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Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

January 2013

Next Meeting: Tuesday January 8 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.

January Program:

Hand Plane Techniques and Sharpening By Tony Konovaloff

JANUARY 8TH: TONY KONOVALOFF, CABINETMAKER

Our first meeting in 2013 will be an interesting demonstration and discussion on hand plane techniques and sharpening by former NCWA member and author Tony Konovaloff. Tony has been creating furniture and cabinet projects since 1986 and decided very early in his woodworking career to do all his work strictly with hand tools. Initially, he was self-taught, but eventually had the opportunity to attend the College of the Redwoods in Ft. Bragg, CA.

His handmade tool cabinet pictured here was featured in "The Toolbox Book" by Jim Tolpin. In addition to Tony's demonstration and discussion, he plans to bring joinery samples, an example of his work and copies of his book, "Chisel, Mallet, Plane and Saw" for those interested in purchasing it. Tony's website: <http://tonykonovaloff.com/>



NOTE: Meeting Date Change for February

The February meeting date has been moved to Monday Feb. 11, 2013 at the Burlington Library. The Hillcrest Park Lodge is not available for the first tuesday of February.

The President's Corner

January was named for Janus, the ancient Roman God of Gates and Doorways depicted with two faces looking in opposite directions. We exit the past and enter the future. And so it is we begin a new year.

I'd like to look back on the year past and thank John Bellinger for his leadership over this past year; and the Board for its guidance; and the Committee members who implement the things our members actually see; and the Volunteers who make things happen by bringing and setting up the library, making the coffee, teaching the classes; sharing their work; making toys; etc. Heartfelt thanks to one and all.

The New Year offers much promise and potential - New friends, new techniques, new projects, new wood, and maybe even a new tool or two or three! A journey begins with the first step.

Take the first step, enter the door and participate. Take a class. Teach a class. Bring something to Bring and Brag – if it is too big take a picture and send to the newsletter. Seek help from some member. Volunteer to help set up or break down the meetings. Join a committee. Write a review of something from our library. Share a tip via the newsletter. Bring a friend to a meeting.

There are many ways to get involved. And you and the club will be better for it.

- Andrew Pellar

Projects Plus -- Step by Step

Many of us are self-taught. The process can be slow and painful and uneven.

Our club classes are great, but, you can only learn so much in 3 hours or 5 hours. And what do you do when your back at your shop and have forgotten important details?

I took a class this past summer. The project was very technically challenging and I was in way over my head. But I'm glad I put myself out there. I struggled; but, I learned new skills and gained confidence much faster than I would have ever done had I tried to muddle through on my own. And the group setting was an important part of the process.

Some members of the club already meet and build things together on an informal basis. Toys for Tots groups are an example. I'm one of Val's elves. And I've learned from the experience and had a lot of fun along the way. I recommend working with others.

PROJECTS PLUS – Step By Step is a new club initiative to build projects, in a group setting, start to finish. Think of it as an extended class. It is a collective learning experience rather than a simple project building exercise. The journey is the destination; the project is the vehicle; and we get there step by step together.

Care to join in on the fun?

- Andrew Pellar

DECEMBER MEETING NOTES

John Bellinger invited board members to share their news.

Andrew Pellar, V.P. talked about Special Interest Groups, groups for members to share an interest in a particular area of woodworking such as veneer work, boat building, home improvement projects, toy making, etc. He announced that he was interested in hand tools and would like to meet other members who also share an interest.

Doug Duehning, Treasure reported on the balance and reminded folks the 2013 Dues are due.

Ed Pysher said our membership now stands at 159 members.

Jerry Anderson, Education, invited Al Ashley and Alden Wendt to describe their experiences with taking Bill Baer's Basic class in which he made a stool from a single board. Bill was praised as a teacher for his well-organized class with its emphasis on safety.

Alden Wendt also took Bill's class on cabinet doors and passed around a well-executed frame and panel door made at the class.

Upcoming classes include **Roy Little's** small shop organization in December.

Bill Baer, Toys for Tots chairman, thanked everybody who made toys and mentioned the club received a generous donation of wood available for toy-making.

