



## **Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association**

**December 2014**

**Next Meeting Tuesday, December 2<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 PM, Annual Christmas Dinner  
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.

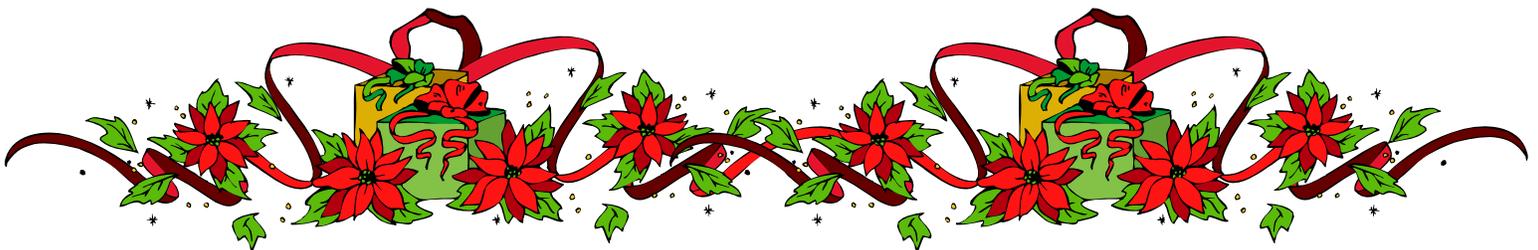
### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER**

The program for our Dec 2 meeting will be our second annual Christmas Dinner at Hillcrest Lodge. All members are invited to bring a guest for what will be a good time. We will again have a raffle to benefit Toys 4 Tots. Club elves (Jim Bucknell, Ed Pysher & Al Ashley) have been busy collecting some great raffle items. We'll have tools, wood, gift certificates and some neat things for the spouses in attendance who might not be woodworkers. The evening will also feature our 2x4 Woodworking Challenge and presentation of our annual Spirit Award.

Our evening will begin at 6:00 with a social hour that will give everyone a chance to view the raffle items and buy tickets. We'll follow with a potluck dinner that begins at 7:00 with the club providing the main course (ham and rolls). All members are asked to bring a side-dish, entre, salad, or dessert. If you are unable to bring an item for the potluck, please still come to the meeting. We'll have a donation bucket for Toys 4 Tots if you want to put in a few dollars as your contribution to the evening.

As a help to those preparing dinner we would ask that all members and guests please use the main entrance on the west side of Hillcrest Lodge. Your potluck items and 2x4 projects will be taken care of at the main door and you'll be able to pick up a name tag for you and your guest. The sidewalk leading to the main entrance is off the west side of the parking lot about 75 feet south of the lodge.

We look forward to seeing all of you there.



## 2 X 4 CHALLENGE

Our Dec 2nd Christmas Dinner will feature our club's annual 2x4 Woodworking Challenge. Members can use their creativity to turn a 2"x4" 8' common stud into *A Gift For A Loved One* or a *Children's Toy*. Small amounts of non-wood materials can be worked into the project if necessary. We'll display and present these projects during the evening program and participants will be entered into a raffle for a \$50 Gift Certificate. We had some great projects at last year's Dinner so let's fill up the display table again this year.

## "ALMOST FREE" HOLLY TREES

**Please don't let this wood go to a land fill!** The Skagit Land Trust is removing non-native species from the Lyman Slough just east of Sedro Wooley. This includes various plants, but for us Woodturner's and Woodworker's, trees are what we want. On December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> eleven 50 foot English Holly trees will be cut down by the Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group. We have been offered some of this wood if we join in with fisheries group's five to eight person crew to cut these trees. If you want to volunteer to help cut and carry away this wood, please contact George Newberry soon at 360-848-9679, or by email at [george.newberry@comcast.net](mailto:george.newberry@comcast.net) or David Shull at 360-393-7926, email [david.shull@wwu.edu](mailto:david.shull@wwu.edu).

Holly wood is a dense, tight grain, whitish colored wood that is excellent for tuning or box making. Holly is prized for inlay strings and etc. Holly is best used immediately or kilned dried to preserve the white color. Holly wood turns gray if not processed properly.

Again, if you would like some of this wood you will need to volunteer to help gather it. Contact George or David soon.

## NOVEMBER PROGRAM

President Don Wilkins convened the meeting of 102 people (a new record!) at 7:00 p.m.

David Shull brought us up to date about an opportunity to get holly wood from the Lyman Slough on December 15-16. If you are interested and can help, see him at the next meeting or call him at 360-393-7926.

