



## Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

[NCWA Website](#)

March 2021

### Next General Meeting

Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

7:00 PM

**ZOOM**



### March Program

## Seri Robinson

Dr. Seri Robinson is an associate professor of wood anatomy at Oregon State University and works within the field of art science as a bio artist. She is invested in maintaining a balance in her work, striving to not be 'just' an artist or 'just' a scientist, but to blur the line between the two disciplines. Neither science nor art can exist without the other, and the intersection of the two disciplines—the substantial Venn diagram overlap, is critical for excellence in either field.

Spalted woodturning is the perfect medium to explore both internal and external intersections. The intersection of science and art. Zoom in for Seri's fabulous program.



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## NCWA General Membership Meeting – Via ZOOM February 2, 2021

The meeting was called to order by King Dahl at 7:05 PM.

First order of business was introduction and welcome of Guests and New Members.

Donald Erickson and Allen McCall introduced themselves and Deb Manion introduced Kurt, a guest for the meeting.

Phil Humphries then introduced Dale Brotherton, owner/operator of Takumi Japanese Woodworking, a firm located in the Seattle area. His website is <https://japanesecarpentry.com/>

Dale started his presentation with a short history of Japanese architecture, and then proceeded to show a variety of Japanese woodworking tools. He demonstrated cutting a dovetail joint typically used in Japanese post and beam construction.

While completing the demonstration Dale entertained questions, as well as a Q & A session afterwards. Dale teaches a class at the Port Townsend School of Woodworking in April.

### Business:

Due to time, the Treasurer's report was condensed. Al Ashley reminded members that the February meeting is the cut off date for renewing membership. As of 2/2/21 193 members have paid their dues for 2021. See newsletter for renewal instructions using PayPal.

The new membership roster is very close to being published. Members who have not yet provided a photo for inclusion in the roster are asked to email a "head shot" to Richard Gillingham.

Programs, Phil Humphries. We have some great programs coming up:

March - Seri Robinson

April – Michael Dresdner will talk about finishing techniques for bringing out the beauty of your projects

May – Still a work in progress

June – First Aid and Safety in the shop with John Ellis

July – Darrell Peart

Greg Koenker announced a VST for Monday, Feb 8, 2021. Topic is shop-made Jigs and Microjigs and uses for the MicroJig system.

As always there will be time for a Q&A on the subject matter, and general discussion after the presentation.

### Bring and Brag

**Jerry Couchman** displayed a bed frame with two floating nightstands. The headboard of laminated maple and walnut was carved on a CNC machine to produce a stunning rendering of Mt. Baker. Jerry also displayed two chests he had built as Christmas gifts for family.

**Phil Humphries** showed a green wood spatula using natural curves in the raw wood to result in a strong and well shaped utensil.

**Bob Pavia** had completed a bench to use in his home entryway.

**Stan Creighton** displayed an intricate cutting board with an almost 3D image as a result of the glue up pattern of the block. Stan also had a maple and wenge coffee table.

**Nick Pederson** had built a trestle table from a live edge slab of Elm that he ripped and joined the live edges in the middle using bowties.

**Phil Kezele** showed how he had built windows on pivot hinges to connect two rooms in his home, closely matching the detail of the exterior windows and bringing added light indoors.



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**Bill Pierce** showed a dovetail box built using only hand tools.

**Gary Danilson** displayed two carved hair pins and a band sawn box with flocked drawers.

**John Erbstoesz** had built an Adirondack style chair using skis for the back and arms.

**Greg Robinson** had an extension to his workbench with holes for a down draft dust collection system. He also had a set of cabinets to surround a Murphy Bed that has some interesting curved elements produced on his CNC system.

**Jim Ferguson** displayed a humidior made of curly maple and a walnut band sawn box featuring zebrawood handles on the drawers.

Finally, **Jim Bucknell** showed the prototype student desk built from pre-finished  $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood. This project is planned to produce approximately 60 desks to be distributed for use by grade school students in need a dedicated desk for home schooling required due to Covid-19. Any members interested in helping with this project, please email Jim or King to volunteer.

