



Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

December 2015

General Meeting

**Tuesday, December 1st
6:00 PM
Hillcrest Lodge
1717 South 13th Street
Mount Vernon**

Take I-5 to Exit 226 (Kincaid Street Exit). Go East up the hill. This is Broadway Street. Continue on Broadway to South 13th Street. Turn right onto South 13th Street and go about 6 blocks. The park is on your right. Turn into the park. The parking lot is in front of the lodge.



NCWA Annual Christmas Dinner

The program for our Dec 1 meeting will be our annual Christmas Dinner at Hillcrest Lodge. All members are invited to bring a guest for what is always a good time. We'll again have a raffle to benefit Toys 4 Tots and we've got some great raffle items. Raffle items include tools, wood, gift certificates and some nice things for the spouses in attendance who aren't woodworkers.

The evening will also feature our 2x4 Woodworking Challenge and presentation of the club's annual Spirit Award.

Our evening will begin at 6:00 with a social hour that will give everyone a chance to view the raffle items and buy tickets. We'll follow with a potluck dinner that begins at 7:00 with the club providing the main course (ham and rolls). All members are asked to bring a side-dish, salad or dessert. If you are unable to bring an item for the potluck, please still come to the dinner. We'll have a donation bucket for Toys 4 Tots if you want to put in a few dollars as your contribution to the evening.

As a help to those preparing dinner we ask that all members and guests enter through the main entrance on the west side of Hillcrest Lodge. Your potluck items and 2x4 projects will be taken care of at the main door and you'll be able to pick up a name tag for you and your guest. The sidewalk leading to the main entrance is off the west side of the parking lot about 75 feet south of the lodge.

We look forward to seeing all of you there.

Plan to come for a GREAT time!

NCWA General Meeting Notes November 3, 2015

- Bill Rawls convened the meeting at 7:00 PM
- Bill welcomed new members and guests to the meeting
 - As of the last meeting, NCWA membership reached 203!
- Al Ashley collected dues from members
- Richard Gillingham gave the education committee report
 - Richard is now the point person for class registration
 - Members can sign up for classes at the general meeting or by emailing Richard directly at candgachers@yahoo.com
 - But, there is no longer on-line registration for classes via the NCWA web site
 - Once registered, instructors and students can expect to receive a confirmation email from Richard and another a few days before the class starts
 - Upcoming classes were mentioned. In December: *Biscuit joints and pocket screws, clamping and gluing, Boxes with mitered corners and dovetail splines, plane iron and chisel sharpening, and dust control.*
- Gary Danilson announced the Christmas dinner, Tuesday, December 1st at the Hillcrest Lodge in Mt. Vernon. Please look for an email and RSVP so the Christmas dinner committee can plan the meal accordingly.
- The nominating committee nominated the following members for leadership positions:
 - Secretary – Tim Wynn
 - Treasurer – Al Ashley
 - Vice President – Dave Strauss
 - President – Charlie Drake
- Bring and Brag
 - Bill Rawls showed off a lovely hall table made from Oso lumber, maple and madrone, called “A River Runs through it”
 - Jerry Couchman brought a spectacular Green and Green style blanket chest based on a design published by Darrell Peart. It was made of sapele, > 50 pieces of ebony, and had an immaculate oil-varnish blend finish. The chest will be donated to the Whatcom Hospice Foundation as part of a fundraising raffle.
 - Jim Redding showed a multi-drawer Shaker-style cabinet featuring more than 200 hand-cut dovetails! Made from cherry and finished in lacquer. Welcome to the club, Jim! Very impressive.
 - Dennis O’Hearn displayed a gorgeous A5 mandolin he built from maple and spruce with an ebony fingerboard and bloodwood binding. He finished it with nitrocellulose lacquer and then played it with panache.
 - Mike Chaplin displayed a really cool Shaker sewing table with legs attached via sliding dovetails. He followed patterns from an old Shaker manual. He also showed the jig he used for making the dovetail slot. Very impressive.
 - Tom Thornton brought a very well-made box that he began at Jerry Couchman’s box making class. Made from walnut and maple with a shellac/wipe-on polyurethane/paste wax finish, the box was beautiful.
 - Mike Forst displayed a jewelry box made from gorgeous Hawaiian Koa
 - Bill Pierce displayed a brilliantly carved coast Salish *Orcinus orca* carved from alder

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- Finally, David Shull presented a slide show of his completed kitchen with Shaker-style cherry cabinets finished with shellac and Waterlox varnish, maple dovetail drawers, limestone and glass tile, and a stained-glass false window transom. David acknowledged assistance he received from Jerry Couchman and Jim Bucknell, and when several people asked him if he would remodel their kitchens he told them that he would be happy to do so in a couple of decades after he retires from his day job and finishes the long list of projects his wife has asked him to complete.
- Program: Toys for Tots!
 - John Braun thanked all the NCWA woodworkers who contributed to the gigantic collection of wooden toys.
 - The toys collection included more than 100 wooden toys and approximately 350 small wooden cars!
 - Richard Crossley, the Skagit Valley Toys for Tots coordinator, gave a brief history of the Toys for Tots program, which was started in 1947 by retired Marine Corps Major Bill Hendricks and has now grown to more than 800 USMC Toys for Tots units nationwide.
 - USMC Master Gunnery Sergeant Shane Inman expressed gratitude for the large collection toys that NCWA had assembled
- The meeting adjourned a little earlier than usual, but everyone went home happy



Over 100 wooden toys, and 350 little wooden cars!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Still only \$30.00

Dues for 2016 have been rolling in. Approximately one-third of the membership has already renewed for 2016!

