



Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

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June 2021

Next General Meeting

Tuesday, June 1st

7:00 PM



ZOOM



Stan Creighton



June Program

Shop Safety and First Aid

Presented by John Ellis

As woodworkers, we constantly encounter a wide variety of safety risks in our shops, each and every time we turn on the shop lights and get to work. John Ellis has prepared a First Aid Kit presentation that will focus on what is, in John's opinion, the most useful contents of a shop first aid kit, and why. John will discuss some educational material about different types of common wounds any woodworker could encounter, and their proper care.

Also included at the end of the presentation will be an invitation for members to consider their personal shop needs, and either purchase ready-made-kits (with John's recommended contents) or to restock their existing kits by ordering through John. This is designed to save us all money by avoiding costly, ready-made kits stocked with unnecessary items, and purchasing in bulk, as well as saving on shipping costs.

If there is enough interest, John has generously offered to spearhead this project.

Come with questions about shop safety, or offer your own stories about shop incidents that may be useful to our members.

President's Message

President's Message for June

I turned 60 this past week, and with that momentous occasion, my family prepared a video retrospective of my life, all as a complete surprise to me. It was quite something, to say the least. I guess it pays to have one son who's a professional filmmaker, and another that dabbles in editing among his other creative pursuits.

But seeing my life unfold before me on film, and to reflect back on so many good times and good memories with special people, it got me thinking how much I miss seeing all of my fellow NCWA club members in person. All the good times, all the great memories we've had together.

Things with this crazy pandemic seem to be looking up, and moving in the right direction...knock on wood (sorry, couldn't help myself!). And the latest I've heard is that Governor Inslee seems to think Washington state will be ready to open back up, in full, after June 30th. Wouldn't that be fantastic?!

I am keeping my fingers crossed, while remaining cautiously optimistic and not getting my hopes up, too far, anyway. But I hope you will join me in spreading good vibes out into the universe, sprinkle some magic fairy (saw)dust, or generally think positively so that we can all get back together and enjoy everything our club has to offer once again...including the chance to meet face-to-face.

Currently, our intent is to keep the Zoom option going as an additional feature of our in-person meetings. And I see no reason not to continue our popular Virtual Shop Talks as a way to augment our in-person classes. Both have done us well over the past year and a half, and have kept us well-connected and engaged.

With all the good news about the pandemic on the horizon, I see a bright future ahead of us as we head into the Summer of 2021!!

I truly hope to see many smiling woodworker faces in the flesh, very soon.

But for now, I look forward to seeing you on the computer screen this Tuesday, June 1st, as John Ellis helps us all become safer woodworkers in our shops.

King



Peter Gantt – we all need a set of these!

NCWA General Membership Meeting (Zoom) May 4, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

New members Kevin Olnes and Jeff Yerger we welcomed to the group.

Phil Humphries discussed highlights of upcoming presentations, check the newsletter for more info:

- June presentation, John Ellis will present on Shop Safety and First aid kits.
- July presentation will be by Darrell Peart.

King Dahl solicited member's input on when (assuming CDC and State Health requirements can be met) we might plan on returning to live meetings, in person classes and activities. One idea for the return of live meetings would be the annual picnic. The Board has discussed this during the last few months and are considering having a picnic for NCWA members only. This would be held at a public park (location to be determined) and could include a sale of excess books by the Library Committee and space for individuals to sell tools they no longer use but could be useful for others. In the past the annual picnic was a joint venture of both Woodworkers and the Woodturner's clubs. In order to keep the group size smaller due to Covid restrictions and precautions the event would be limited to NCWA Members this year. A show of hands for those interested in an August or September picnic indicated many members are in favor of having a picnic!!

Greg Koenker (Education Committee) dovetailed on this discussion to talk about in person classes. He has been talking to instructors to get their thoughts on when they might be comfortable resuming classes. This is still a work in progress. The Board, many instructors, and many members are anxious for classes to start again.

VSTs. John Ellis will present a two-part VST on May 10 and May 17 on building Appalachian Mountain Dulcimers.

Bring and Brag: Check out photos in the monthly newsletter. Participants this month included Keith Olive, King Dahl, Mark Kraus, Marshall Eberhart, Nick Pederson, Peter Gantt, and Stan Creighton.

At this point the Zoom meeting was adjourned in order to reconvene for Tom McLaughlin's presentation on wood movement due to moisture and humidity.

Respectfully,
George Lanphear, Secretary



King Dahl



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 5th**, 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 5th 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 5th, 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. 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 June 1



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		
June 1 st	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
June 5 th	Saturday	Michael Dresdner Zoom
June 9 th	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
July 6 th	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
July 14 th	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting
August	TBD	NCWA Picnic

Bring & Brag Highlights

Mark Kraus

Just finished this corner cabinet. Constructed from solid quartersawn sapele and quilted maple veneer with ebony door pulls. The rear panels (visible through the opened cabinet doors) are solid sapele. It is 30" tall. Mortise and tenon joints are used for the frame and rails/stiles. Finish is shellac with top coat of hand rubbed poly on top surface (to protect from water stains/liquids).

