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## Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

**July 2013**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 2, 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.

### July Program: BOAT NIGHT AT NCWA



We live in one of the best areas for boating in the United States and several of our members are involved with boating. Some have even built or are building their own wooden boats. Join us on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Hillcrest to see what they have done. Members will be displaying their creations in the parking lot for us to inspect and maybe even get inspired by! From a cedar strip kayak to a wooden dory and who knows what else? And after this meeting, maybe you

should consider attending the Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival September 6-8: <http://woodenboat.org/festival/>. Another way to get inspired is to visit the Northwest School of Wooden Boat Building in Port Hadlock: <http://nwboatschool.org/>. If you have a wooden boat that you would like to include in our meeting and haven't already been contacted, please let Jerry Couchman know ([sofa01@hotmail.com](mailto:sofa01@hotmail.com) or 360-255-1984.)

~ Jerry Couchman

### The President's Corner July 2013

"Summertime and the living is easy ..." was so languidly sung by Billie Holiday. Many of us take it to heart and curtail our woodworking and pursue other endeavors during this oh too short season. If you are not woodworking, it is a great time to read about woodworking. Here are some of my favorite books in no particular order.

[A Natural History of Western Trees](#) by Donald Culross Peattie – No simple nature book, he writes lyrically about trees weaving science, history and the relationship between trees and people into eloquent

short stories.

Tag Frid Teaches Woodworking – Two volumes in One by Tage Frid – Information packed. It has good information about making joints.

The Complete Manual Of Woodworking by Albert Jackson, David Day, Simon Jennings – A great overview and some nice illustrations.

Rodale's Illustrated Cabinet Making by Bill Hylton. – This is not really a how to book. Think of it as a design book with suggestions. When you want to build a table or a cabinet and you are not sure where to start, start here. With illustrations of various types of furniture and how they can be put together, this is a great book to tie the building process together. Highly recommended.

The Hand Plane Book by Garrett Hack. Garrett teaches about hand planes in this beautiful book.

The Workbench Design Book by Christopher Schwarz. He discusses the how's and why's, pluses and minuses of several bench types. If you are thinking about making a bench this is a good place to start.

Workshop Jigs & Fixtures by Sandor Nagyszalanczy. Great solutions for working safer and more accurately.

Table Saw Techniques by Roger W. Cliffe - Anything and everything about table saws.

Woodworking With The Router by Bill Hylton and Fred Matlack. – Anything and everything about routers.

By Andrew Pellar

## Website Review for June 2013

This month's site is: **[popularwoodworking.com](http://popularwoodworking.com)**

Here's another great website for all woodworking skill levels. Some of the featured contributors are Roy Underhill, Chris Schwartz and Bob Lang, as well as many others. By subscribing to the online site, you can obtain a multitude of free plans, videos, etc. I plan to bookmark this site as one of my favorites.

Your comments and ideas are greatly appreciated. I'm always looking for new websites to review.

Jerry Anderson

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## Mall Show Shines, But Shoppers Fade

It was not entirely unexpected. The bridge was out and business was not "as usual." But Fathers' Day 2013 will probably be remembered without fondness by Cascade Mall proprietors as well as by Club members.

We were well-prepared; our greeters were ready, but in the end it was disappointing. The crowds of our previous Mall shows didn't show. There were some bright spots however. People were genuinely interested in what we had to say and display.

Gary Weyers had interested people crowding his scrollsaw at times and he and Phil sold some items.

Large numbers of people were outside the Mall, in the parking lot enjoying Merry Berry functions like the carnival rides, the food, a graduating class get-together, a motorcycle round-up, etc. All of this was going on just a few hundred feet from Our Show.

On the good side we displayed 29 pieces of great woodwork, picked up \$50 to \$60 on raffles for our Toys for Tots fund, and made a lot of good friends who now know our name. As bad as attendance was on Saturday, the shoppers showed up around noon on Sunday and kept our floor staff busy until closing.



**Phil Choquette**

Raffle prizes were donated by Bill Baer, a three-legged stool; Phil, a cutting board; Jerry Couchman, a box with an inlay top; and Kent Crouse, a fine, small box.

