



## Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

February 2014

**Next Meeting Tuesday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>  
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.

### MIXING AND USING SHELLAC BY PHIL CHOQUETTE

This month's presentation will be given by our resident finishing expert, Phil Choquette, who happens to be one of our club's founding members. Phil joined the guild in 1984 about when it was formed by a small group of local woodworkers. Phil retired from the US Navy in 1978 where he served as an air traffic controller for most of his 26 years in the service. His woodworking career goes much farther back and included a cabinet shop in Florida. Restoring and refinishing furniture eventually became his area of expertise and still is today; although, he occasionally takes on other woodworking commissions. Phil plans to discuss some of the history and misconceptions of shellac and share many of his trade secrets for great finishing. We'll even be treated to a short demonstration and get the chance to watch shellac dry!



*Right: Mixing  
shellac*

*Left: Various  
types of shellac*

## JANUARY MEETING

Our first meeting of the New Year continued the pattern of visitors and people becoming members of NCWA.

**Our photographer, Dale Brandland**, graciously offered to send photos taken of meetings to any who ask him.

**Education chairman, Jerry Anderson**, has created a list of all classes offered throughout this year. Efforts are being made to offer a few shorter classes on weeknights. In that vein, Charley Drake is teaching a class at his shop on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> (corrected date) entitled "Photograph Your Projects".

### Toys for Tots

NCWA work on behalf of Toys for Tots was featured on page 7 of the December edition of Grow Northwest Magazine. You can go to this link and scroll down to page 7, <http://www.grownorthwest.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Grow-Dec2013-WEB.pdf>.

**Gene Benson's** passion for Toys for Tots was evident as well as his gratitude for all who have taken the time to make toys. He passed on a letter of praise from Lynn Postler for NCWA's contribution of various wooden toys in support of the Skagit Valley Herald's Christmas Fund. Gene also emphasized the quality and latent value of toys you build compared to those purchased commercially. He reminded that plans and wood are available to any to get involved by talking to himself, Val Matthews or Bill Baer.

**President Andrew Pellar's** commitment to the club was recognized as Jerry Anderson presented him with a gift certificate. Andrew is staying in office past his term expiration until a new president is selected.

**Librarian Gary Danilson** introduced some of the new books: How to make picture Frames, Best Workshops, Greene and Greene's How-Tos, and several on wood carving and wood turning. Someone has taken the time to create DVDs of some of our VHS tapes and they are available to check out.

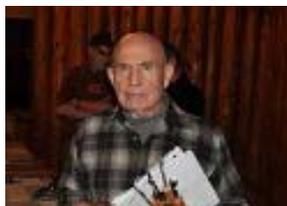
## BRING 'N BRAG/FAVORITE JIGS OR TOOLS

locking spheres. He had to design special knives/gouges to do this amazing project. He took his tool drawings to a KK Industries where tool steel was rough out on a laser CNC machine. He then finished the 7 specialty tools and put a nice edge on each. A stand lifts the top sphere up slightly to give the effect of it floating free of the lower one.

Andy Rudy showed a shop-built mortise fixture he has successfully used for years. He also takes twisted pleasure in working with wood with knots in it; he made a chess board of pine knots. The dark squares are of knots crosscut, while the light ones are ripped with the grain. The pitch build up from the knotty pine was so severe at one point that it stalled his band saw, and the fragrant chess board served as an air freshener for some time after the project was completed.



*Above and right:  
Ben Gage*



*Below and left:  
Andy Rudy*

## JANUARY MEETING (CONTINUED)

Steve Wagoner used an old WWII era straight line metal shaper in making two quality squares of brass and walnut. One is a dovetail square and the other a saddle square. Move over Starrett!



Bill Dowe, luthier, showed us a jig he uses to get the proper arc to braces for guitar tops and backs. The one he displayed was made of ash and is unfinished. He set the degree of bend by literally marking it off from a 25 ft radius circle.

Andrew Pellar brought three block planes, one of which he picked up at a garage sale and used as an object lesson for his recent class on tuning block planes. "The Patient", a Stanley 220, looks considerably healthier than when he first found it, but it will never be the tool that either his WoodRiver or Lie Nielsen block planes are. The end-grain on the pine board trimmed by it wasn't bad though. Andrew also suggested the value of rare earth magnets in a small pill vial for cleaning the fine metal particles off sandpaper when sharpening irons and chisels. Among other possible uses, the vial makes a great handle when mounted on the side of a plane to grip while lapping the other side.



