



Newsletter

November 2021

Next Monthly Meeting — November 2, 2021 at 7 PM — Via Zoom

A Message from the President...

In this month of giving thanks, I want to give my heartfelt appreciation to NCWA's remarkable board of directors, officers, committee chairs, committee members, board members at large, VST and in-person instructors, enthusiastic volunteers, and engaged club members. You all have made NCWA what it is!

How wonderful is it to have an organization dedicated to something that connects every member of our club...the love of exploring the craft of woodworking?

While our connection remains largely digital, for now, 2022 has much to look forward to... Many more robust and informative discussions on NCWA-Chat, VST Live and in-person classes, a virtually contact-free method of utilizing the printed resources in our library, and our VSTs and select monthly presentations available at your convenience on our club YouTube Channel.

Our fingers remain crossed for the safe return of our involvement in WoodFest and the Anacortes Arts Festival, our popular Shop Tours, and the good we do for our community through Toys For Tots. But I'm very thankful for a fairly steady membership rate, especially under the circumstances. The digital format also has the plus side of expanding the club's offerings to members geographically far and wide.

And speaking of the digital format, the first three months of 2022 look incredible!

Michael Fortune – January Presenter

Roy Underhill – February Presenter

Aspen Gollan – March Presenter

Click on their links now! You'll be glad you did! -King Dahl, NCWA President 2021

2022 OFFICER'S SLATE

We'll vote for our 2022 officers during our December general meeting.

\$35.00 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ACCEPTED NOW

Click here for our convenient PayPal link.

BRING AND BRAG

Check out October's Bring and Brag Submissions.

Some AMAZING work!

Connect with your fellow members:



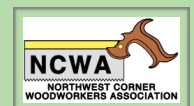
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(Click for all pertinent information regarding NCWA, including signing up for NCWA-Chat)

Click the underlined title in the boxes above to be taken directly to that section of the newsletter.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING PRESENTATION

Coordinated by Phil Humphries & Jerry Couchman - NCWA Programs

November 2nd, at 7 PM

Our November presentation features Kyle Huntoon, who was a member of our club while he attended WWU in Bellingham. In 2012, Kyle moved back east to continue his woodworking education the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship in Rockport, Maine. He also studied with furniture maker Jeff Miller. In 2013, Kyle started Hunt & Noyer in Detroit, making furniture and other woodworking items. In 2016, he was among the finalists on HGTV's Ellen's Design Challenge. Kyle's business in Detroit has been successful and he would like to share his story, show us examples of his work and the kinds of joinery he uses.



\$35.00 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES for 2022

Submitted by Al Ashley - NCWA Treasurer

Just a reminder – it's time to renew your membership for 2022.

Due to COVID-19 it will not be possible for members to pay their 2022 dues in person.

1. To renew membership and pay dues on-line:
 - a. Log on the NCWA web page (<https://www.ncwawood.org/>) and click on the "Debit or Credit Card" PayPal button Enter your debit or credit card information (\$35.00 will automatically be charged to your card).
2. To renew membership and pay dues with a personal check:
 - a. Mail a \$35.00 check (payable to NCWA) to the Club's treasurer:
NCWA
c/o Al Ashley
26220 48th Ave NE
Arlington, WA 98223

Membership cards will be mailed to each renewing member beginning in January.

Some of the many benefits of membership include:

- Purchase discounts from our vendor support group,
- Monthly membership meetings via Zoom (resumption of in-person meetings pending for 2022),
- **V**irtual **S**hop **T**alk meetings (VST) online – Zoom,
- NCWA woodworking classes (pending for 2022),
- Monthly newsletter,
- Library books and DVDs,
- NCWA Chat – an online forum available only to our membership, and
- The opportunity to associate with the best group of woodworkers in the Northwest!

UPCOMING MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING PRESENTATIONS VIA ZOOM

Coordinated by Phil Humphries, Chair of the Programs Committee

November 2nd, at 7 PM – Former club member, Kyle Huntoon of Hunt & Noyer Furniture, will be presenting from his successful furniture shop in Detroit, Michigan.

December 7, 2021, 7 PM – End of Year Wrap Up

January 4, 2022 – Michael Fortune

February 1, 2022 – Roy Underhill

March 1, 2022 – Aspen Gollan

Cool New Resources!

(Now and then, our members come across unique woodworking resources that merit being shared with the other club members. If you find a resource that would be of interest to our members at large, please don't hesitate to request that it be included in the monthly newsletter.)

