

NORTHWEST CORNER WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION

March 2012

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 6th, Hillcrest Park Lodge

7:00 PM General Meeting

1717 South 13th Street, Mount Vernon

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I-5 exit 226 (Kincaid Street Exit). Go East up the hill. This is Broadway Street. Continue on Broadway to S 13th Street (which is about 5 to 6 blocks from the freeway). Turn right (south) onto South 13th and go about 6 blocks. The park is on the right. Turn into the park, the parking lot is in front of the lodge.

Art Learmonth Presents in March



Are you interested in working with burls? Ever wonder how to design wild edged planks into contemporary furniture? Are you looking for inspiration for new designs? Then you won't want to miss the March membership meeting. Art Learmonth spends countless hours in a small but fully equipped shop in the basement of his Anacortes home, creating a huge range of furniture, art and cabinets from all kinds of wood. His sense of design and atten-



Detail of Bookmatched Wild Edge Cabinet
tion to detail is very impressive. Often the structure of the pieces is an important design element, rather than something to be hidden. Woodworkers, both new and seasoned will come away with something to think about after our meeting on the 6th. See you there!

~Charley Drake

February Membership Meeting

We had a great turnout for our February meeting including a number of guests and new members. Thanks to all of you who shared your projects with us during Bring and Brag. I think it is one of the best parts of the evening and the more people who join

in the better it will be. It was really nice to have all of the people who attended Steve Wagoner's spoke shave class bring in their spoke shaves for us to see. It is always interesting to see how our members solve problems which come up during the building of a project. By bringing in your work and telling us about how you build it and the problems you came up against and how you solved them we all learn and that is I think what our club is all about.



Andy, Wooden Gunsmith

Thanks to all of you who paid your dues on time. It is a lot of work for our Treasurer to keep the roster up to date if you do not pay on time you may get left off.

All of our committee chairmen are busy doing the work that makes our club a success. All of the things that you benefit from as a member are due to their work. Now we need some help from you. I know you enjoy having a cup of coffee and cookies at the meetings. That takes someone to bring the pots, make the coffee, and pick up the cookies. It is not a lot of effort but someone has to do it. Jerry Anderson has been doing it for a couple of years along with chairing the Education department. He is no longer able to do the coffee. So if you want to continue to have coffee and cookies at the meeting we need you to volunteer to take it over for the rest of the year. We also need help setting up the audio equipment at the meetings. Many of our members, like me, are hard of hearing. Having a good audio system makes a great deal of difference to them and to everyone's enjoyment of the meeting. Please volunteer to give us a hand to make NCWA a club we can all be proud of.

~John Bellinger

Lost name tags:

Several members have "misplaced" their name tags and asked how to get replacements. It costs \$6, plus postage, to make the tags which are made by Jim Davis, one of our members. Let me know if you need a replacement, and I'll send an order to Jim to whip them out for you.

Ed Pysher
360-770-7203
epysher@aol.com



Andy Rudy's Gun





Terry Wittren

I'm sorry that I don't have the names for the person who make the roll around cart with the plexi-glass bottom, or the person who brought two very nice turned pieces. I'll find out their names and put it in the next newsletter. ~Charley Drake

2012 membership cards:

I'll have the 2012 membership cards at the March general meeting for the members that have paid their 2012 dues. Be sure to look me up to get your card. If you can't make it to the meeting, send me a stamped return address envelope, and I'll mail it to you.

Ed Pysker
5268 Island View Way
Bow, WA 98232

Send it In!

Are you building something you want to share? Perhaps a special trick or tip someone would find useful? Share it with us! I'll help with photography or writing if needed. ~Charley Drake



Mockups with Bob Gaubatz



Bob's Table

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We'll be planning new classes & scheduling for 2012-13 soon. If you have any ideas for new class topics, we'll try to find an instructor. If any NCWA members wish to serve on this committee, you're certainly invited. Please let Jerry Anderson know that you're interested.

MARCH CLASSES

March 3rd: *Sharpening Chisels & Planes* - Charley Drake, instructor. FULL

March 10th: *Making a Block Plane* - Val Matthews, instructor. FULL

March 17th: *Making a Shoulder Plane* - Val Matthews, instructor. **FULL**

March 31st: *Building a Cabinet Carcase* - Bill Baer, instructor. 3 openings left.

**Classes are limited to 4 students. There are 15 members signed up. Val & I are trying to set up additional classes to accommodate everyone. Please be patient!



Bob Gaubatz



Aftermath of the Handplane Class with Charley Drake

A reminder to all students that many of the classes are now hands-on classes. Please remember to bring respiratory, hearing & eye protection equipment with you.

Jerry Anderson, Chairman

_COFFEE MEISTER NEEDED (still)

My schedule is overloaded, so I'd like someone to take my place with this very important job in the NCWA. Please call or email me if you want to help. I'll explain your duties and help you get started, with this important part of our group.