--Jay



## June Meeting Preps Cascade Mall Show

President Andrew Pellar opened the June meeting with an introduction of new members and guests followed by a short program by the Leadership Skagit Organization, a women's group that sets community project challenges. Their short program honored member Bill Baer for his recent performance of their Project Hope that provides clinical help for women with cancer.

Phil Choquette announced his final plans for the forthcoming Fathers' Day weekend show at Cascade Mall in Mount Vernon. Scheduled for June 15 and 16, the woodworking display put on by NCWA members includes demonstrations and a chance to meet the public with informative docents who volunteer time on the floor. Phil called for individuals to submit their woodworking projects and was assured that at least two dozen would be exhibited. Friday's set-up time and the Saturday and Sunday display times were announced. Four individuals promised to make Toys for Tots raffle prizes. There will be a table devoted to sample toys being made for this year's Toys for Tots project.



## Bring n' Brag



**Jim Bucknell**

**Jim Bucknell** displayed two new boxes. One featured a curved, laminated top. He bent the wood in his new vacuum equipment. Mahogany and figured maple were finished with shellac, poly, and waxed. His other box of the same woods had angled sides with poly, satin finish. The top was the same but wax was added.



**Jim Hyatt**

**Jim Hyatt** also exhibited a new bent kerf cedar box.



**Andy Rudy** showed his new oak table.



**David Shull** put on display an Asian-styled walnut box. The wood was hand-rubbed with shellac and then waxed.



**Jim Sickler**

**Jim Sickler** exhibited a router cabinet in cherry and finished with shellac and poly.

--Jay

## July Education Committee Report

Our plans for a June 6<sup>th</sup> committee meeting went sideways when the Skagit River Bridge went down! Traffic congestion has resulted in postponement of the meeting until later in June. Please bear with us while we organize classes for next season.

Respectfully submitted:  
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## Humanitarian in Our Midst

All they asked for were a couple shelves and a place to hang their wigs. They got Bill Baer. He doesn't do anything haphazardly.

At a recent general meeting a representative of the Leadership Skagit organization made a plea to NCWA members for woodworking help in their current Project Hope, an endeavor to build a confidence and comfort station for cancer patients at Skagit Valley Hospital. They had an idea for a clinic where patients could get consul, information, and discrete help, including selection and fitting of wigs and other personal wear, for those undergoing cancer care.

That appeal was like a clarion call to Baer who immediately offered his services. In a few short weeks of work in his garage/shop, Baer was able to deliver not shelves but a very large integrated wall structure of cabinets, drawers, counter-space, and a large mirror, all beautifully constructed and finished. The women, with their project successfully completed, are in awe of Bill's design and woodworking acumen to the extent that they put together a video tape and joined us at the June meeting to show Baer's masterpiece and the reception it received by Hospital personnel.



Baer logged more than 100 hours of his personal time on the clinic project. He is no stranger to helping worthy causes. His outstanding contributions to Toys for Tots, the committee he Chairs, are well-known. Bill has donated many woodworking pieces to money-raising raffles and will again host the November Toys for Tots meeting where members turn over their contributions to the annual U.S. Marine Corps Reserves' collection.

Leadership Skagit came to us a few years ago seeking woodworking help in their project to rehabilitate cabins in disrepair at the county Girl Scout Camp, a project that more than a dozen members worked in repairing roofs, doors and windows, siding, etc. If not for these contributions by our members, the Camp would not have been able to open that year.

At the end of the DVD screening, Leadership Challenge women, hugged Bill and chanted "We could not have done it without you!"

--Jay

## NCWA Board Meeting June 16, 2013

Board members met at the Farm House Restaurant on Route 20, Mount Vernon, at 7 p.m. with 9 members present. President Andrew Pellar issued his agenda for consideration.

**Old Business.** With last month's Minutes approved, the Board turned its attention to its audio-visual purchase of a video camera and projector and a hands-free microphone. Chair Charley Drake is looking for the proper camera-projector combination at a realistic price and said he will widen his search to the big specialty stores like Fry's and Video Only. The purchase of these A-V items will complete our meeting presentation equipment goals.