Submitted by Richard Gillingham, NCWA Library Committee Co-Chair

Recently, Richard posted a great find from Wood Magazine on the NCWA-Chat. After some online discussion, there was a general consensus to have a featured spot in the newsletter where members can share their resources with the rest of the club.

Richard – “Wood Magazine puts out some very useful videos as well as articles. I subscribe to Wood so I get them maybe once every couple weeks.

One that recently came in could be very useful. This one, on power equipment, by Jim Heavey, takes over an hour, and covers a lot of setup and production tips that, if it were included as an NCWA presentation, would I think get a lot of interest and positive comments.”

Wood Magazine Power Tool Tune-Up and Set-Up

Toy For Tots

submitted by John Braun, Chair of the Toys For Tots Program

Due to Covid concerns, the Marine Corps is not accepting toys again this year. Some members are going to be making toys and they will be donated to the Skagit Herald Christmas Fund. If anyone is interested in contacting John Braun regarding donating or making toys, please reach out to him at lesjbraun@gmail.com or (360) 724-3011.

Vote for the 2022 NCWA Officers

It's election time once again! Per our club [Bylaws](#), each December, NCWA members are asked to cast a vote for incoming officers to serve the next calendar year, from January 1 - December 31. Officer positions include club President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. As you know, our volunteer Board of Directors and the NCWA Officers strive to provide club members with an engaging and educational experience. Quite simply, the goal is to create an all-around enjoyable place for those interested in the craft of woodworking to connect, share, and learn from one another.

Support from members, officers, and board members alike, combine to make NCWA the exceptional woodworker's club that it is. As we all evolve together, participation on committees, on the board, or as officers helps to strengthen our already robust foundation, and guide us into the future.

This year's slate of officers that we will vote on include...

President – Greg Koenker

Vice President – John Ellis

Treasurer – Al Ashley

Secretary – George Lanphear

Upcoming VST LIVE!

Submitted by Greg Koenker, Vice President & Chair of the Education Committee

Rust Removal: An informative VST Live on Rust Removal with Andrew Pellar

Date: Saturday, November 13, 2021

Time: 10 AM

Via Zoom

Finger and Box Joint Jigs: Tom Howorth and Andrew Pellar join together for a VST Live to discuss and demonstrate the Incra I-Box jig and shop-made jigs for finger and box joints

Date: Monday, November 22, 2021

Time: 7 PM

Via Zoom

Book Reviews —

The NCWA Library has an extensive collection of books, videos, and plans on a huge range of woodworking topics and projects. See what members are saying about their recent reads.

Please Note the Holiday Announcement from the Library Committee, following these reviews.

Trees: Their Natural History

Second Edition

By Peter A. Thomas

NCWA Library # 67-1051

Submitted by member, Bob Pavia – Woodworkers share an investment in the wood they use. Texture, grain, workability, feel. There is an affinity to the board in hand and a respect for its origins. But how many of us really understand trees themselves, *Trees: Their Natural History* is written to build that understanding.

Trees is not a how-to book you will use in the shop, it is best enjoyed in a comfortable chair with a favorite drink. This in-depth look at trees complements Seri Robinson's (<https://www.northernspalting.com/about-us/dr-spalting/>) presentation to the club in March 2021. Like Dr. Robinson, Peter Thomas is an academic who writes in a very approachable style.

Trees begins with an overview of what a tree actually is: the difference between conifers and other trees, softwoods vs hardwoods, evergreens vs deciduous trees. These definitions help us understand why trees produces woods with the properties we value (or curse) in the shop.

The core of the book has chapters on leaves, roots, tree shapes, and the growing tree. Chapter 3, Trunks and Branches is most interesting to woodworkers. It provides details on grain, wood movement, heart and sapwood, and branches and knots to name a few topics. Each of these affect the properties of lumber.

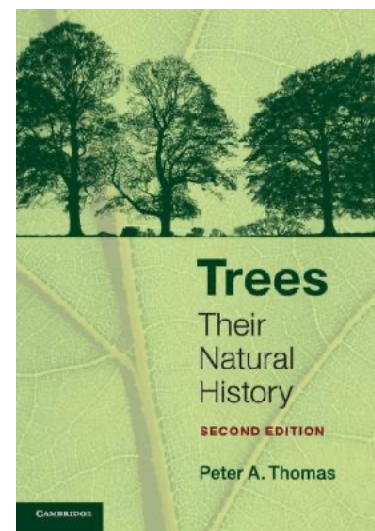
You will find detailed information about species of interest like oak, beech, and cherry but not in a single location. For example information on cherry is found in 9 sections of the book. The final chapter is about trees in the human context, how we use them to our benefit. Each chapter ends with a detailed "further reading" list.

