

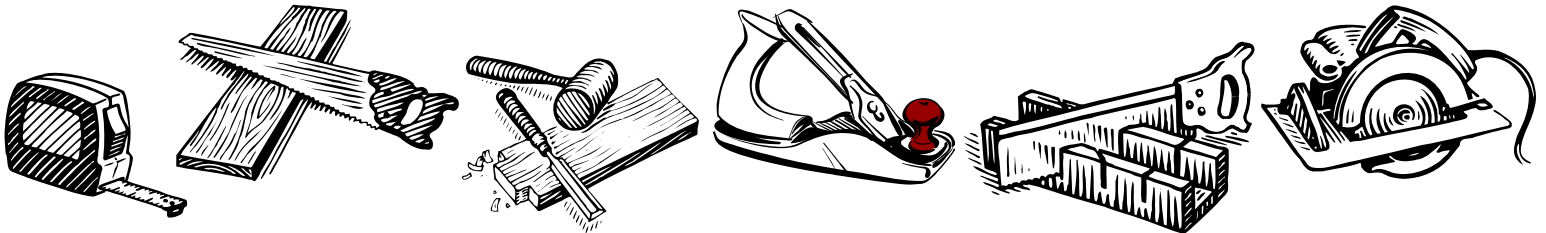


## Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

June 2014

**Next Meeting Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
7:00 PM, General Meeting  
Hillcrest Lodge  
1717 South 13th Street, Mount Vernon**

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.



### **JUNE 3RD PROGRAM: THE MIXED MEDIA CHALLENGE**

**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 not a contest between members, just 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? President's challenges are always a lot of fun because we never know what to expect! See you there!



## JUNE 14-15 CASCADE MALL WOODSHOW

Our annual Fathers Day woodshow where we promote woodworking as a relaxing, rewarding hobby is fast approaching. **The key to our show's success is membership participation**, so for those of you who didn't get the chance to sign up at our May 6th meeting, it's not too late. **We really need more items to make this another great show, and we need more members who are willing to spend a few short hours staffing the exhibit.** Everyone in our club has something they're proud of. This is your chance to show it off or to even sell it if you want. We always have a good time, and it's a great way to get to know more members in the association. Our Toys for Tots guys will be handing out free toys to little ones and we will be raffling off a nice wooden box to support that part of our program.

Our set up will begin Friday night when the mall closes at 9 pm. Then on Saturday morning, we can finish setting up from 7-10 am. The hours for our show are **10am – 6pm on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and 11am - 6pm on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.** Please contact Phil Choquette at the June 3rd meeting or call him at (360) 675-8320 to sign up for this excellent event.



*Top: Val Mathews Table Display  
Bottom: Last years Show*

## OUR JULY PROGRAM: SMITH & VALLEE WOODWORKS



*Smith and Vallee show room.*

Save this date: **On Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**, we'll be making a **field trip** to Smith and Vallee Woodworks in Edison. This will take the place of our regularly scheduled July meeting which would have been Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, and will start at **10:00 AM**. 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. 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/>

## ANNUAL PICNIC AND SILENT AUCTION

**Please add this important date to your calendars.** 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, so **we need two volunteers to cook**. Please contact Jerry Couchman at [so-fa01@hotmail.com](mailto:so-fa01@hotmail.com) or (360) 255-1984.

## MAY GENERAL MEETING

President Don Wilkins convened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Don had new members and guests introduce themselves.

From The Board:

Phil Choquette, Chair of the Shows Committee, gave an update on the display at the Cascade Mall. The NCWA has rented space at the Cascade Mall on 14&15 June (Father's Day Weekend.) Phil requested that all members consider displaying their work. It can be either a recent project or something that you have done in the past that you would like to display. You can also display items that you would like to sell although the club cannot collect money for you. This show really highlights the club's professionalism and artistic ability so please consider displaying your work.

