



## Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

May 2015

### General Meeting

**Tuesday, May 5**

**7:00 PM**

**Hillcrest Lodge**

**1717 South 13th Street**

**Mount Vernon**

**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.



### MAKING MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS by **BILL DOWE**

Bill has been a member of NCWA since 2006 and likes to try new woodworking projects. Several years ago, he built a dog sled and gave a great presentation on that project at one of our meetings. Now he's into making mandolins and guitars! On May 5th, Bill will demonstrate an interesting technique he's mastered to bend the thin material for instrument sides using a silicone heat blanket. The process goes fairly quickly and sounds easy. There are probably lots of other applications for this kind of wood bending. Now all he needs to do is learn how to play his new mandolins and guitars!

*Remember, we're back at the **Hillcrest Lodge** this month !*

**NCWA General Meeting Notes**

**April 7, 2015**

- President Bill Rawls convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Burlington Library.
- Jerry Anderson gave an update on NCWA classes remaining for the year.
- Dale Brandland, Chair of the Education Committee, gave a preview of the upcoming member survey. Dale encouraged everyone to respond to the survey. Dale also encouraged members to volunteer to teach classes. (Richard Gillingham indicated he would help anyone to prepare to teach classes.)
- Bring & Brag
  - Val Matthews showed the Toy-of-the-month (TOTM). It was a school bus with kids that moved up and down. Members interested in supporting the Toys for Tots program can get plans from Val or other members of the Toys for Tots Committee.
  - Phil Humphries displayed a beautiful box made of mahogany, alder and peruvian walnut that he made at Jerry Couchman's Box Class.
  - Tom Kuhn showed a striking cherry box finished with Sam Maloof Oil also done at Jerry Couchman's Box Class.
  - John Bellinger brought a craftsman style floor lamp made out of red oak with a shade made out of Plexiglas and contact paper. Nice work, John!
  - Mike Forst brought a box made out of curly maple with walnut and sapele inlay. He showed members a thin rip tablesaw jig that he had gotten from Rockler which made cutting the inlays easy.
  - Dennis Lane proudly showed a model antique truck fabricated by his 88 year old father and given to him on his birthday. One of Dennis' hobbies is photographing old trucks and his father used his photos to make the truck. It was an amazing piece of craftsmanship.
  - Ben Gage blew everyone away with his "art" piece made out of 90 pieces of white pine.
- Raffle
  - Bill Rawls won the Wixey digital angle gauge
  - John Gruenewald won the i Gaging Digital Angle Cube.
- Program – "Bring & Brag on Steroids".
  - Geoff Peterson walked us through the construction of an exquisite Camphor Burl end table. The table had a Sapele carcass with ebonized walnut legs and an ebony pull detailed with copper inlay. Among many other tips, Geoff detailed the use of a digital protractor. Great presentation, Geoff!
  - Andy Rudy 'blew everyone away' with his model of an 1862 Gatling Gun. He designed the gun using historical records and the AutoCAD system. The carriage was made out of red oak overlaid with steel straps. The gun itself was a metal and wood fabrication. The wheels were an exercise in compound angles. It was a fascinating presentation highlighting a superb piece of craftsmanship. Way to go, Andy!
  - Jim Gleeson detailed the construction of a live edge walnut 'River Glass' table. The table had a Nakashima half-lapped base. Jim walked us through the process of constructing 'river' through the middle of the slab and fitting the glass to the edges. The end result was a beautiful, unique piece.
  - Jim also walked us through the construction of a Green & Green night stand that he constructed using pocket screws and open box joints for the drawer. The stand had waterfall steps at the bottom of the leg as well as a pull made out of wenge and maple. Great work and great presentation, Jim.