Jerry Anderson

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Spokshave Class at Rick Anderson's Shop



Spokshave by Jerry Couchman

On January 28th the intrepid crew above, plus Jerry Couchman who photographed us met at Rick Anderson's shop (Rick is on the left) to learn how to make spokeshaves. Steve Wagoner (third from left) taught the class. Steve has quite a collection of new and old shaves. He got into using them by learning how to build Windsor chairs. I think everyone finished their spokeshave. Rick ended up using the lathe to turn his in a very creative way. We all had a good time and ended up with highly functional tools that do a great job of shaping outside curves.

~Charley Drake



Kent Crouse and his Not So Square Boxes

Board Minuets

The meeting called to order at 7:15 PM by John Bellinger

Doug Duehning reported that we have 120 members who have renewed their membership and we added three more members at the meeting.

Ed Pysher discussed his efforts in meeting with new

members and suggested that they may have informal meetings with other members in their local area to discuss wood working and get better acquainted. Jerry Anderson was not present but reported via e-mail.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT TO NCWA BOARD 2-8-12

1. All classes until March 31st are full.
2. Box & Shoulder Plane classes have wait lists. Instructor Val Matthews & I are working to figure out how to schedule the overload.

SUGGESTION: No more wait lists, until there are more instructors willing to learn & teach the very popular classes that normally overflow with students.

Input from Board is requested!

3. We tried 4 classes tailored to beginning woodworkers. *Woodworking Overview* was full. The four classes, *Woodworking Overview*, *Power tool Safety I*, *Flat, Straight & Square*, and *Getting Started* (hands-on stool making) *only* had a total of 10 persons take them. The second *Power tool Safety* class had to be cancelled due to lack of participation.

SUGGESTION: Offer these classes again, but don't term them, "Beginning" classes. Something like "Fundamentals of Wood Preparation", etc. might draw more interest.

4. The committee will meet soon to start formulating the 2012 /2013 classes. Steve Wagoner may be willing to teach a Windsor-type stool making class. This is just in the talking stage right now. Other limited enrollment, project-type classes may be added, depending on the interest shown by the membership.

- 5. The addition of hands-on classes looks to be very popular, with no resistance by the members being asked to read & sign a waiver of liability.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Anderson

John Bellinger reported that the April meeting will be held on April 10th at 7PM at the Burlington Library in the **Burlington Rotary Community Meeting Room.**

Jim Torrence reported on Woodfest in Sedro Woolley. He attended the planning meeting and they are eager to have us participate and will provide as much room as we need to display our work. The board voted to purchase a Lee Neilson hand plane as a prize to be presented to the winner for the best all-around project.

The annual picnic will be held on August 18th. Ed Pysker will contact Rick Anderson of the Wood Turners to coordinate with them. Jim Torrence and Charley Drake volunteered to do the cooking and Ed has the grill reserved.

Our Spring Shop Tour will be held on March 24th with four shops in the Anacortes area, more information to follow.

Mike Titus gave an update on the new web-site. He thinks that he can have the web-site up and running by the first of March without the gallery portion, which will come later.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

~John Bellinger covering for Jay Giesel

All Members are Welcome

If you would like to attend the board meetings please feel free to do so. The Farmhouse has good food, and the board discussions can be entertaining. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 P.M.

NCWA Board



Shop Tour This Month

This is one you won't want to miss. There are four shops in the tour, and details will be published soon. The date is March 24th, and the last shop is Jay Smith's. Jay builds boats. Viking boats. This beautiful little folk boat is almost planked up now. The 56' long boat has progressed as well. Jay's shop is a great place to check out. See you there!
~Charley Drake

Classifieds

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COMING EVENTS

March 6th	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	Hillcrest Lodge
March 14th	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	Farmhouse Inn
March 3rd	10:00 AM	Sharpening	Charley Drake's shop
March 10th	9:00 AM	Make a Block Plane	Val Mathews's shop
March 17th	9:00 AM	Make a Shoulder Plane	Val Mathews's shop
March 24th	9:00 AM	Shop Tour	Starts at Drake's shop
March 31st	9:00 AM	Making Cabinet Carcasses	Bill Baer's shop

The NCWA is open to all interested woodworkers, and was formed to promote high standards in woodworking, woodworking education and showcasing local woodworking. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Location is announced in the newsletter. Dues are \$30 per year, payable to NCWA, 150 Swinomish Dr., Laconner, WA 98257. Newsletter submissions are welcomed and are due by the 3rd Saturday of the month. Submit to NCWA Newsletter, 5955 Central Ave., Anacortes, WA 98221, or email to cndrake@wavecable.com or call 360-588-8448.

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