Bob Gaubatz needed a mallet so he took some scrap oak and made himself one, his first effort at a through-tenon. It looked good in tung oil. He also built an excellent center-finding gage out of wood and finished it in tung oil as well. His favorite new tool is the GRR-Ripper by Woodcraft



Jim Bucknell showed us a jig from Veritas to set stop points for planing and three boxes that he built. The boxes were designed by Jim's wife, Judy. (Judy makes cardboard mock-ups that are remarkable in themselves!) The art deco box was of cherry and sapele with brass inserts and finished in semi gloss polyurethane. The other two involved compound angles: a box on a pedestal of lacewood with a sapele top and the other one of figured Brazilian cherry, figured maple and walnut. Both were finished in satin polyurethane.



Jerry Haynes found a plan for a civil war era officer's table and made one out of knotty maple. An oak slat is set to spring into a slot to hold the legs in place once it is unfolded. Quite ingenious!

David Shull made a chest of sapele with holly line and birch berry inlay. To do this project he made a few different tools: a radius cutter (patterned after one that sells for \$300!) and a ribbon slicing tool to cut out the inlay material.



Right from the top: Steve Wagoner, Bill Dowe, Andrew Pellar, Bob Gaubatz, box by Jim Bucknell Bottom Right: Jerry Haynes Left: David Shull

## JANUARY MEETING (CONTINUED)

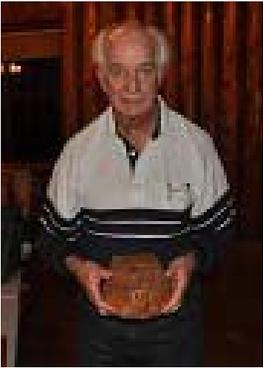


Mike Titus showed off an antique fillister plane that he bought while at a class at Roy Underhill's school in North Carolina. The plane perhaps was built in Connecticut during or shortly after the Civil War and was made of beech and boxwood.

Cecil Braeden brought a jewelry box he made out of maple using his band saw. The barrel hinges were demanding but are a nice touch. Cec finished the box sealing it with Benite and then several coats of Minwax wipe on poly and then paste wax.



Gene Benson brought two wooden toys designed to demonstrate mechanical concepts, one of which was an oil pump/derrick and the other portrayed a reciprocating engine. His patterns came from a book, Making Wooden Mechanical Models. He is making on prototypes of several models and hopes to see classes at Boys and Girls Clubs centered around these to encourage greater understanding of science and engineering concepts.



Jerry Couchman needed a jig to make a leg to build a pagoda box (well, several of them). So he took the time to make one to use on his router table, as well as jigs for other curves he needed cut as well. While snooping shops in Port Townsend, Jerry spotted a solid rosewood jack plane sporting a date of 1837 on it. It was unusual for the very thick steel from which the tapered iron was made. He calls it a scrub plane and expects to make good use of it.

Don Wilkins made himself a dovetail vise of scrap wood that sports hardwood screws he made. He also found a solution to preventing unintentionally chiseling your leg –a simple solution that didn't require hours but provides great results.

*Top: Mike Titus, Middle: Gene Benson, Bottom right: Cecil Braeden Bottom left: Jerry Couchman.*

## MEET THE NEW MEMBER

Donna Bennett grew up in Kansas, then lived in California and Seattle before coming to our area. She originally started out in teaching, and then took up a career as a purser in the merchant marine supporting the US Navy overseas. Since retiring, she has spent time between homes in Seattle and Glacier, but plans to relocate in Bellingham. Her interest in woodworking began when she participated in making a table and chair set for her daughter. She is eager to learn and hopes that our club will give her that lift. She has already taken one of our classes, Wood Identification presented by Samantha Chang. So far, her woodworking tools are limited to a lathe (in storage) and hand planes handed down from family. She plans to take more classes and build her woodworking skills. She is also looking forward to building a barristers bookcase and a wine rack someday.



Jerry Couchman

## SPRING TOUR

Our Spring Shop Tour is coming up the morning of March 15. We will be traveling north to Whatcom county to see some interesting shops.

