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## NORTHWEST CORNER WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION

**August 2012**

**Next Meeting: Saturday August 11th  
Annual Picnic at Val and Laura Matthews  
7550 Ershig Road, Bow, WA 98233**

**Directions: I-5 to exit 236, go west on Bow Hill Road for 1.3 miles, left on Ershig Road for 1.5 miles. Driveway is on the right just past the railroad tracks.**

**Phone: 360-770-7203 or 360-387-4174**



### **Put Your Salivary Glands at the Ready. Picnic's Coming!**

We had a huge crowd at the July general meeting as home-grown bird houses flooded the exhibit tables and members settled into their summer mode. We expect to see about 150 members, wives, and woodturners congregate next month. With the 2012 Mall exhibition now history, we are about to enjoy ourselves at the traditional *August Picnic with the Matthews* on Saturday, August 11.

The Silent Auction will keep the tool pickers busy right up to four o'clock. Meanwhile the best two cooks this side of the Divide will prepare and serve a feast that all wood lovin' folk enjoy. Charley Drake and Jim Torrence are kings of the coals again this year.

Gene Benson has \$150 in raffle receipts and expects to get more for the Toys for Tots program. The two attractive prize boxes will be awarded to two lucky winners during the afternoon. He and Jerry Couchman are the creators and donors. Benson said there is no change in the wood supply from Washington Alder. We will continue to get all the wood we need for the "Tots" projects despite a change in Washington Alder management.

Gerald Anderson reported a big response to his new schedule of Fall woodworking classes. Chuck Robertson is giving four classes this month to a total of eight students who signed up for his popular router box-making course. Our Newsletter Editor, Charley Drake, acting on a member's suggestion, issued the July Newsletter in a one-column format. He asked the audience if they liked it and got a

resounding “Yes!”

Gary Weyers, our Activities chairman, was pleased with the number of participants in the Birdhouse project featured at the July meeting. Designs varied widely and some were major projects requiring many hours to complete. Members chose animal faces and bodies, funny structures, fanciful ideas, and used supplemental materials in their productions. Gary then read the rules for the major 2x4 contest that concludes at the October meeting. Members are probably scrambling right now to get their projects started. A \$25 gift card is the prize. I reminded members to meet up at the Guemes Island ferry dock in Anacortes on Thursday, July 19 at 6:15 p.m., if they wanted to tour the Mitercraft facility where colorful wood trim is produced.

Members who built and exhibited their birdhouses were Jim Bucknell, John Bellinger, Jerry Couchman, Jay Geisel, Rick Kammenge, Mike Titus, Tom Napier, Andrew Pellar, Andy Rudy, Jim Torrence, Lucinda Van Valkenburg, Alden Wendt, Roy Little and Gary Weyers.



(left) Jerry Couchman's cabinet  
(above) Steve Wagoner's angle jig

Bring & Brag. Jerry Couchman spent several hours at our Cascade Mall weekend giving visitors a look at how to cut dovetails by hand; they were used in his cherry and spalted maple project. Steve Wagoner showed us the leg jig he devised to help set the rake and splay when drilling holes in the seat of the Windsor chair he exhibited at the Mall. And Andrew Pellar showed us his maple spatula carving.

Jay Geisel, Secretary



(above) Tom Thornton  
(upper right) Andrew Pellar



Jim Torrence



(above) Jay Geisel  
(right) Roy "tall tales" Little





## Bellinger Falls 40 Feet in Antenna Tower Collapse

Having a strong President was crucial when John Bellinger's home radio tower fell to the ground with John aboard a few weeks ago. Bellinger was working atop the 40-foot tower when one of the three guy wires snapped, sending both to the ground with the steel tower resting across John's chest. He survived with cracked ribs and no other injuries. John presided at our July general meeting, sore but happy, as he sat at a table in front of us.

John is coordinator for the county volunteer emergency radio communications service. He was making repairs to one of the twin antenna towers when it fell.

"I was trying to scramble onto the top side as it fell," he said. "I was pretty lucky. I'm strong."

