



Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

December 2013

**Next Meeting Tuesday, Dec. 3rd
6:00 PM, Christmas Dinner
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.

DECEMBER MEETING

The program for our December 3 meeting will include our first club Christmas Dinner. All members are invited to bring a guest for what should be a fun time. The evening will include a raffle to benefit Toys 4 Tots. The club elves (Jim Bucknell, Ed Pysher & Al Ashley) have solicited our preferred vendors for some great raffle items (including an 18v drill set, palm sander, bluetooth wireless speaker, gift certificates for Woodcraft, Rockler, Stockton Paints and more). The evening will also feature our 2x4 Woodworking Challenge, presentation of our Spirit Award and election/introduction of your club officers for next year.

Our evening will begin at 6:00 with a social hour that will give everyone a chance to view the raffle items and buy tickets. We will follow that with a potluck dinner with the club providing the main course. Members are asked to bring a side-dish, salad or dessert. If you are unable to bring an item for the potluck, please still come to the meeting. We'll have a donation bucket for Toys 4 Tots if you want to put in a few dollars as your contribution to the evening.

For this meeting we would ask all members to use the main entrance on the west side of Hillcrest Lodge. This will be a help to those preparing dinner. We look forward to seeing you all there.



2 X 4 CHALLENGE

A reminder that we will be presenting the results of our *2x4 Woodworking Challenge* at our Dec 3 meeting. If you want to participate just use your creativity to make something out of a single 2x4x8 common stud. Our theme is either a **Children's Toy** or a **Gift for Someone You Love**. Small amounts of non-wood materials can be worked into the project if necessary. Remember that anyone participating in the challenge will have a chance to win a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It is hard to believe the year is almost done. Time rolls on. And so does our club.

It has been an interesting journey for me with twists and turns and ups and downs. I am proud of our club and what we do. It has been an honor and a privilege to have played a small part during the past year. Our dedicated board members and volunteers do the real work and deserve the real credit and our thanks. They certainly have mine. At the next meeting we will elect new officers. I look forward to working with them as we transition into next year. My hope for the next year is that everybody grows as a woodworker. Take advantage of the resources available by: Taking a class; Checking out a book or DVD; Teaching a class; you will learn even more!; Bringing something to Bring and Brag; Asking for help; Forming a Toy making group; Volunteering for a committee; Saying hello to a new face; Submitting a tip to the newsletter. It's your club and if your woodworking isn't where you want it to be, get busy! Woodworking is normally a solitary pursuit; but, you have access to your fellow club members. I take advantage of this on a regular basis and hope others realize what a great thing this is.

Although I am continuing on as President to help the transition, this will be my last President's Message. It is time for others to have their say.

Thank you and Merry Christmas and Happy New Years!

Andrew Pellar

MEET THE NEW MEMBERS

High school senior Dylan Tomberlin and his father Marc joined in order to start taking our classes. Dylan took Jim Hickey's Router Basics class in October and has signed up for two more classes along with his father. Marc, originally from North Carolina and then Virginia, moved his family to Bellingham nine years ago to take a position as an MD at St. Josephs in Bellingham. Marc and Dylan have been watching Craig's List plus other sources for tools, and have outfitted their shop nicely. They even found a used Saw Stop cabinet saw for sale by one of our ex-members! Dylan is currently taking a high school course called Engineering Technology where he's studying Rhino 5, an advanced CAD program that should come in handy for drawing projects. Dylan's brother Ian is on the left in this picture, but is more interested in cello than woodworking.



Ian, Marc and Dylan Tomberlin



Vicki and Jason Tapparo

Vicki and Jason Tapparo moved to the Bellingham area from Oklahoma about six years ago. They started woodworking while living in Oklahoma where they got involved with turning wooden pens on a Jet lathe. They did craft shows, but had more success trading with other vendors than actually selling. They have a garage shop that they are currently setting up with several items on wheels so they can still use it for their cars. Jason has a military background that included the Navy then the Army National Guard in which he still serves in as a Blackhawk helicopter pilot. He also works for the US Customs and Border Protection flying their Blackhawks as well as fixed wing aircraft. They have already taken advantage of our club's education program by taking Bill Baer's Introduction to Woodworking.

