



# Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

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May 2018

**General Meeting  
Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 7:00 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.



Table by George Knutson

## **May Program**

### **George Knutson**

Our May program features club member George Knutson. Before recently moving to Whatcom County, George worked with Darrell Peart in Seattle for 12 years collaborating on Greene & Greene furniture designs. George has taught at Woodcraft, the Port Townsend School of Woodworking, and at the Marc Adams School of Woodworking in Indiana. George will walk us through the process of building a Greene & Greene inspired end table. He'll talk about wood selection and layout, mortise and tenon joinery, wood movement, and breadboard ends. He'll cover the sequence of steps in making the table, shaping with templates, glue-up techniques, and more.

**Come and enjoy the presentation on May 1st**

## **President's Spring Woodworking Challenge**

### **Beads of Courage Off To A Great Start**

Our club's Beads of Courage Woodworking Challenge got off to a strong beginning at our April meeting. Forty-five NCWA members accepted the challenge to build wooden boxes to be donated to the Cancer Care Unit of Seattle Children's Hospital. These boxes will be given to children to hold the colored beads they receive that mark the steps of their journey through their illness. We also had 15 members sign up as mentors to help other members build their boxes. By now every member who signed up should have received (at the meeting or by mail) the ceramic bead that is to be incorporated in each box. If for some reason you haven't received the bead yet, we'll have them available at the May meeting or you can contact Gary Danilson ([gdanilson@hotmail.com](mailto:gdanilson@hotmail.com)).

The challenge will continue thru May and all of the completed boxes will be brought to our June 5 meeting. Delivery to Seattle Children's will begin in June. Members will still have a chance to sign up to participate at our May 1 meeting. There is still mentor help available.

For more info contact: Jim Bucknell [jimbowbucknell@gmail.com](mailto:jimbowbucknell@gmail.com) (360) 766-5088

Gary Danilson [gdanilson@hotmail.com](mailto:gdanilson@hotmail.com) (360) 540-5768

## **20 Years of WoodFest Fun**

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NCWA started WoodFest in 1996 as a way to show the community what our members could make and to help with sales. 2018 should have been the 22<sup>nd</sup> year, but sadly, there were two years with no event. In 1997, the Sedro-Woolley High School started participating with student wood shop projects and that has been a significant part of WoodFest to this day. This year, thanks to David and Sascha Vendette's Show Committee leadership, NCWA had one of its best show presentations ever. Bill Pierce organized 12 club woodworking demonstrations and several members brought pieces for display. Jack McKee had his innovative children's workshop and Builders Boards set up and had countless eager young customers. John Braun inspired many of those same youngsters with hands on miniature wooden car assembly in the Toys for Tots section. One of the things that really hit home was the sheer number of people that visited our booth on both days. More club members came to the event than any of our previous shows in recent years. Charley Drake presented the club's Best in Show award to Sedro-Woolley senior Logan Wise for his beautiful Black Walnut blanket chest. Thanks to all who made this event a success! If you missed WoodFest, don't worry, the Anacortes Arts Fest is just a few months away in August!