Gene Benson mentioned he was working with Coastal Lumber by the Skagit airport as another source of wood for toy makers

Then **John Bellinger** took the floor and standing in for Gary Weyers Special Projects reminded members that the next challenge, due at February's meeting is anything Kitchen related.

Greg Koenker told us about some higher end tools for sale in Blaine. Interested members may contact Neal Engledow at 360-933-4513.

The election for next year's officers was held. Congratulations to Andrew Pellar, President; Kent Crouse, Vice President; Jay Geisel, Secretary; and Doug Duehning, Treasurer.

An impressive Bring and Brag was conducted. What a great job done by all!

Bring 'n Brag

As NCWA has grown we see bigger participation in Bring 'n Brag response. This is heartening. Our members are putting their tools to good use and are showing pride in their work. December's display was no exception as a dozen individuals filled tables with some mighty fine woodworking.

Professionals Tom Dolese and David Helm led the way with stunning examples of their recent endeavors. Dolese's (below) pedestal table in sapele was finished in an oil/varnish mix that Tom calls "conversion varnish." Helm (right) displayed boxes, one with fabric inlay and another with a live edge top. Both, of big leaf maple, were finished with Maloof oil and wax.



Al Ashley completed a foot stool as a project in Bill Baer's introductory woodworking course last month. Pine was his wood choice (left).

Jerry Couchman's pagoda box was a half-scale model of this type shown previously. His materials included walnut, Alaska yellow cedar, ebony, and brass, all finished in a blended varnish.(right)





Jim Hickey exhibited his side table in sapele, big leaf maple, and copper.



Bill Rawls also completed an end table with an unusual lighted top.



Val Matthews' propensity for building vehicles was evident again as he showed new ideas to create trucks made of alder, painted, and finished in lacquer (above).



Roger Shimer built a small table with a tile top. He also chose sapele plus cherry as his materials and finished with shellac, satin polyurethane, and carnauba wax.



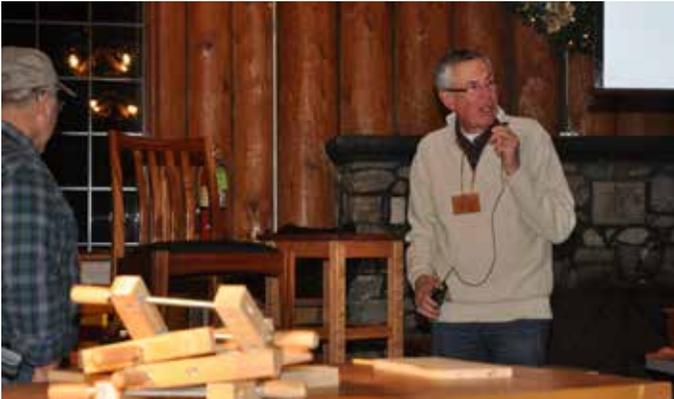
David Schull handled a backsaw with figured cherry, shellac, and wax.



Andy Rudy showed his idea of a grandchild's measuring device.



Alden Wendt, showing the cabinet door he made in the Basic Woodworking class.



Bob Gaubatz built a chair out of sapele and finished it in shellac and oil/Varathane.



Bill Baer, showing a jig he made for using a router in the horizontal position to make cabinet door panels.



Steve Dando, of Woodcraft Seattle, did a great job of demonstrating hand-cut dovetail joinery. (left and below)



January Education Committee Report

December has been a quiet class month, with 5 members taking the *Small Shop Organization* class taught by Roy Little at his shop in Burlington, and 3 members completing the *Mortise & Tenon Joinery* class taught by Bill Baer at his shop in Bow.

January classes are:

Joinery Techniques: Saturday, January 5th. Taught by Charley Drake & Bill Bucknell at Jim's shop in Bow. (please note location change from Charley's shop) **CLASS IS FULL...NO STANDBY LIST.**

Wood Characteristics & Identification: Saturday, January 12th. Taught by Samantha Chang at Jerry Anderson's shop in Shelter Bay, near LaConner. (this is another location change from Jim Torrence's shop) **(There is room for 5 more members)**

Toy Making: Saturday, January 21st. Taught by Val Matthews and Bill Baer at Val's shop in Bow. **(There is room for 3 more members)**

We can use more instructors and new class topics. There is one new class in the works. Becoming an assistant to a current instructor is an excellent way to work into teaching classes. As our classes grow, there will be a need for additional shops that can hold three or more members. Please contact the Education Committee if you're interested in helping.