Benefits of membership include participating in woodworking classes, discounts from our vendor support group, library books & DVDs, 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.

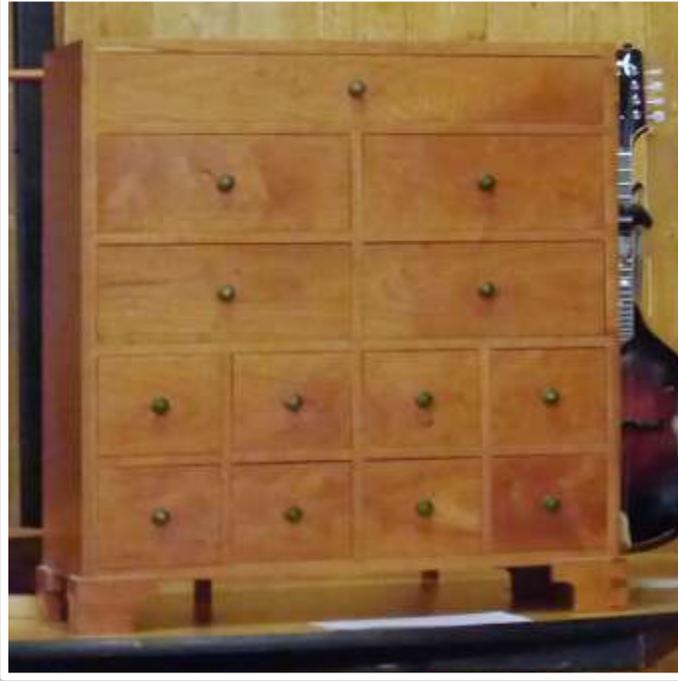
It is not too late to pay your dues (cash or check) at one of our regular meetings, or you can mail your check payable to NCWA. Please send mail to:
 NCWA, c/o Al Ashley, 26220 48th Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223.

Dues are due by the end of January

Membership cards will be available at the February meeting

Bring and Brag Highlights

Jim Redding's amazing cherry cabinet



Mike Forst's beautiful Koa wood box



Mike Chaplin's Shaker sewing table



Dennis O'Hern performs on the mandolin he built



Bring and Brag Highlights



The alder orca carved by Bill Pierce



Tom Thornton's walnut box with maple dovetail keys



Master Gunnery Sergeant Shane Inman thanks club members for contributing their mini masterpieces to Toys for Tots



Richard Crossley, Skagit Valley Toys for Tots coordinator

HELP WANTED Charley Drake is the guy who runs the **video camera** during our General Meetings. This allows us to project the meeting on the screen so everyone can see (not just the folk in the front rows). **Charley** has volunteered to be our **President** for the next year so we need someone to run the video while he is pounding the gavel. Anybody who has taken videos of their grandkids can do this. See Charley to volunteer or for more details."

David Shull's cherry kitchen cabinets



2x4

Christmas Dinner will feature our club's annual

2x4 Woodworking Challenge.

Members are asked to use their creativity to turn an 8' 2x4 (any flavor of wood) into a *Gift For a Loved One* or a *Children's Toy*. Small amounts of non-wood materials can be worked into the project as needed. We will display and present these projects during the evening program and all participants will be entered into a raffle for a \$50 Gift Certificate at Woodcraft. We've had some great projects in the past so let's fill up the display table again this year.

Education Committee



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

This memo is to advise you that the Education Committee is making changes in the class sign up process.

First - Members will no longer be able to sign up for a class directly from the NCWA web site.

Second - We have also created a "single point of contact" for the sign up process.

As of now, if a member wants to sign up for a class they can do so on the day of our monthly membership meeting (this will not change). Alternatively, you can go to the web site, review available classes and then call or email Richard Gillingham. Richard will be the "single point of contact" for our sign up process. His name, email address and phone number will be listed on the website. You could also get Richards contact information from the membership roster that Al Ashley sends out.

This means that if a member wants to sign up for a class, get on the waiting list or cancel their attendance, they will need to contact Richard. He is the only person that will maintain the rosters for all of the classes. Richard will also provide this information to the instructors, as well as email sign-up confirmation shortly after you sign up for a class.

If a person cancels their attendance at a class, and there is someone on the waiting list, Richard will coordinate the change and immediately let the instructor know. He will also send out a reminder notice to all attendees and the instructor just prior to a class. This is a major undertaking for Richard but he assures me that this is "right down his alley"

Lastly, I would like to say thank you to Jerry Anderson. He has almost single handedly run the education committee for a number of years. I don't think any of us realized just how big and time consuming this was for him. Jerry has assured me that he will still be a part of the committee but he can do so at a more leisurely pace.