Thomas' book is worthwhile reading for those with a deep interest in wood and its origins. There are excellent color photographs, charts, and tables that help illustrate the sometimes dense text. Even if you don't read every word, the book is a fascinating tour of the natural history of trees, which after all are at the center of the woodworking experience.

The Wood & Lumber section (67) of in the NCWA library (<https://www.ncwawood.org/library/>) has several title about wood that bridge the gap between tree and board including:

The Essential Wood Book (#67-909)

Understanding Wood (#67-1003)



The Wood Database is a good online source of species specific woodworking information (<https://www.wood-database.com/wood-filter/>)

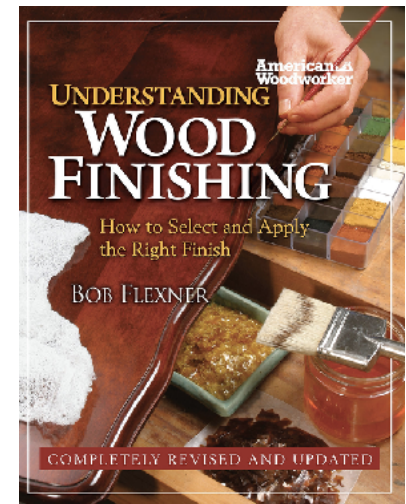
Understanding Wood Finishing

by Bob Flexner

3rd Revised Edition, Fox Chapel Publishing © 2021

308 pages

NCWA Library # 57-504



Submitted by member, Mark Kraus – Bob Flexner has written several books and articles on wood finishing (*Wood Finishing 101*, *Flexner on Finishing*), of which this is his latest book. It covers wood finishing very thoroughly, with a focus on explaining the why's and how's of each aspect of this often challenging part of woodworking. The breadth and depth of the chapters is impressive. They cover the gamut from preparation to application tools, staining, oil finishes, wax finishes, pore filling, film finishes, shellac, lacquer, varnish, two-part finishes, water-based finishes, coloring, caring for finished furniture, repairing and even external finishes. For each topic, Bob explains it in easy to read but technically detailed language (you don't need a PhD in chemistry). There is a good balance between explaining the how and why, with detailed step by step instructions for specific tasks. And lots of sidebars that address common myths about finishing. His goal is more to educate the reader as to how to make the best choices for wood finish and the basic finishing processes themselves.

Unlike many other articles and books which emphasize the selection of a particular name brand of product to use (some with a 'Consumer Reports' like table and product ranking), this book explains the composition and characteristics categorically of the various finish types available. It provides pictures of many examples of commercially available finishing products for each category, but leaves the particular choice of product to buy to the reader. For example, with 'oil finishes' there is a table (pages 84-85) that breaks oil finishes down into 6 broad categories, with characteristics for each and pictures of 30 products as examples. Although the examples given are not a totally exhaustive survey of every product on the market, they are a great reference for commonly available products.

The book also provides good insights into the terminology and labeling of finishes. It points out the many inconsistencies and sometimes outright misleading terminology as to what the finish actually is and helps make sense of it all. The chapter on varnish really pulled the curtain open for me to understand this confusing category.

If you want to learn about wood finishing, I would recommend 'Understanding Wood Finishing' as a great reference and instructional book on the subject.

Finishing Wood

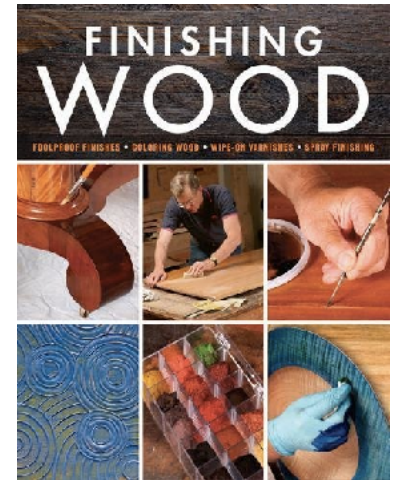
by the editors of Fine Woodworking
The Taunton Press © 2017
220 pages

NCWA Library # 57-510

Submitted by member, Mark Kraus – *Finishing Wood* is a compilation of some of the best articles from Fine Woodworking magazine on wood finishing by 17 well respected contributors. The format and presentation of each chapter will be readily recognizable to readers of that great magazine. It covers the gamut from preparation to applying finishes and techniques. Some chapters are more educational and instructive (such as the one on sandpaper types and sanding), while most chapters have a more 'how-to' bent.

