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## Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

**June 2013**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 4, 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 South 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.

### **June Program: Eberhard Eichner Bellingham's Re Store "Revision Division"**

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, we return to the Hillcrest Lodge in Mt. Vernon and Eberhard Eichner from Bellingham's RE Store will be our guest speaker. Eberhard grew up in Berlin and became a furniture maker and finish carpenter as an apprentice before moving to the Pacific Northwest. For about 30 years he built custom furniture, fancy pipe organ cases, doors and windows and many other things. He now concentrates on recycling used materials into custom furniture that is both whimsical and beautiful. He is so successful at this that the Washington State Recycling Association recently recognized him with their Reuse

Recycler of the Year award.

Since 2011, he and his counterpart in Seattle's RE Store are responsible for creating over 400 furniture items from recycled materials, thus saving over 50,000 pounds of materials from our landfills! Eberhard will be demonstrating his techniques and will bring some examples of his work.



See the RE Store's website and click on Remade Furniture to see an eye opening gallery of furniture that Eberhard has made: [www.re-store.org/](http://www.re-store.org/)

## The President's Corner

### June 2013

I like jigs.

I use jigs to make things safer, more accurate, and more consistent and yes, faster. Sometimes they do all of those things. Sometimes I'm only concerned about safety. Sometimes my jigs are quickly made for a simple task. Others are more elaborate and sturdier.

I love our shop tours and the chance to peak into the shops of others to see what they are all about. And there are the jigs too. The quality of construction or the elegance of the design is appreciated but there is a practical side to me. Jigs solve problems.

I find the process of solving a problem interesting. How many woodworking articles have you read about the Ultimate XYZ jig? For me there is no such thing. A jig is never really completed. I might live with it for a while and use it. Some jigs work fine as is. Some jigs can be improved a little. Others can be improved a lot. I've had some magnificent failures.

Even if a jig works well, the idea behind a jig can evolve and be applied to other procedures. I love it when this happens. The solution is already there; you just have to find it hiding in plain sight.

What solution is lurking in the corner of your shop, in your house, in a store, in a magazine, on the internet or perhaps even in a conversation with another club member?

- Andrew Pellar

## Website Review for June 2013

*[furnituremasters.org](http://furnituremasters.org)*

Click on New Hampshire furniture masters, where 25 crafters are shown. Master furniture maker, Garrett Hack, our guest instructor on September 14<sup>th</sup>, has a link in this site. His link has a photo gallery, and lists his books and classes. Garrett's background and his philosophy of woodworking is shown. This is a great way to become familiar with this outstanding wood craftsman!

Jerry Anderson

## It's Showtime at Cascade Mall on June 15 and 16!

**Our greatest show in the northwest corner of Washington is about to become a reality.** Our two-day Mount Vernon Cascade Mall exhibition is only a few weeks away. Are we ready? The answer lies in the heart of every member and will not be determined until our June 4th meeting.

**We need the help of everyone** to make this annual Fathers' Day event successful. You can contribute as one of the greeters to meet and help answer questions of our visitors or you can show off one or two of your favorite woodworking projects. Volunteers have already come forward to help set up the display tables and signage in the Mall's Center Court on Friday evening. This display is our biggest venue offering to the public and will likely continue as long as we make an inviting contribution to Cascade Mall customers.

**Venues Chairman Phil Choquette is mindful of the short time we have** to put this show on the road. The final plan must be set at the next meeting so be ready to offer your help. The Saturday and Sunday hours are as follows: Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.. Exhibitors can gain entry at 8 a.m. Saturday, but everyone and every project must be in place by 9 a.m., Phil explained. Scroll saw demonstrations are also planned, and for the first time we can sell things our handmade items.

**Phil stated that in the past some members have felt their projects have not been good enough** to merit inclusion in the show compared to the work of our more accomplished woodworking members. **"NCWA includes members of all skill levels," he said,** "and we want to demonstrate that fact in all our displays at the Mall. We need volunteers to staff the exhibits. For new members, we'll have our brochures and short information sheets that will help answer questions and of course, some 'experienced' members will be on every shift."

**Most of the set-up will begin at 9 p.m. Friday** and finish up between 8 and 9 a.m. Saturday morning. Shifts for the show on Saturday are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1 to 5 p.m., and 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday's shifts are from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 6 p.m.



**To sign up for the show, to display your projects or to greet the visitors, tell Phil at our next meeting on June 4th, or email Jerry Couchman at [sofa01@hotmail.com](mailto:sofa01@hotmail.com) (or phone 360-255-1984) before June 5, 2013.** Couchman at [sofa01@hotmail.com](mailto:sofa01@hotmail.com) (or phone 360.255.1984) before June 5, 2013!

