



Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

Next Meeting: , October 5, 2004 7:00 pm

A representative of **Franklin Glue** will speak.

Gary Holloman's Shop 500 Metcalf, Sedro Woolley, WA 360-854-9060

Take Highway 20 through Sedro Woolley until you go under the railroad trestle. Take an immediate right onto Metcalf. Turn right into industrial area just before you get to the railroad tracks. Go to left rear buildings. (This is one of the old Skagit Corporation Buildings.)

NOTICE OF NEWSLETTER MAILING CHANGES

Producing the Newsletter has become an increasingly significant task as the membership and activities of our club have grown. In order to minimize the load on our Newsletter Editor/Publisher your Board of Directors at their August 18th meeting unanimously passed the following motion: "Effective with the October Newsletter those with email addresses will only receive the Newsletter via email unless there are extenuating circumstances." Those without email addresses will continue to receive printed copies via regular mail. If there are extenuating circumstances please contact Rick Anderson or Tom Chartier. Your cooperation will be appreciated

Greetings Fellow Woodworkers!

Fall is already here.....and most of us will soon be spending more hours in our shops as the days get shorter. Now we'll have more time to work on our Arts Alive projects and Toys for Tots.

Your nominating committee has put together their recommendations for the coming year and will be announcing them at the next meeting. Thanks to the committee for their diligent and persistent work! Nominations are also accepted from our membership at large, so if you have someone in mind (or want to volunteer!) please step forward at the next meeting. Voting will take place at our December meeting.

We will soon be starting sign-up for our committees. Committee work is the heart & soul of our club. If everyone will volunteer to serve on at least one committee we will be well staffed and the workload will be spread evenly. It is a great way to get better acquainted with fellow members. Also, we are still in

urgent need for a volunteer to take over publishing our Newsletter. Training will be provided!

When I think of all those who volunteer their time for our club, one name comes to the forefront. He spends much of his time at our meetings writing..... but he really is paying attention! Jay Geisel has been our faithful Secretary for several years. His writings inform, amuse and challenge us. It is a big job.....and Jay performs it so well. In his spare time Jay organizes our tours. Whenever things need to get done Jay raises his hand. Next time you see Jay please join me in saying THANKS!

A new feature of our monthly meetings will be Woodworker of the Month. I hope this will help us become better acquainted with individual members, their special skills and interests and what they would like to learn & accomplish in the future. These presentations are intended to be low key and informal and only need to last 5 minutes. I hope others will follow the lead of Joe Thomas, our WM for October,

and graciously volunteer to share with our club.

I will be away for the October meeting so your VP will be presiding. I have been waiting for months for the Franklin Glue man to appear.....and now he's coming when I am gone. Darn! After last month's meeting I did a "Low Tech" comparison test between Titebond II and Titebond III with some very noticeable differences in performance. I will bring the sample strips to the December meeting and share the results.

Finally, be sure to add your name to the list of displays and volunteers for Arts Alive. This is our big show of the year.....and this year we get 3 days to "strut our stuff"!

See you at Arts Alive!

Rick

Minutes of General Meeting on 7 September 2004

We had another "full-house" of about 40 members and guests at Gary Holliman's shop. It was business as usual when President Rick Anderson asked for a scheduled vote on the proposed changes to Article V. Officers of the NCWA BYLAWS. The proposal was an effort to bring the wording into conformance with the reality of officers' terms of office, the timing of nomination committee recommendations, and the month that new officers are to be elected. Instead of new officers starting their terms of duty on 1 October, the change adjusts officers' 12-month terms to start at the beginning of each year, a practice that has been followed for some time. The proposal also sets nominations for the October meeting and voting at the December meeting. NCWA does not schedule a meeting in November when Arts Alive is held. Bob Doop called for the vote and the amendment passed unanimously.

Chairman, Phil Choquette reported that the forthcoming 20th Anniversary of Arts Alive would be celebrated on November 5,6, and 7, for three days this year instead of the previously standard two-day

weekend. This means, he said, that additional volunteers would be needed to man the demonstration and cashier tables. The daily show runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; the displays will be set up as usual on the night before the event, Thursday, from 6 to 9 p.m. A sign-up sheet was routed and members given an opportunity to declare for Display, Demonstration, or Volunteer duties. Phil will issue a schedule of assignments for the next general meeting. This became his "last call for entries."

