

# Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

[NCWA Website](#)

December 2019

## General Meeting

**Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
7:00 PM**

**Mount Vernon Christian School  
820 West Blackburn Road  
Mount Vernon**

[Google Map Directions Link](#)



Newly fallen 100 year old Balsa tree in India

## December Program NCWA Members Speak

What a Year!!!

The December Program will be a slide show recapping the year 2019. Highlights of Activities, Programs, Bring & Brag, Events, etc. We tried a lot and accomplished a lot in the course of a year, so let's celebrate. Plus we have Spirit Awards, and election of officers, and the President's Challenge (something 'curvy'). See you there!



## NCWA General Meeting Notes November 5, 2019

- The meeting was convened by NCWA Vice President Jim Bucknell at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Christian School in Mt. Vernon.
- Announcements.
  - Jim Green is selling wood in the back of the hall tonight. All proceeds go to NCWA.
  - Jim Houston announced the passing of long time club member, Carl Rubles. Jim will be organizing a sale of his shop equipment. There will be a further announcement on details.
  - John Braun has a pickup full of wood in the parking lot for sale.
  - New Members and Guests introduction.
  - Greg Koenker highlighted new classes that will be given. Check the NCWA forum for more information.
  - Bill Pierce mentioned new items that were in the library and also reminded everyone of the checkout and check in procedures.
  - Bill Pierce also announced a new partnership with Village Books. NCWA members will get a 10% discount on all books at the Village Book store in Fairhaven.
- Bring & Brag.
  - Dave Steele displayed a fascinating Manzanita root sculpture (he didn't know what else to call it) finished with shellac. Very eye catching, Dave.
  - Greg Koenker showed a very nice coffee maple and cherry coffee table finished with pre-catalyzed laquer out of 'rattle-cans'. Beautiful work, Greg.
  - David Shull displayed two striking Applewood bowls. Nice work, David.
  - Ed Crouch showed an intricately finished tea tray. Great work, Ed.
  - Tom Howorth presented some unique buffet treys with inbuilt wine glass holders. They were made out of bangoo plywood and really looked great. Wonderful gift for Christmas, Tom!
  - Tom also showed us a Kumiko Panel intricately constructed. Neat project, Tom.
  - Bill Rawls displayed another one of his beautiful vaneer tables. Thanks, Bill.
  - Jim Bucknell presented his first attempts at a 'charred wood box'. He cautioned everyone to have a fire extinguisher handy. Hot stuff, Jim!
  - Jim Redding exhibited two of his really beautiful woodblock prints along with the wood block that produced them. He will giving a class on this in the future.
- Program
  - Mike Titus was unable to give his class on 'using the forum' due to technical problems. Next month maybe?
  - Jim Bucknell gave a great class on Table saw jigs and accessories that had great information for woodworkers at all levels. He showed and explained the following items.
    - Removable plywood infeed table.
    - "Leg up" accessory to handle plywood.
    - Cross cut sled
    - Freud Box Joint saw blade set
    - Rockler thin rip table saw jig
    - Sacrificial face for the table saw fence
    - Wixey digital Angle gauge

