



Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

November 2014

**Next Meeting Tuesday, November 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.

CHAIR NIGHT AT NCWA - PRESENTED BY STUART WELCH

Stuart Welch's woodworking resume is almost too long to list. It includes winning furniture design competitions as a teenager, a formal education at the Rochester Institute of Technology, School for American Craftsmen, the Gunlocke Chair Company, his own woodworking business and teaching woodworking for the Baulines Craft Guild and UC Berkeley. Currently living in Skagit County, Stuart owns and operates the Rexville Grocery on Best Road and still has fun with woodworking building zany cuckoo clocks. In decades of designing furniture and teaching college-level woodworking, Stuart has learned that a chair's comfort is all about ergonomics: the angles have to be just so, the chair has to be light but also strong enough to support a 300-pound person, and it all has to look good, too. **Stuart invites you to bring examples of chairs** you have made to this meeting and he will compare styles, materials, joinery, ergonomics and talk about the history of chairs in general.



USMC RESERVE TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM



During our November 4th program, NCWA toy makers will show what they have made during the year and hand those wonderful toys over to the USMC Reserve for distribution during the Christmas season. This is an annual event to celebrate our Toys for Tots program and we are proud of all our toymakers!

GREG KLASSEN FURNITURE



Greg Klassen, a nationally known local furniture maker, demonstrated installing butterfly keys as accent features and structural reinforcements. Greg has displayed his pieces at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. and been interviewed by Martha Stewart. Greg walked through each step involved with the butterfly keys. He made it look easy! Greg then answered questions from the audience about his business and his struggle to make his work known. It was a great program and Greg was a great teacher.



Above: Greg Klassen demonstrating free hand router techniques. Below: some of Greg's fine craftsmanship.



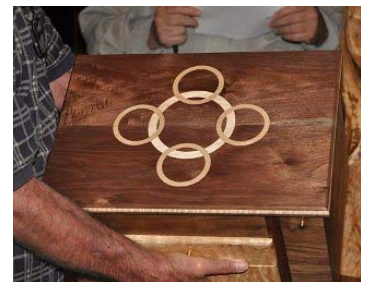
BRING AND BRAG

Dale Brandland showed a table saw extension that he had made that hooked onto this table saw with mag switches. (Sorry no Picture)

Steve Durkee showed a beautiful jewelry box made out of black walnut and quilted maple. It had earring holders and two hidden drawers. The lid was decorated with inlaid rings. He finished it with nine coats of polyurethane. It was a superb example of the box makers art.

David Helm showed a piece of maple that he made into a stand-alone sculptural piece. He finished it with Sam Maloof Oil.

Bill Pierce displayed a 'Big Ash Mallet' that was actually made out of Maple that he had rived from raw log. He finished it with Tung Oil.



Top: Steve Durkee Bottom Right: David Helm, Bottom Left Bill Pierce

BRING AND BRAG

Mike Titus displayed a pair of drawbore pins that he made from Lyptus (obtained from RE Store), steel, and brass. He used wipe on Polyurethane to finish it. *(Right Top)*

Jay Geisel displayed a single handle server made out of Bloodwood and finished in oil. *(Right 2nd from top)*

Greg Koenker showed a beautiful chess board made out of Peruvian Walnut, maple and zebrawood. He finished it with Polyurethane. *(Right 3rd from Top)*

Nancy Andersen again displayed her virtuosity with the scroll saw by making '12 Days of Christmas' ornaments. She used 1/16" plywood over 1/4" Padauk. She used a spray laquer to finish it. *(Right 2nd from bottom)*

Tom Dolese displayed a wonderfully shaped and jointed Sapele nightstand with an integrated lamp. The cord was integrated into the body of the lamp and not visible. He finished it with conversion varnish and Sam Maloof Oil. *(Bottom Right)*

John Bellinger displayed a Green & Green side table made out of Cherry and Maple. It was finished with Benite and Polyurethane. Nice job, John. *(Bottom top left)*

Andy Rudy showed a fantastically configured maple slab that he had been given as a 'finders fee' for helping a local woodworker. That will make a nice table for someone. *(Left Bottom Top Right)*

Jerry Couchman showed a beautifully made box. *(Left Bottom)*



MEET THE NEW MEMBER



Norm Grossman moved to Bellingham about 34 years ago after retiring from a career in electronics and solar energy. Originally from Cleveland, Norm served in both WWII and Korea before ending up in southern California for most of his working life. After retiring and moving to Bellingham, he began woodworking to furnish his house with beautiful built-in cabinets and furniture. He has also built several detailed ship models, and at our September meeting brought a well-made Tantalus (liquor cabinet) to

bring and brag that included brass and inlaid ivory with scrimshaw detail. Norm no longer builds larger items, but his shop is just right for small projects. He is currently working on another Tantalus and we will probably get to see that one, too!

Deva Katir moved to Bellingham about 7 years ago from the island of Kauai after retiring from a teaching career. He was born in Bellingham, but then grew up in upper Michigan. He did a hitch in the Navy then used the GI bill to get his education. He has been interested in woodworking for a long time, but when he and his wife moved here, their house needed new cabinets. That gave him the excuse to outfit a shop and really get to it. The cabinets turned out great and he has also built furniture for their home. About a year or so ago, he acquired a nice cherry tree and had it cut into lumber. Currently, Deva is working on new stair treads and a banister railing. Deva found our club on the internet and is looking forward to using the vendor discounts and participating.



