

Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

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July 2018

General Meeting
Tuesday, July 3rd 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.



Jameson's

Smallmouth Bass Table

June Program

Jameson Hawn

The speaker at our July meeting will be Jameson Hawn the owner and artist behind **Riverbend Woodworks** in Bellingham. Jameson will be presenting a *How-to-Video* and open discussion about his process for carving realistic fish species and integrating them into fine furniture. He is a self-taught wood carver whose craft has evolved from simple beach-found wood carving to creating highly detailed trophy fish replicas for people around the country. His system for carving works whether you're carving a trout or a tiger shark, so bring plenty of questions and be ready to plan your next fishing trip for some "field study"!



NCWA General Meeting Notes June 5, 2018

- The meeting was convened by NCWA President Dale Brandland at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Lodge in Mount Vernon.
- New Members and Guests were introduced
- Announcements:

Sascha Vandette, Shows Committee, appealed for member participation for the Anacortes Arts Festival. There is a need for greeters, demonstrators, and display items. Dale Brandland encouraged attendance at the festival. It is a great opportunity to learn from the demonstrations.

Greg Koenker, Education Chair, classes from September 2017 through May 2018 have concluded. The Education Committee is now scheduling classes for September 2018 through May 2019, including some Wednesday classes. Jim Bucknell gave us the good news Hardwoods to Get (Targo) have decided to stay in business. They are currently looking for a new location. Under duress, Jim agreed to let us know when the pre-move clearance sale will happen! Bill Pierce gave a recap of the Mary May special carving program and thanked all who participated.

Dale Brandland asked members to bring forth ideas for other possible special programs. He also announced the Annual Picnic date is August 25th. Dale also reminded members there are copies of the Strategic Planning document available through the library.

Gary Danilson, Beads of Courage Chair, thanked the members for their response. Gary introduced Leah Allen, reporter, and Scott Terrell, photographer, from the Skagit Valley Herald. Leah and Scott attended the meeting specifically to cover the Beads of Courage initial box presentation.

- Beads of Courage
An amazing 37 beautiful boxes made by our members were on display. The first of the boxes will be delivered to Seattle Children’s Hospital next week. A gradual distribution of the remaining boxes will be done over the next four to six months. During the meeting break, photographs of the members with their boxes were taken in the Japanese Garden by Scott Terrell.

A heartfelt thank you to the following:

John Bellinger an oak/mahogany/walnut box	Jeff Brandenburg a cherry/Bolivian rosewood box
Dale Brandland a walnut/jatoba box	Jim Bucknell a fir/rosewood box plus a padauk/figured maple box plus a fir/figured maple/rosewood box
Jerry Couchman a cherry/maple box	Brian Craig a zebra/black walnut box
Jim Ferguson two hemlock boxes	Jim Green an oak/redwood burl box
Jim Hickey a walnut/black locust box	Phil Humphries a maple/sapele box
Bill Keeler an alder/quilted maple box	George Lanphear two walnut/maple boxes
Dennis Lindsay a mahogany box plus an alder/purple heart box	Laura Matthews a sapele/birch box
Val Matthews a yellow cedar box	Jeff Palmer an oak/mahogany box
Andrew Pellar a beech/fir box	Bill Pierce a fir/basswood box
Rod Proctor an oak/purple heart box	Chris Richards a bamboo box
Gene Radermacher a maple/Tennessee cedar box plus an alder/maple/sapele box	Bill Rawls two maple/purple heart boxes
Roger Shimer a cherry/walnut/rosewood box	Dave Strauss a cedar box plus a big leaf maple/ ipe box
George Way a maple/alder/ebony box	Christi Brua-Weaver an eastern maple/walnut box
Keith Woods two spalted birch boxes	Tim Wynn a poplar and maple box.

We also wish to thank all the mentors for their contribution.

