



## Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

March 2015

**Next Meeting Tuesday, March 10<sup>rd</sup>  
7:00 PM, General Meeting  
At Fast Cap**

**Directions from the south:** Head north on I-5 and take exit 260 just north of Bellingham (Slater Road.) Turn right at the first roundabout on Slater, then immediately head north on Pacific Highway from the second roundabout. FastCap is on the right on the northbound frontage road after about .5 miles. Address is 5016 Pacific Highway, Ferndale, WA 98248.

### FIELD TRIP TO FASTCAP ON MARCH 10TH

This month, we're visiting FastCap just north of Bellingham, a company founded by Paul Akers, a woodworker and cabinet maker. Paul's company is founded on making innovative woodworking products that make jobs easier and save time. Paul will give us a short history of how he got started, introduce us to his cool product line and give us a tour of his facility. The name of his company is basically the first product that he developed, small peel and stick adhesive covers to cover screws in cabinets. For more on FastCap, check out their website at [www.fastcap.com](http://www.fastcap.com). There are some amazing videos there! We will be doing Bring and Brag and have the new library books and DVDs available for checkout at this meeting.



## WOODFEST APRIL 11 - 12



### MEMBER PROJECTS NEEDED FOR DISPLAY!!

WoodFest is an annual celebration of woodworking to recognize high school student achievements and is held at Sedro Woolley High School as an official event of the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival. High Schools from all over Washington State are invited to enter projects in the competition. NCWA has participated in this event for many years by helping judge the competition and displaying member projects. **Everyone in our club has projects they are proud of and this is an excellent place to show your work!** Please sign

up to bring your work, small or large, new or old. Your projects can be for sale or just for display. We will have two booths set up, one for the club projects, and one for Toys for Tots displays. Setup is from 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. on April 11<sup>th</sup>, and doors open to the public at 10 am. **Contact Jerry Couchman at (360) 255-1984 or sofa01@hotmail.com to sign up for displaying and manning shifts at our booths.** This is a fun event and you will be blown away by the incredible skill and variety of the high school projects!

## FEBRUARY MEETING

President Bill Rawls gave the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Lodge in Mt. Vernon.

### Announcements

John Bellinger announced the death of Steve Durkee who passed away on January 27. Steve was a master of inlay who was more than willing to share his expertise with club members through classes and advice. His memorial service will be on Feb. 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Lodge in Mt. Vernon.

President Bill Rawls invited guests and new members to introduce themselves.

Jerry Couchman indicated that next month's meeting will be at the Fastcap Facility just north of Bellingham on I-5. This meeting will include a tour of the facility and a short presentation by president and owner, Paul Akers, a veteran woodworker and cabinet maker. Fast-Cap specializes in innovative tools and products for woodworking.

Jerry Couchman then introduced the speaker for the evening, George Knutson. George gave an impressive introduction and overview of the use of vacuum pressing in woodworking. Some of the points he made are listed below but you really had to be there to see his demonstrations to appreciate his talk.

There are two types of air pumps that are generally used in vacuum pressing, electric and air driven venturi.

## FEBRUARY MEETING CONTINUED

Vacuum bags are made from either vinyl or polyurethane. It is comparatively easy and cheap to make your own vinyl bags when you are starting out. The bags must be closed (sealed). Typically this is done with either a zip lock style closer or a 'C' closer made out of plastic.

George talked about the type of veneers that were available to use for flatwork and for curved projects.

George indicated that he generally used Tightbond Cold Press glue for flat vacuum pressing but that many other glues could be used depending on the specific project. He named Gutterbond, Urea Resin, Unibond, Weldwood, and Proglue as examples.

After the break, George covered specifics of the vacuum pressing project.

A veneer 'sandwich' is composed of the following layers: Caul (board); nonstick surface; veneer; glue; core; glue; veneer; nonstick surface; and another caul.

George suggested that you round over the corners of the caul to prevent punching holes in the vacuum bag.

George demonstrated the use of melamine as a 'Platen' board.

He also demonstrated flat pressing and curved pressing.

George also demonstrated the use of vacuum pressure for clamping in woodworking. It was an impressive overview and gave members a comprehensive insight into vacuum pressing. George indicated that he would be willing to put together a full class if there was sufficient interest in the process.

### **Bring N Brag Note**

Due to the length of the program, we did not have time for Bring N Brag presentations. This disappointed not only the members who brought projects to share but everyone present. As a consequence, the Board of Directors of NCWA has determined that Bring N Brag will always be scheduled before the break in future meetings.

