



Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

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April 2021

Next General Meeting

Tuesday, April 6th

7:00 PM



ZOOM



April Program

Michael Dresdner

Our April presentation will be on Wipe On Finishes, Old and New, with nationally known finishing and woodworking expert, Michael Dresdner. We all strive to find that finish that's 1)effective, 2)easy to apply, 3)doesn't take a lot of time to apply, and 4)is easy to clean up afterward. Michael will show us several options that've proven themselves over time (and why), and he'll also talk about some of the newer wipe on finishes that we're seeing in the woodworking stores, and on our Bring and Brag projects! Time permitting, he'll field questions on finishing problems you need help with. Don't miss it!



Background on Michael Dresdner:

Michael Dresdner has written 4 books and created numerous videos and dvd's on finishing and finishing fixes. He was a contributing editor for Fine Woodworking, American Woodworker, and Woodworkers' Journal. He also spent quite a few years as a technical resource for several finish manufacturers, due to his extensive background in chemistry. On top of all that, he's been a luthier for over 40 years, designing and building electric and acoustical instruments. He served as Director of Research & Development for Martin Guitars, and was founding CEO of Tacoma Guitar Co. Currently, he operates Rainy Day Ukes, where he builds "green" ukuleles, using exclusively local materials and environmentally friendly construction methods.

President's Message

It's hard to believe we've passed the 1 year anniversary of the Coronavirus Pandemic hitting Washington state. A lot has changed in all of our lives, but I am grateful that we've been able to keep engaged with each other, and share our love of woodworking, even if it is by virtue of our computer screens, for the most part.

I'm also very grateful for a board of directors and active club members that have continued to be enthusiastic and hopeful as we all navigate new ways of keeping our club moving forward.

The board has had to make a couple of firm decisions in light of the lingering uncertainty. While it remains up in the air as to when we'll be able to safely resume our in-person gatherings, the board has decided to forgo participation in the Anacortes Arts Festival this August. It has still not been announced whether there will even be a festival as of this writing, but since there is a large amount of pre-planning that goes into our participation in the AAF, we mutually felt it prudent to err on the safe side and sit it out this year, either way. Let's keep our fingers crossed for a robust return to the festival in 2022!

The board is also anxious to announce when we will be returning to our in-person monthly meetings, but it is still too early to make that determination. Hopefully, as more and more people are vaccinated, life will return to some semblance of normalcy in the coming few months. But the board and I all agree that the safety and good health of our members is first and foremost, so we will continue to be patient before returning until the time is right.

On the plus side, you've noticed that our monthly presentations via Zoom have included a greater number of out-of-town woodworking professionals than we've typically had in the past. Naturally, it is far less expensive to do this without the out-of-pocket expenses for travel and lodging for presenters. And our presenters find this to be advantageous, as well. They are able to spend far less time traveling to and from clubs around the country, and are able to do more presentations as a result. All in all, it is a win-win situation! And we look forward to combining some of the Zoom technology in this regard, even after we return to in person meetings.

That being said, Phil Humphries, the club's Program's Chair, who I think we can all agree is doing a fantastic job at arranging very interesting and diverse presentations for us all, is asking for your input and suggestions for upcoming presentation topics. Or if there are presenters you are aware of that you feel would be a good fit for our monthly meetings, Phil would be happy to reach out to them. Please email him directly at pilipo.two@gmail.com Phil really, really, really wants your input, so please offer up your suggestions.

One last word about our monthly meetings...in an effort to keep our meetings at the usual 2-hour length, I am going to do my best to help moderate the timing a bit better. I am going to start the meeting promptly at 7 PM (unless otherwise noted). We'll still open up the Zoom line 20 minutes or so early to give members the chance to get on at their leisure for a little of our pre-meeting banter. But once 7 PM hits...it's "Go Time"! Additionally, we'll eliminate some announcements that also appear in our newsletter, affording us ample Q&A time with our presenters, and our popular Bring and Brag portions. Please see Greg Koenker's notes on Bring and Brag mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. These modifications should help us keep the meetings at 2 hours or less, which seems an appropriate amount of time to sit in front of our screens.

I hope you, like me, remain upbeat and optimistic about the future as we continue to work our way through the pandemic. After all, it's a lot more fun to look for stars when it's dark, and look for rainbows in the rain, don't you think?

King Dahl
NCWA President



NCWA General Membership Meeting (Zoom) March 2, 2021

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

New Members and Guests: King introduced Grant Dobbe and David Metford as guests and Tony Etienne Jr. introduced his father, Tony Sr., as a guest.

Phil Humphries then gave a brief introduction to our presenter for this evening's meeting, Dr. Seri Craig Robinson. Seri's presentation on spalting wood provided an excellent introduction into how and why spalting occurs and how woodworkers can use the natural coloring produced by fungi in wood to enhance their projects. For more info about Dr. Robinson and spalting, see the March Newsletter.

