



NORTHWEST CORNER WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION

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September 2005

Next Meeting: September 6th, 7:00 pm

Hillcrest Park Lodge

1717 South 13th Street, Mount Vernon

Phone: 360-202-0099 or 360-319-7600

Take 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.

A SPECIAL WORD FROM "EDDIE THE HAMMER"....."Be sure to wear your name badge to all meetings, otherwise I will "allow" you to contribute a buck to the vocational education fund!"

From the Prez.....

Clear skies and hot temperatures are a wonderful and sometimes a rare combination here in our webbed footed environment, but they did in fact line up together for our annual picnic, and what a great one it was. Burgers, dogs, favored pot luck dishes and desserts were all there, diet control was on vacation! Our first year of the silent auction went great (Thanks Cec!), I saw some auction items change owners, and for prices that might be considered robbery. This was also the first year that friends from the turners club were invited (Thanks Bob!), and next year we'll like to have more turners join us. The food and the time to meet and talk about things wood and otherwise were only bested by the beautiful venue and hospitality of Val and Laura Matthews, hosts of our picnic. It is always a treat to be at the Matthews', thank you again to Laura and Val for letting us relax and enjoy your beautiful setting. Special thanks also to Mr. Bob Doop. Bottom line is, without Bob's help, we all would have been eating flowers out of Laura's garden as our "entrée".



C'mon guys.....finish eating so we can play.....

So many people helped to pull off this great picnic this year, thank you each for your tremendous help. To make it easier on everyone, next year we will have a small and temporary committee to assist with these details and lighten the load. If you could not join us this year, make sure to hold the date open next year to do so, it'll be a hoot!

I will be calling you unless you call first.....yes folks, the time has come. As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, we will need members to step up to certain leadership positions in our club. As also mentioned, if you are a member, you automatically have all the talent needed to help us! You are part of an active and growing club due in large part to the ground breaking efforts of the people around you. Time to step up.....Education, Activities and Tours and Exchange Chairs are needed, call or e-mail these gentlemen to learn more about these great opportunities:

James Haddock – President
360-650-1562 jdaddock@msn.com
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360-766-0136 epysher@aol.com
Nick Van – Activities Chairman
360-387-4174 nvan@tgi.net
Jay Geisel – Tours and Exchange Chairman
360-466-3908 jaygeisel@yahoo.com

Ok, time to finish up the bench conversion, look at some walnut trees and finish up a commission design. Remember, you make this organization what it is, get involved.

Enjoy the craft, enjoy your NCWA!

James Haddock Sr.
President
NCWA

Wow! What A Great Day for Woodworkers!

It was another delightful picnic at Val and Laura's Green Acres in Bow. With the Woodturners joining us there were lots of mouths to feed and, as usual, we had a bounty of goodies ready for the four o'clock feeding. It was a hungry crowd of 59 if you count members, spouses, the two Haddock girls, and two dogs (one black).

A **silent auction** brought out a hundred used and surplus tools, wood, and hardware items that filled several tables along the Matthews' driveway. Bidding was brisk throughout the afternoon, but it seemed there were more sellers than buyers, and some of us had to return home with items we really didn't want. Items offered for sale included everything from birch logs and surplus screws to hoses and fittings from discontinued dust collection systems. John Mull contributed a fine weathervane to the Student Vocational Fund that Steve Intveld purchased for one of his buildings, and Ed Pysher was overjoyed with

his \$10 electric tool sharpener. From this early success it appears that the silent auction will be a feature of future Club picnics. We enjoyed our discussions with fellow woodworkers from the Northwest Woodturners Association and this, too, hopefully will become a joint-gathering of woodworking people in the future.

Our hosts had their grounds in impeccable shape and we lounged and visited with our friends beneath Laura and Val's big shade trees. As for business, it was brief. Prez James Haddock welcomed our guests and only a few announcements were made.

With unassigned pot-luck contributions from everyone, the variety of foods was not surprising. It was difficult trying to sample all the desserts after filling up on the barbeque, fruit, and salad offerings. Chef Roberto Doopeau was at his best, stuffing us with savory dogs and burgers. And, as before, there was food to

spare. With all this gluttony-guilt and the elevated temperature of the day, it was hard to engage in any physical activities such as *bocce* ball. But Linda Haynes entertained us with sweet notes from a lap harp created by husband Jerry. The unusual instrument is multi-stringed similar to a full-size harp but small enough to be held on the knees and upper body while strummed. Linda played several musical selections for her appreciative audience. One of the key features of the harp itself is the critical taper of the ultra-thin sounding board that Jerry fashioned.

