



Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

March 2014

**Next Meeting Tuesday, March 4th
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.

GREEN & GREEN ARTS AND CRAFTS DETAILS

David Selditz was one of our guest speakers three years ago, then joined our club. His shop has been on one of our shop tours and he recently signed up as an instructor teaching Accuracy in Marking and Measuring. He has been a woodworker since his Army days and has lived in the Bellingham area for about 8 years. Last year, he attended the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship in Rockport, Maine on an intensive 9 month course that included just about every aspect of woodworking. They studied joinery, wood bending using steam and lamination, veneering, inlay, marquetry and much more. His presentation will focus on the detail work that goes into arts and crafts furniture, including plugs, brackets and the mechanical joints used with making bread board ends. He looks forward to sharing his experience and knowledge to anyone interested in taking their woodworking to the next level.



FEBRUARY MEETING

Don Wilkins convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Hillcrest Lodge.

Jerry Anderson, Chair of the Education Committee, indicated that all the currently scheduled classes have been filled up except for the 2nd session of Steve Durkee Inlay Class. Steve gave a short synopsis of what he was going to cover in the Inlay classes.

President's Comments.

Andrew Pellar reminded everyone that it is a \$1 fine for not wearing the NCWA name badge to the meetings.

Andrew emphasized that the fine was on the honor system and that the money from the fines went to the Toys for Tots.

Andrew Pellar solicited volunteers for teaching classes. He emphasized that you don't have to be an expert (just 'knowledgeable') and willing to pass on information to the other members. Andrew Pellar encouraged members to exchange information in the newsletter.

Magazine Discounts

Andrew Pellar reminded the membership that he was trying to get 10 members to sign up for a substantial discount on Taunton Press magazines. Taunton publishes Fine Woodworking as well as several other magazines that members maybe interested in.

Program – Class of Shellac finishing by Phil Choquette

Phil gave a great class on Shellac (theme – 'Shellac is Our Friend'). Some take aways from the class were:

- Shellac must only be thinned with denatured alcohol.

- Some of the advantages of Shellac are: Non-toxic; User friendly; Dries quickly with very low VOCs; Can tint and color Shellac as needed; Can cover Shellac with any type of finish except water base finishes.

- Some of the dis-advantages of Shellac are: Rejects other finishes if not dewaxed (if you mix your own, you will have difficulty getting rid of wax); The finish is a little soft on the hardness scale; You can 'only' store Shellac about 3 years; Shellac will attack bare metal.



Phil Choquette talking shellac

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The nomination committee is looking for someone from NCWA to step up and be Vice President. Jerry Couchman, chair of the nomination committee, pointed out that the club has grown significantly over the last couple years so he is encouraging some of the new members to think about contributing to the club by volunteering their time. Please contact Jerry Couchman (360-366-5169; sofa01@hotmail.com) if interested in volunteering

WOODFEST

Woodfest will be April 5-6 this year at the Sedro Wooley High School. Woodfest is a celebration of High School Woodworking in which schools from all over Washington State enter projects in the competition. NCWA will be displaying projects at this years' Woodfest. Setup will be from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on April 5th. NCWA members are encouraged to display their projects. If interested, please sign up with Geary Greenleaf ((360) 899-4154; sherrigreenleaf@gmail.com)

SHOP TOURS

Our Spring Shop Tour will be Saturday, March 15. We'll be visiting member's shops in the Bellingham area beginning at 8:30. Be ready to see lots of jigs, innovative machinery and good variety of small and large shops. And if you have ever wondered how member Ben Gage makes those interlocking balls on his lathe, we'll have a chance to see. Complete tour info will be available at the next meeting and in upcoming e-mails. Plan to come and see what your fellow NCWA members are up to.

BRING & BRAG



Top left to right: Andy Rudy, David Schull and Jerry Haynes. Right top to bottom: Val Mathews, Bill Baer, Greg Koenker. Bottom left to right: Bob Gaubatz, Ken Grays and Jerry Couchman

Andy Rudy showed a shop-built variable angle vise that he had made out of a bowling ball and a small tire. He hacksawed the top off the bowling ball and glued the vice to that surface. He then obtained a used small tire. Setting the bowling ball in the tire allowed the vice to be set at any angle and provide a stable clamp. Pretty neat, Andy!