**Chair Phil Choquette announced that all is ready** for our Fathers' Day exhibition at Cascade Mall next weekend. He is fully staffed and expects 24 to 30 projects to be on the exhibit tables Saturday morning. Gary Wyers will be demonstrating scroll saw cutting during the two-day event, he said. He also said he has received four items to be raffled, all proceeds going to Toys for Tots. Pellar asked how many volunteers were ready to man the floor area on both days and Phil replied that he had signed up an



adequate number, 15.

**Treasurer Doug Duehning reported a treasury balance of \$5,465.63.** Pellar questioned Doug regarding the time and use of the Shelter Bay Community facilities for the September meeting when we feature the Garrett Hack hands-on program. Doug answered that we are good to go.

**Jerry Couchman, Programs Chair,** reported that he has lined up possibly ten member boat-builders for our July meeting. Boats will be on display for this first-of-its kind meeting.

**New Business.** The subject of purchasing an enclosed trailer to expedite the housing and delivery of our large inventory of Library materials, A-V gear, and other Club equipment came under discussion. Pellar introduced the topic, suggesting this was one way to approach the problem since we haven't had success in getting storage space at Hillcrest Lodge. Questions of size, costs, licensing, and insurance were debated. Choquette said used U-haul trailers were being sold and offered to look into the matter.

**Gary Danilson heads up an ad hoc committee** to organize and plan our Christmas Party on December 2013. He gave the Board a detailed rundown, including a suggested dinner menu. The task will require more committee members, he said.

**Pellar led a discussion on strategic planning for NCWA,** asking where we should be in five years. Questions remain on how to keep members from being blocked from the more popular woodworking classes, for example. Ideas were floated for the future, but more discussion is needed. I reminded the members that our Club will celebrate its 30th Birthday next April a major milestone for an organization founded as a woodworking guild.

**Former NCWA President Jim Torrence** has given the Club eight special aprons bearing our logo. These were made by Jim and his wife, a quilter, to be used at shows and special events. The Torrences have put their Stanwood home up for sale and will be moving to a new residence in Florida.

**Members agreed to waive the August Board meeting,** our picnic month.

Members present: Al Ashley, Choquette, Couchman, Danilson, Drake, Duehning, Geisel, Sherri Greenleaf, and Pellar.

Respectfully submitted by Jay Geisel, Secretary

**Disclaimer** - Sherri ran into major computer glitches this month so I did the newsletter. Any mistakes are all my fault. Anything brilliant is to be credited to the writers and photographers. Dale Brandland did most of the photography, for which we are grateful. Jay Geisel did most of the writing, which he has done for many years. Others contributed as well. By the way, any member can send in stuff for the newsletter. The content is always just what the members send in. You can help make it what you want it to be.

Charley Drake

## The REStore Store Gives Old Materials New Uses



**Eberhard Eichner**

Scrapped cabinet door panels can be used as structural members if properly prepared. Eiker explained that a lot of the cheaper materials in such panels cannot hold screws well or when used in end grain. He proceeded to show how drilling and screwing such material can be done by “toeing” several sets of screws in opposite directions to make a solid attachment of one panel to another. He answers customer special orders, has a website, and can always be found dreaming and experimenting from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

Since 2011, The REStore personnel have created more than 400 furniture items from recycled materials, saving some 50,000 pounds of unwanted scrap from landfills. The REStore sells affordable furniture built locally from reclaimed materials at 2309 Meridian Street in Bellingham. Store hours are M-Sat 9 - 6.

--Jay

Eberhard Eichner is a furniture-maker turned entrepreneur. He marries these attributes at his Bellingham business location called The REStore where everyday items that have been cast aside can furnish parts for something different and usable. “This is not a junk store,” he adds. Eichner brought many items with him to the June meeting to illustrate the merchandise he has available for sale.

He likes window shutters and uses them as sides for a chest, for example, or as chair-backs. An unassuming man with a storyteller’s charm, Eicker brought his tools and a lot of recycled items to illustrate what can be done with unlikely materials.



**Adz made from an old file**



## 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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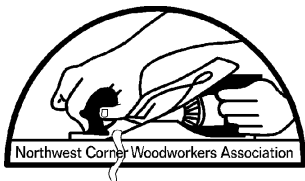
July 2	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting
July 10	7:00 PM	Board Meeting

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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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