All members and guests are invited to join us. Our schedule isn't completed yet and if you are interested in having your shop on the tour, please contact Gary Danilson or John Bellinger.

## FINE WOODWORKING MAGAZINE DISCOUNTS

Last month we offered discounts on Fine Woodworking magazine and other products from Taunton Publishers which include their other magazines as well as books and DVDs. People seemed to think it was only available to new subscribers. This is not true. If you are an existing subscriber, you can lock in the discount and extend your existing subscription. New subscribers start with the discount. Books and DVD's are also eligible for a discount. Visit [www.TauntonStore.com](http://www.TauntonStore.com) to see the available books and DVDs.

We will handle this offer via e-mail and not use time at the next meeting.

If you are interested, please e-mail, before February 1, me at [andf32plr@yahoo.com](mailto:andf32plr@yahoo.com). If there is sufficient interest, I'll send you an order form and payment instructions.

## WEBSITE

The following changes have been made to the website:

- The list of club officers on the "About Us" page has been updated.
- A large number of new books have been listed on the Library page.
- The "Log In" menu link has been changed to "Admin" -- this was confusing some members who thought they needed an account to view the website.
- The transition of the website to a new server has begun, and will take another week or so. The website will remain up while the files and data are being copied and tested, so actual downtime will be very brief.

Mike Titus

## LIE NIELSON TOOL EVENT

January 31 & February 1, 2014  
Friday (9am-5pm) and Saturday (9am-4pm)  
Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre  
181 Roundhouse Community Mews  
Vancouver, BC Canada V6Z 2W3

February 21-22, 2014  
Friday (10am - 6pm) and Saturday (10am - 5pm)  
University of Washington College of Built Environments  
132 Gould Hall  
3949 15th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98195

## EDUCATION REPORT

Upcoming classes are:

Feb. 1: ACCURACY IN MARKING & MEASURING - David Selditz at his shop. CLASS IS FULL

Feb, 8: MORTISE & TENON JOINERY 2- Bill Baer at his shop. Class limit 3. CLASS IS FULL

FEB. 22: MILLING WOOD WITH POWER TOOLS: Will be taught by Jim Hickey & Tom Dolese at Tom's shop. CLASS IS FULL

FEB. 22: MORTISE & TENON JOINERY 3- Bill Baer at his shop. CLASS IS FULL

MAR. 1: CABINET CARCASES - Bill Baer at his shop. CLASS IS FULL

MAR. 1: MAKE A SPOKESHAVE - Steve Wagoner at his shop. CLASS IS FULL

MAR. 8: CABINET DOORS & DRAWERS - Bill Baer at his shop CLASS IS FULL

MAR 15: **SHOP TOUR**

MAR 29: PHOTOGRAPH YOUR PROJECTS - Charley Drake at his shop CLASS IS FULL

## EDUCATION REPORT (CONTINUED)

Apr. 5: **WOODFEST**

Apr. 12: INLAY I – Steve Durkee at his shop – CLASS LIMIT 5  
Prerequisite for INLAY II

Apr. 19: INLAY II – Steve Durkee at his shop – CLASS LIMIT 5  
Must have completed INLAY I

Apr. 26: **EASTER WEEKEND**

We have had requests for the following classes, and will welcome instructors for them:

Clamping, types of glues, and gluing techniques.

Beyond the drill press – what other uses besides drilling can a drill press be used for?

Files, rasps and rifflers – their benefits, and proper way to use them.

We anticipate these classes can be completed in about two hours, which will make them excellent evening classes.

Education Committee members – It's time to start planning the classes for next the next season. Let's try to meet before the next general meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Thanks again for your assistance.

Respectfully submitted

Jerry Anderson, Chair

Education Committee 360-770-8559 [j.anderson9574@gmail.com](mailto:j.anderson9574@gmail.com)

## SAVE THE DATE

Woodfest April 5th and 6th this year.

## BOARD MEETING 1-15-14

Members Present: Bill Baer; Jay Geisel; John Bellinger; Ed Pysher; Jerry Anderson; Kathy Ives; Andrew Pellar; Don Wilkins; Al Ashley; Phil Choquette; David Shull; Jerry Couchman; Geary Greenleaf; Charley Drake; Doug Duehning

Members Absent: Gary Danilson; Mike Titus  
The meeting was convened by Past President Andrew Pellar at 7:00 p.m.