Jerry Anderson, Chair of the Education Committee, brought everyone current on the class schedule. A new class had just opened up on 'Gluing and Clamping'. The class will be on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The Education Committee has decided to start a 'Beginning Woodworking Course.' The Course will consist of five introductory classes. There are currently spots available in the Inlay Class and the Box Making Class (Those spots were subsequently filled at the meeting.)

Jerry Couchman indicated that the June program will be a mixed media challenge. All 'Bring & Brag' projects must have another element incorporated in it other than wood e.g. metal, plastic, glass, diamonds, rubies, etc.

## BRING 'N BRAG ON STEROIDS



*Bill Rawls*



*Bob Gaubatz*



*Jim Hickey*

Bill Rawls showed a beautiful driftwood bowl that he turned as well as a veneer tabletop made from the same beautiful driftwood. He finished it with wipe on Polyurethane. It looked fantastic.

Bob Gaubatz showed a unique lovely box made out of spalted alder and walnut. He finished it with Tung Oil, Shellac and wax.

Jim Hickey brought a very striking box made out of Paduk, Black Walnut, Black Limba, and Ebony. He finished it with Sam Maloof Oil.

Program. "Bring & Brag on Steroids." Jim Bucknell, Bill Baer, Geoff Peterson, and Jerry Couchman walked us step by step through one of their projects.

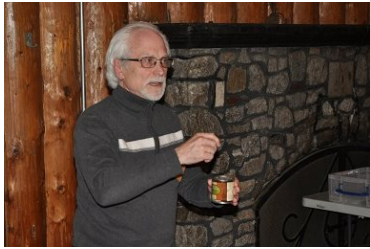


*Right: Jim Bucknell with his side chest*

## BRING 'N BRAG ON STEROIDS CONTINUED



*Above & left: Bill Baer with his toys for tots  
Below left: Geoff Peterson  
Below right and bottom: Jerry Couchman and his live edge table*



## LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Greetings from your Library Committee. We'll have a number of new books available at our June meeting including:

*Wood Identification and Use* by Terry Porter

*Furniture Studio: Materials, Craft, and Architecture* by Jeffery Ochsner

*Great Wood Finishes* by Jeff Jewitt

*Ultimate Workshop Solutions* by Popular Woodworking

*Wooden Boxes: Skill Building Techniques* by Dennis Zongker

*Practical Woodshop Projects* by Danny Proulx

Several of these books are being added at the suggestion of club members. If you have a suggestion for the club library, talk to one of the committee members.

Remember that you can look at our complete book/DVD inventory on the club website. Most books have a link to Amazon so you can find out a little bit about the item.

Committee Members: Mike Titus, Laura Matthews, Steve Wagoner and Gary Danilson

## JUNE EDUCATION REPORT

Upcoming classes:

JUNE 7: REFINISHING & REFURBISHING FURNITURE – Phil Choquette at Jerry Anderson's shop – 2 OPENINGS AVAILABLE

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

JUNE 14: \*INLAY TECHNIQUES\* – Session 2

JUNE 25: CLAMPING & GLUING TECHNIQUES – Jim Bucknell at his shop. 4 OPENINGS AVAILABLE

The Education Committee met on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Andy and Gail Omdal have agreed to serve on the Committee. Subcommittee volunteers are: *Bob Gaubatz* – Class updates; *Dale Brandland & Ron Peterson* – Instructor Coordination; *Al Ashley* – Website; *Gail Omdal* – Class Reminders. We still need to fill *Basic Woodworking Class Coordinator*; *Website Calendar*; and *Liability Waiver* positions.

The new *Basic Woodworking Class* catalog was distributed and reviewed by the Committee. Bill Baer suggested that all classes contain hands-on segments. Bill also recommended that a portable power tool class be incorporated. (This has been done). At the conclusion of the meeting, the group voted unanimously to proceed with the new program.

Thanks to all of the Committee members for their support and work during the past year. We're starting to work on the classes for the 2014 Fall and 2015 Winter & Spring seasons. Please feel free to suggest new classes and classes that you'd like to have repeated.