## NCWA General Meeting Notes April 3, 2018

- The meeting was convened by NCWA President Dale Brandland at 7:00 p.m. in the Burlington Library.
- Announcements.
  - Sacha Vandette indicated that they needed one or two more people to be greeters or bring display items. Please see her to sign up.
  - Greg Koenker reported that the Education Committee was considering giving mid-week courses and asked for a show of hands of those who might be interested. Numerous members raised their hands. Greg encouraged members to sign up for classes even if they were full as this gave the committee a feeling for the demand for that course.
  - A professional woodworker (Creative Openings) is going out of business and selling many large and high end machines. Call Tom Anderson at 360-671-6420 if interested.
  - Scott Love, President of Craftsman Studio, indicated he his shop in Everett had many fine woodworking tools and books. He encouraged all members to drop buy and look at his selection of Veritas and Lie Nielsen tools. His shop is located at 2815 Baker St. in Everett.
  - Gary Danilson and Jim Bucknell announced that the NCWA would be participating in the Beads of Courage program. This program provides support for children undergoing treatment for serious illnesses. NCWA will be supporting this program by providing boxes to the children to store their beads. The boxes should be at least 4”(w) x 6”(l) x 4”(h). Gary has information and packets for those interested at the back of the room. (Note: Gary subsequently ran out of packets for interested members but will get more. Good job NCWA!)
- Bring & Brag
  - Samantha Chang showed us two nice picture frames made out of figured Maple and Black Walnut. They were finished with Tung Oil.
  - Jeff Palmer displayed a striking walnut box which he made in Phil Humphries bandsaw box class. He finished it with Watco Oil. Nice job, Jeff.
  - Bill Langjahr brought two excellent photographs from Charlie Drakes photo class.
  - Jim Hickey exhibited a beautiful Maple and Sapele table that illustrated the use of butterfly keys. He finished it with conversion varnish on the top and Profin on the bottom.
  - Jerry Couchman highlighted a lovely bench that he made as a raffle prize for Woodfest. It had a live edge walnut top with a maple base and ebony accents. It was finished with Shellac and an oil/varnish mixture.
  - Ray deVries showed his bandsaw box made in Phil Humphrey’s class. It was another very nice walnut piece finished with Sam Maloof oil. He highly recommends Phil’s class.
- Raffle – Greg Robinson MC’d the raffle.
  - Mike Titus won a pair of clamps donated by Tom Dolese.
  - Chris Richards got the picture frame clamp.
  - Carol Osterman got a Hardware Sales shirt.
  - So did Jim Houston.
- Bill Pierce gave an announcement on the Mary May Carving Class. It will be on May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Anacortes Senior Center from 9:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. It will cost \$15 ahead of time but \$20 at the door.
- Program – Tom Dolese gave us an interesting tutorial on ‘How to become a professional woodworker’. It was a fascinating biography of his life illustrated by many pictures of places, and people that have influenced his life. It was chock full of pictures of his work along with many pictures of NCWA members who have taken his classes. Many thanks, Tom, for sharing this with us.

## Bring and Brag

Samantha Chang's Picture Frames



Jeff Palmer's bandsaw box



Bill Langjahr's Pictures



Jerry Couchman's Raffle Bench



Ray deVries displays his bandsaw box



Greg Robinson picks a winner



Jerry's bench was raffled at the Woodfest!



Jim Hickey's Table



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WoodFest Highlights



View more WoodFest pictures [HERE](#)



**Logan Wise's winning chest**

# Magazine Recycling

At our regular meetings, you will find two tables of woodworking magazines in the back of the room. These magazines have been read and then donated by various members of NCWA, and are free for anyone who wants to take them. You may take them, read them, and then return them at a later meeting, or you may keep them permanently.

NCWA members are invited to donate used woodworking magazines they no longer want. HOWEVER, with the exceptions noted below, we request that members not donate magazines more than 10 years old. There is little demand for old magazines, particularly ones that focus on tool reviews.

Please just recycle them, otherwise the Library Committee will have to carry them home and recycle them ourselves.

Exceptions: These magazines contain timeless information on projects and techniques, and old issues are sought after by NCWA members:

**Fine Woodworking**

**Shopsmith**

**Woodsmith**

Michael Titus, Library Committee

## ON-LINE VENDOR DISCOUNT PROGRAM

The on-line vendor discount program will be re-activated later this month.

Earlier this year the club temporarily suspended our on-line vendor discount program with Hartville Tool and Woodworker's Supply. The Board has reviewed the program with these vendors and believes that both vendors employ reasonable business practices to protect each member's personal information. Both vendors will allow our club to again participate in their woodworking club discount program and only require that the club provide a list of members names and mailing addresses. These vendors will no longer require a member's phone number and email address to participate.

The club is currently exploring other on-line vendors that offer discounts to woodworking clubs. Any future on-line vendor must provide NCWA with assurance that they employ reasonable business practices to protect each member's personal information. They must also agree to limit the member information to the name and address on any list provided by NCWA.