- Tool Raffle
8” engineers square – Don Wilkins
Starrett 6” combination square – Phil Humphries
Makita 6.5” circular saw w/o battery – Mike Doherty

- Jerry Couchman gave an outstanding presentation on the ‘Lessons Learned’ he has picked up while woodworking.
 - Safety:
 - CAUTION! This Machine Has No Brain – Use Your Own!
 - Know when to slow down or QUIT FOR THE DAY – Fatigue causes mistakes and accidents
 - Safety Aids – Keep them close
 - Danger of complacency
 - Be prepared for the worst – fire extinguisher, first aid kit, and phone
 - Beware of and prevent tablesaw kick back
 - Education and Using Resources:
 - Books, magazines, videos NCWA library
 - NCWA classes NCWA Forum
 - Mentoring PBS woodworking shows
 - YouTube Other Professional Schools/classes
 - Shop Lighting:
 - LED’s Rock! Extra lighting over work surfaces
 - Keep small LED flashlight handy Natural lighting from windows
 - Good lighting will improve safety, accuracy, and the quality of your work
 - Eliminating Tear Out:
 - Plan ahead when cross cutting
 - Use sacrificial backer and bottom boards
 - Keep tools sharp
 - Convert jointer and planer to helical shelix or spiral cutters
 - Consider buying a drum sander
 - Accuracy and Repeatability:
 - Use scraps to test joinery, width of cuts, dados, rabbits, etc., using the same dimensions as the final parts.
 - “Sneak Up” on good fit
 - Be consistent with marking and measuring
 - Use marking knives for critical layouts
 - Be aware of parallax error
 - Marking devices – Knife/Utility knife
 - Use Starrett square or Lee Valley Double or combo squares for registering
 - Use Wixey or comparable for angles
 - Use dividers to layout equal intervals
 - Make jigs to use with pattern bits
 - Make templates
 - Use double sided tape
 - Calipers
 - Book Matching and Continuous Grain:
 - Resaw using a bandsaw
 - Produces a close mirror image
 - Extra steps are needed for continuous grain around all four sides of a box
 - Four corner match – resaw thick board and open it from one end. Label the cut lines then miter cut the pieces to length. Assemble the box with labels matching at each corner.
 - Avoiding Shop Rash:
 - Dents, scratches, swirls and dings Usually happens on larger pieces
 - Use padding on workbench Inspect and fix your work BEFORE finishing
 - Use LOTS of light Iron out dents with moist towel and steam iron
 - Re-sand “Coarse, medium, fine” Repair other problems creatively – design opportunities?
 - Finishing:
 - Shellac (Zinsser Bulls Eye Seal Coat) BEFORE assembly
 - Light sanding, 3M fine pad, cotton rag
 - 5/4/1 blend (5 parts tung oil, 4 parts wipe on poly, 1 part boiled linseed oil) or Sam Maloof oil
 - Livos similar to Maloof oil but has less odor
 - Apply finish with soft cotton cloth, let it soak in, buff COMPLETELY to remove excess
 - Stop Loss Bags preserve the remaining oil finish
 - Jerry demonstrated finishing, how to use the Stop Loss bag, making and fitting ebony plugs. Jerry also demonstrated the making of his spline jig, which was then raffled and won by Tom Voegeli. We are looking forward to seeing those boxes Tom!



Beads of Courage

Our club's first shipment of boxes was recently delivered to Seattle Children's Hospital. Dave Strauss, Jim Bucknell and Gary Danilson met with hospital staff and received a tour of the hospital's Cancer Care Unit. Clinic managers Mary Field and Penny Lee expressed their thanks and explained how the boxes would be incorporated into the hospital's Beads of Courage program. They also told of how much the clinic's young patients love the program and how much the nurses appreciate being able to give a child a bead as recognition and reward for their bravery.

We appreciate the club's great response to the Beads of Courage program and that so many members have asked that the club continue donating boxes. We'll pass along information about the hospital's future needs as we receive it.