Jim Bucknell reported on the Student Desk project. After a generous donation of 30 sheets of plywood by Windsor Plywood, a total of 76 desks were built by members of the NCWA. The desks will go to students who need a dedicated place to do their school work at home. For more information and photos of this project check out the March Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report. Al Ashley had no new information to report.

Presentations Committee. Phil Humphries reported no changes to upcoming events.

Education Committee. Greg Koenker announced that the long awaited VST program by Bill Pierce will be presented via ZOOM in two parts on March 8 and March 11. Greg also brought in Tony Etienne to discuss an email based program where members can ask for advice on projects, techniques, etc. Tony has agreed to work on developing this. More to come.

Library Committee. Bill Pierce announced that the library program is going to a bi-monthly pick up schedule at drop off locations – this is a “no pick up” month. Check your emails and the March Newsletter for latest listings of books and publications.

2021 Membership Roster. The roster has been emailed to all members in good standing. A reminder: If you haven't submitted a photo to be included in your listing, you can still send a “headshot” to Richard Gillingham.

Bring and Brag

Dave Strauss displayed a spalting maple desk featuring a metal base he had built for the project.

King Dahl had completed a maple contemporary style desk. He had bought the lumber from Northridge Hardwood near Sumas, and highly recommends checking them out.

Mark Kraus had built a bar of black walnut with a granite top.

Phil McLoud had built a contemporary style desk with a leather insert on the writing surface. The desk matches one featured on the cover of Fine Woodworking Magazine, right down to the staging of the photos.

Roger Pierce displayed a new workbench that he had added to his shop.

Bob Laufenberg had a maple and walnut band sawn box that he had built for his granddaughter from lumber that originally was the crib he had built for his son 30 some years ago!

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

George Lanphear, Secretary



Roger Pearce

How to Access ZOOM for April 6th 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 April 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 702-596-9727

NCWA Sidebar

NEW NCWA MEMBER ROSTER

Individual Member Pictures are a Big 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.



Bob Laufenberg

ZOOM Meeting TUESDAY April 6

[Login to ZOOM](#)



Dave Steele

NCWA Library is **OPEN**

Did you click on the
Facebook and Instagram Icons ?

NCWA Future Meetings and Events		
April 6 th	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
April 14 th	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
May 4 th	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
May 12 th	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
June 1 st	Tuesday	NCWA Board Meeting



NCWA CHAT

Exciting News on the Horizon!

We're launching a BRAND NEW communication tool called NCWA-Chat!

This new approach is an email mailing-list. It's super easy and convenient, and comes straight into your inbox.

The nuts and bolts are as follows...

Following our April Membership Meeting, a PDF attachment will be emailed to all members inviting you to join NCWA-Chat. Joining will be as simple as a couple of clicks, and you're set. It's your choice whether to join...but we sure hope you will. The more the better. You can join now, and opt-out at any time, if you choose.

- NCWA-Chat provides any members who choose to participate with the ability to ask questions about any woodworking issues you may be having, and to seek advice.
- NCWA-Chat gives you a convenient place to make announcements about tools you're selling or deals on wood or products that have come to your attention. Or you can ask for recommendations or sources for materials & tools by simply emailing NCWA-Chat.
- NCWA-Chat provides you the option of receiving every email as it occurs in real time, or if you prefer to minimize the amount of emails you get, you can opt to have a daily digest emailed to you at the end of the day. Easy instructions will be in the forthcoming PDF.
- NCWA-Chat allows all who participate to have the collective woodworking brainpower, experience, and know-how of all of our participating club members conveniently in your email inbox. It doesn't get any easier!
- NCWA-Chat is there for you to actively engage with, or to simply quietly follow the conversations that are of interest to you...picking up valuable tips and tricks along the way.

The board has run a test and have been active guinea pigs the past few weeks, and NCWA-Chat works great!

Keep your eyes open for the email, coming to your inbox shortly after the April Meeting!



Dave Strauss



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)

ALL Bring & Brag Pictures at [CLICK PICTURES](#)

One of my clients wanted a small floor cabinet to store their photo albums in and for displaying art on the top. Bob is a retired architect and came up with a great design to compliment another piece of furniture in the same room. The main wood is Sapele and the door panels are spalted maple. The cabinet case is ebonized red oak plywood and the door handles are ebony to go with the case and the black spalted maple zone lines.

Jerry Couchman



HELP WANTED

Tech savvy ZOOM types needed!

When the day comes that we can hold our monthly meetings in person once again, we would like to continue to offer them via Zoom also, so that those members who don't feel comfortable in gatherings like our meetings, or who simply have trouble attending in person, may still attend virtually. We would also like to have the ability for those members to participate in our meetings via Zoom, for example by sharing their Bring and Brag projects, asking questions during the meeting, or 'raising their virtual hands' when we ask for a show of hands.

At present, every Zoom function the club has held, has been hosted by King Dahl using the club's Zoom account. As club president, he will not be able to both run the live meeting, while also hosting the Zoom meeting. So, we are looking for a handful of tech savvy members, to help us hold the Zoom meetings we already hold, as well as develop the ability to expand our 'live' meetings to our members at home. If you think you can help with this, please email Greg Koenker at gkoenker@gmail.com.

