



Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

May 2014

**Next Meeting Tuesday, May 6th
7:00 PM, General Meeting
Hillcrest Lodge
1717 South 13th Street, Mount Vernon
Phone: 360-770-7203 or 360-387-4174**

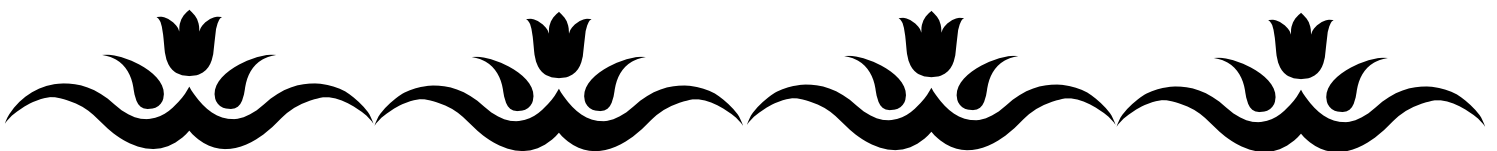
I-5 exit 226 (Kincaid Street Exit). Go east up the hill. This is Broadway Street. Continue on Broadway to South 13th Street (which is about 5 to 6 blocks from the freeway). Turn right (south) onto South 13th and go about 6 blocks. The park is on your right. Turn into the park, the parking lot is in front of the lodge.

MAY 6TH PROGRAM: "BRING & BRAG ON STEROIDS"

On May 6th we will be back in the Hillcrest Lodge in Mt Vernon, and this month's program will be presented by four of our own members. As usual, everyone is still encouraged to bring items for our normal Bring and Brag session, then after the break, four members will each do a special bring and brag presentation. Bill Baer, our Toys for Tots chairman, will talk about the process of building a **toy** logging truck and will show us the finished product. Geoff Peterson creates one-of-a-kind furniture pieces and will describe his three part wood ebonizing technique including an actual demonstration. Jim Bucknell showed his unique curved four drawer case at the April meeting, and will go into all the details on how he did it. Jerry Couchman, our program chairman, will do a presentation on how he built a 300 pound 4ft by 10ft live edge Sapele dining table for one of his clients.

JUNE 3RD PROGRAM: "THE MIXED MEDIA CHALLENGE"

Two months ago, I told the membership to start planning on our next President's challenge, so this is a reminder since there isn't all that much time left. The Mixed Media Challenge is your opportunity to bring a project you've created that blends some other material or object into something you've made. This is your chance to do something wild and crazy, or shall we say show us how artistic you really are! Anything goes - glass, metal, stone, tile, fabric, old rusty junk, coins.....?? And of course wood probably should be included, right? We have had president's challenges in the past that were a lot of fun but remember, your participation is the key. Let's see what we all come up with!



APRIL MEETING

Vice president Don Wilkins opened the meeting.

FROM the BOARD

Phil Choquette, show committee chairman, reported on preparations for Wood Fest. Set up will be at 7 am on Saturday and the show runs 9 am until 5 pm. Sunday from 10 am until 3 pm. The High School wood shop teachers will be judging the work of the students this year rather than judges from NCWA as in the past. NCWA will award a Lie Nielsen low angle block plane valued at \$170 to the student whose project earns Best of Show. The plane will be engraved with “Wood Fest 2014” and “NCWA”.

Bill Baer announced that Washington Alder has made two pickup loads of birch available for Toys for Tots projects.

Jerry Anderson, our education chairman updated us on a number of classes, including Andrew Pellar’s class on sharpening chisels and Phil Choquette’s class on Refinishing (two slots remaining). Jerry mentioned the idea of classes during the summer and suggested there may be one on clamping and gluing.

Jerry then turned the mic to **Cecil Braeden** who brought a delightful April Fool’s presentation on innovative classes.

ELECTION

Jerry Couchman was given the floor as Andrew Pellar officially resigned as club president and Don Wilkins was elected by raised hands.



PROGRAM

Chris and Holly Barbo, own a furniture business in Bellingham that was passed down from Chris’s father and uncle. They demonstrated their technique for laminating book matched figured poplar burl veneer. The end result was a very attractive papillon (meaning butterfly) book match. Each piece of veneer is brushed with a 1 part glycerin and 3 parts water solution, to help flatten the material. It's put in a press between two pieces of paper and then plywood and secured with masking tape overnight. The veneer is left flat and supple enough to easily trim.