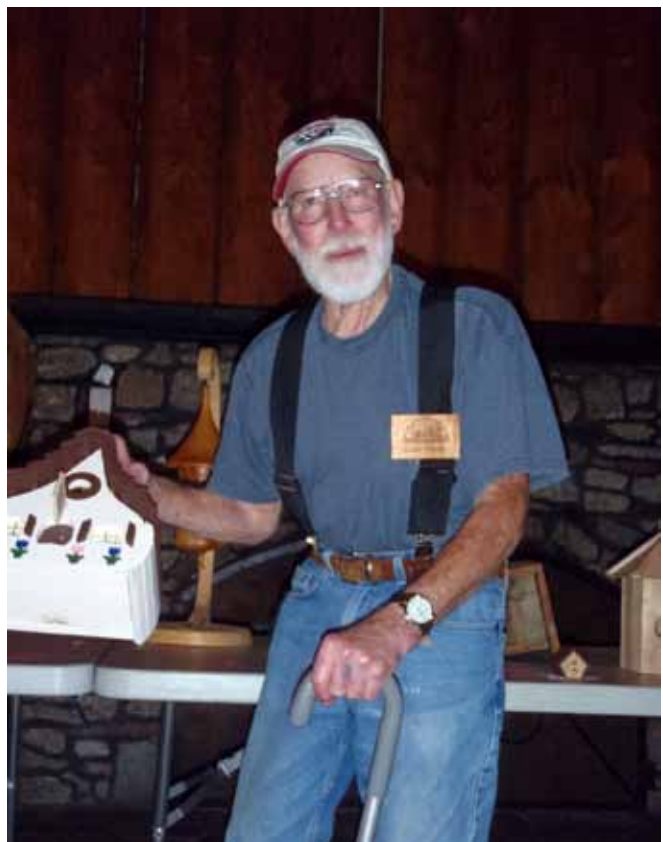
When you approach Bellinger do not bear-hug him, nor belly-butt, nor shoulder-whack. For the moment, Iron Man is "Out of Order."

--Jay



(above) John "spider man" Bellinger  
(right) Rick Kammenge (I hope - not sure)





(left) Lucinda Van Valkenburg  
(above) Alden Wendt

## AUGUST EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The NCWA 2012-2013 class calendar is being added to the NCWA website. You may enroll in any of the classes as they are added, which will take about two more weeks. Please notice that more information about the classes and driving directions to the appropriate shops are being added. Because of the overwhelming number of members who signed up on a 'standby list' last year some of our instructors weren't able to schedule makeup classes. The committee is working on a way to satisfy members' training needs, and not burn out instructors.

Many thanks to Mike Titus, who made adding classes to the web site easier and much more user friendly!

A word about our hands-on classes. Andrew Pellar has developed a liability waiver form which the NCWA board has approved. Adequate forms will be supplied to each instructor. We urge all members to read the waiver carefully and sign where indicated before starting to work in the class. Signed forms will be kept in the committee's files.

### September Classes:

Sept. 19: Wood Bending - Instructed by John Bellinger & Jim Gleeson

Sept 22: Power Tool Safety – One class will be instructed by Bill Baer at his shop in Bow and another class will be taught by Dave Strauss on this date at his shop on Camano Island.

