



## Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

July 2014

**Next Meeting Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 AM, General Meeting  
Smith and Vallee Woodworks  
5742 Gilkey Ave. Edison**

I-5 exit 232 Toward Sedro Woolley. Turn left onto Cook Road. Slight right onto Chuckanut Drive/WA-11. Turn left onto W Bow Hill Road/ WA-237. Continue to follow WA-237. Turn right onto Gilkey Ave. The gallery is on your left.

### JULY 12 PROGRAM: SMITH & VALLEE WOODWORKS

**On Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 am, we will meet in the small town of Edison to see Smith and Vallee Woodworks. This will take the place of our normal Tuesday evening meeting. Wes Smith and Andrew Vallee started their successful business in 1997 after studying furniture making under Alan Rosen, a Bellingham woodworker and member of Artwood. In 2002 Andrew Vallee and Wesley Smith presented The Tree Project at the Whatcom Museum in Bellingham. The exhibition focused on the transformation of a single big leaf maple that was taken from a sustainably managed forest. For three years Smith & Vallee studied, documented, and crafted this tree into 55 pieces of furniture including a 65 foot long sculpture that replicates



the original shape of the tree. During this meeting, which will **also include Bring and Brag**, we'll see their shop, which includes an old converted 1890's barn, visit their gallery and get a chance to purchase really nice figured wood in their cut-off tent. Following the tour, members are invited to stay in Edison for lunch in one of the local establishments. For more info on Smith & Vallee, check out their website at: <http://smithandvallee.com/>

*The Tree Project*

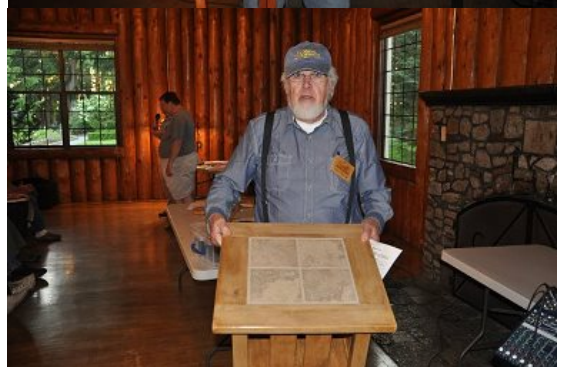
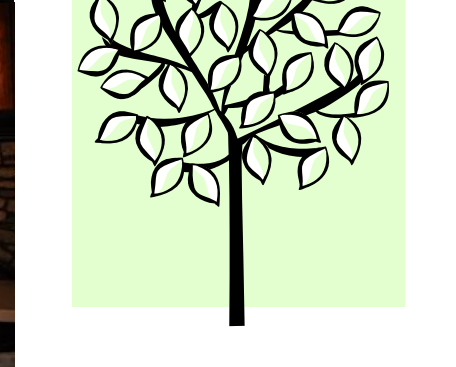
# MIXED MEDIA CHALLENGE



*Mixed Media Challenge*  
Above left to right: *Bill Rawls, Nancy Anderson, and David Helm,*  
  
*Left, top to bottom: Andy Rudy, John Greene, and Steve Durkee.*



*Right, top to bottom: James Bucknell, Jim Hickey, and Jerry Haynes.*  
  
*Bottom, left to right: Nancy Anderson, Bill Baer, and Tom Thornton*  
  
*More pictures on the next page.*



## MORE MIXED MEDIA CHALLENGE



Above, left to right: Michael Titus, Jerry Couchman, Gary Weyers.

Bill Rawls had mounted a grapevine on a stand with a hanging agate pendant. It shows what you can do with a little imagination.

Tom Thornton displayed a shoulder plane that he made in Val Matthew's class. It was a beautiful piece of work.

Nancy Anderson displayed an elaborately scroll carved clock that was amazing.

Gary Weyers had perhaps the most inventive piece. He had a homemade 'handsaw' and 'hacksaw'. (loud groans were heard from across the room when he identified his pieces.)

David Helm showed a beautiful box of walnut and bird's eye maple with an inset silk panel.

Andy Rudy displayed a pair of Southwest Native American Tomahawks. One was for peace and one was for fighting.

Jim Bucknell showed another one of his great boxes. This was made out of Sapele along with elements of Aluminum and Carbon Fiber.

Steve Durkee had a Palm tree inlay piece.

John Greene had constructed a 'Toys for Tots' Forklift that actually worked.

Jim Hickey showed a display stand that was quite distinctive.

Jerry Haynes had a beautiful end table with inset tiles.

Mike Titus had made a very elegant burnishing rod.

Bill Baer had made an end table.

Jerry Couchman made a graceful Sapele floor lamp with ebony and brass trim and a stained glass shade that his brother-in-law made.