April Bring Brag

Dennis Lane with the "Old Truck"  
made by his father



Val Matthew's  
"toy of the month"



Jim Gleeson with his "river table"





Geoff Peterson's Camphor Burl end table



John Bellinger with his floor lamp



Tom Kuhn made his box in the box class

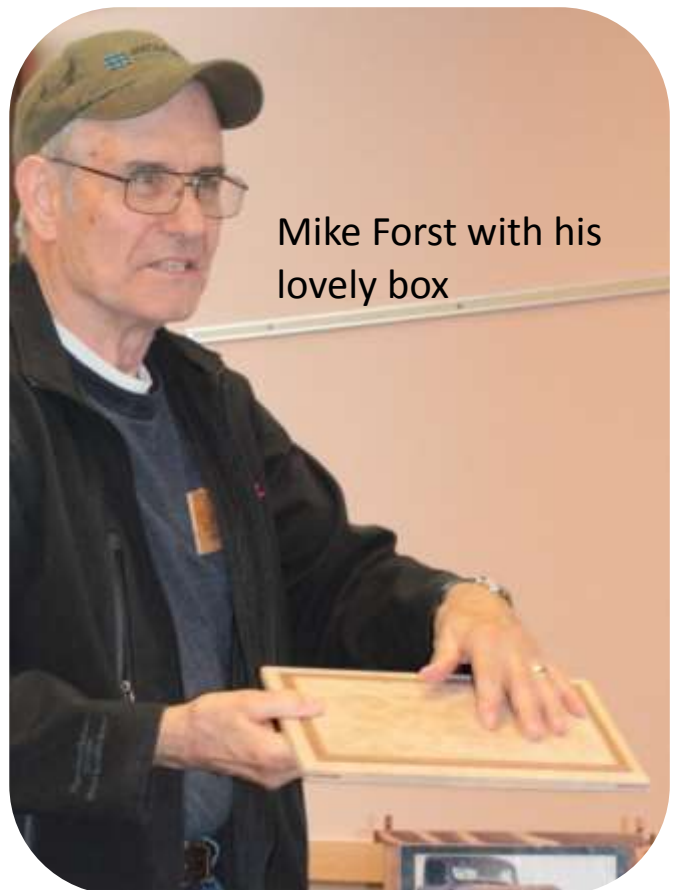
More April Bring Brag



Andy Rudy and his  
reproduction Gatling gun



Phil Humphries'  
beautiful box



Mike Forst with his  
lovely box



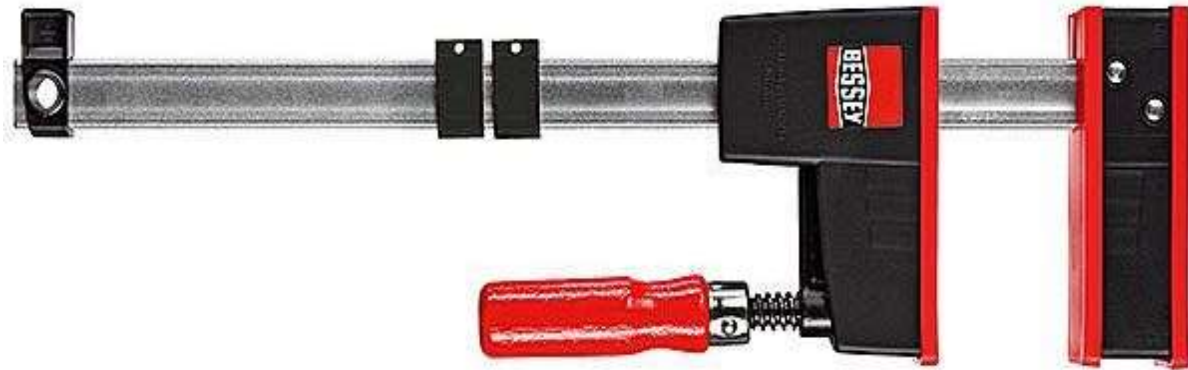
Ben Gage and his segmented creations



### April Raffle

**“You can never have too many clamps!”**

With that in mind, we will be raffling off two 24" **Bessey K-Body clamps** at our May 5th club meeting. All you have to do is be a current member, show your NCWA badge, and get a free chance to win these two clamps. Tickets will be available at 6:30, and remember there is no money involved. See you the 5th.