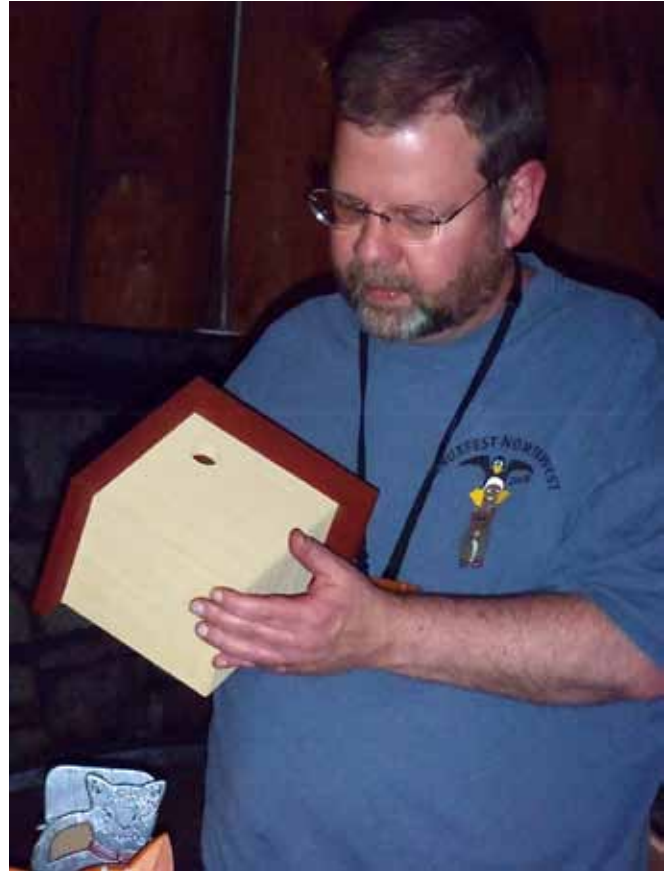
Sept. 26: Photograph Your Work – Instructed by Charley Drake at his shop near Anacortes.

Sept. 29: No class scheduled yet. Please contact Jerry Anderson at 360-770-8559 if you have a request before the September meeting.

Jerry Anderson, Chair  
NCWA Education Committee



(above) Andy Rudy  
(right) Mike Titus



## Strange Tablesaw Story Out of California

From a report by Ron Goldman, publisher of “Woodworker West” magazine, a bill passed the California State Assembly in May to require flesh-detecting technology integrated in all tablesaws purchased after January 2015. The bill is now headed to the California Senate for approval.

Goldman has done some “follow the money” sleuthing, wondering why the State couldn’t await the conclusions and recommendations of the U.S Consumer Product Agency’s Safety Commission study. Here are his reported findings: the bill was introduced by the Assembly’s Business, Professions, and Consumer Protection Committee (BPCP) following SawStop’s hiring of former Assemblyman John Klehs as its lobbyist. The committee chair is Mary Hayashi, Klehs’ successor in the Assembly. (Hayashi pleaded “no contest,” in January, Ron reports, to a charge of shoplifting from Neiman Marcus in San Francisco.)

If other states follow California’s example your tablesaw could become obsolete.

--Jay

## Board of Directors Meeting

**July 11, 2012**

Board members met at the Farmhouse Restaurant on Route 20, Mount Vernon, at 7 p.m. with a quorum present. President John Bellinger issued the Agenda for the meeting and minutes of the June Board meeting were read and approved.

The forthcoming August picnic for members and Woodturners occupied the major business part of the session. It was decided that volunteers Charley Drake and Jim Torrence would handle the cook-out duties at the Matthews home. Also decided was to have the Woodturners' organization handle the afternoon's silent auction and that an auction form would be printed for everyone's use in the August Newsletter.

Gerald Anderson said the Fall educational classes are listed on the website and include short evening classes. Ed Pysher announced a current membership at 153 persons. Two signed on at the Mall exhibition.

In other actions the Board decided to utilize a new form for those exhibiting Bring and Brag items at the general meetings. Gene Benson said he was still collecting contributions for the Toys for Tots raffle and will continue to do so right up to the actual drawing. He reported \$250 had been received so far. Gene and Bill Baer, the new Toys for Tots chairman will meet with the local U.S. Marine Reserve "Toys" group in the coming weeks.

Program chairman Jerry Couchman announced that the speaker for the September meeting is noted carver David Helms.

The Burlington Library will exhibit some of our member's wood projects in their display cases during November. Jim Bucknell stated that the Copia Gallery in Burlington would like to display for-sale items by members. No details as yet.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**Members present:** Anderson, Baer, Bellinger, Samantha Chang, Couchman, Drake, Andrew Pellar, and Pysher