Respectfully submitted

Jerry Anderson, Chair

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

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE NCWA

The NCWA began around a backyard BBQ in 1984 when a handful of aspiring woodworkers from Skagit and Whatcom counties were looking for a way to improve their skills. Some were professionals and some weren't. They started monthly meetings and their membership got as high as 15 members during the first few years. Then a new art show began in LaConnor and NCWA's participation in Art's Alive began. This spurred an increase in membership and at the yearly show you could watch members turning wood on lathes inside and chainsaw carving outside.

The group decided they needed a showroom for their work and in 1987 they formed the woodworking cooperative Artwood. It started out in a 1000 sq ft building shared with a Bellingham restaurant. When the restaurant closed, the Artwood gallery moved to its present location in Bellingham's Fairhaven district.

The club continued to grow but even 10 years ago the monthly meetings were small enough that they could be held in member's shops. Today we number over 150 members and our monthly meetings fill the Hillcrest Lodge. We participate in Sedro Woolley's Woodfest and now have our own woodworking show every Father's Day at the Cascade Mall. This year we'll teach over 40 woodworking classes and club members will make hundreds of toys for Toys for Tots.

All of this growth means increasing opportunities for each of us to help. Ask a committee chairman if there is something you can do to help. Share your ideas with the club officers. Where will the NCWA be in 10 years? It's up to you.

## NEW WOODWORKING CLASSES APRIL 1ST EDITION

### **Woodworking Processes & General Information**

- 100 ways to tune your hammer
- Use Google Sketch-up to double your woodworking project design time
- Secrets to concealing tool purchases from your spouse
- Creative tear-out on your table saw
- Methods for restoring rustic look to fine furniture
- How to dull your tools to achieve that rustic look in woodwork
- How to use pea gravel to acquire a unique finish on your projects
- Ego gratification through sabotage of friend's woodworking projects

### **Woodworking for Fun & Profit**

- How you too can make \$5 an hour woodworking
- How to make \$20 on your next furniture project
- How to earn a small fortune in woodworking; hint – start with a large fortune
- How to get rich selling your sawdust
- Save money on shellac – Nurture your own lac bugs in your spare bedroom

### **Alternative Applications**

- Hidden-metal detection methods using your jointer and planer
- Using freshly varnished projects as a shop dust collector
- How to quickly stir paint using a handheld router
- Using wife's makeup as wood filler/gap filler
- Convert your lathe to work as a high-speed crab pot puller
- Using sawdust as a natural alternative to tobacco snuff
- How to convert your assault rifle into a high speed nail gun
- How to convert your nail gun to a fully automatic assault rifle
- Target shooting for accuracy and distance with a vertical stationary belt sander

### **Shop Safety and Health**

- Minimizing finger loss on your jointer
- Reattaching fingers with super glue and staples
- Tourniquet techniques for common shop accidents
- Do it yourself vasectomy using ordinary woodworking tools
- Sawdust; an untapped source of dietary fiber
- Incorporate low calorie rabbits in your diet
- Use your air compressor and vacuum pump to quickly clear your sinuses!

## NEW WOODWORKING CLASSES APRIL 1ST EDDITION (CONTINUED)

### Optimizing Your Shop Set-up

- Convert your workshop into a garage
- Convert your living room into a fully equipped workshop
- How to organize a table saw kickback contest
- How to get your wife's portable mixer out of the house to mix paint / stain, etc.
- How to get your wife's portable mixer back in the cupboard without her finding out

### April Fools!

## FOR SALE

**NEW  
EXOTICS  
AND  
HARDWOODS  
AT  
E&E LUMBER  
SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
360-856-0825**

