



## Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

April 2015

### General Meeting

**Tuesday, April 7  
7:00 PM**

**Burlington Library  
820 E. Washington Avenue  
Burlington  
360-755-0760**

I-5 exit 230(Burlington /Anacortes Exit).  
Go east on Hwy 20 to E. Burlington Blvd.  
Turn left at E. Burlington Blvd  
Take the third right onto E. Fairhaven Ave.  
Turn right onto S. Anacortes street.  
Take the 1st left onto E. Washington Ave.



### ***Bring & Brag on Steroids***

This year's version of *Bring & Brag* on steroids (how a project evolved from start to finish) is brought to you by Jim Gleeson, Geoff Peterson and Andy Rudy. We always do bring and brag as part of our meeting, and this month is no exception - anyone can bring a project to show. But our April program will actually highlight special projects from three of our members. Jim has two: a "river table" that combines colored glass with beautiful wood (similar to Greg Klassen's designs); and an arts and crafts nightstand. Geoff will show his side table (pictured above), which involved some unique features and construction techniques. Andy always has a surprise for us, and this time it's a scale replica Civil War Gatling gun made from oak, steel and brass.

***Remember, this month we meet at the Burlington Library!***

NCWA General Meeting Notes

March 10, 2015

- President Bill Rawls gaveled the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Fastcap facility in Ferndale, WA.
- John Greenwald presented a certificate of appreciation from the Marine Corps for NCWA's support of the Toys for Tots program in 2014.
- Jerry Anderson indicated that he had a dozen sign-up sheets for new classes with him that night. Anyone interested in the classes please sign up.
- Gary Danilson reminded everyone of the Spring Shop Tour on Saturday, March 14.
- Jerry Couchman reminded everyone that NCWA was supporting the Woodfest in Sedro Wooley at the middle school on April 11 & 12 by having two booths; one of Toys for Tots, and one for the club members to display their projects. Jerry requested club members to display their work and volunteer to man the booths.
- Jerry reminded everyone that the April General meeting will be at the Burlington Library as the Hillcrest Lodge will be unavailable.
- Newsletter will now be put together by Tim Wynn's wife, Jane. Completed articles and content should be sent to [jane.kirstine@comcast.net](mailto:jane.kirstine@comcast.net) with a cc to [tim.wynn@comcast.net](mailto:tim.wynn@comcast.net).
- Rick Anderson announced a March 21<sup>st</sup> all day demonstration event put on by the Woodturner's Club featuring Michael Hosaluk. Please see their webpage at <http://www.nwwwt.org/> for details.
- Dale Brandland, chair of the education committee, announced an upcoming survey of the membership on their preferences for classes. He asked for help from anyone who had experience with 'Survey Monkey'. Mike Titus volunteered to help.
- Bring & Brag
- Val Matthews showed the 'Toy of the Month', an airplane made out of alder and finished with profin. Plans were available for any interested members.
- Jim Bucknell displayed two beautiful children's rocking chairs, one made out of Sapele and one made out of Cherry. The chairs were crafted with 50 mortise and tenon joints. The chairs were finished with Sam Maloof Oil.
- Jerry Couchman displayed an exquisite floor lamp with a stained glass shade that he was donating to the Interfaith Coalition Auction. The 'Asian Style Arts & Craft' piece used Sapele, Ebony trim, and Brass as materials with shellac, oil, and wax as a finish.
- Bill Rawls displayed a Walnut table with an inset spalted maple driftwood top that was truly superb. He used a wipe-on Polyurethane finish.
- Paul Akers, CEO of Fastcap then gave a mesmerizing presentation on the history of Fastcap and more importantly on the LEAN philosophy that drives its success. Fastcap was started by Paul in 1997 and today introduces from 30-40 new products every year. Most of the products are oriented around woodworking but there are exceptions. Paul based his management philosophy on the Toyota model which in turn was based on the teachings of Edward Deming. Paul's presentation was inspiring, entertaining and educational. All of the members walked away with the determination to make 'continuous improvement' a methodology for their future as well as a copy of Paul's 2 Second Lean and a Fastcap tape measure. The evening capped off with a tour of Paul's immaculately clean and organized facility. The club thanked Paul for hosting the meeting and presented him with an honorary membership.



