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Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

October 2012

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 2nd, Hillcrest Park Lodge

7:00 PM General Meeting

1717 South 13th Street, Mount Vernon

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

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.

October Presenter

Derrick Burke, Puget Sound Woodworking

The information below was taken from Derrick's web page. It will give you an idea of what he does. Should be an interesting topic, as a big part of what we do is education.



In late 2010, Puget Sound Woodworking opened its doors in historic Snohomish, Washington. A purveyor of fine tools and woodworking classes, this small, family-run business was founded by Derrick Burke. Derrick discovered in college that he would much prefer pursuing his love of woodworking than earlier notions of medical school.

Quality and value are important to us. Our goal is to provide high quality tools, information and materials to hobbyists and professionals alike. We won't sell products we don't believe in. We serve a growing community of woodworking enthusiasts looking to share ideas and knowledge, as well as provide a trusted source of high-quality supplies and tools.

Our woodworking classes span the range from advanced carving to building your own chicken coop. Keep checking our upcoming curriculum and feel free to suggest new topics.

David Helm Carves A Masked Journey

Our September meeting's speaker, David Helm

Our Bellingham member, David Helm took us on a magical maskmaking tour illustrated with photographs and a step-by-step process to show how he makes them. The photos and David's commentary showed the complexity of the design and the craftsmanship required to produce a beautiful and inspiring piece of wooden art.

An accomplished woodworker, who also builds fine furniture, David has been making masks for almost two decades. His love for this aspect of his work is evident by the display of a half-dozen masks he brought with him.. His designs are attractive, his tools are sharp, and the results are amazing. The clean lines he cuts give the masks appropriate value. His masks are not even remotely similar to the rough, native masks from third-world countries usually available in local stores. David draws his inspiration from Northwest Native American designs.



Helm works only with hand-cutting tools mostly little used by anyone other than a carver. The tools include such devices as the froe and the short-handled adz with different blade shapes . His photo series shows the changing development of the face. He starts by drawing centerlines to keep the right and left facial images aligned correctly and making a “bookmatch.” The other lines also help with the details like the jaw shape, the ears and eyes, and principally with the nose, his starting point. His excellent photography helped us visualize the extreme care needed to create, for example, the fleshy parts surrounding the eyes and eyebrows.

David showed us the special knives and other carving tools he uses and took some hacks on a poplar rough-out which will become a future mask. The adz is a rough-shaping tool to help the carver get rid of the waste wood in a hurry.



The “surprise” that finalized his talk was the 6 to 7-inch tall mask he had on the center table, the same one made during his slide show.

---Jay Geisel

Have you started your 2x4 October Project Challenge?

Gary Weyers hopes so because he expects to see a big improvement in our Club activities participation. If you are a member woodworker who takes an active interest in NCWA then you are expected to join the fun in these contests. Again, buy a 2x4x8 common pine stud and use your imagination and workmanship to make something out of it. It can be weird, useful, comical, but that's all the wood you can use. Small amounts of non-wood material can be worked into your project if necessary. But you must start soon if you're going to bring it to the next general meeting on October 2nd. That's our program of the month and some lucky participant will receive a \$25 gift card in the drawing that follows. If one or more people combine the 2 x 4's only one gift certificate will be given. (Jay)

Some of the details of the challenge taken from Gary Weyer's handout:

The project must be made from a single 8 foot 2 x 4. You must use an actual construction grade 2x4 that can be purchased locally. You can cut it in any manner, crosscut, ripped, carved, turned, etc. You do not need to use the entire 2 x 4. You can not bring a pile of sawdust or pile of wood and call it firewood. It must be recognizable as an actual object.

No Fancy Hardwoods. No cutting down wider boards to make a 2x4. You can use any type of finish on the wood; Stain, paint, or wood burning is okay.

All projects can include other material for decorative purposes only or for usage that cannot be replicated with wood, such as hinges, nails. This material cannot be the focus of the project.

Any other questions about rules can be addressed to me (Gary). I will make up any new rules or arbitrarily change existing rules as necessary.

October Education Committee Report

Success! The 2012/2013 classes are now in the NCWA calendar, with class descriptions and sign up capability. Please note that the Router Basics, Native American Flute, Inlay Techniques I, Box Making and Inlay Techniques II classes are full. We will be working with the instructors to try to schedule additional classes.

October Classes:

Oct. 6th: Router Basics, Jim Hickey, instructor at Tom Dolese's shop, 2139 Humboldt, Bellingham, 98292. CLASS IS FULL!

October 13th: Preparing Wood for Projects, Phil Choquette, instructor at **Jerry Anderson's** shop, 347 Moko Place, LaConner 98257 (Shelter Bay). Four spaces remaining. Please see class description in the NCWA calendar.

October 20th: SHOP TOUR...NO CLASSES

October 23rd & 25th: Build a Native American Wood Flute, instructor, Jim Torrence, at his shop; 4909 300th St. NW, Stanwood, 98292. CLASS IS FULL, WITH 2 WAITING LISTS.