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 PM

Respectfully submitted, George Lanphear, Secretary



## How to Access ZOOM for March 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting

Thanks to those of you who have been attending the Zoom Meetings . The feedback has been excellent, and building on that momentum, we look forward to another wonderful virtual presentation this month.

The March meeting will follow regular schedule with a business meeting, Bring & Brag, and presentation.

NCWA members are welcomed to login to Zoom beginning at 6:30 PM to allow some time for those wanting or needing to get familiar with the Zoom format before the meeting begins at 7:00 PM.

**The invitation to join details were/will be sent to you in a separate email**

As a refresher...a couple of things to be aware of for Zoom meetings...

At 6:30 PM the Zoom host (King Dahl) will mute everyone's microphones. This will eliminate background noise that can come over your mic inadvertently, even if you are not speaking.

There are two buttons at the bottom of your screen - the Participants Button and the Chat Button. Depending on whether you are using a Mac, PC, iPad, iPhone, or other device, the buttons may be in slightly different locations.

Clicking the Participants Button allows you to view a list of all NCWA members that have joined the Zoom meeting. It also allows you to click a button to "Raise your hand" if you'd like to be unmuted to speak or ask a question. Using this "Raise your hand" feature helps avoid confusion and the potential of people talking over each other.

The Chat Button allows you to chat/text to a specific person during the meeting, privately, or you can send a message to everyone in attendance. Anytime during the presentation, if you have a question for the presenter, **Chat it to NCWA Wood (that goes to the host, King Dahl)** and he will forward it to the presenter at the appropriate time. We will do our best to get as many questions answered as possible.

Lastly, if for any reason, your internet drops you from the meeting, re-click the invitation link to re-join. Everyone's internet service is a bit different, with some better than others, so we hope your service will allow a pleasant viewing and participatory experience for you.

We look forward to our Virtual NCWA Monthly Meeting. King Dahl [kingdahl1@gmail.com](mailto:kingdahl1@gmail.com) 702-596-9727



## *NCWA Sidebar*

### **NEW NCWA MEMBER ROSTER**

#### ***Individual Member Pictures are a Bit Hit!***

All renewing members were emailed a copy of the new and improved NCWA Member Roster in early February. Please review your personal listing to ensure that all contact information is correct. Corrections should be emailed to our Treasurer, Al Ashley. Also, contact the Treasurer if you didn't receive your copy of the roster.

The Board of Directors has received very positive feedback from many members regarding the new layout. The addition of individual member pictures is a big hit.

Currently we have just over 60 members that have submitted their personal photo. The Board encourages all members to have their picture included in the roster. Members that would like to add (or change) their picture are invited to email a head shot photo to Richard Gillingham (Richard's email address can be found in the roster).

Taking a picture of yourself and sending it in should only take a couple of minutes; just ask someone to take a picture of your face, then bring up the email app, attach the picture to a new email and send it on to Richard Gillingham. Richard will resize the picture as needed and forward it to Al who will add it to the roster. Any questions should be directed to either Richard or Al.



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# **ZOOM Meeting TUESDAY March 2**

Login to ZOOM



NCWA Library is **OPEN**

NCWA Future Meetings and Events		
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Virtual Shop Talk
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Virtual Shop Talk
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting



## Virtual Shop Talks

Our next VST, entitled **"Coarse, Medium, Fine: A Philosophy of Hand Tools"**, features Bill Pierce, who will present an excellent dive into hand tool techniques and woodworking methods, while also exploring some differences between hand and power tool philosophy. Bill will show you how to cut curves, cut tenons, face plane boards, relief carve, and perform a series of increasingly accurate saw cuts... in each case by using, in succession, tools suited for performing coarse work, medium work, and finally fine work.

Because this VST is considerably longer, we will be showing it in two parts, the first on Monday, March 8th, and the second on Thursday, March 11th. Special thanks to Bill for presenting this VST, and Steve Lloyd, for his efforts in editing it!

If you have any thoughts on topics we can touch on in future VST's, please email [gkoenker@gmail.com](mailto:gkoenker@gmail.com) Greg Koenker - Educational Committee Chair



## **NCWA on YouTube**

A new club YouTube Channel has been launched so that our digital Virtual Shop Talks can be accessed easily for club members that missed a VST session, or for repeated watching for reference.