## Magazine Exchange

At most regular meetings there will be two or three folding tables covered with back issues of woodworking magazines. These back issues are a great source for woodworking tips, project plans, and timeless hand tool techniques. These magazines are free for members to take home and keep. Sometimes members take them home, read them, and then return them. Normally, members can bring in old woodworking magazines they no longer need and donate them to the "pile" for other members to take. However, we've recently had several large donations of magazines and I would ask that members not donate any more for a couple months. We currently have a large number of Fine Woodworking and American Woodworker magazines, spanning many years. Now's your chance to get those back issues you've been looking for!

Mike Titus

WoodFest was a pleasant surprise this year. This year's event was hosted at the middle school which is a smaller, more intimate venue. After an iffy start, the weather improved and was quite pleasant for the event. Attendance was slow at first but improved with the weather. The initial trickle of visitors became a steady stream and included some previous club members that plan to rejoin us. Welcome back.

WoodFest is an event is to celebrate woodworking in our local high schools. Unfortunately woodworking classes are not afforded the same importance as traditional academic subjects. Despite this, the woodwork displayed by the high school students was varied and imaginative. Congratulations to all that participated. It is amazing what these kids can do having less than an hour a week to do woodworking.



Sarah Cruse received our club's award, a Lee Valley block plane, for her beautiful frame and panel blanket chest.

Bowls, blanket chests and boxes, carvings and cabinets, tables and toys our club displayed a varied assortment of well-crafted items from our talented members. There were even a few sales!

Also we had demonstrations of scroll saw art and carving. Thanks to Nancy Andersen and Bill Pierce for sharing their talents. This year Jack McKee organized a children's activities table which was a big hit with the kids, parents and club members alike. Thank you for doing a great job Jack. For those that do not know Jack, he is the author of Woodshop for Kids and Builder Boards which are in our library or available for sale directly from Jack.

Thank you to all the volunteers who displayed items, worked shifts and helped set up and break down the event.

If you have not thought about participating in our shows, please consider doing so. I enjoy the opportunity to get to know other members and learn more about their work. And I always learn something. The mall show is coming up soon!

Andrew Pellar

## WoodFest Highlights

Congratulations Sarah!



Love these little guys!



So many toys!



Fun for all!



**NCWA Education Committee Survey** Each member should have received an invitation (via email) to complete the Education Committee Survey. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey - your feedback is important. If you have any questions please contact Dale Brandland.



More WoodFest Highlights

Tables and boxes



Beautiful instruments



Hard at work!



Lots of toys!



## NWCA MAY/JUNE 2015 CLASS RECAP

Apr 25	CABINET DOOR & DRAWER CONSTRUCTION	Full
Apr 25	MAKE A BLOCK PLANE	Full
May 2	FINISHING I	Openings - 2
May 9	HANDCUT DOVETAIL JOINERY	Full
May 9	FINISHING II	Openings - 2
May 16	BASICS OF VACUUM APPLICATIONS IN YOUR SHOP	Full
Jun 8	FURNITURE REFINISHING & RESTORATION	Openings - 6