<b>TIGER(CURLY MAPLE)</b>	<b>\$4.39/BF</b>
<b>ALDER</b>	<b>\$3.19/BF</b>
<b>WHITE ASH</b>	<b>\$2.99/BF</b>
<b>FLAME BIRCH</b>	<b>\$3.79/BF</b>
<b>CHERRY</b>	<b>\$4.39/BF</b>
<b>EASTERN MAPLE</b>	<b>\$3.99/BF</b>
<b>WALNUT</b>	<b>\$6.29/BF</b>
<b>ZEBRAWOOD</b>	<b>\$17.49/BF</b>
<b>ROSEWOOD</b>	<b>\$6.99/BF</b>
<b>SAPELE</b>	<b>\$5.99/BF</b>
<b>CYPRESS</b>	<b>\$3.49/BF</b>
<b>TIGERWOOD</b>	<b>\$6.49/BF</b>
<b>JATOBA</b>	<b>\$6.49/BF</b>

**ALL ARE 4/4 S2S STRAIGHTLINED**

## MAY BOARD MEETING

Members Present: Gary Danilson, Jerry Couchman, Jerry Anderson, Ed Pysher, Tim Wynn, Don Wilkins, Al Ashley, Phil Choquette, Kathy Ives

President Don Wilkins convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Farmhouse Restaurant. Al Ashley gave the Treasurer's Report. He indicated that the club has a total of \$5697 in its checking and savings accounts. Al also indicated that he had updated the liability insurance policy. Ed Pysher moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. It was seconded by Jerry Anderson and passed unanimously.

Jerry Couchman reviewed the plans for the picnic. Jerry Anderson will buy the food. Members will bring a side dish or desert to share. However, we still need two volunteers to do the cooking of the hamburgers and hot dogs. Jerry will put an announcement in the next newsletter announcing the dates of the picnic and soliciting volunteers to cook.

Phil Choquette suggested that NCWA buy tables to support functions like Woodfest, the Mall Show, and the Picnic. After discussion, it was decided that, since we had no club storage space, we would not buy tables at this time

Kathy Ives Indicated that the club really needed to meet the deadline requirements for the newsletter. Last minute submissions were making it extremely difficult to meet the deadlines with a quality publication. There was strong support for the work Kathy was doing. The Board unanimously agreed to meet the deadline requirement (The Saturday after the Board of Directors meeting).

Jerry Anderson reported on the Education's Committee progress in developing the Course Catalog for the "Introductory Courses for Woodworkers". He passed out the draft catalog as well as a draft Instructor Guide for two courses. The Introductory Course will start this fall.

Don Wilkin requested input from the Board on running the meeting. He wondered what should be discussed at the meeting and what mechanisms were in place to control the agenda. His questions sparked an intensive discussion of the Board operating procedures both formal and informal. After some discussion, Jerry Couchman moved that the list of committees referenced by Ed Pysher in his membership literature be added as an addendum to the By Laws. Al Ashley seconded the motion. After discussion by all members of the Board, Jerry withdrew his motion. There was general agreement that the President had the power to determine if a topic was not appropriate to discuss at the Board of Directors Meeting and to send back to committee for further discussion.

Jerry Couchman reported that the July Program will be on Saturday, July 12 at Smith Vallee Woodworks in Edison.

### New Business.

Jerry Couchman asked if the club needed to get another person to take minutes at the General Meeting as Chuck Barnett's time was being taken up by helping at the Oso slide disaster. Tim Wynn indicated he would cover for Chuck as long as it was necessary.

Phil Choquette reported that the Mall show was progressing very well. Some board members indicated concern over the small number of volunteers for the show. Phil was urged to reach out to club members and insure that the club was well represented at the show.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 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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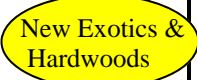
### SOUTH:

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	 New Exotics & Hardwoods	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

June 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 PM

General Meeting

June 11<sup>h</sup> 7:00

Board Meeting

June 14/15

NCWA Woodworking Show Cascade Mall, Burlington

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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

President:	Don Wilkins	(360) 416-6909	Programs	Jerry Couchman	(360) 366-5169
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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



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