Any member that wishes not to participate in our on-line vendor discount program will need to contact Gary Danilson to "opt out". If you wish to opt out please send Gary an email at: [gdanilson@hotmail.com](mailto:gdanilson@hotmail.com).

Following the May general membership meeting, the club will provide our on-line vendors with a listing of participating club members names and address. Any member that has elected to opt-out will not be included.

## NCWA Raffle

This month the tool raffle will be giving away a 6" engineers' square, a set of dial calipers, and of course, some hardware sales T-shirts.

## 2018 Class Schedule

Hello from your education committee! The NCWA Class schedule is listed below.

Please contact Carol Osterman to register at [carol@akylafarms.com](mailto:carol@akylafarms.com) or by phone 360-941-1533

Remember, classes are \$10.00 each, which is payable in cash to the instructor at the time of the class.

Date	Class	Instructor	Spaces Status
May 5	Veneering Techniques	Greg Koenker	1 Space
May 12	Handcut Dovetails	Val Mathews	Full
May 19	Wooden Toy Making 101	John Braun & Jerry Anderson	Full
May 26	Marking and Measuring	Greg Koenker	2 Spaces



### **The NCWA supports the Beads of Courage**

This program is designed to support and strengthen children and families coping with serious illness. Colorful beads are given to children to mark each step of their treatment journey.

Boxes and bowls made by our club are donated to give these kids a place to store their beads. Our donations are made to the Cancer Care Unit of Seattle Children's Hospital.

## Club Facility Search

We wanted to let everyone know that your Board of Directors is taking the crowding issue at our meetings seriously. While Hillcrest Lodge has served us well in the past we have been exploring the option of finding a new meeting place. Jerry Anderson, Sascha Vandette and Gary Danilson have been actively searching for possible facilities but with limited success.

So we are reaching out to you for help. Some of the obvious possibilities have already been checked out (such as the Burlington and Mt Vernon Senior Centers, the fairgrounds, public schools and convention centers ). Do any of you belong to or know of a church or organization that would have a meeting area available? We need a facility in the Mt Vernon/Burlington area with a capacity of at least 150 people and adequate parking. Facility owners will hear the words "woodworking club" and think machines, noise and sawdust. You can assure them that these issues can be dealt with. If you have any ideas for a new meeting place please let Jerry, Sascha, Gary or any board member know.

Thank you for your help.

## March Woodworking Class

Phil Humphries bandsaw box class

Results! [MORE PICTURES CLICK](#)



## Great Local Museum Exhibition

The Skagit County Historic Museum is hosting an exhibition, 'OLD TIME TOOLS & NEW FANGLED FURNITURE' from February 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 13<sup>th</sup>. The exhibition will feature the new work of Skagit County furniture maker Stuart Welch. His furniture reflects a high level of craftsmanship and imagination. This work can be previewed at [www.StuartWelchFurniture.com](http://www.StuartWelchFurniture.com).

Stuart has exhibited internationally and in prominent galleries here in the U.S. In addition, the exhibition will feature vintage woodworking machines and tools that will form the backdrop to the process of furniture making.

A series of lectures are planned to explain the aspects of design, construction and tool use.

## Spring Shop Tours

[SEE Pictures HERE](#)



### New Member Rene Almer

Rene grew up in West Texas, studied farm management in college in Oklahoma, and then ended up in some completely different occupations. She's been a fire fighter, an EMT, trained horses (ok, *that* works with farm management), worked for TSA and finally settled into law enforcement with the Washington State Patrol and the Bellingham Police department. She's retired now, living near Birch Bay with her husband Don and has plenty of hobbies to keep her busy. She's been woodworking for about four years, enjoys hiking and backpacking and is also a talented artist. Don helped her set up a nicely equipped shop with ample space in their detached building to hold her growing collection of tools. He also helped her build an attractive separate studio building for her painting, sewing and sculpting hobbies. She took Mary May's five day carving course at the Port Townsend School of Woodworking and is also enrolled in Hand Tool Heaven at the school. She enjoys making functional furniture and is looking forward to improving her woodworking skills with some of our classes. NCWA member Nancy Andersen, who lives in nearby Blaine, introduced her to scroll sawing and there were lots of completed projects in Rene's shop. Welcome to NCWA, Rene!

