



# Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

July, 2002

**Next Meeting: Ray McInnis' Shop  
3400 Taylor Bellingham WA.  
July 2, 2002 7:00 PM (360)734-1186**

### **Notes form the Prez.**

Once again another good meeting! A big thank you to Dale for hosting our meeting. A lot of great talk about state of the art HPLV spray guns. There is a lot to know if you are purchasing a spray gun. We know he is the man. Dale totally supports our club.

I hope everyone liked the name tags because it was very stressful on me digging them out and remembering to bring them. Just kidding, it's going to be a lot better. Everyone is giving nice input. I like our idea for a Saturday woodworking bus trip to Seattle. It will be a woodworking adventure and lunch time extravaganza.

I also like the idea of a raffle every meeting whether it be a tool or a chunk of wood or just a fifty-fifty raffle, the winner gets half and the club gets half. A dollar a ticket. As Lyle would say "no tickee - no winnie!"

See you all at Rays shop!

Gary

PS I got a real nice letter from Mike Stewart, Sedro-Woolley shop teacher for our donation of \$100 to the Woodfest program.

### **Business Meeting Minutes - June 4, 2002**

Karls Paints, Mount Vernon. Everyone wore new nametags, making oral introductions unnecessary. Gary said: "Great, it'll save time." Doop asked, "To do what?"

### **Old Business**

#### ***Secretary's Report:***

Jay proposed that peel-off cloth or fabric tags, similar to those he printed and distributed for the meeting, be accepted as the new identification method for future meetings and Club events. He further proposed that tags be stored on a banner that is rolled up like a scroll and retained by the Treasurer until the next event. In this manner tags could not be lost or forgotten. Also, tags and marking pens always would be available for the use of guests.

#### ***Recruiting Brochure Disbursement Report:***

Jay reported that the last of the 10 brochure display racks will have been placed on retail store counters by the weekend. These merchants will be listed monthly in the Newsletter, and members have been asked to visit these stores, identify themselves, and thank the managers for their very welcome cooperation and goodwill.

#### ***Treasurer's Report:***

Laura Mathews took in some money at the meeting and did recalculations before the end of the business meeting. She reported a balance of \$463.64.

#### **New Business**

Ray McInnes previewed for members what they'll see and hear at his forthcoming report of the *Woodsmith* magazine-sponsored woodworkers' bus tour in May. Ray and his wife will host our July 2 meeting at their Bellingham home. Ray has some slides and woodcraft memories that he would like to share with us.

Raising money for a dwindling Club treasury came up for general discussion. Members agreed that a raffle would their first choice as a fund-raiser; various ideas were suggested, e. g., a 50-50 or anything raffle, an offering of contributed used and surplus tools, donated wood, etc. Phil Choquette proposed a raffle of the Club's surplus Flag Case at the *Arts*

*Alive* event in November. Members approved.

Gary, Lyle Hand and Jay Geisel cooked up a plan that would allow members to tour the Seattle hardwood gallery of Crosscut Lumber. Crosscut issued an invitation to Lyle and the Club to visit their extensive facilities, and Jay has contacted several bus companies to see if a Saturday tour is do-able. The all-day trip would include a visit to The Center for Wooden Boats and the Woodcraft store, a restaurant stop, and possibly Crosscut Hardwoods if time permits. Charter bus fares will be under \$20 per member, depending on the number making the trip. Spouses and guests are welcome (no children, however). Nineteen members present at the meeting voiced their intention to participate in an October trip. Jay will make details available at the next meeting.

**Bring and Brag**

Dave Blair showed off the silky finish of an aging black walnut bowl; and Ray McInnes produced the upper arm of his new sign that will be mounted to a post and asked for advice on how best to waterproof and fill the recessed bolt holes. Answer: Wood plugs or caps. Jay showed a half-dozen tools, all under \$20, that were making his shop-life more pleasant. Jim Murphy set up two modified TV trays he framed with moldings to keep contents from falling off. Well-done, certainly, but it was his wife’s decorative acrylic paintings that stole the show. Pat had hand-painted the top of each tray with a fabulous floral design. Jim fox then pulled a knife on us-and then two more-non-threatening of course. Jim haunts the thrifts and other stores looking for respectable old knives. Those with the best blades are re-worked and re-ground and given handsome new wood handles.

A fly fishermen standing butt-deep in swirling icy waters also has other things on his mind, like why didn’t I bring the right flies with me? Conditions of the day dictate something different than those at hand in the small plastic boxes in his pockets. The right flies are thirty feet away, in that car onshore. Such was Lyle Hand’s dilemma. His innovative mind took over and he showed us his latest concoction, a beautiful hand-made fly box that contains a zillion fishing flies all sorted and stored in compartment-type plastic boxes that fit into the half-dozen removable trays stacked like drawers in his portable lure case. Lyle opened the box, removed the front panel, and showed how each tray is organized and how it can be removed and placed on the worktop to fill those pocket-sized plastic fly boxes that the fisherman takes with him into the water. The woodwork is impeccable and the case features brass corners, hinges and latch. Of course the case is the envy of Lyle’s fishing buddies. “They all want one,” Lyle said with a smile, “but I’ve got the only one, and I’m not making any more.” We’ll see.