Two New Members. Vice President and Membership Chairman James Haddock reported that the two guests at the meeting had signed on as our newest members. We welcome Ron Engstrom of Sedro Woolley and Jeffery O'Donnell of Greenbank. Haddock also let members know that new nametags are on the way. The individual member's name, Club name and logo will be burned (heat-imprinted) into real wood, with a pin fastener attached to the back. Members will be responsible for their own tags, which will be issued free the first time.

Nick Van reported a successful round of shop tours was held in the Anacortes, LaConner, and Ok Harbor areas. This was Shop Tour II on Saturday, August 28. Shop Tour III, the final tour this year, will be scheduled soon. Home shop hosts for the latest tour included Walter Meyers, Phil Choquette, John Gruenwald, Larry Tomovick, Bob Doop, Eugene Benson, and Ken LaMarche. Thanks, guys!

Cloverdale Show. I reported that we had 20 reservations for the chartered bus tour to the Vancouver Wood and Tool Show in Cloverdale, B.C., on Saturday, October 16th. We have now increased that total to 28 members and wives, with more to come. The bus is limited to 36. The fare is \$15, payable when boarding. The bus departs Lowe's parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and will load again in Bellingham about 8 a.m. in the parking area adjacent to the Food Court at Bellis Fair Mall. Return is scheduled for 6 p.m. Each participant must have a photo I.D., and a passport or birth certificate when crossing the international border.

Treasurer and Educational Chairman Ed Pyscher noted that the Club has a balance of \$1,960.28 in the bank and a membership in the low 60's as we head toward year's end.

He also reported that the first phase of the basic woodwork-training program has been successfully completed and that the Fall program would be starting October 1. Those who have signed up for the next round of basic courses will be notified by E-mail, Ed said, and given the final schedules. Next in line is the tool sharpening class by Dave Blair.

Hard-working Eugene Benson who heads the Club's "Toy for Tots" program can use more help. He lauded Cec Braeden for his shop aid in finding design shortcuts to speed production of the vehicles and exhibited two of the cradles finished by Lyle Hand. Bob Doop has volunteered to turn the wood wheels for the projects. James Haddock told members that his mother and some of her friends have offered to paint floral designs on the cradles. Gene has almost two-dozen car and truck bodies ready for final assembly. Anyone who is willing to donate time to this fun and rewarding project should call Gene. Work is being done in groups and individually.

Bring and Brag. Choquette showed members another neat jig for the table saw. His latest concoction was a tapering jig taken from *Fine Woodworking Magazine*. Phil also concluded his story of the two spalted maple tables that defied stripping. The story is over; the client has accepted the refurbishing work; and Phil is relieved, of profit, that is.

Pres Anderson has a new idea to feature at each month's meeting. He is calling it "The Woodworker of the Month." Each month he wants someone to volunteer to talk about him and his woodworking activities. Three or five minutes are all that he's asking. The first "volunteer" is Joe Thomas. He'll be pontificating at the October meeting.

Jay Geisel, Secretary

Great Hardwoods Found on Whidbey Island

The beauty in wood is the spur that drives us to work it. A visit to any good gallery such as the Edensaw Woods, Ltd. warehouse in Port Townsend is an experience you wouldn't want to miss, and Russ Yerger's presentation the other night was an inventory of what his company brings to the Puget Sound area.

Projects take many hours, sometimes months, to build, and they start only when the right lumber is at hand. Edensaw was founded a decade ago on such a premise. As Yerger tells it, two Seattle men building a boat of their own had a difficult time locating the right wood and when they finally did, they bought too much. But they found ready buyers for the extra pieces and that was enough to launch them in the boat lumber business. Today, the pair has two warehouses, three salesrooms, and an employment in excess of two hundred people.

Flagship Store. The showroom and warehouse at Port Townsend is an appealing destination for any woodworker. Here you can wander from the showroom through the high-ceilinged buildings and select your own domestic and foreign hardwood boards from the tens of thousands on display, then bring them home on the ferry. Edensaw Woods has another large warehouse in Seattle and a new facility in Kent, where the latter specializes in veneers.

The company works with an international organization that monitors the forests of the world to certify that acceptable, sustainable forestry management methods are employed.

Variety in Plywoods. Our speaker brought a load of exhibits to the meeting: wood specimens, plywood samples, veneers, and catalogs and literature. He also doled out samples of new Tite Bond III, the waterproof poly glue with generous open time, courtesy of Franklin Glues. The variety of plywood manufactured today boggles the mind and range from the thin, bendable 3-ply to the expensive "J Classic Cores." Plywood dominates the construction and boat building markets. The components that make up a "sandwich" varies in number of plies, thickness, glue, and type and density of structural materials;

many of them satisfy specifications of their users but add to the complexity of distribution and their warehousing. Only a few of the names are familiar: Euro-ply, Apple-ply, Wood Stalk, and Baltic. The high grade, 1088 Standard is constructed with 13 void-free plies. Another premium grade plywood is faced with thin MDF material to give it a smooth flatness. Russ points out that the pricey J through M core materials are preferred when buyers add their own facings. Boat builders prefer the lightweight cores made of balsa or cardboard honeycomb.