We're still working on more classes and will announce dates and instructors as they are finalized.

Jerry Anderson, Chair

Looking ahead... Workbench Building Class, November 10

I will be holding a class in my shop on the 10th of November on building a workbench. The design is based on the article that I authored in the Fine Woodworking magazine a few years ago. You can find the article at <http://www.finewoodworking.com/FWNPDFfree/011181054.pdf>.

There are some conditions associated with the class. First, since there is a lot of effort required on my part, I require that there be at least 5 people sign up for the class (I can accommodate up to ten). Also, one of the members must agree to purchase the materials to build a workbench. I would not expect the cost to exceed \$250 but it could be slightly more or less. If there is more than one who wants to build a bench, I will take the individual who signs up first. I will work with this individual to refine the design to meet their needs. (workbench top size; bench height, etc.) I will also work with this individual to acquire the proper materials. We will work together in my shop to build the bench to about 75% complete the week or so before the class. Other class members can participate if they so desire. We will leave the final 25% of the construction for the day of the class. Each class member in attendance will receive a copy of the Fine Woodworking article and plans.



Whoever signs up to build the bench, will end up with a quality workbench tailored to their specific shop needs. Don't delay. Sign up at the October meeting or contact Gerry Anderson to sign up. You will find his email address and phone number as well as my own in the NCWA member's list.

Cecil Braeden

CLASSIFIED ADS: FOR SALE

Scroll Saw RBI Hawk, Model 226. It is set up with wheelchair accessibility legs, but I have the original stool legs, also. New \$1200.00 Sell for \$200.00.

Contact Gary Weyers 360-380-0888. e-mail knottyplayhouse@yahoo.com

10" Bosch Table Saw, model 4000, in excellent condition mounted on wheeled table with locking wheels. Comes with 2 sleds, extra blades, dado set and extra inserts. Asking \$350.00

6" older Delta Jointer in good condition. On stand with dust collector connection. Asking \$100.00

Call Jerry Anderson at 360-770-8559 or Email at j.anderson9574@gmail.com

Here's an "old arm" for sale in Bellingham that might be of interest to NCWA members. Note the requirement that the buyer have a forklift. <http://bellingham.craigslist.org/tls/3278579692.html>

"Oliver 16" Table Saw with tilting table and fixed motor. Bellingham, WA. Nice Condition with custom rolling castors for easy shop placement. No switch included, no fence included. Built by Oliver Machine Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Machine # 80, Serial # 28438. \$200.00/best offer, free delivery included. Free delivery to surrounding areas as well. Must have forklift to unload table saw."

Craftsman Oscillating Bench Sander - Older Craftsman oscillating bench sander. Has large work table top. Works fine. \$45obo.

12" Grizzly "Shop Fox" bench disc sander - Almost new -- Purchased 6 weeks ago. It works great, I am just getting a different kind of multi-purpose sander. \$ 90 Contact Geary Greenleaf at 360.899.4154 or email at sherrigreenleaf@gmail.com

From the September Meeting...

NCWA Gifted by the Nick Van Estate

Welcome news for Club members. A cash gift of more than \$1,100 has been received from Allegra Van and her departed husband Nick. The gift was received in a letter to their close friend Ed Pysher, our Membership Chair, who passed the news on to the Board of Directors at its September meeting. Members of the Club assisted the estate in selling off the contents of Nick's shop, and it's the estate's way of saying thanks for our help. Ed and Jim Torrence were two of the three people cited for their personal help in organizing the shop contents and making sales. The gift reflects 20% of the sale money. Below is a message from Allegra Van.

"To all the NCWA members:

As you know, Nick had asked Ed Pysher if he would, with the help of some of the wood workers, arrange to sell all of the equipment in his shop after our children sorted and took what they would like to have. The sale was a wonderful success, thanks especially to Ed Pysher, Dave Strauss, Jerry Anderson and Jim Torrence, for all your time and hard work.

Nick wanted the club to have 20% of all the proceeds to use as you see fit. This was a part of his life he truly loved, so with thanks, here is a check for \$1,144.

With great appreciation to all of you,

Allegra Van"

The September general meeting was well attended by members anxious to learn more about the art of mask-making. A member since 2010, David Helm put on an excellent A-V carving demonstration to help us understand what this type of woodworking entails.

Prior to the program, Gerald Anderson announced that sign-ups for the next educational year were at the rear of the room, where a registration form for every announced class was available. Many members labored over the selection of class subjects and it seems like we are back in the school house again.

Bill Baer reminded us: Our Toys for Tots program is nearing the end for this season. Chairman Baer urged members to rev up the toy-making. We have only two months before the Marines arrive to take our donations.



President John Bellinger announced that the Burlington Public Library has invited NCWA members to exhibit their projects during the month of November. The Library has a glassed public exhibit case that we can use to showcase our work. Details are forthcoming.

Bring 'n Brag.