Val Matthews' TOTM airplane



Bill Rawls' beautiful table



Jerry Couchman's stylish floor lamp



Paul Akers of FastCap



Jim Bucknell's matching rocking chairs

### April Raffle

We will be raffling off two tools at our April 7th meeting in Burlington. If you are a current member and are at the meeting you have a chance to win either a Wixey Digital Angle Gauge or an i Gaging Digital Angle Cube. These two similar tools have been recommended by a number of members. If you want to know more about the i Gaging ask me, Jim Hickey, and for the Wixey, ask Jerry Couchman or Tom Dolese who has used both. Tickets will be available at 6:30 at the door and remember there is no money involved.

See you on the 7th.



Wixey



i Gaging

## Shop Tour



Jim Sickler's shop is very organized and clean! Nice workbench!



Bill Rawls' shop presents beautiful tables and turnings



Al Ashley's shop is compact, but very nicely equipped

### Spring Shop Tour

The club hosted another successful Shop Tour on March 14. NCWA members put on some miles traveling to Camano Island and back to Mt Vernon. We saw some great shops and examples of how to make good use of space whether you have a large free-standing shop or just part of your garage.

Thanks to John Batsell, Jim Sickler, Bill Rawls, Al Ashley and Dick Schofield for graciously opening up your shops and homes to the NCWA.

*I wanted to introduce myself and thank you for giving me the opportunity to put together your NCWA Newsletter. I look forward to getting all your submissions each month and will do my best to display your articles professionally. Woodworking is a fabulous art, and NCWC is a great club. I welcome any suggestions to make this newsletter better!*

*Thank you!*

*Jane Wynn*



John Batsell's shop



Dick Schofield's shop has a nice sled attachment to his Saw Stop

## NCWA Library News

We'll have 2 new books available to check out at our April 7 meeting at the Burlington Library.

### *Arts & Crafts Furniture Projects*

by Gregory Paolini.

This book begins with a short history of the Arts and Crafts movement and then presents 9 projects beginning with a simple Stickley-inspired frame. Each project introduces a skill set or technique that will be used in subsequent projects. Work through this book and you'll soon be building the Morris chair in the last chapter.

### *The Unplugged Workshop*

by Tom Fidgen.

Yes, this is a book about doing great things with hand tools. There are eleven projects including a sawyer's bench, 2 wood planes, a funeral chair and medicine chest. There is also advice on glues and finishes. We have Tom's other book, *Made By Hand*, and it has been popular with NCWA members.

Both of these books were added to the club library after being suggested by club members. Let us know if there's a book that we should add.

## Education Committee Report

March 2015

The Education Committee would like to give you a heads up on an important survey coming your way in the near future. We would like to know what classes you might be interested in. We will be asking beginning woodworkers AND those that consider themselves intermediate or advanced woodworkers what classes they would like to see in the future.

Our hope is to find the most appropriate classes for ALL of our members. We know that we are providing a broad selection of classes for beginners but we want to know if there may some learning skill areas that we are NOT addressing.

We originally intended to survey just for beginners, but then discovered that there was interest in providing **ADVANCED** classes as well. With this in mind, we are asking intermediate and advanced woodworkers what classes they would like to see us provide. It should be a short survey.

**WOODFEST APRIL 11 - 12**  
**CASCADE MIDDLE SCHOOL, 905 MCGARIGLE ROAD**  
**SEDRO WOOLLEY**

**We could still use more display items and help manning our booths. You can bring display items to our April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting**, and we'll make sure they get there and back safely. WoodFest is an annual celebration of woodworking to recognize high school student wood shop achievements and is normally held at Sedro Woolley High School. This year, it will be held at Cascade Middle School due to a conflict. NCWA has participated in this event for many years by helping judge the competition and displaying member projects. Student awards will be presented at about 2 p.m. on Sunday and NCWA will award a Lee Valley block plane to the student project that we judge "Best in Show." **Contact Jerry Couchman at (360) 255-1984 or sofa01@hotmail.com to sign up for displaying and manning shifts at our booths.**

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Driving East through Sedro Woolley on Highway 20 turn left on Highway 9. Cascade Middle School will be on your right, but continue past the school and turn right on McGarigle Road to reach school parking.

