle block plane. These planes feature a thicker blade and a unique blade adjustment system. A discussion on plane angles followed.

Gary showed a drawer made with a dovetail splined miter joint and the jigs he uses to make the joints. Gary makes yacht



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Educational Segment:

Judy Hemenway demonstrated how she makes bandsawn duck shaped boxes. Judy sells these boxes at arts and crafts fairs, wooden boat shows and street fairs.

Judy first starts with a block of a suitable size. Next, the basic duck design is freehand sketched on the block. A bandsaw cuts the pieces. Judy says she works slowly.



Judy does not use glue on the bandsawn pieces. She relies on precise grain matching for a tight glue joint. Glue up follows after the pieces are sawed and the waste removed. Judy believes in “lots of clamps”!

Next the pieces are shaped on a belt sander and spindle sander.

Judy uses Danish oil finish on most boxes. Lacquer is sometimes too. The inside of the boxes is finished by painting with a white glue followed by flocking.

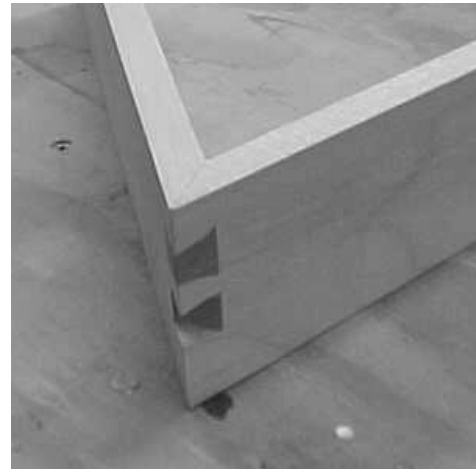


A duck box from start to finish.





Pieces after the band saw.



A finished drawer joint showing the odd

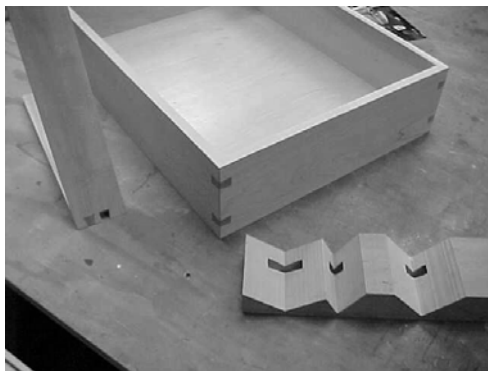


The finished product!

A Note to past officers and members that are not current in your dues!
 You will receive this and two more newsletters before your name is removed from the mailing list.

Belt sander races

This race was held at Hardware Sales a couple of weeks ago. Is this something the club might want to do?



Gary's Dovetailing Jig





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