Jerry Anderson, Education Committee    360-770-8559

## Shop Tools For Sale

Contact: Bob Dawley 17421 Allen Rd., Bow, WA 98232 Cell phone: **360-333-4888**

**All to be sold at 40% discount from new price.**

85 gallon, 6.5 hp., two stage compressor	10" Grizzly heavy duty table saw with Excaliber sliding table
8" Grizzly jointer	18" Grizzly band saw
13" Grizzly molder/planer	16" RBI planer
Spindle sander	5 hp Grizzly dust collector
8" Grizzly oscillating edge sander	Misc. belts for edge sander
30" ventilating wall fan	3 hp Grizzly shaper
Power feeder for shaper	12" De Walt sliding miter saw w/stand
Grizzly Ceiling hung air filter	Shen Shing 15" upright open end belt sander
Misc. belts for 15' sander	24" dovetail jig
Delta inline 5 mm boring machine	Router table w/Bosch 3 hp router
Milwaukee panel saw (like new)	Misc. clamps
Metal ductwork for dust collector	35 mm Euro hinge cutter
Grizzly mortising machine (floor model)	Grizzly floor model drill press
Porter Cable pocket hole cutter	Misc. 10" & 12" saw blades
Misc. cutters for shaper	

**For Sale:** Jet model JJ-6CSX **Jointer** in great condition plus 2 extra sets of blades (1 brand new, 1 freshly sharpened) and a blade setting jig. Asking \$400 for all (Jointer alone sells online for about \$919 plus tax and shipping). Email: [artlearmonth@gmail.com](mailto:artlearmonth@gmail.com) Cell: 360-630-9350

Wanted: Good used DeWalt DW735 planer    Please email Phil Humphries at [pilipo.two@gmail.com](mailto:pilipo.two@gmail.com)

April 15, 2015

President Bill Rawls convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Mt. Vernon.

Board members present: Bill Rawls, Al Ashley, Jerry Couchman, John Braun, Phil Choquette, Dale Brandland, , Ed Pyscher, David Shull, Jerry Anderson,

Al Ashley gave the Treasurer's report. The Association has a total of \$5601.08 in the checking and savings accounts. We have a total of 171 paid members (17 new members this year). A few members also reinstated memberships after allowing them to lapse. Al also presented the financial report for the first quarter of 2015. The club is under budget in all expense categories except for the storage unit rental line item (\$160.84). The rental of the storage unit was approved after the adoption of the 2015 annual budget. Year-to-date expenditures exceeded revenue by \$1,479.30. This is normal since the majority of our 2015 club dues were collected prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Al also gave a report on the status of tools in Steve Durkee's workshop. Al had visited Steve's home, had inspected the shop, and created a preliminary inventory of tools, machines and supplies. Steve's widow expressed interest in NCWA assisting with the sale and distribution of tools from the workshop. Given the current condition of the shop and the desire of family members to take possession of some of Steve's tools, Al and the board agreed on the following: Steve's family should inspect the workshop and take any tools or materials that they would like. Then, the workshop should be cleaned and organized. An NCWA committee would then inspect the shop, create an inventory of items for sale, and create a price list. The committee would then organize the sale of the items to NCWA members. NCWA would request 20% of sale proceeds as compensation. The following NCWA members expressed interest in being on the tool-sale committee – Al Ashley, John Bellinger, Ed Pyscher, Jerry Couchman, Dale Brandland.

Dale Brandland requested input from the board regarding how best to conduct a survey of NCWA members on the education program. After discussing several options the board voted unanimously to allocate up to \$100 to cover survey expenses including fees for "Select" version of SurveyMonkey, copying and other costs.

Jerry Couchman and Ed Pyscher announced that they will be stepping down from the NCWA Board of Directors at the end of this year. Board members expressed appreciation to Jerry and Ed for many years of hard work and service on behalf of the NCWA.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Guess what this is?

## 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	

### 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

May 5	Tuesday	General Meeting
May 13	Wednesday	Board Meeting
May 16	Saturday	Newsletter Items Due
June 2	Tuesday	General Meeting
June 20-21	Sat-Sun	Cascade Mall NCWA Woodworking Show

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.

## Officers and Chairpersons 2015

President:	Bill Rawls	(360) 387-2993	Programs & Shows	Jerry Couchman	(360) 255-1984
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Board at Large	David Shull	(360) 393-7926	Toys for Tots	John Braun	(360) 708-0055
Board at Large	Richard Gillingham	(206) 909-6660	Webmeister	Mike Titus	(360) 525-4131



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