



Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

[NCWA Website](#)

August 2021

Next General Meeting

Tuesday, August 3rd

6:00 PM



ZOOM



Jeff Miller

August Program

Jeff Miller

Sometimes when life knocks you off your feet, you find yourself in a surprisingly happy place when you pick yourself back up. Such is the case with furniture maker [Jeff Miller](#). Most woodworkers know Jeff's name through his many articles, books and videos for *Fine Woodworking*, *Popular Woodworking* and *Wood Magazine*. (He also has upcoming articles in *Mortise & Tenon* and *Furniture & Cabinetmaking*.) Jeff has taught at woodworking schools across the United States, from the [Northwest Woodworking Studio](#) and [Port Townsend School of Woodworking](#) on the west coast to the [Center for Furniture Craftsmanship](#) on the east, and others – [Red Rocks](#) in Colorado, [Marc Adams](#) in Indiana, Kelly Mehler's School of Woodworking in central Kentucky (now [Pine Croft](#)) and [Highland Woodworking](#) in Georgia. He has presented at Woodworking in America, Weekend with Wood and the Association of Woodworking and Finishing Suppliers, and at more clubs and guilds than he can easily call to mind. He has won numerous awards for his woodworking, among them the Distinguished Furniture Design Award from the Chicago Athenaeum Museum, and for his publications, including the Stanley Golden Hammer Award for his 1997 book "Chairmaking & Design." The Chicago History Museum has Jeff's "Spider Handkerchief Table" in its permanent collection. And you will soon find his work on the prestigious back cover of *Fine Woodworking* magazine.



[Jeff's Website](#)

President's Message

President's Message for August

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, the NCWA Board of Directors has set a date for our first IN-PERSON EVENT since March 2020.

Please join us for our Annual NCWA Outdoor Picnic August 28th, 1-4 PM

We are excited to reconvene at our monthly meeting spot at the Mount Vernon Christian School located at 820 W Blackburn Rd, Mt Vernon. This will be an outdoor event for all NCWA Members and their spouses or significant others.

What to expect...

- The best darn burgers and brats you can imagine, grilled to perfection by our team of culinary experts (OK, volunteer club members are the chefs, but I have it on good authority that they flip a mighty good burger!)
- A Book Sale giving you the chance to expand your personal library with woodworking books for just pennies on the dollar.
- A Tool Sale that gives us each a chance to buy and/or sell tools via a silent auction format from 1-3 PM.
- Most of all, much needed in-person contact and camaraderie with friends and fellow-woodworkers.

What to bring...

- A side dish or dessert of your choice to tantalize the tastebuds of your fellow members.
- A camp chair or folding chair.
- Lots of money to blow on books and tools!

How can you help...

- We are still in need of a few volunteers to assist in setting up and taking down tables for the tool and book sale, etc. If you would like to help, please let me know. We will start setting up the picnic at 10 AM on the 28th.

As you know, the NCWA Board of Directors has worked very hard to provide continual engagement with our members in a variety of ways throughout the pandemic, and for that, we all owe them a great debt of gratitude. The board has strived to be as mindful of the safety and the well-being of our members as possible. Anyone who has turned on a TV, or opened a newspaper in the past 18 months understands there are differing views regarding the pandemic, the efficacy of vaccinations, and the necessity of masks. And the new Delta variant has only seemed to complicate matters.

That being said, the board has determined that it is in the best interest of the club and our members to be on the side of caution and to continue our monthly meetings via Zoom, to avoid the potential problems that large indoor gatherings could pose. However, since outdoor gatherings are less problematic, we feel comfortable holding our outdoor picnic. The board respectfully asks that we all acknowledge that we have some members, or family members, that are immunocompromised or at increased risk. As such, we are requiring that any attendees that have not received their COVID 19 vaccination wear a mask out of respect for their friends and fellow club members. Vaccinated guests are encouraged to mask up per their personal level of comfort.

Also, as you have been notified, in-person classes have started back up! Since these are small groups of just a handful of members that are asked to adhere to the wishes of our volunteer instructors as far as COVID protocols and mask wearing, the board feels confident that our classes can once again be enjoyed by those who are ready for in-person instruction.

I, for one, am really looking forward to seeing you all at the picnic!

King

NCWA Minutes of General Membership Meeting (Zoom) July 6, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

1. The business portion of the meeting was delayed due to time factors. George Knutson introduced this evening's presenter, Darrel Peart. Darrel provided an overview of his furniture designs along with a tour of his shop, answering questions along the way. For more info about Darrel and his woodworking check the Newsletter. Thanks again to Darrel for spending time with us. Great presentation!
2. Members are reminded that instructions for joining the NCWA email Chat are available in the Newsletter and also on the NCWA website. The chat program is becoming a valued benefit of membership.
3. Presentations (Phil Humphries) August's scheduled presentation will feature Jeff Miller. Jeff will be discussing joinery of curved pieces. See the Newsletter for details.
4. Library. The Library will have a book sale in conjunction with the August 28 Picnic.
5. Update on First Aid Kits. For those who ordered First Aid Kits after John Ellis' presentation, the Kits should be available for pickup at the Picnic on August 28. Another good reason to come out to the annual event!
6. Bring and Brag. Jerry Couchman, Stan Creighton, Tom Howorth and Roger Shimer submitted photos of recent projects. Photos and complete descriptions can be found in the newsletter.