Gerald Anderson told us about classes available. See Education section.

Don Wilkins thanked the many people who have helped him with the President's job.

We had 8 guests at the meeting gaining 2 new members.

Gene Benson introduced the members of the Marines who were at the meeting to receive the Toys-for-Tots contributions. They extended their gratitude for the 8 tables of toys contributed by the members. It was a spectacular display of gifts and they will go to some of the 10,000 kids in Northwest Washington who benefit from this program.



MSgt Shane Inman



Rick Crossley



Melissa Reed

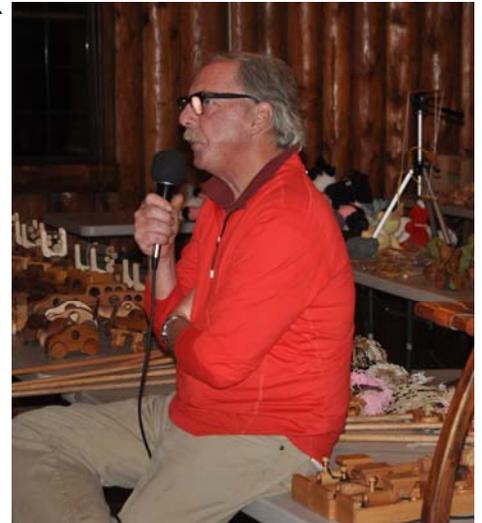
## NOVEMBER PROGRAM continued

Al Ashley reminded us that 2015 dues of \$30 are due now and can be brought to the next meeting or sent to him at: 26220 - 48<sup>th</sup> St. NE, Arlington, WA. 98223.

The next meeting is our Christmas dinner, December 2, 2014. The club will provide the main course and members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Social hour starts at: 6:00 p.m.; dinner is served at 7:00 p.m. Please use the front door to enter the building as the kitchen will be extremely busy.

There will also be a 2" x 4" contest. The finished product should be suitable for a gift or child's toy and should be made out of a construction grade 8' x 2" x 4". Bring your toys and gifts to brag and share!

Stuart Welch, current owner of the Rexville Grocery, was our presenter of the evening. Stuart is a long time furniture maker and educator. He described a life of manufacturing, teaching, and designing of furniture which has taken him from up-state New York to California to Indonesia to LaConner with many stops in between. He outlined the history of the chair from the Caves of France to the modern day. He followed with a demonstration of one chair he made and two others built by other chair makers. Tom Dolese added to the demonstration with one of his chairs and Gerald Anderson displayed a well built and comfortable rocking chair.



Stuart Welch



Left to right: Chairs built by Sam Maloof, Unknown, Tom Dolese and Stuart Welch



## BRING AND BRAG



Jerry Couchman brought a small cabinet of walnut and spalted maple with ebony handles and dovetailed keys to be donated to the Whatcom Hospice Foundation.

Jim Hickey brought a 6" diameter cylinder of English Walnut, Western Maple, and Ebony.



Andy Rudy brought an Oak and Poplar bread box.



David Helm brought a box made of Bastogn Walnut, Birdseye Maple, and silk.



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Ben Gage brought a spectacular segmented vase that he made of 2632 pieces. Ben calculated it took him 10 minutes per piece to create.



Bill Dowe brought a mandolin.

## COMING SOON TO NCWA!

“LAGNIAPPE’ (lan-yap)

“ a little extra for our members”

Starting in February, NCWA will be featuring and giving away a nice quality hand tool six times in 2015. Every current member of our club, present at the meeting, will be eligible to win the featured tool. This will be a special raffle, but you don't need to buy a ticket; just being a member and being present at that meeting is enough. Stayed tuned for further details in next month's newsletter and at the January meeting.

## NORTHWEST WOODWORKERS GALLERY BOX & VESSEL SHOW

November 14 thru December 31, 2014

(Tuesday thru Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. --- Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

2111 First Ave Seattle (206-625-0542 or [nwwoodgallery.com](http://nwwoodgallery.com))

The 35<sup>th</sup> annual exhibition features woodworkers from around the U.S. and their original vessel designs. Some are jewelry boxes, others are pure whimsy (a duck, loaf of bread, trees, animals and a totem pole). Cash prizes are award by a jury, with Peoples' Choice Award given on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

## MEET THE NEW MEMBER

Rachel Thompson was originally from Longview, Washington and became interested in woodworking growing up watching her father build things. She came to Bellingham to attend graduate school at WWU, and then later was hired by the school to work in Archives and Records. With her father's help, Rachel has refinished pieces of furniture that came from her grandparents. One of those is a graceful antique oak table pictured here. She joined our club to learn more about woodworking and plans to take advantage of our education program. She has already been recruited to help during our Annual Party in December!