## JUNE GENERAL MEETING

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

Don asked for new members and guests to introduce themselves. We had six new members or guests that were present.

From the Board:

Phil Choquette reported on the planning for the Cascade Mall Show which will take place on 14 & 15 June. The set up will take place Friday night between 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Jim Bucknell encouraged everyone either to sign up to display their work or man the booth or both. A signup sheet was passed around.

Jerry Couchman talked about the July program which will be at the Smith and Vallee Woodworks in Edison, WA on July 12 (Saturday). There will still be a 'Bring & Brag' for the program as well as regular business. We will then have a tour of the Smith and Vallee Woodworks followed by an optional lunch afterward at a restaurant in Edison.

Jerry Couchman next reported on the picnic. It will be on August 16 at the usual place and include a silent auction for items that club members want to sell. Jerry was looking for volunteers to buy the food (it's our turn this year) and do the cooking. Jerry Anderson volunteered to buy the food. We still need cooks!

Jerry Anderson gave an update on the classes and indicated that they were filling rapidly.

Dale Brandland indicated that he would be taking pictures for the Bring & Brag so presenters please make yourselves available after showing your work.

## THE 2014 MALL SHOW



The 2014 Mall Show was the most successful show put on by the NCWA to date. We had over 35 members showing their work including some of our newest members. We had a good variety of pieces ranging from small boxes to large pieces of furniture. We had good interest from the public and especially the kids. Bill Baer and John Braun gave away three dozen wooden toys. Every one of those wooden toys had a smiling child as a recipient. Four of the members did sell items and there was interest from the public to commission more work from some of our talented members. We also sold a little over \$200 of raffle tickets for two of Jerry Couchman's beautiful boxes. As icing on the cake, we had four new members sign up. But perhaps the greatest 'return on investment' was gained by those members who volunteered their time to work the exhibit. They were able to get to know some of their fellow members much better as well as sharing knowledge and techniques. They also had the opportunity to really study some of the fantastic pieces made by club members and determine if that was something they would like to do. Remember, this is what we are all about: sharing knowledge and passion for woodworking. And you don't even have to be a 'pro' to do it. So next year when the call goes out for volunteers to exhibit or work the show, please consider doing both. You will get more out of it than you can imagine. Thanks to all who participated.



## NEW MEMBERS



*Top: Phil Humphries, Below: Bryrick Shillam*

Phil Humphries moved to Bellingham about 12 years ago after retiring from a career at Boeing in engineering and marketing. Originally from Wales, he wishes that he had discovered our woodworking club sooner. He frequently finds bargains on wood and other materials at Bellingham's ReStore where he met Eberhard Eichner, who did one of our monthly programs last year. When Eberhard told him about our club, he promptly joined. Phil's interest in woodworking goes all the way back to when he was growing up in Wales. His shop is nicely equipped, well lighted and a pleasant place to work. He displayed a redwood bench in our Mall Show and even pulled a couple of shifts!

Bryrick Shillam loves boats! He started building boats about a year and a half ago, and is currently working on a 20' Bartender Cuddy Cabin from plans that are available from Bartender Boats, LLC in Bellingham. His shop is set up nicely in his garage in Bellingham, but the custom jig frame used to build boats takes up one-half and his tools fill the rest. He plans to sell the boat he's working on when it's finished then probably build another. Since moving to Bellingham, Bryrick has already discovered Edensaw, where he has been getting most of his materials. He recently made a very nice Sapele, walnut and maple cutting board for the galley in his 36' Tollycraft and showed that at our Cascade Mall Show. He's also working on a small table made of left over Sapele from the boat project.

Jerry Couchman



## JULY EDUCATION REPORT

During the past season for NCWA woodworking classes, 132 members attended 29 classes. Twenty five of our members volunteered many hours as instructors. We're now preparing for another exciting year of training for all levels of woodworking skills. If there's a new class you'd like to have added, or classes that you'd like to have repeated, please contact a Committee member.

We can use two additional Education Committee volunteers to fill vacancies. Please let Jerry Anderson know of your interest to assist your fellow members.

Respectfully submitted

Jerry Anderson, Chair

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

## ANNUAL PICNIC AND SILENT AUCTION

On Saturday, **August 16**, we'll be gathering at Val and Laura Matthews place from 1-5 PM for the annual picnic and silent tool auction. This is our traditional combined Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association (NCWA) and Northwest Washington Woodturners (NWW) event and takes the place of our normal monthly meeting for August. This year, it's our turn to cook the burgers, dogs and brats, and Charley Drake plus one other member have volunteered to cook. Unfortunately, I'm having a "senior moment" so **if you volunteered, please contact Jerry Couchman again** at [so-fa01@hotmail.com](mailto:so-fa01@hotmail.com) or (360) 255-1984. The form that you need to fill out and bring for any silent auction items is included in this month's newsletter.