Our flute-maker is at it again. Two more of Jim Torrence's instruments were on the exhibit table at Tuesday's meeting. A G-sharp flute with a body of Peruvian walnut and yellow Alaskan cedar was one beauty that featured a carved Kokopelli totem in basswood on top. The other, also a G-sharp flute had a body made of Western red cedar with a carved horse totem adornment. Both instruments were finished with wipe-on poly.

Jim, who will be giving flute-making classes this Fall, put his energies to work and gave us a short, mellow solo. (He's getting better at it.)



Bill Rawls gave us a lesson we won't soon forget. He was ripping a piece of of walnut into usable halves. When the lumber pieces fell apart he was surprised to see that he had sawn through several large diameter bolts embedded in the wood. There was no outward signs of the hardware.

The results:



Bring 'n Brag cont.



Dale Brandland wanted to show off his classy bowl routed from maple and padouk. He almost despaired of getting the interior smooth, however. He sanded end grain for many hours and still couldn't get the silky smooth finish he wanted.

Ron Peterson created an attractive tray out of quilted maple and another wood, unknown. The ensemble, outfitted with beer glass holders and shown with tall steins makes a worthy and useful cabinet or tabletop display. Ron's wife like it as a flower or candle centerpiece.



We gave hearty applause to **Tom Thornton**, our wonderful member who makes our coffee and brings us cookies.

--Jay Geisel, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting Report

Meeting after a month's absence, the NCWA Board met again at the Farmhouse House Restaurant on Route 20, near Mount Vernon, on Wednesday evening, September 12th with nine members present.

President John Bellinger rapped to order the September meeting promptly at seven o'clock and passed out his agenda for the meeting.

Ed Pyscher, Membership, gave the Board good news. He passed around a letter written by Alegra Van, thanking several Club members for their help in selling Nick's tools, wood, and other shop material. Most of the shop's almost \$6,000 worth of contents were purchased by Club members; Ed, with the help of Jim Torrence and another person, worked hard and long at getting the job done. Alegra's thanks included a check for more than \$1,100 to our Club, a 20% gift without restrictions. The letter appears in this issue of the Newsletter.

A short discussion followed regarding the monetary gift and how it might be used to the benefit of members. One suggestion by Phil Choquette was to enhance the meetings' audio system, which is still a work in progress. Charley Drake who put together the present system agreed said he would probably have some recommendations.

Gerald Anderson, Education, is pleasantly surprised by the number of class registrations he's received. Sign-ups continue on the Website and by notifying Gerald. One of the courses, Flute-making, is limited to two individuals and is already full. Subsequent classes by Jim Torrence might be given, he said. Not all classes are held on Saturdays, which opens up the participation.

Charley Drake's last Newsletter before he heads out for a long vacation is now underway. He is training his volunteer Editor, Sherri Greenleaf, with this issue. (Yikes, that's me!)

Mike Titus has proposed a trip to Seattle and Bellevue Art Museum. Club members could car pool to the various venues by private or go by bus, he said. The matter was discussed but no Board action taken.

President Bellinger discussed the invitation by the Burlington Library to exhibit NCWA member projects in the Library's display case during November. He notified the Board that a limited number of small to medium projects can be loaned, and he expects good community relations will result. Instructions for selection of exhibits and their placement in the display case will be determined shortly.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jay Geisel, Secretary

Vendor List

NCWA members qualify for discounts of 10% or more at the dealers listed below. Show your current membership card when you make a purchase to get your discount. Many vendors require payment in cash to qualify for the discount. Items on sale or marked-down may be ineligible for the discount, and some manufacturers prohibit dealer discounts of their products.

Hartville Tools is a mail-order vendor that offers a 15% discount to NCWA members. Sign into the Hartville website using the email address you provided to NCWA.

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:

Frontier Bldg Supply	1911 Commercial Ave Anacortes	360-293-4588	
Frontier Bldg Supply	33860 SR-20 Oak Harbor	360-675-7790	
Sebo's Hardware	1102 Commercial Ave. Anacortes	360-293-4575	Sebos.com

SOUTH:

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

CENTRAL:

Frontier Bldg Supply	708 SR-20 Sedro Woolley	360-856-6530	
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
Woodcraft	5963 Corson Ave. Seattle	206-767-6394	

COMING EVENTS

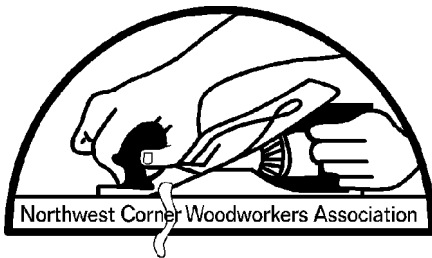
October 2	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	Hillcrest Lodge
October 12	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	Farmhouse Inn

Several Class as listed in the education article this month

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., La Conner, WA 98257. Newsletter submissions are welcomed and are due by the 3rd Saturday of the month. Submit to NCWA Newsletter, 4212 Kiowa Drive., Mt Vernon WA 98273, or email to sherrigreenleaf@gmail.com or call 360-899-4154. (Yikes!)

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