Greg Koenker



Greg Koenker



David Shull



Dave Steele



Tom Howorth



Ed Crouch



David Shull



Jim Redding



## GREAT SOURCE FOR FIGURED MAPLE

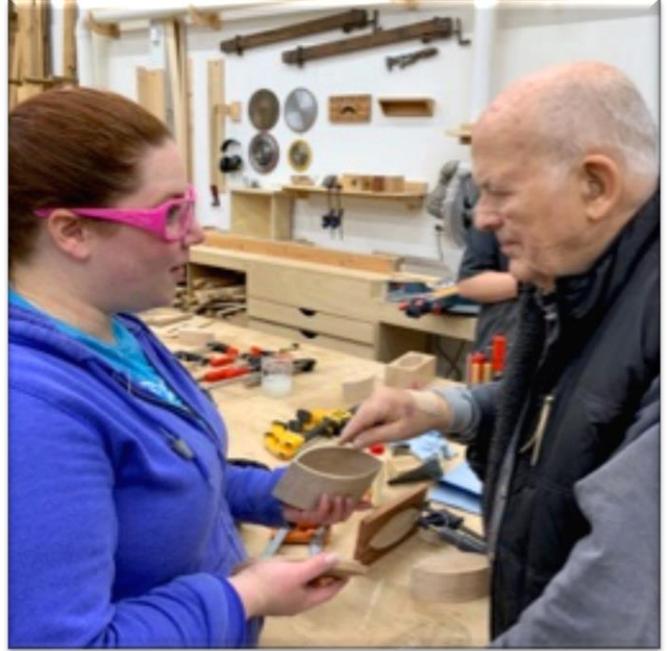
Recently, I invited several Bellingham area members to go with me to my favorite source of figured maple in northern Whatcom County (and I really mean *northern!*) I've been buying wood from Mike McGee and his son Luke for over 15 years and they always have the best quality lumber and live edge slabs at very reasonable prices of any place in the Northwest. A good part of their business is providing highly figured blanks (usually quilted or tiger maple) for luthiers and most of that is sold online, but they also keep a large stock of lumber which sells for around \$6-10/bf depending on thickness and quality. They also sell some real bargains in their "hobby wood" pile. 3' shorts sell for \$5 each in 4 quarter thickness. That works out to less than \$3/bf! There's also an 8 quarter short pile that sells for \$13 per piece. You should always call Mike a day or so before going out to his place to make sure he'll be there and to tell him what you're interested in. His number is (360)988-0313 and address is 9644 Crape Rd, Sumas, WA. Check out his website sometime: <https://www.northridgehardwoods.com/>

Jerry Couchman



## NCWA Class Highlights

Box Class Click for all [PICTURES](#)



## Making Sawdust

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES – 2020

\$35.00 – Annual Dues

Dues for 2020 have been rolling in. Nearly half of the membership has already renewed for 2020.

The many benefits of membership include: participating in woodworking classes, discounts from our vendor support group, library books & DVDs, excellent programs at our monthly membership meetings, shop tours, educational classes, and best of all - 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 our December meeting or you can mail your \$35.00 check payable to NCWA. Please mail your dues check 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 January meeting.

# NCWA Library News



### Important news from our NCWA LIBRARY

If you thought our NCWA Library was chock full of incredible sources of woodworking information, you would be **wrong**. Why? Because ... we just added **ANOTHER** 19 books/DVDs! And to make it easy for you to see them all, at the December meeting we will have them ALL spread out on their own table.

Want to stick your toe into the secrets of the Orient?

Pick up the new, “**The Genius of Japanese Carpentry**” (#979) book. It is written in the *Essential Woodworking* language – no translator needed.

Want to walk alongside Roy Underhill as he travels America’s woodworking history? All there in a new addition, “**The Woodwright’s Shop Travels with Roy in America**” (#360) – 8 hours, two discs, one box.

Have you checked out all of our many box making books, and still craving for more? Funny you should mention. Waiting for you is the “**52 Boxes in 52 Weeks**” book (#415) by Matt Kenney. A tour de force of examples of made boxes – get your box making creative neurons stimulated and twitching!

Have you been captured by the art of carving? We’ve brought in another to feed your desire for more – Mary May’s **Carving the Traditional Greenman** (#361) DVD. She was our special event person from last year. Probably the most recognizable carving educator in the U.S.

And more ... too many to list individually. But here is a preview of the topics ... **furniture** making, Shaker lap **desk**, a complete **finishing** guide, Sam **Maloof**, wooden **toys**, gizmos and **gadgets**, walking **sticks**, essential **joinery** ... and others.

## NCWA Board of Directors Meeting

November 13, 2019

Attendees: George Knutson; Sacha Vandette, David Vandette, Bill Rawls, John Braun, Phil Humphries, King Dahl, Jim Bucknell

George called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Al Ashley was unable to attend but provided a written treasurer's report prior to the meeting which summarizes the status of the budget as of 11/12/2019.

Checking Account – \$5,282.64,

Savings Account -- \$4,411.61

Total -- \$9,694.28 (Prior year was \$8,320.21

Total members= 220 (prior year 238)

New members in 2019 = 14 (prior year 51)

The NCWA received a donation of \$204.40 from John Greene after his generous donation of the proceeds from his wood sale at the November meeting.

The Board adopted the 2020 budget at the October meeting and the adopted budget was mailed to the Board members on October 27.

Approximately 45% of our members have already paid their dues for 2020.

### DONATION FROM JOHN GREENE

The Board expressed its appreciation for John Greene's generous donation and George will send John a thank you message on behalf of the NCWA.