As the pandemic drags on for a few more months making it likely it will be a while before we are able to meet again in person, we will also record the informative presentation portion of our monthly meetings for re-viewing at your leisure.

We understand this does not replace the camaraderie that only face-to-face gatherings provide, but we hope that members find these short presentation films helpful in their quest to further their woodworking skills.

The YouTube Channel can be accessed by searching Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association on YouTube, or by clicking this link: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8KKLC- 6628z4rluebSSQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8KKLC-6628z4rluebSSQ)



## Update on Former NCWA Member Kyle Huntoon

Some of you might remember Kyle Huntoon, who was a member during 2011-2012 while attending WWU. Kyle moved back east to continue his woodworking education, which included attending the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship in Rockport, Maine, and also studied with furniture maker Jeff Miller. Around 2013, Kyle started a business in Detroit making furniture and other woodworking items. In 2016, he competed on HGTV's Ellen's Design Challenge. He didn't win the \$100,000 prize in the show, but did very well. His business has continued to grow and is currently in competition for "Best Furniture Store" in the magazine Hour Detroit. If you remember Kyle and would like to add your vote to his company, Hunt and Noyer Furniture, click on this link:

<https://www.hourdetroit.com/best-of-detroit-2021-online-ballot/>.



Kyle told me he hopes to visit friends in the Northwest sometime, so maybe we can get him to do a presentation at our club someday!

Here's a link to Kyle's website:

<http://huntandnoyer.com/>

Jerry Couchman



### **Great Members - Great Woodworking Talent A Great Vendor – A Community in Need...**

Put them all in a blender and what do you get? Great Results!... and lots and lots of school desks. 72 DESKS, to be precise!

This past Thursday, February 25, several NCWA members delivered 47 hand-built school desks to the Burlington-Edison School District, and 25 desks to the Villa Santa Maria apartment complex (serving the Kulshan Creek Neighborhood Youth Program) so that they could distribute them to students in need who attend virtual school from home, necessitated by the pandemic. Many families found themselves in a predicament these past months without an adequate study spot at home for their school-age children. And these desks will provide a nice, focused spot for schoolwork, so the students can continue to thrive, even while they attend Zoom school from home.

The seeds of this project were planted when Immediate-Past-President, Jim Bucknell, approached the NCWA Board of Directors to see if they were interested in pursuing this project if the demand was as great as he suspected. The board was very enthusiastic about the project so Jim contacted a local school district, which was beyond excited about the prospects. School-age kids from the Kulshan Creek Neighborhood Youth Program were added, as well. The board approved the purchase of a sheet of 3/4" pre-finished maple plywood and other supplies, and Jim built two prototypes for the district to select their preferred version.

The plywood from came from Windsor Plywood in Bellingham, one of NCWA's preferred vendors. The price per sheet was about \$75. Being a shrewd negotiator, Jim asked Windsor if it was possible to get a larger discount if we purchased 30 sheets (enough for over 70 desks). Windsor's manager, Ken Asp, liked the idea behind the project so much that he went to his supplier and, ultimately, the manufacturer. They agreed to provide 30 sheets of the high-quality plywood

**FREE OF CHARGE!** This constituted a donation of nearly **\$2,300 from Windsor!**



Once the decision was made to proceed, we put out the call for volunteers to build the desks. Our club, being filled with warm hearts and kind souls, gave a very positive response. Jim got to work preparing plans, a parts list, and a cut list to distribute to all volunteers.



Several members picked up full sheets of plywood directly from Windsor Plywood, and began making sawdust. And arrangements were made to deliver the remaining sheets to George Knutson's shop where he, Greg Koenker, and King Dahl broke the sheets down into more manageable sizes for transport.

Club volunteers spanned the spectrum from new members to seasoned veterans, each building desks their own way, while maintaining a uniform final product. Once finished and delivered, the desks were labeled with a sticker indicating they were built by the NCWA and materials were donated by Windsor Plywood in Bellingham.

This was such a wonderful project for NCWA, and our members really stepped up to fill the need in our community. We want to give a special, heart-felt thank you to all of the generous volunteers who helped make learning for many of our local school children a bit easier during this difficult time. We salute you, and the community salutes you.