Peter Gantt

Attached are pictures of 2 garden chairs I just completed. They're made from spele, and all the bends are accomplished by laminating thin layers. I got the plans from a Fine Woodworking article that I checked out of the NCWA library. I have all the bending jigs if anyone is interested in making this chair, and paper patterns. These turned out to be a lot more work than I thought they'd be. I finished them with Osmo UV Protection Oil.

King Dahl

This glass-topped display case was crafted from Sapele and has Ebony Splines and Ebony Square Plugs. The top floats above the legs and apron on three under rails. The glass is 7/16" and rests inside the mitered frame jointed with dominos. It is finished with Sam Maloof Poly/Oil.

Marshall Eberhart

Enclosed are a number of pictures of a completed project which Jim Houston and I have just finished this week. The project is a close reproduction of the desk Thomas Jefferson used to write the Declaration of Independence. The desk was featured in Fine Woodworking Magazine. Jim and I worked together to make this desk and to learn LOTS of new skills. The Desk will be used as an instructional aid when my friends and I in the Sons of the American Revolution resume classroom presentations.

Keith Olive

Here are a couple of photos of Arts and Crafts Clocks I have been building. The first two photos are made of Eastern Cherry, Purpleheart and an Arts and Crafts tile called "Lake Tahoe Pines-Summer". The next two photos are made of tight curly maple and Ebony with an Arts and Crafts tile called, "Lake Tahoe Pines-Spring". Finished with OSMO 3043 clear satin and the last of two coats was applied and sanded in with 2500 wet or dry sandpaper. Clock parts are from <https://www.schsons.com/> Tile is from <https://www.artsandcraftsman.com/>

Nick Pederson

I have a project for Tuesday's bring and brag. It's a desk made of a live edge slab of chestnut on steel legs from Base Metal Designs on Camano Island. There's also a matching shelf unit, also made of chestnut, with sapele dovetail splines on the corners.

Stan Creighton

Description: My wife's favorite animal is the elephant, so I made this small item for her. The wood is Mahoe, native to the Caribbean, and is supposed to be the only naturally gray/blue wood in the world. It has multi colored veins in it including white, so the tusks are carved from a white streak of Mahoe. The eyes are Makassar ebony. Finished with one coat of Osmo matte, no stain. She liked it!



Mark Kraus

Coming Attractions * * * Programs

In our June meeting, John Ellis, the dulcimer guy, will be talking about shop safety — how to avoid getting hurt, and what to do if it happens, anyway. John has many years of experience as a first-response Seattle firefighter. He will tell us how to put together a first-aid kit that includes the essential items, and leaves out the stuff in most commercial kits that you don't need.

Darrel Peart will be the speaker in **July**.

In **August**, Jeff Miller, a frequent contributor to *Fine Woodworking*, will show us how to deal with joinery of curved pieces.

Jeff has been making furniture professionally for **39** years. Lately he is doing more and more teaching, much of it at his Chicago shop. "Teaching is more than just conveying information," Miller says. "For me, it's all about understanding the students and figuring out just what they need in order to progress"

ALL Bring & Brag Pictures at [B&B](#)



Marshall Eberhart

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

New DVDs on Turning, Finishing available in the Library

The NCWA Library has recently added the following donated DVDs to circulation:

05-1063 - Turning Special Gifts
05-1064 - Turning Projects and Techniques
03-1065 - Finishing Essentials – Sanding, Stains & Top Coats
03-1066 - Top Notch Finishing Techniques

A number of the DVDs come from a series published by Woodworker's Journal. Thanks to the family of Carl Ruebel for donating these to the club.

They should be available for circulation in June, so keep an eye out for Richard Gillingham's available books list early in the month. Enjoy!

NCWA Library Offers Mail-based Service

The NCWA Library is now offering a club-subsidized, mail-based service. Here's 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 anticipate running 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.

NCWA Board of Directors Meeting May 12, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Members attending: King Dahl, Greg Koenker, Al Ashley, George Lanphear, George Knutson, Jim Bucknell, Phil Humphries, John Braun, Jim Ferguson, Richard Gillingham, Sasha and David Vandette, Jim Hickey.

Treasurer's Report (Al Ashley). A copy of the Monthly Report has been sent by email to all Board Members.

- Membership in NCWA is currently 210 compared to 229 as of May 2020. New members YTD – 15 (prior year 16)
- Insurance – General Liability policy will be due in June. Directors and Officers premium was paid in February.
- Roster update – the roster will be emailed to all members this week.

