

Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

June, 2002

Next Meeting: Karl's Paints 1515 Freeway Drive. Mount Vernon, June 4, 2002 7:00 p

Driving directions to Karl's Paints

From I-5 take exit 277 (WA 538E/College Way) proceed toward Eagle Hardware, turn left at the light (instead of right to Eagle), Karl's is a short distance from the light on the right.

From the Prez:

The last meeting at Mike Hess shop was fun. We did not have much of a program that night but as it turned out everyone had a lot to talk about from finishing wood to the organizing of a shop. Of course, Mike talked about different clamping set-ups and securing your woodwork. His methods are great. He gave us a little insight on his business of woodworking. Thanks Mike for opening up your shop to us!

The flag box project is over and all boxes were shipped to Fire Department #9 in Brooklyn N.Y. I want to thank everyone who helped on this project. It makes me feel good to know our hands helped build a box to display an American flag given to a fireman's family for his courage and heroism.

That's all for now. I look forward to seeing all at Karl's Paints.

Gary

Minutes of Meeting on May 7, 2002

Well, we finally did it! The issue of member identification badges has been launched. No more rounds of introductions at every meeting. Now we will be able to put a name on every face and remember fellow members. President Gary Holloman will welcome ID tag suggestions at the next meeting, something members will certainly approve. Julian Lee of Mount Vernon was introduced and became our newest member.

Old Business

Gary displayed one of the 30 new U. S. Flag boxes constructed in his shop by club members, each box now branded with the words *Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association*. Finishing touches to our contribution to the collaborative national project were made on the Saturday following the meeting. Laura Mathews packed them a few days later and they were picked up on the following Wednesday by truck for delivery to Santa Fe, Mexico, where they met thousands of others from the Southwest. Our boxes will then go directly to Fire House No. 9 in Brooklyn, New York.

The new *Roster and Resources Directory* was available to members who had not received one, and first reports were given on the successful placing of recruiting brochures on selected retail store counters. Six of the eleven display stands are in place. I also gave brief report of *Woodfest* activities at Sedro Woolley High School on April 7 and 8. I presented their manual arts teacher with our Club's \$100 donation to help defray costs, set up a couple of our recruiting brochure display racks, greeted scores of sellers, buyers, and student woodworkers, and waited for someone to make use of our assigned demonstration booth. Alas, everyone stayed away in droves. However, Judy Hemenway did a brisk business at her own booth.

Lyle Hand reminded the group that meal money for the catered August picnic must be paid at the next meeting (\$10, 12, or 15). Be warned: *No tickee; no steakee*.

New Business

Treasurer Laura Mathews reported that we had taken a

“hit” on the Club treasury. New balance is \$841.55. Laura reminded us that a \$256. Safeco liability insurance bill would become due June 6. “Not to worry,” Gary consoled us. (Editor’s Note: Does he have a plan?)

Cecil Braeden did some Web research and came up with several interesting comments from other woodworkers on using the microwave to dry green rough-turned wood.

Copies were presented to the membership.

Next month’s meeting is at Karl’s Paints on Riverside Drive in Mount Vernon. If you want a seat at Karl’s you’ll need to bring your own folding chair. Otherwise it’s *Standing Room Only*.

Jay Geisel, Secretary

Jammin’ At the Samish

Ideas filled the air like confetti in the wind as professional members of NCWA bared their prized shop secrets in a free-for-all, woodworking rump session at Mike Hess’ airy furniture shop along the lake Tuesday night, May 7. It was ‘fess-up time for Gary Holloman, Bob Doop, Val Mathews, Hess and others in revealing solutions that tackled subjects as far-ranging as dust control problems to finishing.

Mike led off with a demonstration of the clamping techniques he finds useful at the bench. Apologizing for not having a big furniture project in process at his workplace, he proceeded to show how to get the best possible clamping use out of the traditional workbench and vise. With shooting board and pieces of dowels and wedges he ran through various ways to hold the work piece in place. One of his innovative tricks was to wedge two long, bendy struts between a ceiling beam and the work.

That opened up the meeting to a real bull session (sorry, Laura!) and a good time was had by all. Members shot their concerns and queries at the pros who, enjoying being in the cross-fire, freely exchanged their ideas and sound commercial practices. Contracts and the pricing of work was discussed by Hess. Gary explained how he manages to put that beautiful spray finish on his work, starting with a coat of sanding sealer. Gary and Mike both prefer the sealers, stains and finishes produced by *Enduro*, in San Clemente, California.