Members involved include...Jim Bucknell, King Dahl, George Knutson, Greg Koenker, George Lanphear, Jim Ferguson, Bill Pierce, Bob Pavia, Jim Redding, Charley Drake, Gary Danilson, Dick Scofield, Phil Humphries, Tony Etienne, Bill Weaver, Phil McCloud, John Ellis, Don Erickson, and Dave Steele, as well as Kris Abshire, Greg Robinson, and Bob Laufenburg who were willing and on stand-by if needed. (sincerest apologies if anyone was inadvertently left off this list)

As this, and other projects demonstrate, our club is filled with those with big hearts willing to help out in a way that is unique to our club membership. We all have a very special set of skills, the skill of building things people need...out of wood. If you have any community projects that may be a good fit for volunteers within our membership, please don't hesitate to bring your ideas to the board for consideration.

In closing, please help support those vendors who support us in our efforts. For this project, it was **Windsor Plywood**. The next time you need wood, tools (including the full Festool line), or other supplies, please consider giving Windsor Plywood your business as a thank you for their generous support on this school desk project.



## NCWA Library Offers Mail-based Service

The NCWA Library now offers a club-subsidized, mail-based service. Here is how it works:

We will send out a PDF list of available materials to members, by email, in the first week of each month, but you can request or return items at any time of the month.

**Requests:** Email your request for **up to two** items at a time (include your name, mailing address, titles and call numbers) to Richard Gillingham [candgachers@yahoo.com](mailto:candgachers@yahoo.com) . If the items are available, you should receive them by postal mail within about a week. Check-out period is the usual 2 months.

**Returns:** When you are done with the item, either mail it back to NCWA, care of Brannon Mucke (address below, ask the post office for "media rate" to save \$), using the included return address label, OR arrange to drop off your items at one of the drop off locations below:

**Drop Off Points:** Please coordinate with one of the members, below, prior to drop off.

Arlington: Bill Pierce, 32324 SR9 NE, Arlington 98223 [soaringswallowfarm@gmail.com](mailto:soaringswallowfarm@gmail.com)

Bellingham: Steve Wagoner, 619 Bayside Rd. Bellingham 98225 [sawagonermd@gmail.com](mailto:sawagonermd@gmail.com)

Ferndale: George Knutson, 2030 McBeath Dr., Everson 98247 [gak512@comcast.net](mailto:gak512@comcast.net)

Anacortes: Charley Drake, 5955 Central Ave. Anacortes 98221 [chuckanutcharley@gmail.com](mailto:chuckanutcharley@gmail.com)

Alger: Richard Gillingham, 18927 Routon Lane, Burlington, 98233 [candgachers@yahoo.com](mailto:candgachers@yahoo.com)

Mt. Vernon: Brannon Mucke, 1213 S 12th St., Mt. Vernon, 98274 [bmucke@mountvernonchristian.org](mailto:bmucke@mountvernonchristian.org)

That's it. Pretty simple, eh? We have reinstated overdue notices on all items held over two months. If you get one, simply correspond with Richard and arrange to return the item.

Items will be quarantined, before you receive them, to reduce possible transmission of COVID-19. We will run this service until we resume regular meetings. We've re-prioritized our budget to make this possible, so please use the service, if sparingly.

The Library is a great resource for members, so we've created a safe and convenient system of access to serve you! Please email [library@ncwawood.org](mailto:library@ncwawood.org) if you have any questions.

Questions? Feel free to email us at [library@ncwawood.org](mailto:library@ncwawood.org).



**NCWA BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING**

**February 10, 2021**

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by King Dahl, President. Members in attendance: King Dahl, Greg Koenker, Al Ashley, George Lanphear, Jim Bucknell, George Knutson, Jim Ferguson, John Braun, Phil Humphries, Richard Gillingham, Sascha & David Vandette.

**Treasurer's Report, Al Ashley.**

- Al presented his report regarding the NCWA current cash status and membership.  
Membership update: Total 197 paid up members as of 2/10/21.  
Members that have not renewed - 41. New members YTD 4.
- Updated roster - with photos of members – was emailed to current members on 2/6/21. Members are encouraged to email their photo to Richard Gillingham for inclusion.
- A list of members not renewing for 2021 was provided to the Board. Al said that those individuals had been sent several reminders via email and had not responded.
- The paperwork for new check signers for Banner Bank is in progress.