## MEET THE NEW MEMBER



Allen Brown lives in Lynden and found out about NCWA through Jim Bucknell, who he met when Jim was doing consulting business with Maberry (berry farms) where Allen works. When Allen learned that Jim was in our club, talking about woodworking became more important than business! Allen's garage shop is well equipped - he just acquired a nice Unisaw. He has only been woodworking for about five years, but he has turned out lots of furniture. He keeps getting orders from the family and does a very good job of keeping everyone happy. He even recruited his nephew to join the club at our last meeting! Welcome, Allen!

## LIBRARY NEWS

Since we are on the road for our March meeting we won't have the full library available. We'll bring some of our newer books and all of the dvds. You'll be able to check books back in and check out from the limited selection available. Among the new books are several that have been recently donated to our club:

*400 Wood Boxes* donated by Jerry Anderson

*Building the 4-Hour Outdoor Morris Chair*, a dvd donated by Steve Wagoner

*Decorative Wood Inlay* and *The Complete Guide to Wood Finishes* donated in Steve Durkee's memory by his wife Barb.

## SPRING SHOP TOUR

Our annual Spring Shop Tour is coming up for the morning of Saturday, March 14th. We'll be visiting the Camano Island, Arlington and Mt Vernon areas. We'll see some great ideas for tool and wood storage and great examples of shop organization. There will be some good ideas for portable dust collection setups and jig construction. NCWA members and guests are all welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity to show a friend what the club is all about. More details to come at our March 10 general meeting. We will also e-mail the itinerary and directions to all members. See you on the 14th.



## FEBRUARY'S WINNER

### Member's Raffle

Nancy Anderson won the first Member's Raffle.

Congratulations, Nancy!

## BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Rawls at 7:00 p.m. at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Mt. Vernon.

Members Present: Bill Rawls, Ed Pysher, Jim Bucknell, Andrew Pellar, David Shull, John Braun, Phil Choquett, Charley Drake, Tim Wynn, Al Ashley, Don Wilkins

Bill Rawls indicated that the next BOD meeting date would be changed to March 18 so that it would take place after the General Meeting. He reminded everyone that the next General Meeting would be at the Fastcap facility just off of I-5 south of Ferndale on Tuesday, March 10.

Bill initiated a discussion about the format of the previous meeting. After much discussion, the Board reached consensus that the NCWA would return to its previous format. See below.

Normal Meeting Agenda

Welcome

## BOARD MEETING

Guests & New Members

Board Meeting Report (as needed)

Treasurer's Report (once a quarter or as needed)

Committee Reports (as needed)

Questions & Comments from Members

Bring N Brag

Break

Program

Closing Remarks

The Board wants to use the newsletter whenever possible to get information to the members and use General Meeting time only for specific updates e.g. 'There are still two openings for the box making class on Saturday'.

Treasurer's Report. Al Ashley reported:

Checking account - \$2889.11

Savings account - \$3393.34

Total - \$6282.45

Total Members – 160

New members in 2015 – 12

Non-renewals from 2014 – 36

Al also reported that NCWA now has a storage unit located in Affordable Storage in Burlington.

Al has sent an updated membership roster to all active members.

John Braun updated everyone on the Toys 4 Tots program. The Board indicated that they would be available if he needed any help.

Bill Rawls led a discussion on the outcome of the first members only raffle at the preceding General Meeting. The consensus of the Board was that it was very successful and that the program should be continued.

Charley Drake indicated that we needed to make some improvements to the club's video system and requested \$350 for a light and a projector stand. Board approved this request.

Jim Houston is the new 'assistant' coffee person.

The Spring Shop Tour will take place on March 14 in the Camino Island area. We still need a couple of shops to round out the tour.

The Board wanted to announce to the membership again that Steve Durkee's Celebration of Life would take place on February 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Lodge in Mt. Vernon.

Members were encouraged to attend.

Woodfest will take place on April 11 & 12. Jim Bucknell noted that we had poor participation from club members last year and that we needed to encourage participation this year. Tim Wynn was asked to write up an announcement for the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 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	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

March 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM General Meeting At Fast Cap (see front page for directions)  
March 11<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 woodworking, 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	Programs & Shows	Jerry Couchman	(360) 366-5169
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## NCWA NEWSLETTER

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