--Jay



A few pictures from last years Cascade Mall 2012



## May Meeting hosted by Jim Hume

There was a very good turnout at the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting NCWA held at Jim Hume's wonderful shop.

Jim Humes, a founding member of NCWA, gave a little summary of the start of NCWA back in 1984, and the subsequent start of Artwood in Bellingham 25 years ago. The questions from members took Jim into a full discussion about the 45' long high speed car that he has been commissioned to work on for the past 13 years. It is undergoing testing, and may make an attempt at Bonneville near Salt Lake in the fall. The current international speed record is 417 mph and he feels the car has a good chance of breaking the record. He said it has hit 500mpg on the salt flats. When asked why he was



doing this (aside from the fact that it is fully funded), his answer was simple, "I like to make things that work and (I) enjoy the thrill of this challenge".



Jim is currently making two beautiful rocking chairs for two of their grandchildren.



### BRING'N BRAG



Fantastic inlay, Steve Durkee



Steve's inlaid circles.



Steve's circle cutting jig

David Helm's beautiful dove-tailed box, highlighted with a stunning piece of raw silk hand dyed by his wife



## Bring n' Brag

Jaime Lajarim brought a couple of items to share.



A set of wooden tongs.

And a very nice hand cut dovetailed box.



Jerry tried his hand at inlay.

As always, Laura's been busy!

A spokeshave she made in Steve Wagoner's class.



Laura enjoyed Cindy Drozda small objects class sponsored by our 'sister club', NCWA.

A couple of tools Cindy made for hollowing mini vessels. Laura used old allen wrenches to make additional tools at home.



Laura's most recent small box she is working on.

## Library Report

Greetings from your Library Committee!

We will have some books for sale during our June meeting at Hillcrest Park. These are mostly older books that have been removed from our inventory to make room for new purchases ( we can only pack so many of those crates back and forth to each meeting). There will also be some newer items that have been donated to the club but are duplicates of what we already have. Prices will be very reasonable and for a few dollars you might be able to pick up a book of interest. All money earned will be added to our budget for purchase of new books and DVDs.

Gary Danilson

## June Education Committee Report

Classes for this Spring have been completed. This season, a total of approximately 130 members attended 28 classes. Nineteen members volunteered their time and skills as instructors. Thanks to all of you!

Now it's time for the Education Committee to prepare a schedule for 2013 / 2014. The Committee met on May 15<sup>th</sup>, and discussed the problems and benefits of our training program. Some changes in the sign up process will be forthcoming, which should make everyone's experience much better. More Committee members will be involved in various tasks to ease the load on the Chair. A new Committee Chair will be selected, so that club leadership will continue at a high level. More information will be shared as we progress through the summer. Look for some interesting new classes!

Have a great summer break!

Respectfully submitted:

Jerry Anderson, Chair

Education Committee

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## Classified Ads/ Announcements

Sherri & Geary Greenleaf have the following for sale:

Grizzly 8" Grinder/Sharpener: Retail \$119.95 + Grizzly Wood Turning Sharpening Kit #2 \$66.95.

Sell both for \$95.00. New condition.

Shop Fox 12" Disc Sander- 1 HP W17708 for \$125, in great condition.

Chicago Biscuit Cutter \$10.

Deluxe Black and Decker Router Model 7611 \$25

Waxmaster Random Orital 9" waxer/polisher \$20

Inland Swaptop 8" All in Wonder complete workshop \$325 in great condition.

home phone:360.899.4154

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## **NCWA Board Meeting May 15, 2013**

The NCWA Board of Directors met at the Farmhouse Restaurant on Route 20 near Mount Vernon at 7 p.m. with a quorum present. President Andrew Pellar distributed his Agenda for the session. Minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

**Of great concern for the Board was the fast-approaching Cascade Mall exhibition,** our annual Father's Day venue on June 15 and 16. Chairman Phil Choquette presented his plans for the event with Board members and noted the short time span to accomplish the various tasks. The \$350 contract with Mall officials has been signed. It stipulates several requirements for the Center Court rental that includes, among other items, the approval to sell our non-competitive woodcraft products, member parking restrictions, and a prohibition of audible music from our group. Phil mentioned that the club will have raffle items to raise money for Toys For Tots.