Jim Bucknell and Gary Danilson

Bring and Brag Highlights

[Take a look at ALL the Boxes **HERE**](#)



ANACORTES ARTS FESTIVAL

The Anacortes Arts Festival takes place Friday, August 3rd through Sunday, August 5th. The Festival has over 260 artisan booths and averages 80,000 visitors.

The Shows Committee is proud that the Festival Board has invited NCWA to be one of the Working Studios again this year. Working Studios are open from 10 am through 4 pm.

This is our largest annual public event. Our members' participation to provide booth support is critical for success. We need display items, demonstrators, and greeters. We also need assistance with the Toys For Tots children's activity, which is fun for both the young and the slightly more mature. Helping the kids to assemble their own car or truck is very easy and very rewarding.

Please contact:

Rhett Winter – Booth Greeters & Toys for Tots Assistants

Jim Hickey – Demonstrators

Jerry Couchman – Display Items

If you are not able to volunteer this year, please make a stop to see us in action. We will send out a broadcast email with the demo schedule prior to the event to help you choose the perfect time.

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.

Raffle

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The tool raffle will be giving away:
two aluminum clamps
tape measure notepads
and carpenter's protractors

Jerry Couchman



At work



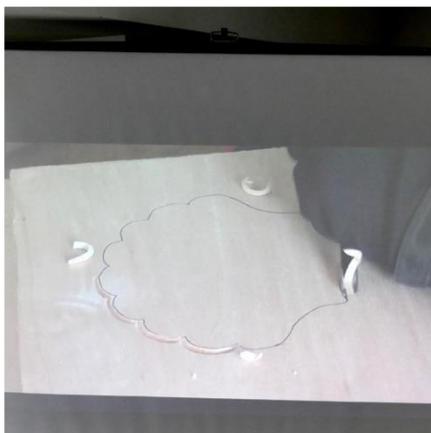
Mary May



Attentive group



Almost finished



[CLICK HERE for Mary May photos](#)



Reception of the Beads of Courage boxes

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. 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.

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:

Fine Woodworking

Shopsmith

Woodsmith

Not-So-New Member Visit

Jim Bucknell and I recently had the opportunity to visit long-time member **Dave Strauss's** new shop in Renton. Moving into his new home 4 years ago meant Dave was leaving his 864 sqft shop and building a new 216 sqft shop. Dave teaches the club's class on shop layout and his organization skills were evident everywhere we looked.

We especially liked the pictured foldout stand for his downsized jointer. Dave was the President of our club last year, serves on the board of directors and is always active in events like Woodfest and the Anacortes Arts Festival. He does all of this while making the 75 mile drive thru Seattle traffic. Thanks for the dedicated service Dave. Gary Danilson

See pictures on next page

NCWA Members in Fine Woodworking

Did everyone notice that two of our members were featured in the June issue of Fine Woodworking?

Stuart Welch of La Conner was in the Gallery (page 76) with his dressing table made from quilted mahogany.

The magazine also did a review (page 20) of a dovetail saw made by Oak Harbor member Brian Noel. The article was titled "Premier dovetail saw is worth the wait". Brian joined our club earlier this year and through his business BearKat Wood sells a variety of saws, scrapers and burnishers. You can check out his company and view a portfolio of his woodworking projects at <http://www.bearkatwood.com/home.html>

Vendor Spotlight

Club members who attended the Mary May carving presentation might like to know that there's a nice selection of woodcarving tools at our preferred vendor Craftsman's Studio in Everett. Owner Scott Love has stocked his store with brands such as Auriou, Henry Taylor, Two Cherries and Flexcut. And remember that NCWA members receive a 5% discount on all non Lie-Nielsen tools. Craftsman's Studio is located at 2815 Baker Ave or check out their website:

<http://www.craftsmanstudio.com/> [CLICK](#)



