



Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

January 2015

**Next Meeting Tuesday, January 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.

FAVORITE TOOL, JIG AND GADGET NIGHT

Ok, who hasn't bought a new tool or made a handy shop jig over the past year? Well, now is the time to show the rest of us what you spent your hard earned money on or got for Christmas. And while you're at it, show us that new jig you thought up to solve a woodworking problem or simply make it safer and more efficient. We've done this kind of meeting almost every year in the past, and there are always new tools and jigs to see. You may have an antique wood plane that you have tuned up to work perfectly, or a brand new tool - it doesn't matter. We like to see them all. If you bring one of your jigs, please bring a few copies of the plan that you used to make it, too. Thanks for your participation and Happy New Year!



Happy New Year

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Over 100 members and guests attended our second annual Christmas Potluck Dinner in December. We were greeted with piano music and a warm fire in the Hillcrest Lodge fireplace. After an hour of socializing and raffle shopping, we were treated to an abundance of dinner and desserts. The evening program began with our annual election of officers which was followed by the presentation of a Rockler gift card by Bill Rawls, our incoming President, to Don Wilkens for his service last year as club President. We then saw the impressive results of our 2x4 Woodworking Challenge. Our awards committee then presented the co-winners of this year's Spirit Award. Gene Benson was honored with the award for his long years of dedicated service to the Toys 4 Tots program. Bill Baer was recognized for his Toys 4 Tots efforts as well as his work in building a confidence and comfort station for cancer patients at Skagit Valley Hospital. A well-deserved honor for both men. We again had a great raffle and at the end of the evening a check for over \$1600 was presented to Toys 4 Tots. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a great evening.



FROM THE PRESIDENTS CORNER



This message is my last act as club President. It has been a great year for both me and for the club.

Jerry Anderson asked me back in 2013 if I would like to be President. I was honored to be asked. During this past year I learned much about the club and what is available to every member of the club. These include the classes available to every member for only \$5.00, special guest presenters at some of the meetings, Bring and Brag at every meeting (your chance to learn what other people are doing and to show off your work), an opportunity to teach a class, the use of the clubs library of books and DVDs. If you are interested

in meeting people and working with them you can work on making toys and perhaps learn some woodworking in the process.

On a personal note I want to thank Jerry Couchman, Jerry Anderson, Al Ashley, Bill Baer and Ed Pysher for the exceptional and badly needed help they gave me as a totally untrained President and Board member.

At the last Board meeting I said that the thing I am most proud of as President is the one thing that I really had no control over was that the membership in the club has grown from about 140 members to over 180 members.

On a closing note I leave you this message: this club is and will continue to be what you the members make it. If there is something you would like to do - ask. If you want to get on a committee or serve on the Board – ask. Only by you the members of the club stepping up and doing something will the club continue to flourish.

Thank you all for this opportunity and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

2 X 4 CHALLENGE



Photos clock wise from top left corner: Norm Smith made a toy box with small cars, Loran Wright and his wooden train, Jim Bucknell shows his wine rack, Steve Durkey displays his floor lamp, and Andy Rudy shows his "hammer cane".

Not pictured John Bellinger made an easel, and Val Matthews made a fir and Hemlock Box.



EDUCATION COMMITTEE JANUARY 2015 REPORT

A new year is getting underway, with these classes for Jan., Feb., and March ready to go:

Jan. 10: *CLAMPING & GLUING TECHNIQUES* – Jim Bucknell, instructor. **CLASS IS FULL-3 STANDBY SLOTS AVAILABLE.**

Jan. 17: *MAKING & USING ROUTER JIGS*-Andrew Pellar, instructor. **1 PLACE IN CLASS LEFT-3 STANDBY SLOTS AVAILABLE.**

Jan. 24: *TABLESAW TECHNIQUES* – Jim Bucknell, instructor. **2 PLACES IN CLASS LEFT – 3 STANDBY SLOTS AVAILABLE.**

Jan. 31: *WOOD CHARACTERISTICS & IDENTIFICATION* – Samantha Chang, instructor – **5 PLACES IN CLASS LEFT.**

THESE CLASSES WILL POSTED ONLINE AFTER THE JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Feb. 7: *ACCURACY IN MARKING & MEASURING* – Andrew Pellar & Greg Koenker, instructors – **3 PLACES LEFT IN CLASS.**

Feb. 14: *TOYS 101* – Bill Baer, instructor. **4 PARTICIPANTS ONLY**

Feb. 21: *MAKING LAMINATE TABLE TOPS & COUNTERS* – Bill Baer, instructor **3 PLACES ONLY IN CLASS**