Jerry Couchman

# Basic Relief Carving

*with internationally recognized woodcarver*

## Mary May

**When:** Saturday, May 26, 2018, 9:30am - 12:30pm

**Where:** Anacortes Senior Center, 1701 22nd St. Anacortes, WA

**Admission:** \$15 before May 15th OR \$20 at the door

Please join the **Northwest Corner Woodworker's Association** for a presentation and demonstration of basic carving techniques.



The beauty of woodcarving first captured Mary May's heart while she was traveling Europe, during her early college years. After returning home to Minnesota, Mary studied for three years with European master carver Konstantinos Papadakis, who taught her the traditional, old-world techniques and styles of classical European woodcarving. After studying with Konstantinos she returned to Europe; first to Greece, then to the City and Guild's College in London, England to learn from other master carvers.

She has worked as a professional carver her entire adult life, and - in addition to commission work - Mary now writes articles and teaches classes all over the world and via video through her website [marymaycarving.com](http://marymaycarving.com). She lives in coastal South Carolina.

To pre-register by May 15, send your name and a check, payable to NCWA, to:

**NCWA, c/o Al Ashley, Treasurer**

**26220 - 48th Ave. NE, Arlington, Washington 98223**

## NCWA Board of Directors Meeting

April 11, 2018

- The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by President Dale Brandland at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Mt. Vernon.
- Members Present: Tim Wynn, Al Ashely, Dale Brandland, Sascha Vandette, David Vandette, Bill Rawls, John Braun, Jerry Anderson, Dave Strauss, Greg Koenker, Kent Crouse, Ray deVries, Phil Choquette.
- Others Present: Jane Wynn
- Treasurer's Report.
  - Al Ashley stated that NCWA had \$5,577.48 in the checking and savings accounts. The club had a total of 203 members as of April 11, 2018 compared to 190 members at this time last year. We have had a total of 20 new members in 2018 so far.
  - Al led a discussion on the storage unit. Our current unit is managed by Affordable Storage who has notified us that our rental fee will be increased by \$5/mo. to a total of \$55/mo. effective May 2, 2018. Everyone agreed we still needed a storage unit with indications that we could use a larger unit. We will be looking for alternate options that are readily accessible for club events.
- Al reported that we have 5 people had signed up for the Mary May carving demonstration to date.
- Dale Brandland led a discussion on the NCWA newsletter. He stated that the purpose of the discussion was to find a way to reduce the workload on the editor (Jane Wynn) while at the same time perhaps expanding it and making it more useable. After an extensive discussion, it was agreed that Jane would meet with Mike Titus and his website group to coordinate their efforts.
- Toys for Tots.
  - The BOD discussed changing the format of the November meeting. Thoughts included changing the Bring & Brag to reflect examples of the toys that were being made and highlighting the members that contributed to the program.
- WoodFest.
  - Sascha and David Vandette reviewed preparations for the WoodFest.
  - The setup will be on Friday, April 13 from 5 – 7 p.m.
  - They passed around a schedule highlighting the demonstrations and the members manning the booth.
- Al Ashley reviewed the Vendor program and highlighted concerns about member privacy. After discussion, it was decided to adopt an opt out mechanism for NCWA members. Any member wishing to 'opt out' would have their name taken off the information provided to the vendors. Only member names and addresses would be provided to on-line vendors. Vendors would not be provided email addresses or phone numbers.
- Al proposed that we add Kingspor as a vendor. The BOD concurred.
- Dale Brandland indicated that we got some good criticism on the April Meeting. How do we encourage this type of productive criticism? At that point, the BOD provided examples of lively criticism to him as examples which he appreciated very much.
- Membership Program. Gary Danilson was not present but provided input to the BOD prior via email prior to the meeting.