**Programs Committee, Phil Humphries. Scheduled presenters:**

- March – Seri Robinson, spalted wood issues.
- April – Michael Dresdner on Finishing. Note for Newsletter: we need to give folks a heads-up to come prepared with finishing questions they may want to bring up.
- May – Tom McLaughlin. This presentation will require members to log on to the presentation which will be done via live streaming and then return to Zoom for the remainder of that month's meeting. Log in details will be forthcoming.
- June – John Ellis, First Aid and Safety in the Shop.

**Vendor Management Program.** Jim Ferguson has generously volunteered to work on this program.

**Education Committee, Greg Koenker (including VST).** Obviously no in-person classes scheduled at this time.

VST programs continue to be very popular. Committee is continuing to work on audio problems and have recently purchased additional equipment to help with that.

**Library Committee, Bill Pierce, Richard Gillingham.**

- There has been a good response to efforts to track down "overdue" items. There are still a few items missing, but efforts continue to track them.
- Library checkouts are increasing, as are donations of new books/materials.

**Desk program, Jim Bucknell.** As of 2/10/21 we are awaiting word from Windsor Plywood on materials.

There was a motion voted on and passed to set up some form of **Mentoring Program**, possibly using an email "digest" where questions can be directed to members who are willing to participate in a program like this. George Knutson indicated that perhaps Tony Etienne may be willing to work on this. Greg Koenker and Tony Etienne are spearheading this project.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted, George Lanphear

## President's Message

I don't know about you, but I was intrigued by Dale Brotherton's excellent presentation and demonstration of his Japanese Woodworking techniques during the February meeting.

Watching him create such a beautiful dovetail joint in front of our eyes - with just a couple of chisels, handsaws, and planes, and not a single clamp but not for his knee - conjured up two adages I heard frequently as I grew up.

Mind you, my mother was the youngest of 8 siblings. This afforded me a treasure trove of uncles, many woodworkers to varying degrees, all men that worked with their hands (generationally and geographically, back then my aunts tended to be traditional, midwestern homemakers, so they left the building, fixing, and "guy" stuff to my uncles to mentor the next generation).

As such, there was never a shortage of folksy maxims frequently bestowed upon my young, impressionable ears. The ones that came rushing back to memory during Dale's presentation were...

"It's a poor craftsman that blames his tools", and "A job worth doing, is a job worth doing right".

Watching Dale made me reconsider my own "bull in a china shop" approach as I pondered my work style in my shop - loud machines whirring, sawdust spewing, my own cursing heard above all else as my frustration grows in figuring out how to cover up another mistake likely caused by taking an ill-advised shortcut. You get the picture.

But Dale showed that through refined techniques, discipline, and slowing down, beauty emerges. And treating wood like a partner in the project, instead of a material that needs to be conquered, offers harmony in design and care in construction.

While still not quite limber enough to eliminate the use of clamps, I'm certainly motivated to work on my technique and eliminate blaming my tools, and to embrace all my projects as worth doing, which means continuing to strive to do them right.

In closing, I offer one last quote from my wise uncles from the days of yore. This one sums up the importance of hard work and discipline as we all work at improving our woodworking craft...

"If you wanna dance, you've gotta pay the piper".

Happy woodworking-  
King





## 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 Street	Bellingham	windsorplywood.com	360-676-1025
Village Books	1200 11 <sup>th</sup> Street	Bellingham	Villagebooks.com	360-671-2626

### 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
Stormo Hardware	2730 Broadway	Everett	stormohardwoods.com	425-359-8042

### CENTRAL

Ekrem Hardware	237 E Fairhaven	Burlington	ekremhardware.com	360-755-0040
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 Country 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
Hartville Tool	website only		hartvilletool.com	800-345-2396
Klingspor	website only		woodworkingshop.com	800-228-0000
Rockler Woodworking	832 NE Northgate Way	Seattle	rockler.com	206-634-3222
Woodworkers Supply	website only		pro.woodworker.com	800-645-9292

## Officers and Chairpersons 2021

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