George Lanphear, Secretary



Stan Creighton



Library **Annual Book Sale**

Library to hold Book Sale at Picnic
Donations Being Accepted

The NCWA Library will hold its *annual book sale* at the club picnic on **Saturday August 28th**. This is a great way to augment your personal woodworking library with some super deals on used books. Dozens of woodworking books, plans and DVDs will be available for under \$5 each. Limit of 5 items per customer for the first 90 minutes of the sale.

Proceeds from the sale go toward the purchase of new items for circulation.

Donations of books, plans and DVDs on the topics of woodworking, carpentry and gardening are being accepted. Please contact Richard Gillingham (candgachers@yahoo.com) to arrange a donation.

Thanks to all members who donate items to support the Library!



Jerry Couchman

ZOOM
Meeting
TUESDAY
August 3



Library is OPEN

See
you
at
the
picnic!

NCWA Future Meetings and Events		
August 3 rd	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
August 21 st	Saturday	Class
August 28 th	Saturday	NCWA Picnic
September 7 th	Tuesday	NCWA General Meeting
September 15 th	Wednesday	NCWA Board Meeting



Coming Attractions * * * Programs

August is PICNIC time!!! Details to come!

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"

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 Highlights

July Bring and Brag

Jerry Couchman-

Project- Floor lamp built as a first house housewarming gift for his daughter. Inspired by a table lamp he built and donated to the Interfaith Coalition (first photo) fundraiser. Woods used are: Sapele for the frame with book matched figured maple panels, ebony trim on top, and a stained glass shade made by his brother-in-law. Finish: two coats of Osmo 3043. Another great piece, Jerry!

Stan Creighton-

Project: Keepsake box for his daughter.....hmmm, there seems to be a theme here. Woods used: Big Leaf Maple for the box, Koa veneer for the lid inlay and tray bottoms, and regular Koa for the trays, handle, and feet. He got his wood from Hardwoods To Get, in Bellingham. Finish: 3 coats of boiled linseed oil, 3 coats of oil/varnish, then wax. The grain pattern changes as the lighting hits it from different angles! Stan used ideas he learned from a couple recent presentations on finishing and coloring woods, and he found a great combination. Thanks for sharing your tips and the result of your lessons learned.

Tom Howorth-

The first project is a cutting board commission. It's 11x14x1" made of end grain maple. The inlay background is padauk, and the silhouettes are holly. The customer wanted a lightweight board for camping that included her dogs. He made the inlays from photos of the customer's two dogs and the feather represents a dog she lost. The inlays and juice groove were made using his CNC. It's finished with cutting board oil and wax. Tom's work is shown below.

The second project is some simple salad tongs. He had a pair that an uncle had made for he and his wife, but they broke. So Tom made two new ones using quartersawn oak, finished with walnut oil and wax. Useful projects are always fun projects!!

Roger Shimer-

Project: platform bed frame. The woods used are Red Oak and Birch Ply (from Windsor). Finished with Spring Oak oil stain, and 3 coats of waterbased poly. Projects like this, with multiple slats that need to be evenly spaced can be challenging. Roger clearly rose to the occasion. Great job, Roger!!



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 George Knutson at: gak512@comcast.net. 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 George 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 Educational Program News!

As mentioned in a recent club-wide email, at the July Board of Directors meeting, a motion was voted on, and passed, to begin in-person classes once again. Since we are not yet resuming in-person general meetings, all sign-ups will take place via email. The class announcements will include sign-up instructions as well as class information.

Below is the information for the first class being offered... watch your email for announcements of other coming classes.

This class is offered for those NCWA club members that have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19, and will be conducted in a manner consistent with currently recommended CDC guidelines. Wearing masks is not required. As with all NCWA classes, attendance is voluntary, and it is requested that your personal level of comfort dictate your decision to attend.

Course Title: **Table Saw Maintenance**

Instructor: **Charley Drake**

Date: **Saturday, August 21st** from 9 am – 4 pm

Location: **Bob Doop's shop**

Maximum number of class slots: **4** (fully vaccinated!)

Additional instructions: **Plan to bring lunch (or run into town if you prefer). Please bring gloves, safety glasses, and wear work clothes.**

Course Description: For this class we will take a Powermatic table saw apart. We will clean all the mating machined surfaces, dry them and lubricate them. We will check bearings for wear, replace the drive belts, clean the electronics and check for wear and overheating. When we are done the elevation and angle controls will work easily and lock into the setting we want. The miter slots will align with the table saw blade. The fence will line up with the blade precisely. The only thing I don't plan to do is paint the saw. The class will take place in Bob Doop's shop, located in Anacortes. Bob is a founding member of the club. When we are done Bob's saw should be good as new and you will have the chance to learn a lot about machine maintenance.