Jerry Couchman

TIME TO RENEW

What are you waiting for? Get them in. It's time to renew. Dues are due.

Pay in person at the Christmas Party on Tuesday December, 3, 2013 at Hillcrest or make your check payable to NCWA for \$ 30.00 and mail it to: D. Duehning, 150 Swinomish Dr., LaConner, WA 98257.

Remember that if you want to register for classes next year you will need to have paid your dues for 2014.

THE MANY FACES OF DICK WEBER



Dick Weber

Dick Weber wowed us with his deft movements as he masterfully taught his carving techniques honed over 30 years of carving. He fell in love with wood carving in Alaska in 1970 after seeing the world's tallest totem pole. He took classes and did Native American carving for 15 years. Dick taught wood carving for many years at North Seattle Community College. His first caricature carving was a Santa after which he was on to many other characters. Dick added carving birds to his résumé about 3 years ago.

We were treated to a step-by-step demonstration of carving eyes, laugh lines, beards, etc. Flat board or block of wood—nothing was beyond Dick's abilities. We watched as the corner of a block of basswood morphed into a face, punch cut by V cut by gouge. Although Dick needs only 5 or 6 tools to effectively carve faces, the knives are well chosen and must be skillfully handled. Although nothing seemed quite as effective as his aggressively deployed 'knife in the eye' technique!

Dick buys his knives locally from Gil Drake in Arlington. His kit includes 9 tools. He doesn't use stones to sharpen them; he uses a rag wheel and a strop of leather on plywood.

The speed and skill was admired by all, but, as Dick deadpanned, "I learned all this on one day. I practiced 10 years and then one day I learned it."



LIBRARY NEWS

Greeting from your Library Committee. Due to space and time considerations we won't have the library set up at our Dec 3 meeting but we'll be back in January with some great new books to check out. Remember that we have added project plans to the library with a 4-month checkout period. If anyone owns a project plan and would like to donate it to the library we would be glad to add it to our inventory. This would be a great way to share something with your fellow woodworkers.

WOOD BENDING MADE SIMPLE by Lon Schleining

The very informative eight chapters in this book and accompanying DVD cover nearly all aspects of wood bending that we will use in making our projects. The problems we are likely to encounter are explained and illustrated with detailed color photographs. Techniques to simplify our work and eliminate many of the pitfalls are described clearly. A brief description of the contents:

Chapter 1: Bending forms (how to build them)

Chapter 2: Cutting laminates (the easy way to get wood to bend)

Chapter 3: Dry clamping and choosing glue (how to assemble your bent wood and eliminate problems)

Chapter 4: Gluing up and clamping (Spreading the right sticky stuff the right way & in the right place)

Chapter 5: Milling the bent lamination (Removing the sticky stuff & finishing the bent part)

Chapter 6: Setting up for steam bending (making a steam box and steam bending forms)

Chapter 7: Steam bending (What you need to do to successfully steam-bend wood)

Chapter 8: Bending with a heating blanket (How dry heat works still another method of wood bending)

Metric conversion chart

Resources Glossary

In the DVD, the book's author demonstrates all the chapters in the book, using excellent video and teaching techniques. The combination of a book and video makes this an outstanding addition to our library. Jerry Anderson

NOVEMBER BRING AND BRAG

Tom Dolese showed off an adjustable backed lounge chair crafted from sapele with matching ottoman, and finished in oil, varnish and wax. Tom will be teaching a class on building that same chair.

Bob Gaubatz presented louvered cabinet doors of red oak and finished in shellac and polyurethane.

Jaime Lajarin built a shaker style end table of cherry and highly figured maple veneer that he made himself. He incorporated table saw beveled legs and finished the table in oil, with the top being done in polyurethane.

Tim Houston, inspired by his son-in-law's cooking, made a plaque for his club, named "Club Purple". Inlay was done in maple and Tim used purple heart for the wine in the goblet. He finished the plaque in lacquer.