Jay Geisel,  
Secretary



Lyle’s fly fishers problem solver. Now he can have the right fly available and nearby.

Dale, owner of **Karl’s Paints**, showing the features of a high quality HPLV spray system.



Natural edge Black Walnut bowl. By Dave Blair.

Jay showing one of his favorite new tools. He has a bunch of ‘em.



Jim’s improvement on two TV tray tables. The edging prevents stuff from escaping. The artwork by his wife, Pat.

**Volunteers Put NCWA Brochures on Area Retail Retail Checkout Counters**

Volunteers who volunteered to “host” the retail outlets that are putting our new NCWA brochure display stands on their counters are doing a great sales and servicing job. They made initial contacts and got the merchants’ approval before the racks were completed. Now, most of the 11 display stands, with brochures are in place at these checkout counters and hosts will monitor them, providing refills as brochures are dispersed. The volunteers include: Larry Tomovick, Ray McInnes, Owen Huffaker, Lyle hand, Rocky MacArthur, Ed Pysher, Jay Geisel and Jim Fox.

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

**Driving Directions to Ray's shop  
From I-5**

**From the South:** take exit 252 (Samish Way and Western Washington University) turn right on Samish proceed past the Elks club, immediately after the Elks turn into the church parking lot. Park there, 34th street connects with the church parking lot. Ray's shop is on the corner of 34th and Taylor.

**From the North:** take exit 252 (Samish Way and Western Washington University) turn left, (cross over the highway) turn right on Samish proceed past the Elks club, immediately after the Elks turn into the church parking lot. Park there, 34th street connects with the church parking lot. Ray's shop is on the corner of 34th and Taylor.

**Note:** Seating is limited at Ray's so if you have a lawn chair or two.....

**Patronizing our Cooperating Merchants:**

Our new Club brochures are on display at eight retail outlets in the two count area and in Everett. Let these kind folk know we appreciate their help in introducing NCWA to other woodworkers. Make these merchants your first choice and thank them every time you visit.

Anacortes:

**Flounder Bay boat Company, Frontier Industries**  
Bellingham:

**Hardware Sales, Artwood, Grizzley International**  
Everett,

**Puget Sound Woodworking,**  
LaConner

**LaConner Hardware**  
Mount Vernon

**Karl's Paints, Sound Cedar**  
Sedro-Woolley

**E&E Hardware, Skagit Paint and Lumber**

Note:

**Karl's Paints and Puget Sound Woodworking Center** also grant members a 10% discount on purchases.

*Letter to the Editor*  
*NCWA Newsletter*

**Lest We Forget**

I remember reading that the average adults most of what he thinks he learned. My lament after leaving an NCWA meeting is that I had learned something important only to find that I had forgotten the key details of the subject. A scraper sharpening tip or how to make one of Phil's jigs, for example. I'm sure others will agree with me.

I have a suggestion to the presenter, suggester or demonstrator. If you've got an interesting device to show or a technique to demonstrate create a sketch or drawing, a photo, or outline of a simple step of instructions to illustrate and document what you are trying to pass along to the membership. If dimensions are important then they should be included. A sketch with a simple set of instructions could go a long way in selling your scheme. They would be given to the Newsletter Editor for inclusion in the next edition.

It would sure help us hard-of-hearing, short-on-memory old guys.

Jay Geisel

**New Member**

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**For Sale**

I wandered into the KMS Tool Clearance store in Coquitlam and saw a rather nice homemade bowl lathe, on consignment. It is welded steel frame; short bed (no tail stock, hence the name); speeds from 200 and up using pullies and jack-shaft; nice 1.5 Baldor motor (110/220); tool rests; etc. It needs one thing, a little plywood box to anchor and fill with sand and I think this will be one dandy lathe. It can turn almost any diameter because the bed is adjustable. Needs to be tested perhaps. The guy was asking \$650 and KMS depreciates that by 10% each week, but the owner apparently will pull from the store before it hits \$450. Maybe a really good deal at around 500 bucks. Contact KMS at 604 521 5599

Submitted by Paul Townsend, Pacific Woodworkers Guild.

**Jake Strauss**

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

**Correction!**

**Lonny Heiner's wife is Bunny – not Bonnie! Larry is not married. My apologies to Lonny, Larry and Bunny.**

Tom

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, 7550 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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