Also Veneers, Tools, and Hardware. Wood veneers encompassing various backing materials are available from Edensaw. Yeager passed around samples to show the quality, variety, and different backing options available to the woodworker. Other merchandise is offered at the Eden Saw stores such as tools and accessories from Festool, Bosch, DeWalt, Fein, and others. Hardware is limited mainly to fasteners, hinges, drawer glides, Franklin glues, and a full line of hardwood dowels in all the popular sizes.

Edensaw Woods offers free delivery on orders of \$250 or more. For lesser dollar amounts the charge is \$25. The Port Townsend store is located on Seton Road. Take a left as you leave the ferry dock and travel about four miles before turning left on Seton. If you leave your car on the mainland, Edensaw will pick you up and deliver you back to the ferry. Russ said the company will grant NCWA members a discount on their purchases.

JG

Meet the Newbies

Ron Engstrom

Ron comes to us with a family background in woodworking, as his dad once produced not only finished door parts, but also was capable of grinding the jointer and planer blades for industrial machinery. Ron is a natural woodworker. His first real project, a chest of drawers, was hand cut in his Burien apart-

ment, very quietly, for his own use. One of his neighbors was taken with Ron's work and purchased it straight away. Since then, Ron has produced several wooden objects, including free standing medicine cabinets, toys for his numerous grandchildren and other items. He has participated in a number of missions to Central America to work on Teen Challenge construction projects and building housing for a Mexican orphanage. Welcome, Ron. We want to learn from your experiences and hope you will enjoy the woodworking knowledge available from the membership.

Jeffrey O'Donnell

We are fortunate to find Jeff from the retirees from the military. He's currently teaching dental assistants at Bryman College and he suggests that, if you'er ever hurt by a dental technician, don't blame him. It's probably not his students. Jeff enjoys woodworking in a barn made suitable next to his home on Whidbey Island. He is interested in the education session we have available and will make a point to attend each when announced. We're happy you're aboard, Jeff and hope you find the woodworking skills you're looking for.

Just Plane Chatter . . .

Free-for-All. One of the advantages of attendance at last month's meeting was the free sample of Tite Bond III handed out by Russ Yerger, our Edensaw guest speaker. The new polyurethane glue, courtesy of Franklin Glue, was distributed by Yerger, but this freebie probably signifies that we will not have a Franklin rep address our group soon. Program Chair Bob Doop has tried to arrange such a program all year.

The Far Side. As you read this, the Ken LaMarches of LaConner are vacationing on the other side of the world. They expect to return from a visit to Singapore in time to board the bus for Cloverdale.

Re-turning. Some ten Club members took part in a three-day Canadian woodturning seminar last weekend. Doop, Dave Blair, and Tom Chartier reported that some of the top national turners demonstrated at the event, including Lyle Jamison and Richard Raffan. Julian Lee’s participation depended upon him bringing in his own lathe. He solved that problem by taking delivery of a new Vicmarc at the seminar and carting it home afterward.

An Appeal. A dozen or so wives will be our guests on the Cloverdale, B.C., chartered bus trip on October 16th. Male members are asked to mind their language while the women are aboard. In your conversations with others, please refrain from using certain woodworking terminology that might be misinterpreted by the fairer sex, such as bastard files, male and female fittings, cock-and-bead, butt joints, and nuts and screws. There may be other terms too horrible to mention here.

JG



Project chairman Eugene Benson discusses our “Toys for Tots” program.

Turned and carved Cedar bowl by Ron grant.



Tapering Jig by “Low – Tech Phil..” (Professor of Jigonomics.)



Taken at "An evening of changing jointer knives" at Ray McInnis's shop. Pictured L to R: Ed Pysher, Gene Benson, Rob Summers, Ron Engstrom.

A “Toys for Tots” doll cradle by Lyle Hand.



Don’t forget “Bring or Brag”, we all do something unique or have something that others would enjoy seeing.

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 \$30 per year, payable to NCWA, 5268 Island View Way 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., 98229.or call (360) 734-9473, or Email, *tc1376gp@aol.com*. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. Location is announced in the newsletter .

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