



Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

October 2013

**Next Meeting Tuesday, Oct. 1st
7:00 PM, General Meeting
Hillcrest Lodge
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 your right. Turn into the park, the parking lot is in front of the lodge.

MARQUETRY MAGIC OF JENNIFER DOLESE

On Oct 1st, we're back in the Hillcrest Lodge with a live demonstration of marquetry by Tom Dolese's talented wife, Jennifer. Jennifer has been collaborating with Tom on many of his furniture commissions with beautiful marquetry scenes for several years. She studied with Craig Vandall Stevens, a well known marquetry artist, and has perfected her own style with creative designs that incorporate a wide variety of veneers with subtle hot sand shading. She taught a class for NCWA a few years ago and demonstrated her talents during the last shop tour in the Bellingham area. Jennifer is also a member of Artwood, located in Bellingham's Fairhaven district.



Jennifer Dolese demonstrating her talents

For more info see Tom and Jennifer's website:
<http://terrafirmadesignnw.com>.

DUES ARE DUE, ALMOST

Let's get an early start on renewing membership. Bring cash or check to the next meeting and join me in renewing your membership. – Andrew Pellar

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Starting is scary. Woodworkers face constraints, constraints of tools and of skills. Wood is also a factor, a big factor. Always buy more wood than you need. You will use it for the inevitable mistake and for achieving a good appearance. Use the best boards for the most visible aspects. Rift sawn stock makes good table legs. Quarter sawn wood has practical advantages for drawers. Grain orientation can be important but nothing beats appearance when gluing up panels. Design first, build second. A save those scraps. This was some of the best advice I ever received.

A sketch is a good place to start. Make a cut list. Plan your work and work your plan. Select wood for each part with care. Rough mill pieces and let them rest. Every time you remove wood, you change the internal tensions of wood. Mill similar dimensions at the same time; work from big to small. Leave pieces oversized until the last possible moment. Measure twice and cut once. Mark your pieces. Glue up with care and don't use too much. Pre-finish pieces if possible. Believe it or not, this is the easier stuff.

Refining the piece before building is harder. Study the dimensions and proportions. Does it look good? Don't be afraid to deviate from plans. Ask for opinions but don't be afraid to ignore what others say. What feels right to you is right.

I sometimes let a special board dictate finished dimensions. The results can be surprising - sometimes good, other times - oh well.

Build and learn; learn and build. Reading will only take you so far. Don't get discouraged. If you blow it, set it aside for another go later. Ask for help! Our club has an enormous amount of talent just for the asking... Take a class. Attend a meeting.

Yes it can be scary but you are amongst friends. Build, build, build and then build some more.

Andrew Pellar

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Classes for the next three months are:

Sept. 28: SELECTING & PREPARING WOOD FOR PROJECTS – Phil Choquette at Jerry Anderson's shop.

Oct. 5: Sharpening & Using Card Scrapers - Andrew Pellar at John Braun's shop in Bow. *Hands On class*

Oct. 12: BASIC WOODWORKING – Make a stool from a 6' x 12" '1" pine board. Bill Baer's shop.

Oct. 19: **SHOP TOUR**

Oct. 26: ROUTER BASICS – Jim Hickey, instructing at Tom Dolese's shop in Bellingham.

Oct. 26: MAKING SHOOTING BOARDS – Jerry Anderson & Al Ashley at Jerry's shop in Shelter Bay.

Nov. 2: BOX MAKING (WITH LEGS) – Jim Bucknell at his shop in Bow. *Hands On class.*

Nov. 9: BOX MAKING (DOVETAIL MITERED CORNERS)– Jerry Couchman's shop. *Hands On class. Class is full.*

Nov. 16: WOOD STAVE BUCKET OR WISHING WELL – Bill Baer at his shop. *Hands On class*

Dec. 7: BLOCK PLANE TUNEUP & SHARPENING – Andrew Pellar at *location to be announced.*

Classes are now posted on the calendar. To view details about each class, please click on the class title. Remember, members may sign up for only 3 classes in any 3 month segment. Your \$5.00 class fee must be paid to confirm your place in a class.