Julian Lee, one of three members of the newly formed Fidalgo Racing Team, showed examples of model race cars being made for the Toys for Tots program. The team that includes Larry Tomovick and me is hoping to jump-start interest in making "boy toys" for the 2005 donation to the annual Marine Reserve collection. One of the "fun" aspects of the project is a competition among Club members for the Fastest Gravity Race Car title, which will be determined by a race-off this Fall on the newly paved, hillside race course below Julian's shop in Anacortes, actually his driveway. All members are invited to participate with their own handmade model toy racers that meet the criteria being published by the FRT. The

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

The NWCA September meeting will be held at the Hillcrest Lodge on September 6, 2005. Our featured speaker is known by many of our members. He is Herb Kuhnly, currently Mayor of Stanwood and a past member of the "Northwest Washington Woodturners". Herb will show us some of the toys he has built through the years and relate some of the trials and tribulations of his craft. Welcome, Herb. We're happy to have you with us for an evening.

specs conform to the type of cars being built by the Fidalgo Racing Team for the Toys for Tots project, and it is hoped that more members will accept the challenge and make extra toy cars as their donation to the program. A few of their models then can be modified to compete in the downhill race.

Laura and Val, we **THANK YOU** for another fine day; it couldn't have been sweeter!
Your Secretary, Jay.

Build Your Model Racing Car For Fall's *Concours d'Julian*

Small, 5-1/2 inch model racing cars rocketing down a makeshift hillside racecourse will become the fulfillment of a project conceived by three Club members meeting for lunch a few weeks ago. Julian Lee, Larry Tomovick, and I formed a Toys for Tots sub-group and dubbed ourselves the Fidalgo Racing Team in hopes that a fun woodworking effort would encourage others to follow and add to the contribution of "boy toys" to this year's Marine Reserve Christmas program. A sleek, wood race car made by Val Matthews became the pattern for the model selected by the racing team for quantity production. The planned Club event, the gravity race of the modified toys, is a lure to get others making and contributing toys for the children.

Two concept toys exhibited by Julian Lee at the club picnic last month will be part of the fifty or more to be built by the team. The team is issuing a challenge to other members to add toys of their own making to the donation and at the same time to modify a couple of them for racing purposes. Despite the team concept, all downhill (gravity) racers will be individual entries racing in tandem heats to determine the fastest car. Specs for competition car dimensions and weight limitations have been determined by the racing team. Size of your entry should not exceed 7 inches long by 5 inches wide. Weight is limited to 18 ounces. These are generous limitations and should allow for some skillful design parameters (or skullduggery.) Cars will be measured and weighed as they are registered.

The downhill course will be established on the newly paved driveway at Julian Lee's home in Anacortes where ramps and barricades will be set up for an enjoyable day

at the races. A date for the Saturday event will be announced.

A full-scale plan of the Matthews car suitable for young children is available from any racing team member. Our hope is that many of you will want to take part in the downhill race and also donate toys of your own. If you've got questions, we perhaps have answers. It's time, gentlemen, to start your energies!
-Jay

Shop Visitation Day Saturday, September 10, 2005 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Rick Anderson
1331 Meador Avenue #105, Bellingham
360-650-1587

Interstate Hiway 5 to exit 253. Turn East to Lincoln Street. Turn left onto Lincoln Street and drive to Fraser Street. Turn right onto Fraser Street and drive to Express Drive. Turn left onto Express Drive and drive to Rick's shop (Garden Arches) #105. Please park in back of the shop or on the side of the building.

Lyle Hand
2722 Orleans Street, Bellingham
360-676-5912

Interstate Hiway 5 to exit 255. Turn right onto Sunset Drive (also known as Washington State Hiway 542). Drive a short distance on Sunset and turn right onto Barkley Blvd. The next intersection is Orleans Street. Turn right onto Orleans Street and proceed south to 2722. Parking is available in Lyle's driveway or on the street.

Jerry Haynes
7087 Yukon Way, Ferndale
360-366-3432

Interstate Hiway 5 to exit 266. Proceed west on Grandview Road 3.7 miles to Yukon Way. Turn right onto Yukon Way and drive about 1/2 mile to the end of Yukon Way. Jerry's home is on the left of the culdesac. Turn left onto his driveway and go to the end. His shop is at the end of the driveway.