Dave Strauss



NCWA Board of Directors Meeting

June 13, 2018

- The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by President Dale Brandland at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Mt. Vernon.
- Member's Present: Bill Rawls; Sascha Vandette; Tim Wynn; Dale Brandland; Gary Danilson; George Knutson; Mike Chaplin; Greg Koenker; Kent Crouse.
- Treasurer's Report – Al Ashley was not present but submitted the following status via email.
 - The Association had \$5,457.67 in checking and savings as of 06/13/18.
 - We have a total of 214 members compared to 197 members at this same time last year.
 - The Mary May Carving Demonstration on Saturday May 26th had 23 members participate. The Net NCWA subsidy was \$159.00.
 - Mike Chaplin moved and Sascha Vandette seconded the motion to accept the report. The motion was passed unanimously.
 - The Board next considered the proposed budget process provided by email by Al Ashley. Al proposed the following process:
 - September board meeting – Treasurer requests that all board members submit budget request for their program/committee for the following calendar year.
 - October board meeting – Treasurer submits the tentative budget. The tentative budget is reviewed and discussed by the board. Adoption is deferred to the November board meeting.
 - November board meeting – Tentative budget is adopted by the board for the following year.
 - Mike Chaplin moved and Bill Rawls seconded the motion to accept the proposed Budget process. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Greg Koenker, Chair of the Education Committee, then led a discussion on the cost that the Association should charge for the classes that were given. After an extended discussion on the various aspects of liability and the costs accrued by the instructors, Greg Koenker moved that the Association charge \$10 minimum for each class or actual expenses as determined by the instructor as long as class charges did not exceed \$500 per instructor per year. George Knutson seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously by the Board.
- Facility Search. Gary Danilson and Sascha Vandette then led a discussion on the possibility of moving the Association meetings to the Mt. Vernon Christian School. The School appears to have enough room to accommodate our growing membership as well as appropriate sound and lighting systems. It was agreed that the next step for the Board would be to schedule a tour by the entire Board. Gary Danilson agreed to schedule the tour.
- The Board then considered a proposal to give area woodworking shop teachers honorary membership in the NCWA. After discussion, Sascha Vandette moved to accept the proposal. Mike Chaplin seconded the proposal and it was passed unanimously by the Board.
- Sascha Vandette gave a report on the Anacortes Arts Festival on August 3, 4 & 5.
 - Jim Hickey is organizing the demonstrators.
 - Rhett Winter is organizing the Greeters.
 - Jerry Couchman will organize the displays.
- Membership. Gary Danilson showed the Board a draft of the new NCWA brochure.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

For Sale

Good amount of #1 Cherry 12/4 x 8-10" x 8-10'

Please contact: Samuel Hill, Mt. Vernon, 605-890-0027 sdhill@gwtc.net

Grizzly 20 inch planer \$800

Geetech Shaper \$300

Great condition

Please call Jennie at 360-366-5028

Vendor Support Groups

NORTH

Hardware Sales	2034 James St.	Bellingham	hardwaresales.net	360-734-6140
Bellingham Millwork Supply	3879 Hannegan Road	Bellingham	Bellinghammillwork.com	360-734-5700
Hard Woods To Get	1405 "E" Street	Bellingham	hardwoodstoget.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 & Lumber	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 Center	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
FASTCAP	5016 Pacific Highway	Ferndale	fastcap.com	888-443-3748
Rockler Woodworking	832 NE Northgate Way	Seattle	rockler.com	206-634-3222
Woodcraft	5963 Corson Ave.	Seattle	woodcraft.com	206-767-6394

Officers and Chairpersons 2018

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

Future Events

July 3	Tuesday	NCWA Meeting
July 11	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
July 21	Saturday	Newsletter Deadline
August 3,4,5	Fri Sat Sun	Anacortes Arts Festival
August 25	Saturday	NCWA Picnic
August 27	Monday	Newsletter Deadline

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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 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 with subject line as NCWA Newsletter.