Overall, it does provide a good overview of wood finishing. Some chapters provide quite detailed and specific step by step instructions for a given finishing topic. In some, specific finishing products are described and used. A few chapters provide comparative tables for ranking various products (for example, wiping varnishes on pages 90-91).

The one limitation of this book is that it draws upon articles that have been published already, so the depth and breadth is constrained by the availability of such material from Fine Woodworking. That said, it does cover a wide range of material in an easy to read and understand format.



The NCWA Library Mail-based Service Holiday Break

Submitted by Bill Pierce, Richard Gillingham and Brannon Mucke – Members of the NCWA Library Committee

The NCWA Library will be pausing its mail-based service starting November 15th, 2021 and resuming January 5, 2022.

The holidays are a busy time of year for everyone, and as you know, the post office gets a little crazy. We will also be extending our loan period to January 31st on items that come due, during this period.

Please get your returns or new requests in by November 15th, and kindly hold on to items that come due between then and January. Happy Holidays to you all. Next year, we anticipate running the mail-based service until regular meetings resume.

Contact Bill Pierce (library@ncwawood.com) if you have questions or special circumstances.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of General Membership Meeting (Zoom)

October 5, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM October 5th, 2021.

Tonight's presenter Dave Fisher was introduced by Bill Pierce. Dave, a woodcarver from western Pennsylvania, gave an excellent presentation on bowl carving using all hand tools. The presentation will be available to view on the NCWA YouTube channel.

Following the presentation what is the business portion of the meeting.

1. Education committee (Greg Koenker). There are still two openings available for the class on woodcarving which will be Saturday October 9th from 9:00 AM to noon. The presentation on Greene and Greene table (George Knutson) and the presentation by Darrell Peart are now up on [YouTube](#) to view.

2. Presentations committee (Phil Humphries). Check the monthly newsletter for details on upcoming presentations.

3. Library committee (Bill Pierce). Bill put out a reminder to all membership the library committee is looking at new books to purchase at the end of the year. If you have suggestions for titles the library may be interested in purchasing please contact Bill, Richard, or Brannon.

King Dahl added a comment that he is very happy with the response to the Book Review article added to the newsletter. This appears to be a great way for members to share information on new books added to the library.

4. Bring & Brag.

Bill Pierce presented a carved walnut bowl that he has titled "backward bend" because the shape of the sides of the bowl resemble a yoga position with that name.

Christina Keenan showed a kitchen cabinet featuring pine shelves with a spice rack surrounding an existing rolling kitchen cart.

Jeff Brandenburg displayed a set of croquet mallets he built as a wedding gift.

Jim Bucknell had a coat rack he had built for his stepson. Built of white oak and assembled using Domino loose tenons.

Check out the monthly newsletter for photos and more details.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.

Submitted by George Lanphear, NCWA Secretary

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting (Zoom)**October 13, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Members present include King Dahl, Greg Koenker, Al Ashley, George Lanphear, Jerry Couchman, George Knudson, Jim Bucknell, Jim Ferguson, Phil Humphries, David and Sasha Vandette, Bill Pierce, and John Braun.

1. Treasurer's Report (Al Ashley). Al had provided copies of the monthly Treasurer's report and the 2022 Proposed Budget to all board members via email. After discussion there was one correction made to the report regarding the rental fee for the barbeque

Proposed budget for 2022 was covered and a motion was made to accept it with the understanding many of the items may change due to Covid-19 restrictions. Motion was passed by show of hands.

2. Education Committee Update (Greg Koenker) Update on classes. Bill Pierce's carving class was held on 10/9/2021 with two members attending. Expect woodcarving class #2 to be offered soon. Attending class #1 is NOT a prerequisite to attend class #2. Greg is working with Jerry Couchman to schedule a box making class.

Our first Live VST, George Knutson's extended presentation on the Green & Green style end table, was deemed a success. Positive comments on the production addressed good staging, which minimized the need to reposition the camera and lighting; reducing editing time, and the ability to include real time questions and answer

3. Programs Committee Update (Phil Humphries). November's presenter will be Kyle Huntoon, former NCWA member and now owner of a shop in Michigan. December will feature a look at 2021 from the perspective of our club President, King Dahl.

4. King brought up several items for discussion:

Looking for suggestions for disseminating information about new resources such as books, videos, You Tube videos to the membership.