Thanks, Dale

President's Letter

When I became President last January I said I thought this club might be the most distinguished woodworking club in America. Now, at the end of the year, I know that is true! I believe we have the best education program, the best meetings and demonstrators, and certainly the best members. The fact we now have 204 members would indicate we must be doing something right. The reason for this success is not hard to find. We have club members willing to step up and do what needs to be done. I should mention each of them by name, but the truth is that everyone whose name is on the officers and committee head's list is responsible. It has been a pleasure and an honor to be your President this year, and if you think this year has been good wait till you see where Charlie Drake takes us next year.

Thank you, Bill Rawls

December Raffle

"No Raffle This Month"

The tool raffle will be returning at the January meeting.

If anyone has ideas on what they would like to see as a raffle item please e-mail me at jhhickey@gmail.com



Lie-Nielsen No. 8 Jointer Plane

NCWA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes November 11, 2015

- President Bill Rawls convened the Board of Directors meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Mt. Vernon
- Members Present: Bill Rawls, Charley Drake, Al Ashley, Richard Gillingham, Jerry Anderson, John Braun, Ed Pysher, Jerry Couchman, Jim Bucknell, David Shull
- Al Ashley gave the treasurers report
- Other important items were discussed
- The meeting was adjourned at roughly 8:30 p.m.
- The substitute secretary then misplaced the notes he took during the meeting

NCWA Treasurer's Report

November 11, 2015

Cash in bank as of 11/11/15 –

- a. Checking account - \$3,794.71
- b. Savings account – \$3,395.89
- c. Total - \$7,190.60

Membership –

- a. Total members – 204
- b. New members 2015 – 48

2016 Dues –

Dues collected at October Membership meeting - \$2,050.00

Members paid – 68 (aprox. 33%)

Checks written since last board meeting:

10/15/15	Ed Pysher	Membership committee expenses	EP-40	14.54
11/10/15	Affordable Storage	Storage rent 11-15 to 12-15-15	EP-41	45.00
11/10/15	Tom Thornton Western	Reimb - meeting expenses	EP-42	52.35
11/03/15	WashingtonWoodturners	Gift for Tom Thornton	1901	50.00

Vendor Support Groups

Hardware Sales	2034 James St.	Bellingham	hardwaresales.net	360-734-6140
Bham Millwork Supply	3879 Hannegan Road	Bellingham	Bellinghammillwork.com	360-734-5700
Stockton's Paints	1413 Railroad Ave.	Bellingham	stocktonspaint.com	360-733-5630
Targo Woods	1405 "E" Street	Bellingham	targowoods.com	360-738-9140
Windsor Plywood	1208 Iowa St.	Bellingham	windsorplywood.com	360-676-1025

WEST

Sebo's Hardware	1102 Commercial Ave.	Anacortes	sebos.com	360-293-4575
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SOUTH

Martin Lbr/True Value	2730 Broadway	Everett	martinlumbereverett.com	425-259-3134
Arlington Hdw & Lbr	215 N. Olympic Ave.	Arlington	arlingtonhardware.com	360-435-5523

CENTRAL

Karl's Paints	1515 Freeway Drive	Mt. Vernon	karlspaints.com	360-336-2855
Mt. Vernon Bldg Ctr.	815 Roosevelt Way	Mt. Vernon	mvbc-online.com	360-424-9073
Cedar Creek Lumber	950 B Fountain St.	Burlington	cclumber.com	360-757-6343
Sherwin-Williams Paint	1526 Riverside Drive	Mt. Vernon	sherwin-williams.com	360-428-3775

EAST

E & E Lumber	201 W. State Street	Sedro Woolley	eelumber.com	360-856-0825
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SPECIALTY

Edensaw Woods	211 Seton Rd.	Port Townsend	edensaw.com	360-385-7878
Hartville Tool	Website only		hartvilletool.com	800-345-2396
Rockler Woodworking	832 NE Northgate Way	Seattle	rockler.com	206-634-3222
Woodworker's Supply	Catalog only		pro.woodworker.com	800-645-9292
Woodcraft	5963 Corson Ave.	Seattle	woodcraft.com	206-767-6394

Officers and Chairpersons 2015

President:	Bill Rawls	(360) 387-2993	Programs & Shows	Richard Gillingham	(206) 909-6660
Vice President	Charlie Drake	(425)-785-2994	Education	Dale Brandland	(360) 961-0102
Past President	Don Wilkins	(360) 416-6909	Librarian	Gary Danilson	(360) 540-5768
Secretary	Tim Wynn	(360) 739-0515	Newsletter	Jane Wynn	(360) 224-7001
Treasurer	Al Ashley	(360) 474-9711	Membership	Ed Pysher	(360) 770-7203
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

Future Events

December 1	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting – Dinner
December 9	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
December 19	Saturday	Newsletter Deadline
January 5	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
January 13	Wednesday	NCWA Board 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 jane Kirstine@comcast.net with subject line as NCWA Newsletter.



NCWA NEWSLETTER