Frank Carlson offered a 7' tall cabinet with many drawers, ideal for storing small parts on a shop or for a kitchen. The drawer fronts are finished with formica and sport handles of woods from the world over provided by a 93 year old friend.

Greg Koenker displayed a mirror and floor stand of sapele and ebony. He designed it from a 3' by 1 1/2 " sketch in a book. He reminds that WD-40 on hinges for this sort of project might not be the best idea he's ever had!

Charley Drake gave us a preview of Dick Weber's presentation by showing off hand carved figurines he'd done in one of Dick's classes. He finished them in acrylic paints.

In the "Bring but Don't Brag" category, Nancy Anderson displayed evidence of having broken both bones in her left forearm. She had done the same procedure on her Baldor sander many times. But this time she chose to ignore that 'quiet, little voice' that warned her that something was unsafe about what she was about to do.



Tom Dolese 's chair



Bob Gaubatz with louvered cabinet door and a photo of the his closet



Jaime Lajarin and his cherry table



Charley Drakes' carvings



Nancy Anderson



Tim Houston's' wall plaque for his son

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

EDUCATION REPORT

Classes for the next three months are:

Dec. 7: BLOCK PLANE TUNEUP & SHARPENING – Andrew Pellar at Jerry Anderson’s shop. CLASS IS FULL

Jan. 4: MORTISE & TENON JOINERY – Bill Baer at his shop. Class limit 4. CLASS IS FULL

Jan. 11: FURNITURE REFINISHING – Phil Choquette at Jerry Anderson’s shop. ROOM FOR 5 MORE PARTICIPANTS

Jan. 18: WOOD IDENTIFICATION – Samantha Chang at Jerry Anderson’s shop. ROOM FOR 4 MORE PARTICIPANTS

Jan. 25: GIVING WOOD AN ANTIQUE FINISH – Andy Rudy at his shop. CLASS IS FULL

Feb. 1: CLASS IS STILL BEING DEVELOPED, BUT IT WILL NOT BE PARNHAM STYLE DRAWERS. David Selditz will be teaching it. All info. Will be posted by Dec. meeting.

Feb, 8: OPEN

FEB. 22: ROUTERS & POWER TOOLS: Will be taught by Jim Hickey & Tom Dolese at Tom’s shop.

February classes and descriptions will be posted on Dec. 1st.

When classes fill up, this will appear on the class signup site on the NCWA web site. “CLASS IS FULL – PLEASE DO NOT REGISTER”. There’ve been some folks signing up after the class limit is reached, which causes scheduling problems. The instructors work hard at trying to schedule an additional class, but this is not always possible. We sometimes have to hold class sizes to 3 or 4 members because of shop size limitations and the type of hands-on class may generate safety concerns, when too many people are trying to participate. Your support will help greatly.

Respectfully submitted

Jerry Anderson, Chair
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Photos from a recent router class given by Jim Hickey and assisted by Bob Gaubatz. Top left: Bob Gaubatz demonstrating for Ken Smith, right: new member Dylan Tomberlin, bottom left: Tom Napier, middle: Ed Pysher with Ken Smith in the back, right: James Friberg with Jim Hickey looking on.



NEW HELP WANTED SECTION

I’ve used Brusso Stop Hinges for boxes but they have become very expensive. Is anybody aware of a high quality alternative?

Andrew (andf32plr@yahoo.com)

MAGAZINE/BOOK/DVD DISCOUNTS

At the January meeting we will be offering discounted Taunton magazines, DVD's and books to our members. It will work like this.

- (1) Select one or more of the magazines Taunton publishes. If you are a current subscriber, your subscription will be extended.
- (2) If you want to buy books or DVD's visit www.TauntonStore.com to get the title, product number, price.
- (3) Fill out the appropriate order form – Magazines or Products. Do not mix and match. We will have an order form at the meeting in January. If you won't be attending the January meeting, you can mail your order information.
- (4) Ordering details will be elaborated on at the January meeting and in the January newsletter.
- (5) Magazines will be mailed directly to you. Books and DVDs will be handled by the club and brought to the next meeting after they are received.

