



## Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

[NCWA Website](#)

May 2021

### Next General Meeting

Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

6:00 PM



**ZOOM**



Tom McLaughlin



### May Program

## Tom McLaughlin

The May 4th Zoom meeting will begin at 6:00 PM.

We have a super exciting program lined up this month featuring Tom McLaughlin of Epic Woodworking! Tom's got a very active presence on-line with his popular YouTube videos on just about every woodworking subject you can think of (check 'em out here... <https://www.youtube.com/user/McLaughlinWoods>). But NCWA is bringing him to you LIVE on-line this **Tuesday, May 4th**. Based on feedback from club members, Tom will be discussing an issue we all face...compensating for wood movement in a variety of woodworking projects.

In order for us to have ample time to enjoy our Bring and Brag, and have a chance to do our normal monthly meeting announcements, a slight change in format will occur this month...

- At 6:00 PM, please log on to the **Zoom Meeting with the Zoom link**.
- Just prior to 7:00 PM, King will instruct us to all **log off Zoom, and log onto Tom's exclusive page just for us at NCWA**

Your email invitation will contain both links.

## President's Message

### President's Message for May

As they say..."April Showers bring May Flowers"...and with May upon us, there are a LOT of exciting things blooming with the NCWA right now! As you read through the newsletter, you'll see we've got our next two-part Virtual Shop Talk (VST) with club member, John Ellis, coming up. This is going to be a great one! John will present his techniques on how he builds his amazing, hand-crafted dulcimers and the business he's built at Sunny Day Dulcimers. As with the bulk of our VST's, these will be posted to our club [YouTube Channel](#), which, judging by the view count and the positive comments, is becoming quite popular. I know I've personally referred back to many of the videos to refresh my mind on a tip or trick I've learned during a VST.

Also, Michael Dresdner's April presentation was so well received that we are planning on a special, 3-hour Intensive Virtual Workshop with him scheduled for next month. Occasionally, in the past, these workshops have required an additional fee to help offset costs, but the board of directors has approved covering 100% of the cost for our members. This is a workshop not to be missed...and the price couldn't be better! How's that for putting some sunshine your day?!

I also want to give a huge shout out to member Tony Etienne for getting our new NCWA-Chat launched this past month. As of this writing, 45 members have signed up for this email communication tool, and there have been roughly 30 different woodworking topics discussed already. It's very enjoyable, and very educational. Even if you don't engage, and just want follow along, some of the topics have revealed some terrific tips, sources, and surprises that you just wouldn't stumble across without it. I highly encourage everyone to sign up. An easy-to-join link will be on the website soon. And after the May 4th general meeting, we'll resend out the easy-to-follow instructions on how to sign up for NCWA-Chat for those that may have missed it the last time. Check it out...you'll be glad you did.

And lastly, as more and more people are getting vaccinated against COVID-19, and we look to the possibility of returning to some in-person activities, your board of directors would like to get the general feeling from members on your comfort level on resuming in-person activities. Currently, your board is considering an Outdoor Picnic coupled with a Book and Tool Sale for August or September (in addition to the Zoom General Monthly Meetings), as our way of dipping our toes back in the water as a group at large. Out of consideration for all, the picnic would naturally be subject to the appropriate CDC Guidelines, and for this year, we would hold the picnic at a neutral location (not a club members property), and we would host the picnic separately from the woodturners club to keep the guest count more manageable for social distancing reasons. We'll take a quick, informal Zoom poll during our meeting this Tuesday.

Additionally, Greg Koenker, VP & Chair of the Education Committee, has reached out to many of our class instructors to gauge their feelings on resuming some limited, in-person classes this summer. Out of respect for our volunteer instructors and their privately-owned shops, your understanding is requested as the instructors would determine if they would require only vaccinated attendees in their private shops. This disclosure would appear on the sign-up sheet. Classes and attendance would be strictly on a voluntary basis, led by vaccinated instructors, with capped class sizes (determined by the instructor), standard safety gear would be required (eye, ear, and respiratory protection), and would adhere to the guidelines as outlined by the CDC. As we all do our best to adjust to the changes the pandemic has wrought on all of us, we respectfully ask that those hesitant to teach or attend, or are uncomfortable with the guidelines noted above, to please wait until later in the year to participate as your personal comfort level dictates. For the immediate future, the thought is to ease in, and offer one class in June, one in July, and perhaps two in August, adding classes as the year progresses. So there you have it, the seeds are planted for some exciting things to come (and it's a good thing, too, 'cause I'm all outta metaphors!)

See you on Tuesday! May the Fourth be with you.

King



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## NCWA General Membership Meeting (Zoom) April 6, 2021

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by King Dahl.
2. One new member and two guests were welcomed to the meeting.
3. George Knutson introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Mike Dresdner.

Mike's presentation covered processes for wipe-on finishes ranging from simple boiled linseed oil to state-of-the-art cyanoacrylate products.

4. Education Committee. Greg Koenker reported that a new VST is currently in the editing phase and will be available soon. Check the May newsletter for updates.