David Shull showed a jewelry cabinet made out of cherry and figured maple. He got the figured maple from Oby at Targo Woods in Bellingham for \$5 per board. The Cabinet was a present for his girl friend. Great job, David.

Jerry Haynes made a toy doll crib out of cedar and finished it with white paint. Great gift for the little ones, Jerry.

Val Mathews displayed a toy Bi-plane prototype for the Toys for Tots program. He is looking for volunteers especially in the Whatcom County area to set up Toy building dates.

Bill Baer put together a rustic chair out of Maple and Cedar using through tenons and wedges. The Chair is a great example of what you can build without a lot of machining.

Greg Koenker showed an end table that he had made out of Sapele and Figured Maple veneer. It was a beautiful piece. Way to go, Greg.

Bob Gaubatz also showed an end table constructed out of quarter sawn White Oak and Ebony. He used stain and polyurethane to finish it. Looks great, Bob.

Ken Grays showed a towel rack that had been constructed out of Black Walnut and Hickory. It was a neat use of the wood.

Jerry Couchman displayed a coffee table that he had constructed out of recycled 1950's Rosewood and Peruvian Walnut as part of a Dining Room table project for a client. It was finished with Shellac, oil varnish and wax. It looked fantastic.

Jerry Couchman also displayed a small Rosewood and Cherry Box that he made out of left over material from the table. Again, it was finished with Shellac, oil varnish and wax. It was a really fine example of box making art.



FUTURE NCWA PROGRAMS

Looking forward beyond March, our April program will be a presentation by Barbo Furniture which is located in Bellingham. *This meeting will actually be at the Burlington Library because the Hillcrest Lodge is not available during April.* Chris and Holly Barbo will be our guests and will show some examples of their teamwork in creating new furniture and refinishing/restoring antiques. Another great program coming up in June will be a **President's Challenge**. Members should bring a project that incorporates other materials along with wood. Let your imagination go wild! Let's find out how many different styles we can come up with that use material like glass, metal, stone, tile, fabric or ??? *So the challenge is made - you have three months to prepare for the Mixed Media Challenge!*

HERMAN EHRLICH

Club member Herman Ehrlich passed away on December 28th. He was 91. Born in Germany in 1922, his family escaped Germany and fled to China following the rise of the Nazi party. Herman worked as a cabinet maker for many years in China before emigrating to the US. He lived in several states and in British Columbia but finally settled in Bellingham in the 1960s. In 1968 he started the business Pacific Impressions which sold supplies for printers to businesses all over Northwestern Washington. He ran that business for more than 40 years, retiring in 2011. He continued woodworking and was in the process of organizing his shop and repairing his kitchen cabinets last year. Survived by his son, Fred, daughter-in-law Daveen, and three grandchildren, Katie, Josef, and Ian. Herman had an eventful life, filled with adventure, family, some tragedy, hard work, and lots of woodworking.

EDUCATION REPORT

IMPORTANT! The NCWA Board of Directors has modified class signup procedures to encourage attendance at general membership meetings: Beginning immediately, signup sheets for the current three month period will be available at the meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. The upcoming third month classes will then be available signup on the NCWA website the day following this meeting.

Upcoming classes are:

MAR. 1: CABINET CARCASSES – Bill Baer at his shop. CLASS IS FULL

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

MAR 15: **SHOP TOUR – WHATCOM COUNTY AREA**

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

Apr. 5: **WOODFEST**

Apr. 12: *INLAY TECHNIQUES* – Session 1 - Steve Durkee at his shop – One opening left

Apr. 19: *INLAY TECHNIQUES* – Session 2 – One opening left

Apr. 26: HAND CUT DOVETAIL JOINERY – Val Matthews at his shop -

MAY 3: MEASURING & MARKING – David Selditz at his shop – THREE OPENINGS

MAY 10: *FINISHING TECHNIQUES: Session 1* – Phil Choquette at Jerry Anderson's shop ONE OPENING AVAILABLE

MAY 17: *FINISHING TECHNIQUES: Session 2* – Phil Choquette at Jerry Anderson's shop

MAY 17: MAKE A SHOULDER PLANE – Val Matthews at his shop. FOUR OPENINGS

MAY 17: MAKE A MITER CORNER BOX W/ DOVETAIL INSETS – Jerry Couchman at his shop

INLAY TECHNIQUES NOTICE TO PARTICIPANTS: *Formerly INLAY I & INLAY II* - This class is now a 2 session class.