**Of major interest was the need to find about three dozen volunteers to act as greeters,** or docents, to meet the public and explain who we are and what we do throughout the two-day event. Phil has established a schedule of three shifts on Saturday and two on Sunday and will rely on club members to fill the slots. With time running short, he will attempt to complete the staffing at the June general meeting. He also faces the problem of getting commitments from members to display their woodworking projects, which normally exceed 50 items. The plan also includes scroll saw demonstrations both days. It was pointed out that more tables will be needed to meet the demands of the exhibitors and a special table for the Toys for Tots display and raffle table. Kent Crouse offered the first donation of a routed box. Set-up time is 9 p.m. on Friday and will be accomplished mostly by Board members. The exhibition is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 15 and 16. The mall show opens at 10 a.m. on Saturday through 9 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Phil noted that the Club banner will not be used due to lack of appropriate display conditions.

**Pellar confirmed that everything is ready for the August 24th picnic.** This year the Wood turners are cooking. Both clubs will split food costs.

**Garrett Hack.** Jerry Couchman and Pellar asked Board members for ideas on what they would like Garrett Hack to focus on at the September 14 meeting. Pellar asked that ideas be emailed to him and/or Jerry Couchman.

**June meeting will be RE store artist, Eberhard Eichner.** Cost will be \$100. The July meeting will be boat night, with about eight wooden boats made by members to be displayed and discussed.

**Two new business items that involve Chairman Gary Danilson** are the plan for fall shop tours and the Club's first Christmas party. Pellar suggested that Gary coordinate the shop tour schedule with Jerry Anderson to avoid conflicts with the scheduled educational classes. It was unanimously agreed that future tours will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October and March, to allow better Education class coordination. As to the planning for the December Christmas dinner, Gary is seeking two additional committee members.

**Committee chair staffing and the forthcoming election of officers** was noted by Pellar, and he asked the Board for suggestions to be emailed to him.

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Board cont...

Many Board members object to attending both the general meeting and Board meeting during the same week. The Board meets on the second Wednesday of the month and on rare occasions these dates are in the same week. Members agreed that when this happens they'll move the Board meeting a week later.

**Treasurer Doug Duehning reported a Club treasury balance of \$6,175.31.**

**Gary Weyer is requesting ideas for the next scheduled 2x4 Challenge.** Pellar suggested a theme of outdoor/garden project. No action taken at this time.

**Progress was reported by Bill Baer on the Club's volunteer Cancer Center project.** Bill Baer has built and installed 8 cabinets in a small resource room at the Skagit Regional Cancer Center in Mount Vernon. The Center now has a new 10x11-foot media display area for their indoctrination materials. Hopefully, photos and an article will appear in a near future issue of the Skagit Valley Herald.

**Al Ashley is investigating an idea he has for helping raise money for our Toys for Tots program.** It involves Edensaw in Port Townsend. Edensaw is a purveyor of fine hard woods, among other things, and Al sees a possibility that they might be interested in furnishing desirable wood to our organization for use in our wood raffles. Following that, Board members proposed to use all Club raffle proceeds for the Toys for Tots. The motion was made and passed. The gift would be presented to the local Marine Corps Reserve at the annual Toys for Tots meeting in November, or used to purchase materials for toys. The May 2013 Board meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Board members present: Anderson, Ashley, Baer, John Bellinger, Samantha Chang, Choquette, Kent Crouse, Danilson, Duehning, Geisel, Pellar, Ed Pysker, Jerry Couchman and Mike Titus.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jay Geisel, Secretary

## New Club Member

Dan Sansoni grew up in New Orleans, then made his way out here to the Pacific Northwest. One of the first people Dan met in our area was Gary Holloman, one of NCWA's founding members, although this was prior to our club being formed. Dan worked with Gary on a major boat project in LaConner for some time doing a little bit of everything.

These days, Dan works as an account manager for Peace Health Labs in Bellingham. He has an artistic streak that first surfaced through sculpting local olivine rock into eye catching statements, and that talent has enthusiastically taken him into wood carving. He was in Grizzly looking for carving tools when he saw our brochure. Shortly after attending one of our meetings, he was signed up for his first NCWA class, box making, and I think he's ready for more.



## Reminder!

Name Tags should be worn at the meetings. It will cost you a \$1.00 if you don't wear it.

### TARGO WOODS:

Targo Woods, one of our hardwood suppliers in Bellingham, has moved. Their new address is 1401 "E" Street, Bellingham. It is about 4 blocks from their former location on the dock. Head downhill on Holley, hang a right on E street and go one block. They are on the corner. They have the same phone number.

Ed Pysher

### 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	1401 "E" Street 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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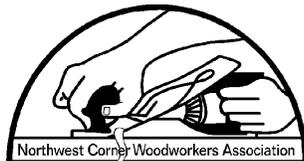
June 4	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting
June 12	7:00 PM	Board Meeting

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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 generally 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, 4212 Kiowa Drive, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273, or email to sherrigreenleaf@gmail.com or call 360-899-4154.

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