Sign up by sending an email requesting a space in the class to: gkoenker@gmail.com. Please include the course title, your email address, and phone number. If for some reason you are unable to attend, please send another email, or call/text Greg Koenker at 714-642-2164, ASAP so that we may let someone from the wait list take your place. Spaces in the class will be filled in the order that emails are received, and when filled, additional requests will be put on the course wait list.

NCWA Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting July 14, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:02PM.

Board members and others present included King Dahl, Greg Koenker, Al Ashley George Lanphear, Jim Bucknell, George Knutson, David and Sascha Vandette, Phil Humphries, Bill Pierce, John Braun, Richard Gillingham, Jim Ferguson and Brannon Mucke.

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

- Total members as of 7/13/21 – 214 (prior year – 230)
- New members 2021 YTD – 18 (prior year – 17)
- PayPal fees increasing 8/2/21. This will increase our cost per \$35.00 membership charged using PayPal from \$1.32 to \$1.40.

2. Education Committee (Greg Koenker). Update on VSTs and in-person classes. A motion was made and passed to restart in person classes in August 2021. Greg will coordinate a schedule of upcoming classes for the Newsletter, to include a statement about Covid rules and how individual instructors may choose to be more cautious than basic CDC guidelines, etc.

3. Presentations Committee (Phil Humphries). August- Jeff Miller, September – George Knutson.

4. Discussion of returning to in-person meetings (King Dahl) A motion was made and passed to NOT hold in-person meetings for the remainder of this year. (The picnic is not considered a monthly meeting). King is going to have this included in the Newsletter, explaining that we have made this decision to be cautious rather than risk infection, etc.

5. King brought up an error or conflict in the July Newsletter. This has been identified and will be addressed in the August newsletter.



Jerry Couchman

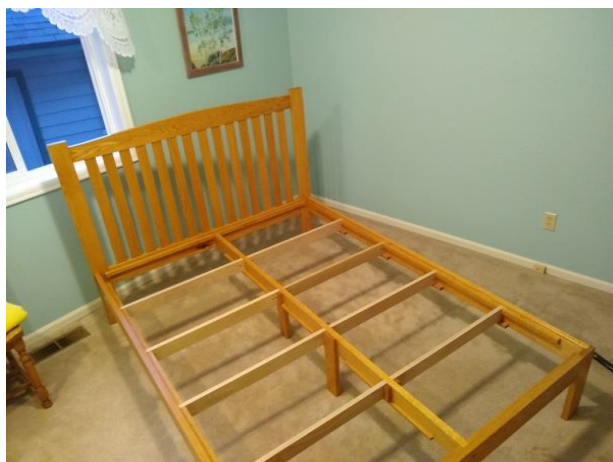


6. Picnic (King Dahl and the Board):

- a) Start and end time: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. This will be published with a notation that individuals planning to participate in the Tool Sale may arrive early to set up their display and fill out Silent Auction form(s).
- b) Payment for the Venue: Brannon Mucke informed us that the Christian School is not charging us for the use of the facility.
- c) Covid Protocols:
 - Per CDC guidelines, masks optional if vaccinated, Etc.
 - Contact tracing. Sign in sheet with members and guests given sticker "meal ticket". Sign in name and membership number.
 - Masks and hand sanitizer will be available
- d) Grill rental. Sascha Vandette will coordinate, Richard Gillingham will pick-up and return the grill, along with other items such as tables, canopies, coolers.
- e) Food and supplies purchasing. George Knutson and King Dahl will make a Costco run.
- f) Food prep. Identified a need for at least 1 person to slice tomatoes, lettuce, and onions the morning of the picnic. Brannon Mucke said that the kitchen area of the school will be available for this if we need to use it. Also, we will need at least 4 people to do the cooking, working in shifts. One final position would be someone to manage the condiments, refilling and replacing as needed.
- g) Tables for pot luck dishes, tool sale, book sale. Tables can be moved outside from the school. Also, several individuals have folding tables that they will be bringing.
- h) Coolers. Several individuals volunteered to bring coolers for food storage. Brannon will check that the ice machine at the school is on and available. Worst case – someone will need to make a trip to pick up several bags of ice.
- i) Set up and tear down. Several Board members volunteered or were volunteered for this. Trash will be bagged and can be placed in a dumpster on the school grounds.
- j) Alcohol. BYO, we will ask anyone who brings beer or wine for their own consumption to be discrete, i.e. use a "Red Solo Cup" since we are on the school grounds.
- k) Tool sale format. Silent Auction. George Lanphear volunteered to manage this. Sellers will be responsible for set up of their display items and filling out a form. A "last call" announcement will be made approximately 2:45 PM and results will be finalized beginning at 3:00PM.
- l) Book Sale. Sales will be held until 3:00 PM.
- m) Estimated attendance. Richard Gillingham will contact Al Ashley to send an email out to all members asking for an RSVP. Hopefully we can get a more accurate expectation from this.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

George Lanphear, Secretary



Roger Shimer

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.