Respectfully submitted by Jay Geisel, Secretary

### 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.

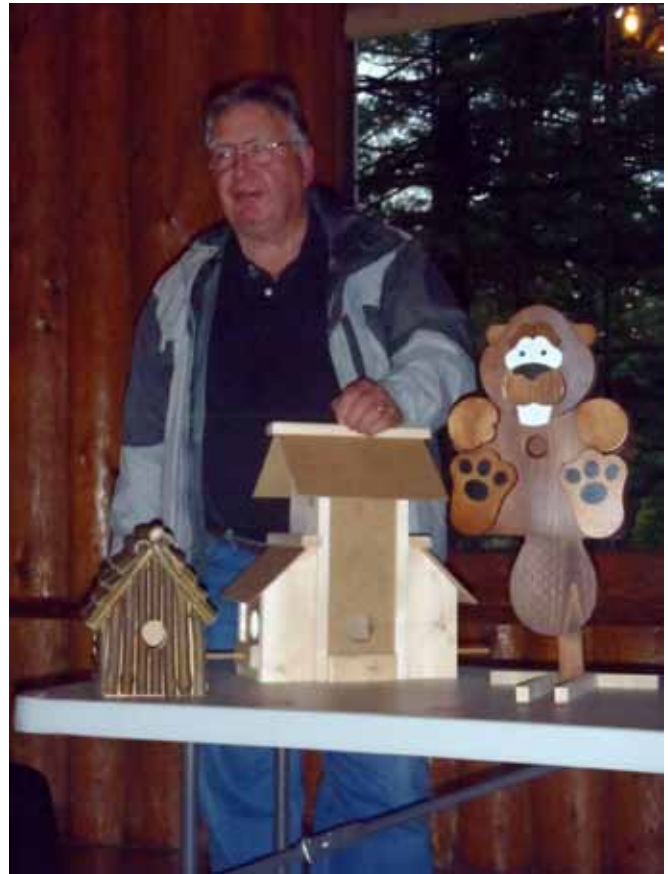
NCWA Board

### Classifieds

Ferndale cabinet maker John "JR" Rutter is clearing out his offcuts and unwanted inventory:  
Alowood - many varieties at \$2.50 / BF  
A few sticks of cherry, walnut, african mahogany, etc. at \$1 to \$3 / BF  
Lots of Jatoba at \$2.5 / BF  
Contact John at [jr@harmonicdesignworks.com](mailto:jr@harmonicdesignworks.com) for more info.

Free hospital gurney/Formica top. Call: Mike (815) 298-3705.



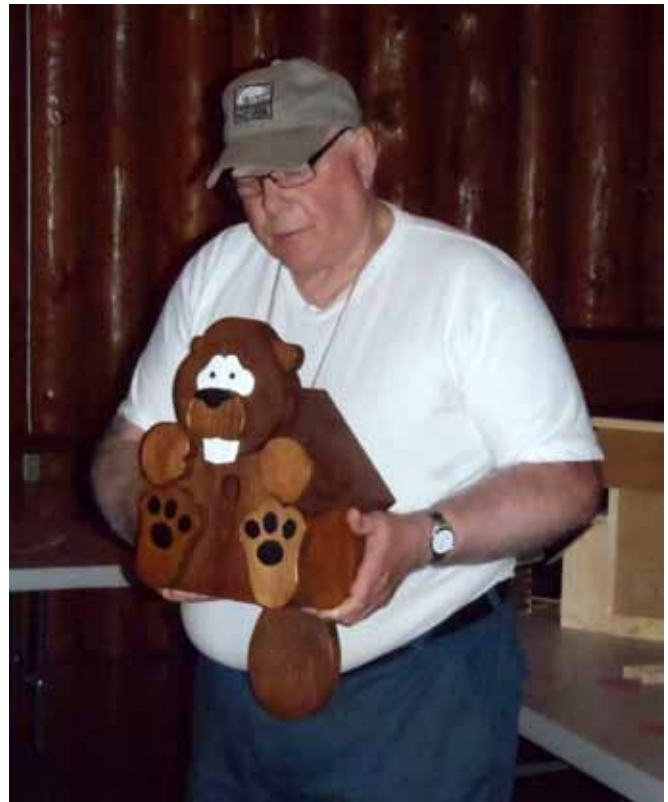


(left) Jim Bucknell  
(above) Tom Napier (I hope - not sure)  
(below) Gary Weyers

## Wanted: Newsletter Editor for 2013

After 3 years producing the NCWA newsletter I would like to step down. It's been fun but it's time for new challenges. I'll be happy to train someone, so here's your chance for new challenges of your own. Contact info is at the end of the newsletter.