Bring & Brag Pictures for our monthly meetings!

In order to speed the process of showing Bring and Brag photos at our monthly meetings, please submit your photos in advance to Greg Koenker at gkoenker@gmail.com. Guidelines for your submissions are as follows:

- Please limit your pictures to no more than 4 per member.
- Include a brief description of your project, that includes information such as wood used, finish, etc.
- Send your pictures in standard photo formats (jpeg, png, etc.)
- Send them to Greg a few days before the meeting if possible

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. 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

Bellingham: Steve Wagoner, 619 Bayside Rd. Bellingham 98225 sawagonermd@gmail.com

Ferndale: George Knutson, 2030 McBeath Dr., Everson 98247 gak512@comcast.net

Anacortes: Charley Drake, 5955 Central Ave. Anacortes 98221 chuckanutcharley@gmail.com

Alger: Richard Gillingham, 18927 Routon Lane, Burlington, 98233 candgachers@yahoo.com

Mt. Vernon: Brannon Mucke, 1213 S 12th St., Mt. Vernon, 98274 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 if you have any questions.

Questions? Feel free to email us at library@ncwawood.org.



Roger Shimer

NCWA Board of Directors Meeting MARCH 10, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by King Dahl, President. Members present (on ZOOM) were King Dahl, Greg Koenker, Al Ashley, George Lanphear, Jim Bucknell, George Knutson, Phil Humphries, Jim Hickey, David and Sasha Vandette, and Bill Pierce.

Treasurer's Report. Al Ashley reported the financial status of the Association. Details are available in his report, which was submitted to the Board by email.

Membership as of 3/10/21 – 202 (prior year – 228)

Members not renewing for 2021 - 41 (prior year – 20)

New members 2021 YTD – 8 (prior year – 15)

Update on authorized signers on our bank account at Banner Bank; this was completed by Al Ashley on 3/1/21.

Question was raised regarding an honorary membership for Jane Wynn. As discussed at February's Board meeting, the board is in agreement that Jane should be awarded an Honorary membership. Motion was made, seconded and passed by majority vote that Jane Wynn will be an Honorary member. Al Ashley will record this in the membership rolls and King Dahl will personally notify Jane of this action.

Programs Committee. Phil Humphries. Discussion of upcoming Presenters for monthly meetings. To provide Phil with added input from members, it was agreed that a link could be added to the newsletter giving members an easy way to offer suggestions for presentation topics and presenters.

Education Committee. Greg Koenker updated VST program. There was discussion about future use of the VST programs, particularly when in person meetings and classes resume. This will be an ongoing discussion item. The general consensus being that the VST format can be useful for things like an introduction to "hands on" classes and other topics of interest.

Greg brought up the concept of having a Technology Sub-Committee to work on issues that come up producing VSTs and presentations, ZOOM issues, etc. This will continue to be looked at. Greg is working with Tony Etienne developing an on-line Forum program to share questions and answers. This looks like it is close to a testing phase.

Library Committee. Bill Pierce reported on the library program. There was a suggestion made that perhaps the Library should have a process in place to acquire a copy of books written by Presenters relevant to their presentations. This may be addressed on a case by case basis.

Additionally, the Library Committee is requesting additional funds to support the check out by mail process. A motion was made to add \$200.00 to the Library budget for 2021. Seconded and passed by majority vote.

Other business:

The rocking horse donated by Sherri Greenleaf was picked up and is being cared for by George Knutson pending a decision on how it will be used.

Discussion of when we may be comfortable hosting in person meetings and participate in functions such as the Anacortes Arts Festival. Obviously depends on multiple factors.

Anacortes Arts Festival. Based on the uncertainty of the Festival occurring this year, the personnel commitment required, health risk to members participating and other factors; a motion was made, seconded and passed by majority that NCWA would not participate this year. There is agreement that this decision should be announced in the next Newsletter.

In person meetings and classes. These will be open items for further discussion. One idea is we plan the annual picnic later this summer (possibly September). Assuming that most members will have been vaccinated by then, an open air activity could be a good way to resume in-person activities.

Monthly Zoom meetings length and format. Discussion of a number of issues. Included, length of presentations, changing meeting starting time, limiting Bring & Brag, changing the order of events and other ways to "tighten up" the meetings. Consensus is to start by working with presenters to emphasize time expectations and generally keep the meetings on track and on topic.

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Bring & Brag limitations. Part of the discussion about length of the meetings. Suggestions included limiting the number of items members could show, limiting the number of photos members can submit, limiting the number of members who could display their projects. One suggestion that Greg Koenker is looking into is to take advantage of the process of members submitting photos prior to the meeting to produce a Bring & Brag slide show.

Newsletter format/layout. Al Ashley made a suggestion that the newsletter have a more standardized format. He agreed to work with Jane Wynn on this.

Meeting was adjourned shortly after 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

George Lanphear, Secretary



Bill Epler



Phil McLoud

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 th 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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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 with subject line as NCWA Newsletter.