### Old Business.

1. The previous minutes were amended to read, "The Board approved a motion by webmaster Mike Titus to move our website to a new hosting company (Softwired)".

2. Mike has been making changes to the site-

A. Board officers in the 'About Us' section has been updated.

B. Log-in menu was changed to "Administrative" to avoid confusion.



Pictures from Bill Baer's Mortise and Tenon class. Top: Mark Tomberlin, middle Dylan Tomberlin, bottom: Bill, Mark and Dylan

## BOARD MEETING (CONTINUED)

C. Added new library holdings to the library page.

D. Transition to the new server is in progress and will take about a week. Intermittent interruptions might be experienced.

### 3. Treasurer's Report.

A. Reported on efforts to get delinquent members to pay dues. Currently NCWA has 136 paid members for the year and 29 delinquent members. Roster will be updated after Feb meeting.

B. Rental Contract for the lodge for CY2015 was approved.

C. Draft budget for the year 2014 was distributed and discussed.

i. Andrew Pellar indicated that he had received a request to increase library budget by \$50. This was approved by consensus.

ii. General discussion about increasing funding for presenters at monthly meeting. No final decision reached.

iii. General discussion about 'grossing out' Education Program (to date the program had only shown a 'net' of the income and expenses). General consensus that this was a good idea and that it also should be done for the Toys for Tots program.

iv. Jay Geisel recommended bumping the annual awards budget by \$50.

v. Al Ashley will take feedback and rework the budget to reflect comments.

### New Business.

#### 1. Programs.

A. February program. Phil Choquette will give a demonstration on Shellac application.

B. March program. David Selditz will give a presentation and demonstration on Green and Green arts and crafts details.

C. April program. Chris & Holly Barbo will be giving a presentation at the Burlington Library. (Lodge is unavailable that month due to Tulip festival).

#### 2. Wood Fest. Wood Fest will be 5,6 April this year.

3. Mall Show. Mall Show will be Father's day weekend, June 14-15. The Board had a general discussion on whether this was a good venue for NCWA. Some members felt that it was good for community awareness while others wondered if it was a good return for the effort. Consensus was to continue this year. A suggestion was made that the NCWA expand the show to increase participation with kids activity area and possibly a bench with hand tools. Andrew Pellar asked Geary Greenleaf to support Phil Choquette with show preparation (primarily internet support). Geary agreed. Phil was asked to go ahead and reserve the Mall for June 14-15.

4. Andrew Pellar indicated that he was looking into NCWA joining the Highland Hardware Affiliate Program. General discussion on whether this was appropriate given support by other similar businesses for NCWA. Consensus approved moving forward to find out more information.

5. Shop Tours will be March 15 in Whatcom County. Board is looking for volunteers. Send suggestion to John Bellinger.

6. Jerry Couchman volunteered to do a 'Box' class on 17 May. (Subsequent to meeting Jerry found out he had a conflict and asked to reschedule class to May 10<sup>th</sup>).

7. Discussion on the need to get nominations for a new V.P.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 by Andrew Pellar.

## 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	Martinlumberever- ett.com
Arlington Hdw & Lbr	215 N. Olympic Ave. Arlington	360-435-5523	arlingtonhard- ware.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	832 NE Northgate 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

February 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

General Meeting

February 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00

Board Meeting

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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)

## 2013 Officers and Chairpersons

President:	Andrew Pellar	(504) 339-0871	Programs	Jerry Couchman	(360) 366-5169
Vice President	Don Wilkins	(360) 416-6909	Education	Gerald Anderson	(360) 770-8559
Past President	John Bellinger	(360) 708-4036	Librarian	Gary Danilson	360) 540-5768
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Co-Secretary	Chuck Barnet	(425) 530-0328	Membership	Ed Pysher	(360) 766-0136
Treasurer	Al Ashley	(360) 474-9711	Shows	Phil Choquette	(360) 675-8320
Board at Large	David Shull	(360) 393-7926	Toys for Tots	Bill Baer	(360) 766-6020
Board at Large	Geary Greenleaf	(360) 899-4154	Webmeister	Mike Titus	(360) 525-4131



## NCWA NEWSLETTER

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