The Education Committee is looking for volunteers to run Zoom programs. King Dahl is currently handling most of the Zoom meetings. As we look forward to returning to live meetings and a mix of Zoom programs, such as the VST, it would be great to have a few individuals who could host those programs.

A new "Chat" feature is being rolled out in the next week or so. Check your email for instructions on signing up if you are interested in participating in this information sharing process.

5. Bring & Brag. David Shull, Keith Olive, Stan Creighton, Jim Bucknell and Tom Howorth had sent in photos of their latest projects. Check out the pictures in the May Newsletter.

6. Presentations Committee. Phil Humphries provided an update of the schedule for the remainder of 2021.

7. Library Committee. Bill Pierce announced that the Library is purchasing books written by some of the people who have given presentations during General Meetings in the past few months. These books should be available for checkout from the Library soon.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Lanphear, Secretary



David Shull

## Coloring Wood Workshop

NCWA is offering a follow-up to the finishing presentation done by finishing expert Michael Dresdner at our April general meeting. On Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, we'll have a 2-3 hour Zoom presentation on the various materials and methods available for coloring wood.....what are the options, which one is right for his project, when do I apply it, why, and....you get the idea!! This is your chance to pick the brain of a finishing wizard. Here's Michael's description of the workshop (and wink/wink, pay extra attention to the last sentence):

*"Coloring wood opens a world of creativity, but it has its challenges. Work along with Michael Dresdner to learn about pigment stains and dye stains, what's in them, how they differ, how to use them, mix them, buy them, and control them, and learn when it's best to use each. Discover how to deal with blotching, uneven staining, and coloring troublesome woods. We'll even touch on using stains and dyes to make sapwood match heartwood, and make unevenly colored boards blend together. Time permitting, we'll touch on ebonizing, glazing, shading, and toning. Bring your questions and problems for a troubleshooting session after the class."*

Michael Dresdner

The workshop will run on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 9am to approximately noon. We'll probably schedule a short break somewhere in the middle so we can all stretch, grab a snack, answer the call of mother nature.....whatever.

Prior to June 5<sup>th</sup>, you will receive a Zoom invitation via email similar to those for our general meetings. But mark your calendars and send any problems/issues/concerns/questions regarding coloring of wood to George Knutson at [gak512@comcast.net](mailto:gak512@comcast.net). George will forward them to Michael so he has all the appropriate materials on hand to answer the questions or demonstrate the answers. This way, we will ALL benefit from the answers!

"See you there!"



Keith Olive

## ZOOM Meeting TUESDAY May 4



New Library Books

NCWA Library is OPEN

Did you click on the  
Facebook, NCWA and  
Instagram Icons in the  
newsletter?



NCWA Future Meetings and Events		
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	VTs
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
May 17	Monday	VTs
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Michael Dresdner Zoom
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting



## Bring & Brag Highlights

April 2021 Bring & Brag descriptions:

### Keith Olive

Just finished a new Arts and Crafts style lamp in Bird's eye maple with Ebony accents. Finished in OSMO 3043 clear satin. Sanded to 220 and osmo applied, when dry I used 0000 steel wool to apply a thin coat and let dry, then the final thin coat was applied and sanded in with 2500 wet/dry sandpaper. The finish is soft to the touch and very smooth.

### David Shull

Just completed the final piece of the dining room set. Four photos attached.

### Stan Creighton

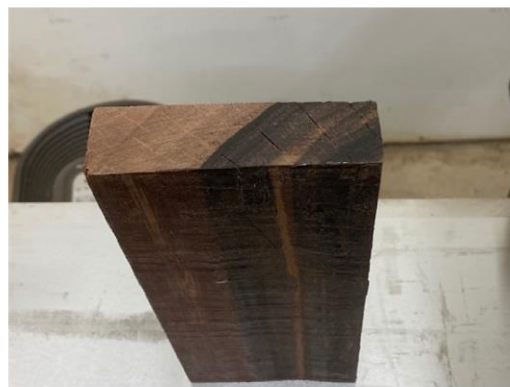
I made this keepsake box for my daughter. It's all Makassar Ebony except the shelves which are walnut and the moon inlay which is maple. The finish is varnish and bees wax, there is no stain or paint.

### Jim Bucknell

Cedar rocker and table. No finish. Cedar from Sound Cedar. For Rotary Club auction in Snohomish. Thanks Jim

### Tom Howorth

This is a "perfect handle" screwdriver made by Hand Tool Rescue. It's 10.5" long. I made the Rosewood scales for it. Then I made an oak, finger jointed box for it that has kaisen foam to hold it. This will be a birthday gift for my father.



Stan Creighton



David Shull



## **Latest Virtual Shop Talk Coming in May!**

Club member John Ellis is the presenter in our latest VST. John specializes in making Appalachian (or Mountain) Dulcimers at his shop in Arlington. The Appalachian Dulcimer is one of only two stringed instruments that were created in this country.