**SET UP:** 7-9 a.m. April 11<sup>th</sup>

**SHOW HOURS:** 9-4 Saturday, 10-3 Sunday.



Where's Waldo at FastCap?

March 18, 2015

- President Bill Rawls convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Mt. Vernon.
- Board members present: Bill Rawls, Tim Wynn, Al Ashley, Jerry Couchman, Charley Drake, John Braun, Phil Choquette, Dale Brandland, Gary Danilson, Richard Gillingham, Ed Pysher
- Al Ashley gave the Treasurer's report. The Association has a total of \$6,069.68 in the checking and savings accounts. We have a total of 162 paid members (12 new members this year). Significant expenditures this month included \$155 for a Lie Nielsen Block Plane to be used as an award for the 'Best in Show' at the Woodfest in Sedro Wooley in April and \$50 to buy an additional key for the Hillcrest Lodge to be used as a backup for the General Meetings.
- Jerry Couchman moved and Bill Rawls seconded a motion to express the Association's appreciation to Kathy Ives for her dedicated work editing and publishing the Association's monthly newsletter. The motion passed unanimously. Jane Wynn will be taking over as the editor for the newsletter. Articles and pictures should be sent to [jane.kirstine@comcast.net](mailto:jane.kirstine@comcast.net) with copy to [tim.wynn@comcast.net](mailto:tim.wynn@comcast.net).
- Tim Wynn asked the Board's opinion as to who should be included in distribution when communications were being sent to the Board. Consensus indicated to err on the side of inclusion rather than exclusion. All ex-presidents and several ex-committee chairs will be included in distribution.
- Bill Rawls asked whether NCWA should pass out guidelines/criteria for Bring & Brag. After discussion, the Board decided that the name, 'Bring & Brag', was self-evident and that no further characterization was needed.
- The Board then discussed an invitation from the Washington State Fair in Puyallup to participate in demonstrations during the annual fair taking place September 11-27. The Association would have two 45 min blocks for their demonstrations. The response time was very short (2 days). After discussion, it was decided that the response time was too short to arrange a demonstration (with one possible exception to be pursued by Al Ashley (subsequently determined to be not available)). The Association would respond to the fair thanking them for the invitation and asking them to keep us 'on the list' for next year.
- Dale Brandland, Chair of the Education Committee, brought forward several recommendations from the committee for action by the Board. The committee recommended to the Board that the fee for classes be slightly increased from \$5 to \$10 per person for each class with the instructors keeping the fee to defray costs of the classes. After extended discussion, Ed Pysher moved and Charley Drake seconded the motion to approve the committee's recommendation with the new fee starting in the fall. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Dale passed out a draft survey that education committee will be sending to the association membership in the future and asked for feedback from the Board. Several suggestions were given to Dale at the Board meeting with others pending.
- Jerry Couchman gave a report from the Program Committee. He has a good start on the sign-up list for the Woodfest at Sedro Wooley in April but still needs more volunteers. He will ask for more volunteers at the April General Meeting. The program for the May General meeting will be changed to showcase NCWA Bill Dowe's wood bending techniques for musical instruments. The program for the June General Meeting will be a 'Hand Tool Night' where several demonstrations of hand tool techniques will be highlighted. The Cascade Mall show will be on June 20 & 21. There will be a \$350 fee for rental of the Mall space.
- Jerry Couchman asked that the NCWA buy a lapel mike for facilitation of the General Meeting programs. After discussion, Tim Wynn moved and Charley Drake seconded to spend up to \$500 for a quality lapel mike system. The motion was passed unanimously.
- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



## Vendor Support Groups

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	

## Future Events

April 15	Board Meeting
April 18	Newsletter Items Due
April 11-12	Woodfest
May 5	General Meeting

The NCWA is open to all interested woodworkers, and was formed to promote high standards in woodworking, woodworking education and showcasing local woodworking. Meetings are generally held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. 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 by email to [janekirstine@comcast.net](mailto:janekirstine@comcast.net) with subject line as NCWA Newsletter.

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