Signup sheets will be available at all general & special meetings. Remember, the best way to learn a skill is to be a teaching assistant. Every member is encouraged to help continue our successful woodworking education series!

Jerry Anderson,
Chair, Education Committee
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Garrett at the September Meeting

GARRETT HACK VISITS THE NCWA

Our regular September meeting was anything but regular - a special time, day, place and speaker. Woodworking great, Garrett Hack explained how to work efficiently and demonstrated techniques he uses.

Garrett starts with a tree, has it sawn on a woodmizer, and air dries the boards. The building process begins with a sketch. There might be a few mock ups of parts to explore proportions and joinery problems. Then a detailed drawing is rendered. A cut list is produced and patterns are made and refined. Wood for each part is carefully selected.

Machines are used extensively; but, the resulting surfaces are too rough. Only hand tools allow the great precision Garrett strives for. Demonstrating on 2 machine jointed edges, Garrett used a razor sharp hand plane to reduce the high spots until a full width and full length shaving was produced. The hand planed edges mated so well that the two boards could be slid in unison using only slight pressure on the upper board.

Garrett showed that even a well-tuned table saw leaves imperfections. He refines saw cuts with planes to ensure the best fit possible. A marking system is important. Noting grain direction is paramount as is establishing a reference surface. Mark pieces where the marks remain intact. Remark pieces as you continue refining them. Garrett gains efficiency by working methodically, oversizing his pieces and producing extra parts.

To achieve uniqueness, Garrett recommends avoiding standard material thicknesses and using wood's grain carefully and deliberately. Liberate yourself from machine profiles. Try a block plane instead of a router. Garrett softens all edges with block planes. He uses 2; one is set up for coarse work and the other for fine. Not having to readjust tools and less frequent sharpening improves efficiency.

Hand tools can reduce or eliminate sanding. They are quick and quiet too. While nothing beats a hand planed surface, tear out can happen. Scraping will smooth even difficult woods. however, the surface won't be as good as a planed surface as Garrett demonstrated.



Garrett Hack Visit continued

Don't underestimate the huge impact of small details. Beads and inlay produced with a simple shop made scratch stock can elevate your work. Using a scratch stock, Garrett cut a channel and inlayed a thin piece of contrasting wood which even folks in the back of the room could see.

Our visit with Garrett passed too quickly. After concluding the formal presentation, Garrett entertained questions and invited people to come up afterwards. And come they did, a throng surged forward. Garrett's presentation was a treat. He fluidly demonstrated how hand tools compliment machines and allow him to efficiently craft finely made and impeccably detailed furniture of the highest standard.

The bar has been raised.

Andrew Pellar



FALL SHOP TOUR

SAVE THE DATE Our club's Fall Shop Tour is Saturday morning Oct 19. We have some great shops lined up to visit and you'll see some ideas that might work in your shop. Details coming at our Oct general meeting.

Gary Danilson/John Bellinger



*More of Jennifer Dolese' work.
Right: Chestnut backed Chickadee floor lamp
Center: Nuthatch marquetry*

Left: Inlay samples by Garrett Hack

September Board Meeting September 11, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Couchman, Mike Titus, John Bellinger, Jim Bucknell, Charley Drake, Al Ashley, Samantha Chang, Bill Bauer, and Sherri Greenleaf.

Garrett Hack Presentation for Saturday, September 14. About 55-60 people have signed up for the presentation. A 'Working Smart' demo using the combination of power tools and hand tools should be a great presentation. The new Club video system and lights set-up will debut at this demo.

Mike received limited, but good feedback regarding the concept of using the Google Groups for forums and information. Those choosing to opt in will receive email notices of postings to the group. An introduction about Google Groups will be sent to all members, giving them the option to participate. Mike will write a note for the newsletter and will also give a 10 minute demonstration at our next general meeting.

