



# Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

, 2003

**Next Meeting: September 2, 2003 7:00 pm**

**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.)

Prez Letter – August 2003

Hello Fellow Woodworkers

I can't believe I ate the whole thing!! My personal diet was blown to smithereens at the annual club picnic. The delicious dishes, including salads, fruit, casseroles, and desserts, were too much for me to resist and after I gave in, the feast was on! Many thanks to Laura and Val Matthews for hosting this little food orgy at their ranch in Bow. Your hospitality was appreciated by all. In my opinion, everyone who attended enjoyed the party and went home just a little bit heavier than when they arrived.

The success of the Northwest Corner Woodworker's Association is totally dependent on each member contributing to the club's programs. The worth of our activities comes not from the club's officers, but from the hard work and team effort displayed by you. During the past year, we've observed many members taking part in the work of the club. I encourage all that have not taken part to volunteer your services to any part of the club's work. Old and new members alike are welcome to contribute your time and knowledge to the committee work and educational programs and to offer your ideas for future activities and education. So please don't feel bashful, shy, retiring, or reticent. Come one, come all and step up and be counted. Your club depends on you.

Remember Arts Alive. November is not that far away. Begin your birdhouses and/or bird feeders now. I would like the competition to be fierce and uncompromising. Be aware that the first, second and third prizes for both birdhouses and bird feeders will be \$50, \$30 and \$20, respectively. How could anyone pass up this opportunity to become both rich and famous? Just think. To be the very first winner of the NWCWA annual Arts Alive Contest. Your grandchildren for many generations will be thoroughly impressed and the financial legacy could be staggering. Give it your best shot.

And finally, again, your officers and committee chairs will meet at the Farmhouse Restaurant on Highway 20, at 7:00pm (not 6:00pm, Phil) on Wednesday, September 17, 2003 to discuss the business of the Club. Any member is welcome to attend.

Yours in Woodworking

Nick

## **Business as Unusual on August 5**

The business part of the picnic "meeting" was short and quick. President Nick brought the group to order with a welcoming of spouses and guests and promptly briefed members on the forthcoming President's Challenge, a competition for superiority in building birdhouses and bird feeders, to be concluded prior to the start of the LaConner *Arts Alive* event on Friday, November 7.

Three cash prizes of \$50, \$30, and \$20 are being offered winners in each of the two categories. Judging will take place between 4 and 8 p.m. during the time members are setting up their displays for the two-day show on Saturday and Sunday, November 8 and 9. Birdhouse and feeder entries must be delivered to Phil Choquette at the LaConner Garden Club before 6 p.m. Friday. Judging, by the Club officers, will follow immediately. All entries will then be offered for sale during the annual *Arts Alive* pre-holiday sale and exhibition event. The proceeds from the birdhouse and feeder sale will be retained by the Club for future charitable causes.

Phil Choquette is chairman of the Club Venues Committee. Members who will be exhibiting and selling products should notify Phil of their participation and need for space. Phil is urging members to start now on their projects as *Arts Alive* is only a couple months away. Members should price their items or, if not for sale, mark them as "sold." Phil earlier stated that items marked "NSF" or "Not for Sale" will not be acceptable.

Nick wants a good showing by members for the birdhouse and bird feeder competition. There is no limit on the number of entries from one individual so he expects a couple hundred dollars in prize money will forge a strong contest.

In the only other business matter presented, your Secretary took a few minutes to outline two bus tour proposals for this Fall. One, a pre-National Woodworkers Show resources tour, is suggested for Rocklers and the Big Tent discount sale at Woodcraft on October 4. Both companies promise Club members special discounts during these sales. Of special interest in the day's activities will be a visit to the Boeing Museum of Flight in Renton.

The other bus tour proposal is for the actual National Woodworkers Show to be held a couple weeks later at the Tacoma Dome. That would be an all-day transportation trip to the Dome where hundreds of exhibi-

tors offer material and tool demonstrations plus seminars throughout the three-day event. The Club bus trip would be offered on Sunday, October 19. Cost for either will be under \$30. A charter requires at least 20 participants. Your interest in either event will determine its feasibility. There is room on these large, comfortable coaches for guests and spouses and usually we extend the offer to our friends of the Northwest Washington Woodturners Association. If you desire to participate, please make your wishes known to a member of this committee, who are me, Laura Matthews, Jim Fox, and Cec Braeden.

Jay Geisel,  
Secretary

### **Hurrah! A Great Picnic for 2003!**

It was one of the most enjoyable get-togethers you could wish for. We had great hosts, good food, a scenic, grassy picnic ground, and agreeable companions. We took advantage of Laura and Val Matthews' extraordinary Bow homestead and their abundant hospitality to hold our annual August celebration on a late Tuesday afternoon in August.

Lawn games were set up for the early arrivals while others visited or took an opportunity to visit the Matthews' large workshop where an old auto chassis was being restored and Laura's ancient truck repaired. The couple are extreme car buffs. Val had a furniture-quality built-in project partially completed on his benches, while in a well-organized corner filled with wall cabinets sat Laura's big green machine, a General wood lathe on which she turns spindles, platters, bowls, and other beautiful items. It's always a pleasure to tour Val and Laura's well-equipped shop to see what's *in the works*.

So remarkable about this pot-luck was the variety of dishes offered without over-abundant duplication. Laura had said earlier that it would be fun to leave the selection up to the individuals, and so it was. One of the highlights of the day was hearing how Chef Bob Doop was able to turn pork ribs into hamburgers.

Val and Laura worked hard to prepare such an inviting picnic spot and enliven it with many attractions. It was a tremendous, successful effort and our thanks to them are boundless.

Jay Geisel

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



**You can create your own caption for this one!**



**Nick and Jay seem amazed at Treasurer Ed's report.**



**Various views of the picnic crowd.**



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