Many thanks to the 2012 Education Committee: Bill Baer, Andrew Pellar, Dave Strauss, Al Ashley, Jim Gleeson, Charley Drake, Ron Peterson and Dale Brandland.

Please check the NCWA calendar for other classes to be held in the months to come.

Respectfully submitted:

Jerry Anderson, Chair
Education Committee

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February Presidents Challenge

Ho Ho fellow wood workers, a reminder for the February Presidents Challenge. You only have a little over a month to finish your projects for the February President's Challenge. Now is the time to start or finish your projects with the tools you all got for Christmas. Let's make this challenge the best of 2013 and start the New Year with a good turnout. See you all at the meeting.

Gary Weyers

My New Web Site <http://knottyplayhouse.com>

Help Wanted, Seriously!

It's that time of year again, folks. As an organization we rise or fall on the production of our committees. There is no better way to get involved with NCWA, learn new things, meet new folks and make a difference than to get involved with one or more of the committees.

Following is the list of committees and the list of officers and of the committee heads. Take a look and pick out a committee. Give the committee chair a call and give us a hand.

NORTHWEST CORNER WOODWORKER'S ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

Here's a description of the committees. The list is based on our activities of the past several years and is designed to both spread the load and to get everyone involved. The "minimum" members for each committee include the chairperson. More folks than the "minimum" can certainly be on a committee. The more the merrier.

EDUCATION, minimum 4 members:

Education is the hallmark of NCWA. That, plus companionship, is the reason we are who we are. This Committee will be responsible for the continued design, implementation and monitoring of specific education programs. The program will of necessity be coordinated with the monthly program.

TOURS & EXCHANGE MEETINGS, minimum 3 members:

Each year we have several tours, usually one to Vancouver to Lee Valley or other woodworking show in the Vancouver area, one to Seattle to the annual woodworker's show and a resources trip to Seattle. This committee will be responsible for the organization of these events.

LIBRARY, minimum 3 members:

This committee is responsible for maintaining the library, checking items out (and making sure they get back), making sure the members are aware of the materials and seeking additions via donations..

MEMBERSHIP, minimum 4 members:

This committee will be responsible for maintaining community awareness of our association, including developing and maintaining such tools as the brochure stands. It will also be responsible for "member relations". It will also be responsible for membership cards. The Treasurer will continue to maintain the "official" membership list.

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NEWSLETTER, minimum 3 members:
This committee's job pretty much speaks for itself.

MONTHLY PROGRAM, minimum 5 members:
This is a biggie, folks. We rise and fall on this one.

PUBLIC SHOWS, minimum 2 members:
This committee is responsible for all the arrangements for the public shows in which we participate. In the past, we have participated in two shows and this committee will reevaluate this program to see if there are additional shows that would be appropriate and if the interest is there on the part of our members

TOYS FOR TOTS, minimum 4 members:
This committee will be responsible for coordinating the various toy-building projects as well as any building projects that would be helpful in the display of our talents at the various shows. Examples would be a rack to display the birdhouses and feeders, display tables, etc..

VENDOR RELATIONS, minimum 1 member:
This committee is responsible for maintaining a list of vendors that will offer discounts to NCWA members. This is a new function that will become effective in 2009.

WEBSITE, minimum 1 member:
At the moment, this is a one-person job, but it is all-important. This job maintains the site, which is indeed a job.

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WEBSITE
Mike Titus, "Webmeister"

TOYS FOR TOTS
Bill Baer, Chairman

Library News

Review: “Chisel, Mallet, Plane and Saw” by Tony Konovaloff

Tony Konovaloff has done woodworking exclusively with hand tools for over 25 years. He has recently written (and self-published) the book “Chisel, Mallet, Plane and Saw” which explores both the why and the how of hand tool woodworking. The book is not long, 146 pages, and contains chapters on Tony’s philosophy and experience, how to use specific tools (saws, handplanes, etc.), how to sharpen (Tony favors oilstones), and how to use hand tools to construct carcasses, doors, and drawers.

Tony favors oil-and-beeswax finishes and he includes a chapter on how to make and apply this kind of finish.