~ Charley Drake





## ANNUAL PICNIC

On Saturday, August 11, we'll be gathering at Val and Laura Matthews place at 1 PM for the annual picnic and tool auction. This is our traditional combined Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association (NCWA) and Northwest Washington Woodturners (NWW) event and takes the place of our normal monthly meeting. Val and Laura have ample parking and space for this, and all you have to do is show up with a side dish (salad, desert or whatever), something cool to drink, and a lawn chair or two. Normally, we eat about 3 PM and close the bidding for the auction at around 4 PM. Don't forget to bring your significant other and something to sit on. The two clubs provide the burgers, hotdogs, brats, fixings, paper plates, plastic ware and napkins. Also, the drawing for our **Toys-for-Tots raffle** will be held, and tickets (\$2 each or book of four for \$5) will still be available prior to the drawing.

## SILENT AUCTION

For those of you who have never participated in a silent auction, the rules are pretty simple. The seller displays the item for sale with a sales sheet listing the item, a short description of the item condition (e.g. new, works good, needs repair, etc), seller's name, minimum acceptable bid if the seller wishes to state one. Anyone interested in the item simply enters a bid and their name. Anyone else interested in the same item enters a higher bid on the next line. Normally, bids should advance by at least 10% over the previous bid. Check back often to see if you are still the highest bidder. When the cutoff time is announced, the highest bidder wins the item provided their bid exceeds the stated minimum bid. The bidder then pays the seller, so don't forget to bring money or your checkbook! You never know what might show up for sale! Please make copies of the attached silent auction form for any items you bring to sell.

~Jerry Couchman

## MEET THE NEW MEMBER

After 30 years in the US Army as an Engineer, Tim Wynn moved to Bellingham to for a job as facilities director for WWU. At about the same time, he decided to get serious about woodworking. There was a convenient spot to add a nice shop building on their property, and it even matches the house! Tim has taken advantage of Grizzly's annual scratch and dent tent sale to help stock his shop with good tools at bargain prices. Tim's projects include some beautiful boxes and cutting boards, and he's interested in taking some of our classes in the fall to add to his skills. He plans to begin making furniture in the future.



Tim Wynn

~ Jerry Couchman



## VENDOR SUPPORT GROUP

### NORTH:

Hardware Sales	2034 James St. Bellingham	360-734-6140	hardwaresales.net
Stockton's Paints	1413 Railroad Ave. Bellingham	360-733-5630	
Targo Woods	1100 C St. Bellingham	360-738-9140	Targowoods.com
Windsor Plywood	1208 Iowa St Bellingham	360-676-1025	

### WEST:

Sebo's Hardware	1102 Commercial Ave. Anacortes	360-293-4575	Sebos.com
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### SOUTH:

Martin Lbr/True Value	2730 Broadway Everett	425-259-3134	Martinlumbereverett.com
Arlington Hdw & Lbr	215 N. Olympic Ave. Arlington	360-435-5523	arlingtonhardware.com

### CENTRAL:

Karl's Paints	1515 Freeway Dr. Mt. Vernon	360-336-2855	Karlspaints.com
Mt. Vernon Bldg Cent.	815 Roosevelt Way Mt. Vernon	360-424-9073	
Sound Cedar	2600 Cedardale Rd. Mt. Vernon	360-424-4548	Soundcedar.com

### SPECIALTY:

Edensaw Woods	211 Seton Rd. Port Townsend	360-385-7878	Edensaw.com
Hartville Tool	Catalog only	800-345-2396	Hartvilletool.com
Rockler Woodworking	3823 Stone Way Seattle	206-634-3222	Rockler.com
Woodworker's Supply	Catalog only	800-645-9292	Pro.Woodworker.com
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**COMING EVENTS**

August 11th	1:00 PM	Picnic	Val and Laura Matthew's
August 8th	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	Farmhouse Inn

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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](mailto:cndrake@wavecable.com) or call 360-588-8448.

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