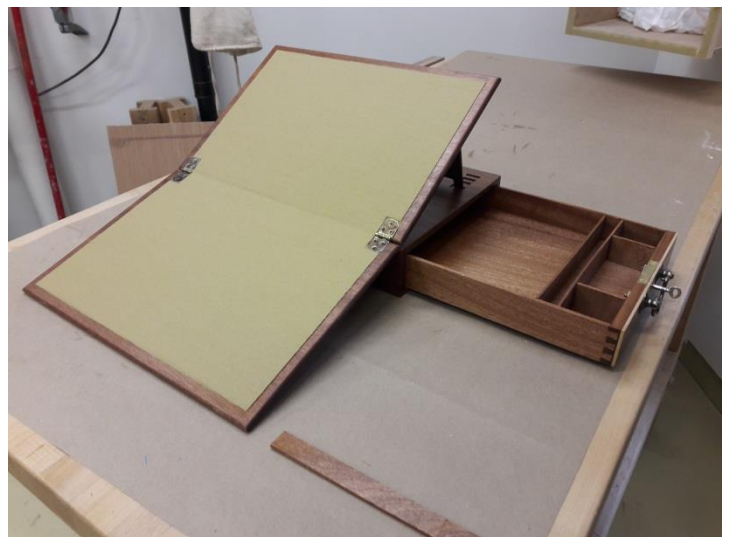
Strategic Planning Committee (Greg Koenker). Update, Greg has names of 6 members of the Board interested in participating in the Committee and is looking for a couple of general members to partake in this. A Committee (Zoom) meeting is expected soon.

Presentation Committee (Phil Humphries). Continuing discussion of pursuing the idea of extended (3 hour) professional presentations on a weekend. A motion was made that the NCWA will attempt to schedule Seth Roland for a presentation this fall. Motion passed by "show of hands".

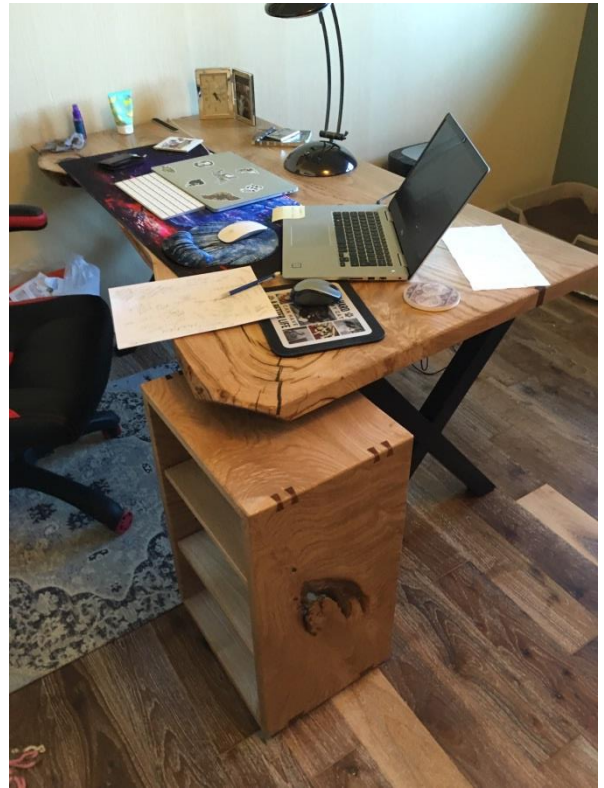
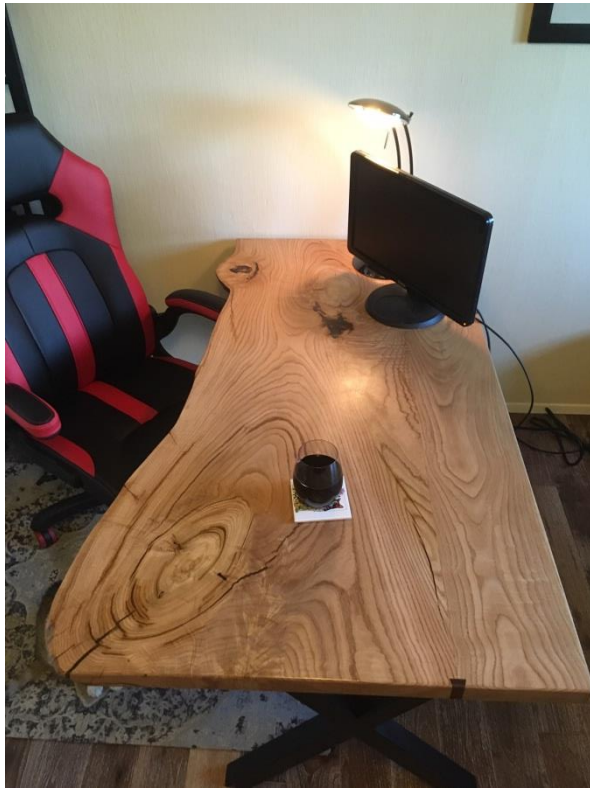
Education Committee (Greg Knutson). Greg provided results of an informal survey of instructors about their comfort zone regarding resuming classes. Discussion by the Board addressed issues of liability for the NCWA and individual instructors, CDC guidelines for group meetings, and other local guidelines regarding Covid-19. After lively discussion the consensus arrived at by the Board was to hold off on scheduling classes until further guidance is received.

Annual Picnic (King Dahl). The picnic was discussed briefly, however no specific plans are being pursued at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM
George Lanphear, Secretary



Marshall Eberhart



Tom Howorth



Keith Olive



Marshall Eberhart

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 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 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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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 janekirstine@comcast.net with subject line as NCWA Newsletter.