There is also a chapter on Tony’s famous tool chest (featured in Jim Tolpin’s “Toolbox Book”) discussing the design and construction of the chest, and listing every tool the chest contains (which makes a great shopping list if you’re just starting to get into hand tool woodworking).

The book also includes short chapters on some of Tony’s favorite woodworking books, business tips, and a glossary.

Tony’s book is an opinionated but enjoyable and informative read and has earned a place in my shop.

Mike Titus

Dues are Due!

Gosh, it’s almost Christmas! That means you should have paid your 2013 NCWA Board of Directors Meeting

December 12, 2012

Board members met at the Farmhouse Restaurant on Route 20, Mount Vernon, at 7 p.m. with Vice President Andrew Peller presiding.

A discussion of our forthcoming Third Annual Exhibition at Camelback Mall in June opened the meeting. Jim Bucknell suggested that the NCWA-owned workbench be fitted with a vise for its specific use as a tool-sharpening bench at future public venues. The motion was approved. Other issues discussed were WoodFest 2013, a new microphone to be purchased by NCWA, the forthcoming audit, discount vendors, and the possibility of another general meeting at one our vendors. The Club is also searching for a meeting place for its February meeting.

Classified Ads

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
6" Jointer/planer	150	Bridgewood made in Taiwan Includes 2 pusher blocks, sharpening hone, manual & instructions
10" Table saw	175	Sears Craftsman Has 2 table extensions, dado blades, extra blades, wrench, manual & instructions
2 Roller stands		Great device to assist cutting long boards or big pieces of plywood
Bench grinder	30	Bridgewood made in Taiwan Includes 3 grinding wheels and a polishing buffer wheel
Drill press	50	Bridgewood made in Taiwan
Combination sander	40	includes extra sander belts & disks
Plunge router	80	Sears Craftsman. Price includes router table. Router bits would be priced separately
Router table		Sears Craftsman
Scroll saw	70	Sears Craftsman. Hardly ever used
2 Electric drills	20ea	
Miter saw box	20	Sears Craftsman. Includes saw

NOTE: EACH ITEM INCLUDES THE MANUAL.

Seller: clairweiss@gmail.com 360/756-2062

Items 1, 4 and maybe 6 have been sold to my neighbor

Shop Tip submitted by Chuck Robertson to Shop Notes magazine

Chuck Robertson, an NCWA member & class instructor, recently had his shop tip about his versatile plastic router base published, with photos. It can be seen in the December issue of Shop Notes, Vol. 22, Issue 127. He received a cash award for this. All of our members can contribute some very unique shop tips, and should be encouraged to do so.

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2013 membership dues collection is expected to accelerate as the old year closes. Treasurer Doug Duehning reported that renewals must be completed by the end of January 2013, or suffer non-membership. Of our present enrollment of 157 only 28 have renewed.

Jerry Anderson reviewed the educational course offerings for January, mostly full, and offered the possibility of a new classroom subject, Rolling Platforms, from instructor Roy Little.

Ed Pysher noted the withdrawal of Frontier Lumber from the vender discount program because so few of our woodworkers were purchasing at their stores,. He ventured that most would be pleased with the addition of Lee Valley, an often-used source for woodworkers.

There being no other business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m

Members present: Al Ashley, Anderson, Bill Baer, Smantha Chang, Phil Choquette, Jerry Couchman, Kent Crouse, Charley Drake, Jay Geisel, Sherri Greenleaf, Pellar, Pysher, and Mike Titus.

Respectfully submitted, Jay Geisel, Secretary

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
Woodcraft	5963 Corson Ave. Seattle	206-767-6394	

Happy New Year to all of you!

May you all be blessed with health, happiness,
and joy!

COMING EVENTS

Jan. 8	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	Hillcrest Lodge
Jan. 15	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	Farmhouse Inn

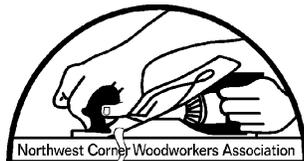
FYI:

Our **February** club meeting will be on **Monday, the 11th** at the Burlington Library

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 sherrigreenleafs@gmail.com or call 360-899-4154

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NCWA NEWSLETTER

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