- Andrew Pellar

TOYS 4 TOTS 2013



Board Meeting November 13, 2013

The NCWA Board of Directors held its November meeting at the Farm House restaurant on Route 20 in Mount Vernon on Wednesday evening, November 13, 2013, at 7 p.m. with President Andrew Pellar presiding. Pellar prepared the attendees with an Agenda issued for the meeting. Board meeting Minutes for the October meeting were read and approved.

The Board turned its attention to the forthcoming Christmas party scheduled for Tuesday evening, December 3rd. Party chairman Gary Danilson discussed the event plans in detail while getting opinions from Board members. Alcoholic drinks were ruled out, but a full evening of fun and prizes were ruled in. Activities will include a Spirit award, a 2x4 Challenge, and a raffle of woodcarver Dick Weber's small carvings that were donated to the Club. Other actions will honor Toys for Tots seasonal gifting. Prizes furnished by some of our discount vendors will also be on tap.

Jerry Couchman, Programs chair, discussed plans for early 2014 meetings and gave members a chance to choose or suggest their desires. January will feature an old favorite: Jig Night: a chance to show your favorite tool, jig, or shop fixture. February will feature a wood finishing demonstration by member Phil Choquette. A demonstration on how to make Green and Green arts and crafts details will be given by David Selditz in March, Couchman said.

Board Meeting Continued

Classes for 2014 and registration requirements were discussed by Education chair Jerry Anderson. Jerry must assure member status before registrations take place for the new classes, which will be taken on-line and at general meetings. Pay your dues or don't signup, Jerry said. He reviewed class attendance figures for the past two months and gave a preview of classes to be given early next year. Jerry will decide if mid-week evening classes or double Saturday classes are to be offered when popular ones are in high demand.

Members approved purchase of a white board for use in our A-V presentations as requested by videographer Charley Drake.

The Club's participation in April's WoodFest event was introduced. Phil Choquette, Chair for this event, said it was too early to take action as the Sedro Woolley town Council has yet to determine when and if they will host WoodFest again in 2014. Phil said he will keep in contact with the proper people.

Pellar is asking members to address the broader issue of where NCWA is heading and what we should be planning and thinking about as we head into the new year. Among the issues ahead are the Mall Show. What should we do differently? Among the ideas floated were reviewing recent past Bring 'n Brag items and putting the best on display. Or, possibly doing a final assembly of a project (an Adirondak chair, for example) and finishing it at the show. Pellar suggested charity work also: build a kitchen, bookcase, or partner with Habitat or others.

Pellar told the Board that a substantial discount for woodworking magazine subscribers is in the works. Members will get the opportunity to subscribe or extend their subscriptions soon. These discounts are generally 30 percent lower than regular prices.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Board members present: Anderson, Al Ashley, Bill Baer, John Bellinger, Couchman, Samantha Chang, Choquette, Danilson, Drake, Jay Geisel, Pellar, Ed Pysher,

Respectfully submitted, Jay Geisel, Secretary

VENDOR UPDATE

If you live in East County, you will like this. E&E Lumber, in Sedro Woolley has just joined our Vendor Support Group. They are located at 201 West State Street, in Sedro Woolley. E&E is a full service lumber yard, with a huge selection of woodworking and construction tools and supplies. They also have a good selection of home maintenance and repair items. Stop by when you get a chance and say hello.



Rockler Woodworking in the north end is moving from Stoneway to Northgate Way.! They will be in their new location on December 16. The address is 838 NE Northgate Way. They don't know the phone number yet. One of the main features of the new location will be a full service educational capability. Drop down and take a look when you get a chance!

Ed Pysher

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

EAST:

E & E Lumber 	201 W. State Street Sedro Woolley	360-856-0825	E&ELumber.com
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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

December 3rd 6:00 PM
December 11th 7:00

Christmas Dinner Meeting
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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