After trimming, excess material is matched for color to fill in “eyes” (voids or blemishes) in the veneer. The shape of the fill was created by drawing through the eye onto the matched material. The Barbos like good ol’ Weldwood plastic resin glue to fasten the veneer to a plywood base and pressed again overnight with a vacuum bag press. The final result was a very interesting book matched panel.

During the demonstration, Chris talked about how his father and uncle started the Barbo furniture company in 1934 and how it evolved over the years. There was good interest as evidenced by the good number of questions and comments from the membership.

More of Chris and Holly’s artistic work can be seen at www.barbofurniture.com.

Above: Chris and Holly Barbo

BRING 'N BRAG

Bob Gaubatz brought a bench made from a slab of 'live edge' quilted maple with a Wenge base. Bob cleaned up the natural edge with a 120 grit sanding wheel, applied tung oil wipe with 1 coat of shellac, then finished with 6 coats of polyurethane varnish.

Jim Bucknell showed off a concave-sided night stand of clear vertical-grained fir. Jim used a number of woodworking techniques including vacuum veneering, biscuit joinery, pocket screws and dovetail joints. The finish is hand-rubbed polyurethane .

Tom Dolese presented a typical chair that students in his chair class could make. This one was finish and upholstery-ready.

Andy Rudy has build several muzzle loading pistols from a kit he brought. The kit included the box and tools. He made a .50 caliber plains pistol that took him 3 weeks to build. Another pistol he made was a .45 caliber Philadelphia Derringer, a replica of the one used in the assassination of President Lincoln. He is currently working on a .50 caliber Hawkins muzzle loading rifle, know for their accuracy up to 600 yards.



Bob Gaubatz



Andy Rudy



Tom Dolese



Jim Bucknell

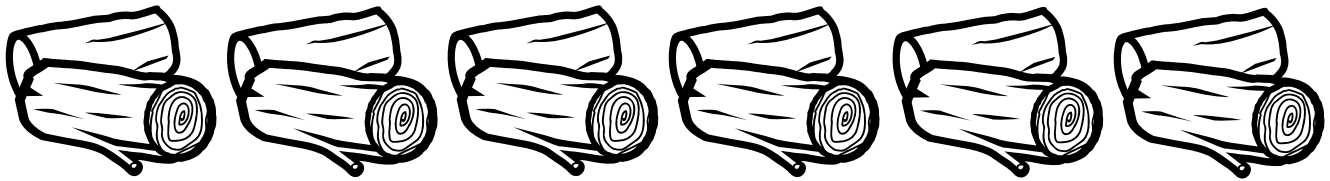
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EXHIBITION AT THE CASCADE MALL JUNE 14TH AND 15TH

The NCWA Woodworking Exhibition at the Cascade Mall in Mount Vernon will take place on June 14th and 15th. Please contribute to this spectacular opportunity to show off our work and make connections with the public. Please consider serving as a greeter to keep an eye on our displays and to answer questions from visitors. Also, start planning now to display one or more of your favorite woodworking projects. You can even sell an item if you like. We will also have the opportunity to demonstrate woodworking techniques. If you have an idea for an interesting demo, please let us know. This is our biggest and best chance to connect with the public so let's all contribute in some way to this event. If you have any questions, contact Phil Choquette or any of the NCWA board members. Information on the exhibition hours and more will follow.



WOODFEST 2014

NCWA once again participated in the annual showcase for local high school students to display the work they have produced this past year. The event was held at the Sedro Woolly high school gym on April 5th and 6th. While the low turnout of NCWA members and the limited examples of the beautiful projects members have produced was a bit disappointing, the following members did bring items for display.

Jim Bucknell – several beautiful boxes
Kent Crouse – a display of wood earrings
Geary Greenleaf – a rocking horse
Bill Baer – natural shape benches
Charlie Drake – hand carved figures
Bill Rawls – a beautiful lighted table

Bill Baer manned the Toys for Tots booth – handing out small hand made cars to the young visitors.

Several members also were present to man the booth and explain the club and its many benefits to members.

Finally, as the club has done for many years, members of NCWA selected the “Best of Show” from the entire group of submitted entries. This year’s winner was Sarah Cruze, a freshman student who built a beautiful well-designed mirror. Sarah received a very nice Lie Nielsen block plane as her prize.