Jerry Couchman



## 2015 ANNUAL DUES – \$30.00

Dues for 2015 have been rolling in. Approximately half the membership has already renewed for 2015!

Benefits of membership include participating in woodworking classes, discounts from our vendor support group, excellent programs at monthly membership meetings, and the opportunity to associate with the best group of woodworkers in the Northwest. Remember, you can only sign up for a class if you are a current member.

It is not too late to pay your dues (cash or check) at one of our regular meetings or you can mail your check payable to NCWA. Please send mail to NCWA, c/o Al Ashley, 26220 48<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223. Dues are due by the end of January and membership cards will be available at the January meeting.

## TOYS FOR TOTS



## DECEMBER EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Several new classes have been added to the calendar. A reminder to everyone:

Classes will be listed in a 'rolling three month schedule, i.e.: first month is dropped, and new last month is added.

Almost all hands-on classes will be limited to 3 or 4 participants. This is to ensure maximum safety for everyone, and allow as much participation as possible. This will also provide a better learning experience.

Members may sign up for only 3 classes in any three month period. The \$5.00 class fee should be paid during signup at the meeting. Otherwise, payment may be made to the instructor.

Signup priority is at the meetings, and then the class is added to the web site and registration is then opened to all members.

If a class is filled, there will usually be a 3 member wait list. Those on the wait List will be first come, first notified. No advance payments for those on the wait list will be accepted.

### Current classes on NCWA website:

**Dec. 6:** *Portable Power Tool Safety & Techniques*; Jim Hickey, Instructor: 6 Openings

**Jan. 10:** *Clamping & Gluing Techniques*; Jim Bucknell, Instructor: 2 openings

**Jan. 24:** *Tablesaw Techniques*; Jim Bucknell, Instructor: 5 openings

**Jan. 31:** *Wood Characteristics & Identification*; Samantha Chang, Instructor: 5 openings

Classes will be added to the NCWA calendar as soon as they are developed, so members can plan their participation several months in advance. For class information, please contact Jerry Anderson at 360-770-8559 or [j.anderson95742gmail.com](mailto:j.anderson95742gmail.com)

## CLASSES FROM TOM DOLESE

Queen-sized bed class that goes from Wednesday, the 18th of February to Sunday, the 22nd of February.

Anyone interested can contact: Tom Dolese, at [dolesejt@msn.com](mailto:dolesejt@msn.com) or 360-393-7577

## MORE TOYS FOR TOTS





## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

President Don Wilkens convened the Board Meeting at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Mt. Vernon on November 12, 2014.

Al Ashley gave the Treasurer's Report. We have total deposits of \$7,963 and a membership of 178.

Gary Danilson gave us the schedule for the Christmas Dinner on December 2<sup>nd</sup>: drinks at 6:00 p.m., potluck dinner from 7:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. The election of new officers, the 2" x 4" challenge, presentation of the Spirit Award, Raffle, and the transfer of the proceeds to the Toys-4-Tots representatives takes place from 7:45 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

David Shull discussed the "free" holly wood. It is turning out to be more complicated than anticipated. Stay tuned!

Jim Hickey explained his idea for a Membership Reward Program for next year. The Board voted and approved a \$500 expenditure and a six month trial to have a drawing for a "quality" tool open to all members at the monthly meetings. A full explanation will be presented in January.

Ed Pyscher suggested, and the Board approved, having the Shop Tour Committee become a free standing committee.

The balance of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of how you properly provide classes for 180 members. The thinking is that what works for 50 members does not necessarily work for 180. The education committee will work on this and come back to the Board with recommendations. One of the main problems is getting enough instructors.

Jerry Couchman presented the program plan for next year. He proposed adding, and the Board approved, a meeting on a Saturday in August with wood worker Jeff Miller – more later.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

*Happy Holidays from NCWA*



## 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

December 2<sup>h</sup> 6:00 PM Annual Christmas Dinner  
December 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM 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, 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 360-840-9032.

## 2014 Officers and Chairpersons

President:	Don Wilkins	(360) 416-6909	Education	Gerald Anderson	(360) 770-8559
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Treasurer	Al Ashley	(360) 474-9711	Toys for Tots	Bill Baer	(360) 766-6020
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