  - We will need to redo the brochure. Sascha Vandette indicated that it was a great mechanism to get new members. We have handed out many brochures at both WoodFest and Anacortes Arts Festival. Jerry Couchman has already started design work for the new brochure.
  - Beads of Courage. Gary indicated over 40 members have signed up to participate in the program.
  - December program. Gary indicated that we will need someone else to volunteer to manage this program this year. Extended discussion by the BOD highlighted the following points:
    - The Christmas Party will not happen unless we get a volunteer to manage it within the next couple of months. (Some BOD members opined that if we did not get a volunteer in May that we should cancel it.)
    - We should strongly consider cancelling the raffle as part of the event. Al Ashley invested over 80 hours planning and organizing the raffle last year. This does not include the efforts of other members to identify and get vendor/member donations.
    - Dave Strauss pointed out that all this effort went for a party that only had a participation of roughly 50 members out of 200 in the NCWA. In addition, that number was almost at the limit that the Mt. Vernon Hill Crest Lodge can accommodate considering the spouses and guests that members bring with them. If we tried to get more participation we would probably have to move the venue. Was there a disconnect between the number we could accommodate and the size of the membership now?
- Ray deVries indicated that he is trying to line up Phil Lowe for a class. Phil is the owner and director of his own woodworking school, the Furniture Institute of Massachusetts as well as a frequent contributor to Fine Woodworking. After discussion, it was agreed that this would be good to pursue if we could piggy-back off an event that Phil was attending on the West Coast. There was a general consensus that we could not afford to pay his entire travel expenses and speakers fee for a one time presentation to our club.
- Education Committee. Jerry Anderson indicated that the Education Committee felt that we should change the fee structure of the classes based on advice from NCWA member, David Knowles, a retired tort attorney. The committee felt that they should change the fee structure to allow each instruction to charge 'verifiable materials cost' for the class. Tim Wynn moved and Al Ashley seconded a motion to effect that recommendation from the Education Committee. Extensive discussion ensued. Many members of the board felt the need for additional information and input. As a consequence, Tim Wynn withdrew his motion. The matter will be discussed at the next board meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

## Vendor Support Groups

### NORTH

Hardware Sales	2034 James St.	Bellingham	hardwaresales.net	<b>360-734-6140</b>
Bellingham Millwork Supply	3879 Hannegan Road	Bellingham	Bellinghammillwork.com	<b>360-734-5700</b>
Hard Woods To Get	1405 "E" Street	Bellingham	hardwoodstoget.com	<b>360-738-9140</b>
Windsor Plywood	1208 Iowa St.	Bellingham	windsorplywood.com	<b>360-676-1025</b>

### WEST

Sebo's Hardware	1102 Commercial Ave.	Anacortes	sebos.com	<b>360-293-4575</b>
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### SOUTH

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

### CENTRAL

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

### EAST

E & E Lumber	201 W. State Street	Sedro Woolley	eelumber.com	<b>360-856-0825</b>
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### SPECIALTY

Edensaw Woods	211 Seton Rd.	Port Townsend	edensaw.com	<b>360-385-7878</b>
FASTCAP	5016 Pacific Highway	Ferndale	fastcap.com	<b>888-443-3748</b>
Rockler Woodworking	832 NE Northgate Way	Seattle	rockler.com	<b>206-634-3222</b>
Woodcraft	5963 Corson Ave.	Seattle	woodcraft.com	<b>206-767-6394</b>

## Officers and Chairpersons 2018

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Shop Tours	John Bellinger	(360) 708-4036	Shows	David Vandette	(360) 755-3043

## Future Events

May 1	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
May 9	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
May 19	Saturday	Newsletter Deadline
June 5	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
June 13	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
June 16	Saturday	Newsletter Deadline

## [NCWA Website](#)

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 \$35 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.