Many thanks for the members who participated in this year’s event.

Phil Choquette and Geary Greenleaf

MAY EDUCATION REPORT

A reminder of class signup procedures:

Classes will be listed in a 'rolling' three month schedule, i.e.; *3 months of classes will be scheduled in September (September, October, November)* At the end of September, the December classes will be added.

Members may sign up for only 3 classes in any three month period. This should eliminate wholesale signups, with the resulting drop outs, etc. due to unplanned personal activity changes.

Signup priority will be in person at general meetings. On-line signups are available after the general meeting on the first Tuesday of the month, or as announced. Those enrolling at a meeting will be entered on line at the meeting.

Members are signed up **only** when the class fee is paid to NCWA.

If a class is full, there will be a short (3 persons only) wait list. If a vacancy occurs, those on the wait list will be first come, first served, and based on class fee payment. No advance payments will be accepted, prior to notification of the vacancy.

Gail Omdal has generously volunteered to send out class reminders.

Upcoming classes are:

MAY 3: MEASURING & MARKING – David Selditz at his shop – CLASS IS FULL

MAY 10: *FINISHING TECHNIQUES: Session 1* – Phil Choquette at Jerry Anderson's shop
CLASS IS FULL

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

MAY 17: MAKE A SHOULDER PLANE – Val Matthews at his shop. CLASS IS FULL CLASS IS FULL

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

JUNE 7: REFINISHING & REFURBISHING FURNITURE – Phil Choquette at Jerry Anderson's shop – 3 openings available

JUNE 7: *INLAY TECHNIQUES* – Session 1 - Steve Durkee at his shop - 3 OPENINGS AVAILABLE

JUNE 14: *INLAY TECHNIQUES* – Session 2

JUNE 25: CLAMPING & GLUING TECHNIQUES – Jim Bucknell at his shop. 8 OPENINGS AVAILABLE

Education Committee will meet at 5:00 p.m. before the NCWA General Meeting on May 6th at the Curious Chef restaurant at the Burlington Outlet Mall.

Respectfully submitted

Jerry Anderson, Chair

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

APRIL BOARD MEETING

The Meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by President Don Wilkins.

Members Present: Jerry Couchman, Bill Baer, Ed Pysher, Jerry Anderson, Andrew Pellar, Don Wilkins, Al Ashley, Phil Choquette, Geary Greenleaf, David Shull, Kathy Ives

Al Ashley reported on the budget. There are no red flags at this point. All expenses to date have been within the planned budget.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously.

Jerry Anderson reported on classes. He indicated that they still had ongoing problems with people signing up for classes after they were clearly marked as full on the web site. He also indicated that some of these people were even showing up for classes. Jerry indicated that they working to find solutions to these and other problems.

Ed Pysher indicated that he was very concerned about club member participation at the Woodfest. The club only had five members donate items for display. He also indicated that there was a difficulty keeping the booth manned as volunteers kept 'wandering' around Woodfest looking at booths and displays. Phil Choquette provided a history of our participation at the Woodfest. There was general agreement that we needed to find better ways to enlist participation to include outreach in the newsletter, emails, and announcements at the general meetings. (Note: all these have been done in the past but the general consensus was that these efforts needed to be enhanced.)

Don asked for an update on the Mall Show on Father's Day weekend. Phil Choquette provided that. There was agreement that we needed to emphasize participation at the next two general meetings as well as in the newsletter.

Program Update by Jerry Couchman.

The May program will be a "lessons learned" on projects. Jerry described as a 'Bring & Brag on steroids'.

The June program will a mixed media Bring & Brag.

Jerry asked for a vote on the date of the July meeting. After discussion, the Board decided to have it on 12 July (Saturday) at the Smith Vallee Woodworks in Edison.

Discussion then turned to the August Picnic. The NCWA is responsible for food this year. (They alternate with the Woodturning club every year.) The NCWA needs volunteers to organize, buy, and prepare the food. They also need someone to organize the silent auction. The Board will ask for volunteers at the next meeting.

Jerry Couchman announced that he will be resigning at the end of this calendar year. He will be missed. We need volunteers to step forward to fill this and other vacancies on the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 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

May 6th 7:00 PM

General Meeting

May 14th 7:00

Board Meeting

June 14//15

NCWA Woodworking Show Cascade Mall, Burlington

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, 26220 48th Ave NE, Arlington WA 98223. 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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