When you sign up for it, please be aware that it is taught in two consecutive Saturdays. We hope to have another class in June that will be available for signup at the general meeting on April 1st(Not an April Fools joke!).

FINISHING TECHNIQUES NOTICE TO PARTICIPANTS: *Formerly Finishing I & Finishing II* - This class is also a 2 session class. When you sign up for it, please be aware that it is taught in two consecutive Saturdays.

We have had requests for the following classes, and we're still looking for instructors!:

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.

Respectfully submitted

Jerry Anderson, Chair

Education Committee 360-770-8559 j.anderson9574@gmail.com

BOARD MEETING

Members Present: David Shull, John Bellinger, Ed Pyscher, Jerry Anderson, Tim Wynn, Andrew Pellar, Don Wilkins, Kathy Ives, Al Ashley, Phil Choquette, Geary Greenleaf, Jerry Couchman

Andrew Pellar convened the NCWA Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on February 12, 2014 at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Edison.

The minutes of the February general Meeting were reviewed and revised.

Woodfest. Phil Choquette reminded everyone that Woodfest will be 5,6 April Geary Greenleaf indicated that he had six people sign up to display project at the Woodfest so far. After discussion, a decision was made to rent a large space (10x20?) for display of the projects. It was also decided to award a Lie Nielsen block plane by the NCWA to the student project determined to be 'best in show' by the NCWA participating members. Discussion followed on renaming the award. Decision was made to rename it NCSQ 2014 Woodfest Award.

Phil also indicated that he had reserved the Burlington Mall for a NCWA display on Father's Day.

Shop Tours. John Bellinger indicated that they had six shops signed up for the Shop Tours on 15 March. This was followed by a discussion of the Fall Shop Tour. General consensus of the board was that NCWA should try to have the fall tour on Camano Island.

Magazine Subscriptions. Andrew Pellar indicated that he was able to get 10 people to sign up for a discounted Taunton press subscription or extension. The NCWA will pay Taunton and members who signed up for the subscriptions will send a check to Al Ashley made out to NCWA.

New Business. Al Ashley discussed the budget. After input from some of the board members, he will modify the budget to reflect changes in the Newsletter expense, the library expense, and the membership card expenses. A motion was made by Ed Pyscher seconded by Jerry Anderson to adopt the revised budget. Motion was adopted unanimously.

Jerry Anderson gave a report on the Education Committee.

He indicated that the Marking and Measuring Class was very successful. Both Al Ashley and Don Wilkins indicated that they had taken the class and found it very rewarding.

Steve Durkee will be giving a two-session class on Inlay techniques. The first class will be theory and basic techniques. The second class will be hands-on practice.

Jerry Couchman's Box class will be in May.

A general discussion about class sign-up policy was initiated by the Board. Consensus of the board was that initial sign up for a class will be at a General Meeting 3 months prior to the scheduled class date. Following the General Meeting, sign-ups will be on the NCWA website.

Andrew Pellar initiated a discussion about the lack of class instructors and proposed some solutions. Jerry Anderson indicated that he would take Andrew's suggestions to the Education Committee which was already working on establishing an annual set of classes. There was general agreement that the club needed to offer more beginning woodworking classes.

Jerry Anderson indicated that the Education Committee was looking for help to input class information on the website.

Programs. Jerry Couchman indicated that he needed someone to pick up the NCWA club bench from his shop to support the March general meeting as he would not be in town at that time. Jerry will call Val Mathews and see if Val can bring his own bench to the meeting. If he cannot, Geary Greenleaf will assist.

The March Newsletter needs to have a reminder that the April General Meeting will be at the Burlington Library instead of the Hillcrest Lodge. The lodge is being used by the Tulip festival.

Chris and Holly Barbo will be giving the April meeting program. Chris and Holly run a custom furniture business in Bellingham.

May will be an "Old project do over". Members will indicate how they would redo an old project based on lessons learned.

June will be a Mixed Media Challenge. Members will be encouraged to bring projects that incorporate other materials with wood.

Newsletter. There was a general consensus that Herman Ehrlich should be remembered for his life in the newsletter.

Nomination for Vice President. The Board discussed nominating anyone not wearing a nametag at the next general meeting for the position of Vice President. Suggestion was tabled until after the next general meeting. Membership has been warned! J

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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	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

March 4th 7:00 PM General Meeting

March 12th 7:00 Board Meeting

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. 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

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