Vern Leibrant
3807 Cabrant Road, Everson
360-966-5183

From Interstate Hiway 5, take exit 255 (Mt Baker Hiway, Washington State Hiway 542) and proceed east approximately ten miles to Washington State Hiway 9. Turn left onto Hiway 9 and drive approximately 1½ miles north to Siper Road. Turn right onto Siper Road and drive approximately 2 miles to Hopewell Road. Turn right onto Hopewell Road and drive about ¼ mile to stop sign (Goodwin Road). Turn left onto Goodwin Road and drive about ¾ mile to Cabrant Road. Turn right onto Cabrant Road and drive about ¼ mile to the first right turn on Cabrant Road. It's the first house on the right. Please park where indicated.

Ray McInnis
3400 Taylor Avenue, Bellingham
360-734-1186

Interstate Hiway 5 to exit 252 or, if southbound, exit 253. Proceed east to Samish Way and turn right (southbound). Proceed on Samish Way to Taylor Street. Turn right onto Taylor Street. Ray's home is on the corner of Taylor Street and 34th Avenue and his shop faces 34th Avenue. Please park on the street.

John Rutter
502 East Dolphin Place, Bellingham
360-647-1343

Please find Chuckanut Drive. For those of you who will come from the North, if you've driven into Larrabee State Park, you've gone too far. For those of you who will come from the South, if you pass the Chuckanut Fire Station, you've gone too far. John's shop (and Dolphin Place) is located between Larrabee State Park and the Chuckanut Fire Station. When you find Dolphin Place, turn east and proceed up the road to a gravel driveway. Turn into the driveway. John's shop is at the end of the driveway.

Many thanks to our fellow woodworkers, above, who have made their shops available to all of us for our enjoyment.

All Aboard for Cloverdale, B. C.....the West Coast's Biggest Woodworking Show

Final call for an enjoyable Club trip by charter bus to Cloverdale for the 2005 Vancouver Woodworking and Tool Show will happen at next month's meeting. Please make your decision by then and be prepared to make payment. The fare is \$28. Money will be refunded if you or the trip cancels. Checks should be written to the NCWA Cloverdale Trip and given to Club Treasurer Ed Pysher. You will receive a dollar-off coupon for show admission.

One of the best features of this big West Coast exhibition is the free instruction in methods of woodworking, with lectures by noted experts in the use of tools. We will arrive prior to the ten o'clock opening, giving all a chance to schedule their time to the day's events.

The bus will depart from Lowe's parking lot (SE corner) in Mount Vernon at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 22nd. A 9 a.m. stop is scheduled opposite the Food Court at the Bellis Fair Mall in Bellingham to pick up Whatcom county passengers. The bus will return us to Mount Vernon before 7 p.m.

Documents for crossing the Canadian border must be carried by each traveler. These include a current passport or a certified birth certificate, and a driver's license with your photograph. If you cannot make the September meeting but intend to take the Cloverdale trip, you can make advance payment to Ed Pysher by mail.

—Jay

**** ARTS ALIVE! ****
NOVEMBER 5th & 6th
Setup Friday Nov. 4th 5PM to 8PM
Show Hours 10AM to 6PM

Start your planning NOW! Get involved!
Show a project.....sell your work (optional).....help w/
demos.....volunteer to staff the show. This is our big
public outing of the year....It's lots of fun!

For additional information call Phil Choquette
(360) 675-8320

NCWA Picnic 2005.....a great time was had by all!



The makings of a Racing Team?



**Chef Roberto Doopeau
Master of wood & cuisine!**



**Just another happy
Woofworker!**



**Linda Haynes entertained w/ harp
crafted by husband Jerry**



Bargain Hunters swarmed the silent auction.

WHIDBEY ISLAND WOODWORKERS GUILD EXHIBIT.

SEPTEMBER 9-18

**At the Langley Cash Store, 5603 Bayview Road, Langley, WA
For more information (360) 331-2782**

Projects Committee

'Twas pretty quiet on the Toys for Tots front until Julian Lee and his team of Race Car aficionados, Jay Geisel and Larry Tomovick got their heads together. They have set basic, but simple design criteria for a race car. They are or already have considered the track set up at Julian's. The race event or series of trials, head to head competition and final race with the winner taking all the glory will be determined by the "Fidalgo Formula Challenge" committee. You can guess who they are. This is a great opportunity for all race enthusiasts to step up to a design and race challenge and support "Toys for Tots".