Join us for this VST and learn why John uses different woods for different parts of the instrument, how he bends the wood for the curved sides of the bodies, and the interesting method he uses to join the tops and bottoms to those curved sides! See how he invites the buyers to participate in the process of designing their own custom instrument... giving them input, while ensuring that their choices remain suitable for each part of the instrument.

Part 1 will be shown on May 10th at 7:00 PM, while Part 2 will be shown on May 17th at 7:00 PM.

Watch your email for your Zoom invitation which will go out several days in advance of each part!

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



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## New Library Acquisitions from Recent Speakers, and more

The NCWA Library has just acquired the following new books for circulation:

**James Krenov: Leave Fingerprints**, by Brendan Gaffney, Lost Art Press 2020.

**The Fine Art of Cabinetmaking**, by James Krenov, Linden Publishing, 1992.

**Sharpening and the Japanese Hand Plane in Depth**, by Dale Brotherton, Self published, 2018.

**Living with Wood**, by Seri Robinson, Schiffer Publishing, 2020.

**Spalted Wood**, by Sara Robinson, Hans Michaelsen, and Julia Robinson, Schiffer Publishing, 2016.

**Country Woodcraft: Then and Now**, by Drew Langsner, Lost Art Press, 2020.

Virtual programs by Brendan Gaffney, Dale Brotherton, and Seri Robinson generated a lot of interest, so we wanted to enable members to dig deeper into their work. Thanks to a donation by Greg Koenker, we have also acquired **The Fine Art of Cabinetmaking**, a woodworking classic. In addition, **Country Woodcraft: Then and Now** is an innovative look (and a second look by the author, some 40 years later) at rustic-craft and hand tool woodworking. It comes highly recommended by member Phil Humphries.

These should be available for circulation in May, so keep an eye out for Richard Gillingham's available books list early in the month.



Tom Howorth



**NCWA Board of Directors Meeting    April 14, 2021**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM on Zoom,

Members present: King Dahl, Greg Koenker, Al Ashley, George Lanphear, Jim Bucknell, George Knutson, Bill Pierce, Phil Humphries, David and Sascha Vandette, Jim Hickey.

First order of business: Jim Bucknell read a Thank You note written by the recipient of one of the student desks built by the club. This will be forwarded to Jane for inclusion in the May Newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report.** Al Ashley provided an update of the financial status of the club.

- Current membership is 202 members as of 4/14/21.
- New members 2021 YTD – 11; prior year 18

Al also provided a summary of the first quarter financial activity. This was emailed to all Board Members and not specifically discussed in the meeting.

**Education Committee.** Greg Koenker.

- Discussion of when we may begin in person classes; including issues of class size, vaccination status of instructors and students, shop space (social distancing), and instructors' willingness to resume "face-to-face" classes. Greg is going to contact the instructors and get their input. We will also include this issue in the next newsletter create input from the club members in general.
- VSTs. Craig provided an update on VST's currently in the works and topics for future production. Issues of quality of VST programs are still being worked on with some progress being made.
- There was a discussion of developing expanded workshops, bringing in professional presenters such as Michael Dresdner and Garret Hack to do more in depth coverage of topics. These could be done on Zoom using a format of 2-3 hours on a weekend. A motion was made by Jim Bucknell and passed by the Board that the Board allocate \$700,00 budgeted through Programs Committee for a one-time trial of this format. George Knutson is going to contact Mike Dresdner to coordinate this.

**Technology Committee.** Greg Koenker reported that Tony Etienne has volunteered to help with this, along with the work he has been doing with the Chat program. Still looking for people to work Zoom meetings and to be able to provide Zoom coverage of live meetings when we resume.

**NCWA Chat.** There are approximately 40 members signed up at this time. One request by Greg was aimed at building a form of validation for the program by informally asking people to confirm responses when they agree with them with some type of "that's what I would do," or "I would try that and if it didn't work maybe add this step". The goal is to build a sense that when a question comes up on the Chat there are several "experts" who are looking at the Chat and willing to help.

**Library Committee.** Bill Pierce brought up the question of when we thought we could plan to have a Book Sale to reduce excess inventory. This was discussed and is considered something that would possibly tie in well with a used tool sale at the picnic in August or September.

**Picnic and In Person Meetings.** Discussion of when we think we may resume in person activities.

- King has been contacted by the Wood Turners group about a picnic in August. After discussion it was agreed that for 2021 we may be safer to plan a picnic simply for the NCWA and not a joint venture with the Turners.
- We need to advertise this in the newsletter to get feedback from the membership about interest in a picnic and how comfortable folks feel about an outdoor activity like this.

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- A picnic would be an ideal venue to hold a Book Sale and Used Tool Sale.

**Strategic Planning 2021 – 2022.** Greg Koenker is looking for a few members to work on this. Another item for the Newsletter.

**Membership Committee.** Jerry Couchman has resumed the Chair position of this committee. Unfortunately, he was not available for this meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
George Lanphear, Secretary



Tom Howorth



Jim Bucknell

## 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
Hardwoods 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 Hardwoods	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

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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.