## SILENT AUCTION AT THE PICNIC

For those of you who have never participated in a silent auction, the rules are pretty simple. The seller displays the item for sale with a sales sheet that lists the item, the seller description of the item condition (e.g. new; works good; needs repair; etc), the seller's name, and minimum allowable bid, if the seller wishes to state one. Anyone interested in buying the item writes down the amount they wish to bid for the item and their name. Anyone else interested in the item can overbid by writing their bid amount and their name on the sheet. Normally, bids would advance by at least 10% over the previous highest bid. Check back often to see if you are still the highest bidder. The highest bidder at the sale cutoff time wins the item, if their bid exceeds the stated minimum bid. The buyer should then pay the seller for the item and take possession. Bring items you wish to sell along with the silent auction bid sheet. Also, bring money and/or a check-book. You never know what might show up for sale!

## MORE MALL SHOW PHOTOS



## ART WOOD

Ray deVries, one of the founding members of NCWA is the Artist of the Month at Art Wood in Fairhaven (Bellingham) for the month of June. He has several articles on display. The art show will begin June 20 and will go through the month of July. If you get a chance, drop by Art Wood and take a look. There are at 1000 Harris St. in Fairhaven.

## NEW VENDOR

Sherwin-Williams store. To qualify for the discount when purchasing just show your membership card. If it is your first time using the card for your discount I strongly suggest that you ask to get the discount in your own name as on a monthly basis they send out an email with discounts of 25% to 40% to people that are signed up. In the years I have been in the program all of the discounts have exceeded 10%. The discounts cover everything in the store.

The store is located at 1526 Riverside Drive, Mount Vernon.

Don Wilkins, President

## JUNE BOARD MEETING

Meeting convened at 7:00 P.M. by President Don Wilkins.

Members Present: David Shull, Jerry Couchman, Andrew Pellar, Jerry Anderson, Tim Wynn, Don Wilkins, Al Ashley, Phillip Choquette, Ed Pysher, Kathy Ives

Jerry Anderson moved acceptance of minutes from previous meeting (published in newsletter). Andrew Pellar seconded motion. It was passed unanimously.

Al Ashley gave the Treasurer's Report. Currently we have \$6,022.03 on hand to cover expenses. Al reported that we have 160 dues paying members in the club.

President Don Wilkins indicated that he had signed up the club to receive a discount at the Sherwin Williams paint store in Mt. Vernon.

Kathy Ives asked everyone to please meet the third Saturday deadline for submissions to the newsletter.

Jerry Anderson gave a report from the education committee. This last year, the club had 132 members participate in 29 different classes. Two classes were canceled for lack of participation. Jerry updated the progress on instructor check lists. Jerry indicated he was losing two key members from his committee and was looking for replacements.

Jerry Couchman gave an update on Programs. The July meeting for the club will be on July 12 (Note: This is a Saturday) at 10:00 a.m. at the Smith Vallee Woodworks in Edison. It will be a two hour meeting. After the general meeting and tour of the Smith Vallee Woodworks, anyone interested can join the group for lunch at the Edison Tavern. Members are advised to bring a folding chair and carpool if possible as parking is limited.

The August meeting will be the picnic. Jerry Anderson has volunteered to buy the food. Jerry Couchman is looking to confirm volunteers to do the cooking.

Phil Choquette reported on preparations for the Mall Show. Everything is ready to go. Jerry Couchman passed out a list of the members who were displaying their work as well as a schedule for those members who had volunteered to cover the show over the weekend. Tim Wynn agreed to do a short write up on the show after it was over.

Jerry Couchman mentioned that he was going to attend one day of the Furniture Conference that was taking place at the Port Townsend School of Woodworking June 19-21. He wanted to know if anyone else wanted to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 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	stocktonpaint.com
Targo Woods	1401 "E" Street , Bellingham	360-738-9140	targowoods.com
Windsor Plywood	1208 Iowa St, Bellingham	360-676-1025	windsorplywood.com


### 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	mvbc-online.com
Sound Cedar	2600 Cedardale Rd. Mt. Vernon	360-424-4548	soundcedar.com
Sherwin Williams	1526 Riverside Drive Mt. Vernon	 360-424-4489	sherwin-williams.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	woodcraft.com





# Coming Events

July 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM, Saturday Special Meeting Smith Vallee Wood Works  
July 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM Board Meeting  
August 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic

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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, 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)

## 2014 Officers and Chairpersons

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Board at Large	Geary Greenleaf	(360) 899-4154	Webmeister	Mike Titus	(360) 525-4131



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