Not Toys for Tots, but still for the kids, I have been building a bookcase for the children's section of the La Conner library. The case, from some of Steve Intveld's beautiful maple, will be finished and in the library in a couple weeks. Take a look. -Gene Benson

NCWA EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR 2005 - 2006

Welcome to the new **Introduction To Woodworking Series**. The Series has been redesigned to reflect the experiences of the past year and additional classes as requested in the member questionnaires. Your input, however, is continually needed to make sure the program addresses your needs.

The Series has been divided into four sections: Power Tools, Hand Tools, Woodworking Techniques and Project Planning. The classes will be scheduled to run in sequence. The program started last year with 12 classes and has been expanded to 25. This presents some interesting scheduling issues. Some of the classes are hands-on and will be strictly limited in attendance; however, if more than the maximum sign up, we will simply run the class several times. No one will be left out.

There is enough interest in the classes that we must resort to some “rules” to make sure things don’t get out of hand and that we meet your needs. The “rules” are as follows (as always, subject to change with experience):

- 1) Please call/email me to sign up for a class (360-766-8019 or epysher@aol.com). In most cases, members that “show up” at the last minute can be accommodated, but we reserve the right to turn away folks that did not sign up. For example, Gene Benson presents the Router Basics class in his shop. He can accommodate about 10 attendees. If 8 sign up and 2 simply “show up”, no problem, but if 5 show up, the last three may be turned away. In that event, however, Gene will hold the class again, hopefully in the same week.
- 2) The Saturday hands-on classes, however, must be controlled and only those who signed up will be accepted. Again, if some “show up”, we will hold the Saturday class again.

Be sure to let me know if there are any questions on this. We want to accommodate everyone, but we also want to make sure the folks that sign up get what they signed up for.

So much for the “rules”. The following schedule is of necessity, subject to change, so be sure to check the monthly bulletin for any updates. Although the full schedule is in this month’s bulletin, due to the number of classes, we will not be able to have the complete schedule in the bulletin every month. We will list classes in the bulletin for the ensuing three months only. The full schedule will be on the website, along with class descriptions. A blank location in the schedule means the location is yet to be determined. If for some reason we are unable to indicate a location in the current month’s bulletin, all members will be notified of the location via email and on the website. Classes are scheduled in weeks other than the regular monthly meeting. All classes are either on Monday evening or Saturday. Monday evening classes will begin at 7:00AM and end at approximately 9:00PM. The times for the Saturday classes had not been determined and may vary from one class to another.

If for any reason there is a last minute change in a scheduled class all NCWA members will be notified by email and those who had signed up will be contacted in person. There may be some glitches as we work our way through this expanded program, so please bear with us. Directions to the shops will be provided in the website and to the members that signed up for the class via email.

The following describes the objective of each of the sections in the series:

POWER TOOLS:

At some point, every woodworker buys a piece of equipment he/she later regrets buying. This can be very expensive, particularly with the heavy hardware every shop needs. The objective of the Power Tools section is to help the member avoid “inappropriate” purchases and to *save money*. The different types, or styles, of power tools in each class are discussed in depth and comparisons are made between types of units. Emphasis is placed on strengths and weaknesses and the differences in quality. The need to match the hardware with the type of work the member will likely be doing is also stressed and numerous suggestions are offered.

HAND TOOLS:

Few things in woodworking connect the woodworker to the medium like hand tools. This section is intended to give the member an understanding of the various types of hand tools and their uses. Sharpening and tuning is emphasized to make sure the tool will work properly and hands-on experience is a major part of this new section.

WOODWORKING TECHNIQUES:

Woodworking “techniques” is a never-ending subject. (This is the section where we received the most input for new classes.) The classes included are intended to be the minimum needed by new woodworkers to gain an understanding of the process by which tools, wood and finishes are brought together to become a finished product. There is much more we can do here, and we need your continuing help in targeting our efforts to your specific needs.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT:

Who hasn’t converted beautiful, valuable “medium” to firewood? Accurate, measuring, layout and “bill of materials” takeoff at the front of the project are critical (at least in my case). This section is designed to give the member a fighting chance to experience a successful project on his/her first go at it with a minimum of costly, time-consuming, @#\$%! “errors”.