Jerry Couchman

NOVEMBER EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

There are several classes for all NCWA members that are designed with the newer woodworker in mind. They will be identified by the letter **N**. Here's the lineup of upcoming classes:

Oct. 25, 9am-3pm: *Make a Spokeshave* – Instructor, Steve Wagoner at Steve's shop
CLASS IS FULL

Nov. 8, 10am – Noon: *Overview of Woodworking(N)* - Instructors, Jerry Anderson & Andrew Pellar. At Jerry's shop.

Nov. 15, 1pm-5pm: *Box Making w/Dovetail Corner Spline*: Instructor: Jerry Couchman at his shop. **CLASS IS FULL**

Nov. 22: Time to be announced: *Basics of Bandsaws (N)*: Instructor: Charley Drake at his shop.

Jan. 31: 9am-noon: *Wood characteristics and Identification (N)* Instructor: Samantha Chang at Jerry Anderson's shop.

Several more classes will be available at the general meeting on Nov. 4th.

CLASSES FROM TOM DOLESE

Weeklong dining room chair class with an opening starting November 10th

Dining room chair class starting December 8th that also has one opening.

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 or 360-393-7577

ANNUAL DUES

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It is that time again – time to renew your membership for 2015! Benefits of membership include participating in woodworking classes, discounts from our vendor support group 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.

You can pay your dues (cash or check) at one of our regular meetings (the November meeting works) or you can mail your check payable to: NCWA, c/o Al Ashley, 26220 48th Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223. Dues are due by the end of January and membership cards will be available at the January meeting.

FOR SALE

For Sale - Eastern White Ash boards: 48x5x5/8, 53x5x3/4, 37x5.75x3/4, 37x7.5x3/4, approx 5BF total @ \$3/BF = \$15. Call Mike Titus at 360-389-7009

HOLLY TREES CUTTING

The Skagit Land Trust is removing non-native species from the Lyman Slough. This includes various plants, but for us Woodturner's and Woodworker's, trees are what we want. On December 15th and 16th 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 by phone soon at 1-360-848-9679, or by email at george.newberry@comcast.net.

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 soon.

MARY STAPP'S WORK ON DISPLAY

SKAGIT COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM
presents
October 16 To November 16, 2014



"The Treasures of Walker Valley"
Featuring stunning rocks and minerals gathered in the beautiful valley plus a visit to "Space City"!

"The Carvings of Mary Stapp"
An exhibit of the amazing wood carvings created by the late Mary Stapp of Anacortes. These carvings are an incredible legacy from this self-taught artist.

Skagit County Historical Museum
501 S. 4th Street, La Conner
at the top of the hill
\$5 Adults/\$10 Families/\$4 Srs. & Kids 6-12
Poster funded by Skagit County Tourism Promotion Fund.

360.466.3365
Open Tuesday-Sunday 11-5
www.skagitcounty.net/museum
Members & Kids Under 6 Years Free

Mary Stapp was once a member of the Northwest Corner Woodworkers. She was a very talented carver and had an intuitive knack for finding the form in the wood. We have an unprecedented opportunity to see many of her works on display at the Skagit County Historical Museum in LaConner from October 16th to November 16th. This display has been brought together by her family and friends, and will probably not be repeated.

SAVE THE DATE

Don't forget our annual Christmas Dinner and silent Auction December 2, 2014, Fun to be had by all.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

President Don Wilkins convened the Board at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Mt. Vernon at 7:00 p.m. on October 15, 2014.

Tim Wynn indicated that he would be unavailable to take notes for the General Meetings and Board of Director meetings in November and December due to travel. Bill Rawls volunteered to substitute for Tim. His offer was gratefully accepted.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONTINUED

Al Ashley gave the Treasurer's report. The Association has a total of \$6,721.71 in checking and savings accounts. We have a total of 174 members with 32 new members this year. 41 members have already paid 2015 dues so we are off to a good start. The Association received \$239.42 from the Turners club as reimbursement for the picnic. Having been unable to contact one of the winners of the raffle, it was decided to draw another winner. Don Wilkins drew the replacement raffle ticket. The replacement winner is Sherri Greenleaf.

Program Committee. Jerry Couchman indicated that Jim Hickey has proposed that the association raffle a small tool at each of the General meetings as an incentive for members to attend and wear their name tags. There was a general discussion over the merits of such a program and it was decided to table the discussion until Jim Hickey could be present to discuss it in more detail. Jerry indicated that his plans for the November program had fallen through and he was looking for a replacement program. Jerry Anderson suggested a name and he will follow up to see if that is possible. The November meeting is somewhat special as all the members who have been building Toys for Toys for Tots will bring their toys. The Marines will be there to accept them. So if you have Toys, bring them to the November meeting.

George Newberry indicated that he was contacted by the Skagit Land Trust and a Fisheries Group. They are taking out a dozen Holly trees from land they control. (the Holly Trees are viewed as an invasive species) The NCWA was asked if they would like to salvage some of the wood as otherwise it would be shredded and go into compost. George was looking for someone to take the lead in organizing the salvage of the wood. David Shull agreed to take the lead. The Holly Trees will be cut down on December 15, 16.

Jerry Couchman led a discussion on replacement candidates for Board positions. Jerry Anderson indicated that the Chair of the Education Committee would be the Chairs of the Education sub-committees on a rotating basis. Jerry indicated that we still needed to identify a replacement for Geary Greenleaf who had resigned from the board several months ago. A number of names were mentioned as possibilities. Jerry encouraged the Board to reach out for new members.

The Board was adjourned at 8:38 p.m

Happy
Thanksgiving!



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

November 4th 7:00 PM General Meeting

November 12th 7:00 PM Board Meeting

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	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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