Someone brought up the question of shop dust and how to tame it. Doop believes his shop is dust-free owing to the type of filters he uses, combined with a 3-hp cyclone collector. His 1-micron filters control the finest particles, he

said. Bob also cautioned that the big collector systems aren’t efficient at removing dust from hand-held electric sanders with their 1-1/2-inch dust ports. For those situations he uses a Fein portable vacuum with a 1-micron filter. This fine German vac has plenty of power, with a second cooling motor to extend working time. Doop also passed around a boat-nosed electric heating iron (about \$40) he recently purchased to steam-treat dents in wood. On two occasions he used the tool to remove heavy damage, once to parquet flooring and another time to a table-top. By repetitive heating and filling he was able to completely restore the wood surfaces.

As Gary frequently asks: “Are we having fun?” And the answer, as always: “We sure are!”

Jay Geisel, Secretary

Note from the picnic committee!

Payment is due at the upcoming meeting for the picnic food. \$10, 12 or 15 per person gets you one, two or unlimited servings of Ribs, Steak or Chicken. Included are Baked Beans, Coleslaw and French Bread. Paper plates, Eating Utensils, Napkins, cleanup and trash removal are included in the price.

Advance payment is due to confirm the date with the caterer.

The Tree Project

I visited Wes and Andrew’s show at the Whatcom County Museum last month. The show is really impressive! The main part of the room shows the tree and branches re-assembled. Surrounding the center are many projects made from the tree. The walls are covered with a history of the tree, old logging photos and photos of the tree being harvested, milled and being made into furniture.

A comment from Jim Fox: “Yes I was totally impressed with the extent and quality. Somebody, from the beginning, has done an outstanding job.”

--jim

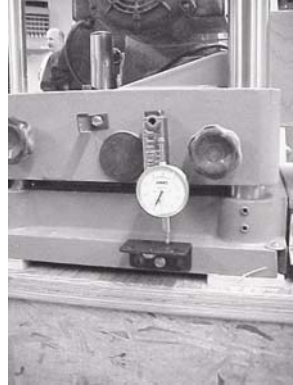


**The tree project
closes October 20,
2002**



Mike discussing wood clamping and holding techniques. Also some insight on the business of woodworking.

Mike's trick for taking the guess work out of setting a planer. A magnetic base dial indicator and a stop. This nifty idea can be used on the table saw rip fence too.



A finished flag box, ready for shipping

NCWA Treasurer's report, May 21,2002

Beginning balance	\$1,256.28	
Dues in		72.00
Interest	.85	
Check and payment out	\$483.51	
Ending Balance	\$ 845.62	
Outstanding Checks		\$ 157.24
Real Balance	\$ 688.38	

Flag box report

You should all be happy to know that the flag boxes received their three final coats of finish on Saturday, May 11th. All of those who participated should pat

themselves on the back. It was a lot of work, but besides giving up other pleasant activities, it was a lot of fun.

On Monday, the 13th, after working in Sedro Woolley, I picked up a flag case and one of the cardboard cartons provided and the e-mail Gary had to contact, so that I could figure out just what was needed in the way of packing and shipping.

E-mail went to Mr. George DuBois, who is the national co-ordinator for the project. The reply came right back that he was forwarding my inquiry to Mr. Ed Sallee, general manager for McCollister's, which is the largest franchise of United Van Lines and Mayflower Van Lines in the country. My next inquiry went to Mr. Sallee. He replied that all he needed was an address and a telephone number to know where to make the pick up. This correspondence was on Tuesday.

Early Wednesday morning, when I arrived at Gary's shop to pack the cases, he had already been contacted about shipping. "Just call when they are ready." Before the job was done, he had another call, "We have a truck in Bellingham this afternoon, will they be ready then. So, off they went, Wednesday afternoon. It is gratifying to know that everyone is helping out. Laura Matthews

Roster Changes - Please make the following changes:

Add New Member:

Julian L. Lee
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 Mount Vernon, WA 98273
 360-299-2900
 julian@engrep.com
 Wife's name — Jean

Addition:

Please add Larry Heiner's wife's name to the roster. Her name is **Bunny** (like a rabbit).

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

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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