SEE SCHEDULE ON NEXT PAGE

EDUCATION SERIES SCHEDULE 2005-2006

<u>Class</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>POWER TOOLS</u>			
Table Saw Basics:			
1. Table saws in general	None	9/19	Val Matthew's
2. Set up, maintenance, blades & accessories	None	9/26	Val Matthew's
Router Basics	10	9/12	Gene Benson's
Band Saw Basics	12	10/10	Ray McInnis's
Joiner/Planer Basics	12	10/17	Ray McInnis's
Band Saw Techniques:			
Turning a log into joined & planed lumber (1)	10	TBA	Ray McInnis's
Dust Collection Systems	None	10/24	Rick Anderson's
<u>HAND TOOLS</u>			
Sharpening:			
Hands-on session in blade tuning (1)	5	10/29	TBA
Planes:			
1. Introduction to planes and exhibit	10	11/7	TBA
2. Tuning (1)	5	11/12	TBA
3. Bench planes – hands-on techniques (1)	5	11/19	TBA
Scrapers:			
Tuning review and hands-on use	5	11/14	TBA
Chisels:			
Tuning review and hands-on techniques	5	1/9/06	TBA
<u>WOODWORKING TECHNIQUES</u>			
Wood Selection & Preparation:			
1. Wood movement, selection for design	None	1/16/06	Bob Doop's
2. Wood preparation	None	1/23/06	TBA
Basic Joinery	None	1/30/06	TBA
Mortise & Tenon Techniques	None	2/13/06	TBA
Glues & Gluing	None	2/20/06	TBA
Basic Finishing:			
1. Surface preparation, staining & conditioning	None	3/13/06	TBA
2. Topcoats	None	3/20/06	TBA
3. Coloring	None	3/27/06	TBA
<u>PROJECT PLANNING</u>			
Measure Once, Cut Once	None	4/10/06	
Layout & Bill of Materials Techniques	None	4/17/06	TBA
Hands-on layout and bill of materials take-off	5	4/24/06	TBA

(1) Denotes Saturday class

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 6	7PM	Monthly Meeting	Hillcrest Park Lodge (Mount Vernon)
Sept. 10	9:30-4:30	Shop Tours	Whatcom County Member Shops
Sept. 21	7 PM	Board Meeting	Farmhouse Restaurant on Hwy 20
Sept. 24	7 PM	Newsletter Deadline	Rick's Email Box
October 22	8:30 AM	Cloverdale Show Trip	Cloverdale, BC
Nov. 5 & 6	10 AM	Arts Alive	LaConner

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COMPLETE CLASS SCHEDULE.**

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, 5268 Island View Way, Bow, WA 98232. Newsletter submissions are welcomed and are due by the 3rd Saturday of the month. Submit to NCWA Newsletter, 1331 Meador Ave., Suite J105, Bellingham, WA 98229 or Email to rick@gardenarches.com or call 360-650-1587.

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President: James Haddock	(360) 650-1562	Newsletter: Rick Anderson	(360) 650-1587
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THE WOOD SHED

MAPLE FOR SALE

Very nice maple boards for a great project! Will cut my logs to your specs. Steve Intveld 592-5670

JOINTER FOR SALE

6" Rockwell (Delta) Model 37-220 jointer. 1/2 hp Baldor motor. Enclosed Stand. Good Condition. New knives. \$325 Rick Anderson 650-1587

DELTA DRUM SANDER FOR SALE

Model 31-255X Brand New! Still in box. New \$899 Asking \$750 Bob Bates 671-5097

RADIAL ARM SAW FOR SALE

9" Dewalt Model MBF. Vintage quality. Good condition \$225 Rick Anderson 650-1587

AS THE WEB SPINS.....

This month, two more online woodworking communities. You will find tons of information, articles, reviews, links, etc. as well as forums for many different woodworking and woodturning subjects. Everyone is welcome to read and post in these forums. To post, however, you must first register....a simple task. I have found their search functions especially helpful when researching a new tool or technique. It's always interesting to read other woodworker's experiences and opinions.....and then come to your own conclusions. -Rick

WoodNet Woodworker's Online Resource:
www.woodnet.net

Saw Mill Creek Woodworkers Forums:
www.sawmillcreek.org