### AUDIO/VIDEO COMMITTEE

At the November meeting, none of the people who were in the most recent audio-visual training were able to attend and other members had to scramble to get the system operational before the meeting. The Board felt that the responsibility for getting the AV equipment working should fall on the people who have been trained. The Board also felt that the group should be a standing committee and, as such, should take responsibility for ensuring that at least one of the trained members will be at every meeting. Because there was not a quorum of Board members at the meeting, a vote on whether to create a new AV standing committee was tabled. The Board plans to invite the people who were trained to attend the next Board meeting to discuss this plan where the Board will vote on it (assuming we have a quorum).

### OLD AUDIO/VIDEO EQUIPMENT

When we moved to the new facility at the Mount Vernon Christian School, several AV items used at the Hillcrest Lodge were no longer needed. Most of this is outdated technology and the Board directed George to see if he can find a non-profit organization that can use these items and donate them to that group. George will report back at a future meeting.

### NEW NCWA LOGO

For some time, the Board has been considering a new logo. The old logo is somewhat unclear in what it depicts and has been somewhat problematic when getting it reproduced for documents and garments. A new logo has been proposed which features an easily recognizable back saw. The Board identified two preferred versions: one for printed material and one for garments (aprons and hats) and these will be presented to the members at the December meeting and voted on by the Board at the December Board meeting.

### NCWA DONATIONS TO LOCAL SCHOOL PROJECTS

A member proposed that NCWA make donations to local schools (material, supplies, labor, \$). The proponent was unable to attend the Board meeting so this discussion was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

Respectfully submitted: Jim Bucknell, VP

# New Classes for Fall

Hello from your education committee! The upcoming NCWA Classes are listed below.

Please contact Carol Osterman to register for classes at [carol@akylafarms.com](mailto:carol@akylafarms.com)

Remember, classes have a material fee which is payable in cash to the instructor at the time of the class.

Date	Class	Instructor	Availability
Dec 7	Toy Making	Jerry Anderson	2 Spaces
Dec 14	Core Staining	Richard Gillingham	Full
Jan 4 & 5	Box Making	Jerry Couchman	Full
Jan 11	Math for Woodworkers & Carpenters	Bill Pierce	Full
Jan 18 & Feb 22	Introduction to Chip Carving	Charley Drake	Full
Jan 25	Dust Control	Rick Anderson	5 Spaces
Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & Mar 7	Woodblock Printmaking <b>**Must plan on attending all 6 classes**</b>	Jim Redding	4 Spaces



Box Class

## Future Events

December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
January 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
January 15 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting

## 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 Street	Bellingham	windsorplywood.com	<b>360-676-1025</b>
Village Books	1200 11 <sup>th</sup> Street	Bellingham	Villagebooks.com	<b>360-671-2626</b>
Targa Woods	316 W McLeod, Ste 109	Bellingham	hardwoodstoget.com	<b>360-738-9140</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>
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### 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>
Hartville Tool	website only		hartvilletool.com	<b>800-345-2396</b>
Klingspor	website only		woodworkingshop.com	<b>800-228-0000</b>
Rockler Woodworking	832 NE Northgate Way	Seattle	rockler.com	<b>206-634-3222</b>
Woodworkers Supply	website only		pro.woodworker.com	<b>800-645-9292</b>

## Officers and Chairpersons 2019

President	George Knutson	(425) 753-4476	Programs	Bill Rawls	(360) 387-2993
Vice President	Jim Bucknell	(360) 305-2118	Education	Greg Koenker	(360) 543-7090
Past President	Dale Brandland	(360) 961-0102	Librarian	Bill Pierce	(360) 435-1674
Secretary	Tim Wynn	(360) 739-0515	Newsletter	Jane Wynn	(360) 224-7001
Treasurer	Al Ashley	(360) 474-9711	Membership	Gary Danilson	(360) 540-5768
Webmaster	Mike Titus	(360) 525-4131	Toys for Tots	John Braun	(360) 708-0055
Member at Large	Phil Choquette	(360) 675-8320	Member at Large	Kent Crouse	(360) 224-5532
Member at Large	Sascha Vandette	(360) 755-3043	Member at Large	Phil Humphries	(360) 752-0082
Shop Tours	Jim Redding	(206) 307-4553	Shows	David Vandette	(360) 755-3043

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 [janekestine@comcast.net](mailto:janekestine@comcast.net) with subject line as NCWA Newsletter.