Shop Tours and Christmas Party. In Gary Danilson's absence, John Bellinger reported that there were zero volunteers in Mt Vernon for hosting the up coming Fall Shop Tour. John and Gary are considering the Shelter Bay area, including Jerry Anderson's new shop. The two are confident the tour will be a very good one. Jim Bucknell shared that Sound Cedar is very excited about having a presence (donation) at our First Annual NCWA Christmas Party this year. Now is 16

Jerry Couchman and Jerry Anderson agreed to participate in Nominating Committee. The Board NEEDS suggestions from Club members, as well as board members, for several open Board positions. It is time for our talented members to step up to the plate and carry on the momentum of this great Club! More discussion will follow at the next meeting. Andrew will help out for a few months as President for 2014, IF needed.

At the October 1 meeting, Andrew will talk about participation. He'll ask the Nomination Committee people to come up and discuss what they do and what they could use for help. Have a specific number of volunteers in mind. He'll try to get the committee some help. Jim suggested that a description of the time involved for duties such as the president would be helpful. Many members may think it involved more time that it actually does.

What a great success the August Picnic! Weather, food, and of course the location! We don't know our cost portion yet, but Melanie Mankamy, NWWW, will pass that amount on to our club shortly.

Jerry Couchman reported on the Programs for Oct. and Nov. On October 1, our program speaker will be Jennifer Dolese on Marquetry, the art and craft of applying pieces of veneer to a structure to form decorative patterns, designs or pictures.

November's program will be with Dick Weber on carving faces.

Though there is not going to be a pizza party at this years November meeting, it was noted that there still needs to be a small ceremony to acknowledge the offers and contributors of the program; all agreed.

Future program suggestions: David Selditz attended a 9-month woodworking program, and his experience would make for a great program. David has also volunteered to be an instructor in 2014.

Jerry wants 'members only' for our club classes, but wanted feedback from the board. One Northwest Wood Turners member signed up for two classes at the picnic. Sherri said she would contact this member as well, and ask him to join the club (only \$15) for the remainder of 2013. The 2X4 Challenge was briefly discussed as a future program topic.

Other topics discussed from the board meeting:

October Newsletter articles are due September 21st. Andrew asked for an article from membership that it is time to start collecting 2014 Dues.

Bill Bayer has several books he received from his niece that he is willing to loan to the library. They are regarding historical information of local woodworking. It was suggested that he write a small news article for the upcoming Newsletter.

Phil mentioned that U-Haul does not sell their used trailers due to liability reasons. Jim Bucknell questions why we really need one. After discussion, it was noted that our club really does not have the need for one at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Greenleaf, pro-temp secretary!

NOMINATIONS FOR 2014 ELECTION

Normally, we notify the membership in the October Newsletter of nominations for new officers. Those elections will be held at the December meeting, which is also our annual end of year party. Unfortunately, there are no nominations to report at this time! The positions we need nominations for are **vice-president, secretary and treasurer**. Filling the vice-president's position is the highest priority. The outgoing vice-president is routinely nominated for president for the following year, but since the vice-president is currently vacant, that presents a big problem. The nomination committee will continue to contact members to try to resolve this, but we are rapidly approaching a crisis in our club. Please ask yourself if NCWA is important to you. Without member participation on the Board of Directors, our club is leaderless and we all will suffer. Someone needs to step forward to make a small commitment, which is only about 2-3 hours/month for vice-president. Andrew has graciously offered to continue serving as president for part of 2014 so that a new vice-president can become comfortable enough to move into his position. Like Uncle Sam said on the WWII poster, **"I'M COUNTING ON YOU!"**

Jerry Couchman

BUILD YOUR OWN WOODWORKING MACHINES

Ever think about building wooden band saw? How about a slot mortiser? Too ambitious, then try something simpler. You can find this and a whole lot more at Wendell Mathias's <http://woodgears.ca/>. where he brings engineering to woodworking and produces some very innovative fixtures and equipment.

Andrew Pellar

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

VENDER 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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Coming Events

October 1st 7:00 PM

Membership Meeting

October 9th 7:00

Board Meeting

The NCWA is open to all interested woodworkers, and was formed to promote high standards in wood-working, woodworking education and showcasing local woodworking. Meetings are generally held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00. 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 the 3rd Saturday of the month. Submit to NCWA Newsletter, 1110 35th St., Anacortes, WA 98221, or email to ives_kathy@yahoo.com or call 360-299-1137 (evenings and weekends)

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