Feb. 28: *CHISEL & PLANE IRON SHARPENING* – Charley Drake, instructor

Mar. 7: *PREPARING WOOD FOR PROJECTS* – Phil Choquette, instructor

Mar. 21: *SPRING SHOP TOUR*

Mar. 28: *MAKING BOXES WITH DOVETAIL CORNER SPLINES* – Jerry Couchman, instructor – **5 PARTICIPANTS ONLY**

Mar 28: *MAKE A STOOL* – Bill Baer, instructor – **3 PARTICIPANTS ONLY**

If possible, additional classes will be added to this 3-month block.

My sincere thanks to all who have participated as Education Committee members, instructors, and class members. None of this is possible without participation of the **entire** NCWA membership!

Jerry Anderson, Education Committee Chair

FOR SALE

Dust collector, Grizzly G 1029, 2 HP 220 Volt, near new except for a small hole (about the size of a mouse). \$400.00 new, asking \$200.00

Mark Maulden



YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES - \$30.00

January is just around the corner but you still have time. If you haven't paid your dues for 2015 you can do so at the January 6th meeting at Hillcrest Lodge.

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.

If you can't make it to the January meeting please mail your \$30.00 dues check to NCWA, c/o Al Ashley, 26220 48th Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223. Dues are due by the end of January and the new membership cards will be available at the January meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

President Don Wilkins convened the Board meeting at the Farmhouse Restaurant on December 10, 2014.

Don started the meeting by thanking and congratulating Gary Danilson for a well run and successful Christmas dinner. There were seats for 114 guests and almost all of them were filled. As a result of comments by Gary, the Board agreed to reserve the lodge in 2015 for the whole day to make it less rushed for the kitchen crew. The Board also authorized Al Ashley to sign an agreement for rental of the hall for next year for the nine months we will use it at \$75.00 per meeting.

Al Ashley gave the Treasurer's Report. We have a bank balance of \$7700 and a membership of 180. During 2014 we added 42 new members. Al presented the budget for 2015 and asked the board to review and make recommendations at the January 2015 Board meeting for final approval.

The Board took note of the resignation of Jerry Anderson as head of the Education committee. Jerry has done a great job for a number of years for which we express our thanks. Jerry Couchman took on the job of talking to some members he thinks might be willing to take on this position and will report back to the Board.

Jerry Couchman gave us the program plan for 2015. Jan 6: Favorite Tools, Jigs & Gadgets, Feb 3: Woodbending for Instrument Making, Mar 3: Fieldtrip to FastCap, Apr 7: Bring & Brag on Steroids, Apr 11/12: WoodFest, May 5: Handtools, Jun 2: George Knutson Presentation, Jun 13/14: Cascade Mall Woodworking Show, Jul 7: President's Challenge, Aug (date TBD): Annual Picnic and Silent Auction, Aug 22: Jeff Miller Special Presentation, Sep 1: Toys and Kids, Oct 6: Guest speaker or Alternative Joinery, Nov 3: Toys 4 Tots, Dec 1: Annual Party and 2x4 Challenge.

The board discussed locating a venue for the special Aug 22 Jeff Miller presentation, and Charley Drake volunteered to look into using the Anacortes Yacht Club.

David Shull brought us up to date on the "gathering of the holly adventure". This will take place on December 15 and 16 as a combined effort by NWW and NCWA. The Board did vote to authorize David to spend what he felt necessary to complete this project with the belief that the Club will end up with good wood at minimal expense.

The meeting was adjourned by Don.

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

January 6th 7:00 PM General Meeting
January 14th 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 360-840-9032.

2015 Officers and Chairpersons

President:	Bill Rawls	(360) 387-2993	Education	Dale Brandland	(360) 961-0102
Vice President	Charlie Drake	(360) 588-8448	Librarian	Gary Danilson	(360) 540-5768
Past President	Don Wilkins	(360) 416-6909	Newsletter	Kathy Ives	(360) 840-9032
Secretary	Tim Wynn	(360) 739-0515	Membership	Ed Pysher	(360) 766-0136
Treasurer	Al Ashley	(360) 474-9711	Toys for Tots	John Braun	(360) 708-0055
Board at Large	David Shull	(360) 393-7926	Toys for Tots	Gene Benson	(360) 466-3004
Programs & Shows	Jerry Couchman	(360) 366-5169	Webmeister	Mike Titus	(360) 525-4131



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