Community Project. King was approached regarding a project to assist Girl Scouts in building wood Duck Boxes. He is trying to get more information about this project, such as time line, number of units, etc.

Board Meetings - Due to a scheduling conflict King asked the board if the date/time of future Board meetings could be changed. An agreement was reached that future Board Meetings will be held at 7:00 PM on THURSDAY of the week following the regular Membership Meeting. Essentially 1 day later than we have been meeting. This will take effect beginning November 11, 2021.

5. Elections of Board Members was brought up. Elected Board Members include President and Vice President (elected for 1 year term and are eligible for a second term), Treasurer, and

Secretary, also 1 year term, also able to serve multiple terms. Al Ashley (Treasurer) and George Lanphear (Secretary) have agreed to continue on their positions. Greg Koenker is expected to move from Vice President to President. Candidate for Vice President to be named later.

In person General Meetings remain on hold.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.

Submitted by George Lanphear, NCWA Secretary

Bring and Brag

from the October 5th General Meeting

Bill Pierce – This is a fruit bowl I carved as a wedding gift for our nephew and his bride. It is made of walnut, harvested three years ago from a friend's farm, in Arlington. The bowl was inspired by David Fisher's work, and is called "backward bend", after the yoga pose. I did extensive sketching and then drew up full scale plans to refine the curves, once I found a half-log with the right bend in my woodshed. The finish is Odie's Oil.



This small side table is loosely based on a similar table in Finewood Working April 2021.

The body of the table is cherry and the top is sapele. The knob on the drawer is sapele.

Finish is Sam Maloof.

Phil McCloud – Attached are a couple of pictures for bring and brag of a small table I recently built.



In a chat comment recently, Jim Bucknell said, "Most woodworkers learn to cut dove tail joints by hand shortly before they buy a jig." I skipped the first step and just bought a Leigh dovetail jig. It works great.

I'm also quite proud of turning the drawer knob.

Christina Keenan –

Photos:

1. finished shelves, 2. Home Depot pine 3. two boards laid across my kitchen counter/shop.



I designed this to fit around and coordinate with the granite-top, rubberwood kitchen cart I had built. Rubberwood was unavailable, so I chose select, knot-free pine. The two 7' tall pillars to each side have three fixed shelves, while the rest are adjustable. Suspended between the pillars are three spice shelves. I stabilized the shelves and spice racks by adding a 1/8th" thick wooden backing.

After sanding to 400, I applied two coats of water-based, low luster polyurethane -- sanding lightly between coats with 4000 steel wool. I used a foam brush for poly application. Both the kitchen cart and the shelving unit are on casters.

Many thanks to Stuart Welch. Stuart cut all of the wood, tutored me along the way and allowed me to do all the sanding, dowel drilling and polyurethaning in his shop. I learned a lot working with him.

Jim Bucknell – This is a coat rack for my stepson in Chicago. White oak with Varathane Summer Oak stain and General Finishes semi-gloss poly. Joinery is all with dominoes.



Jeff Brandenburg – This is the third set of croquet mallets I have made for wedding gifts.



The heads are Walnut inlaid with Padouk, the handles are Jatoba for its hardness, and the little ball on the top is Red Heart for, you know, the wedding. The faces are quarter-inch brass, sanded to 12,000 grit.

Preferred Vendors offering DISCOUNTS to NCWA Members:

Click the link to be taken to the company's website for address, phone number, & product selection.

NORTH –

[Hardware Sales](#)

[Bellingham Millwork](#)

[Hardwoods to Get](#)

[Windsor Plywood](#)

[Village Books](#)

WEST –

[Sebo's Hardware](#)

SOUTH –

[Martin Lumber/True Value](#)

[Stormo Hardwoods](#)

CENTRAL –

[Ekrem Hardware](#)

[Karl's Paints](#)

[Mt. Vernon Building Center](#)

[Cedar Country Lumber](#)

[Sherwin-Williams Paint](#)

EAST –

[E & E Lumber](#)

SPECIALTY –

[Edensaw Woods](#)

[FASTCAP](#)

[Hartville Tool](#)

[Klingspor](#)

[Rockler Woodworking Woodworkers Supply](#)

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. 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 kingdahl1@gmail.com and janekirstine@comcast.net with subject line as "NCWA Newsletter".

NCWA 2021 Board of Directors:

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Library – Bill Pierce and Richard Gillingham

Education – Greg Koenker

Membership – Jerry Couchman

Shows – David and Sascha Vandette

Shop Tours – Jim Redding

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Newsletter – Jane Wynn (interim, King Dahl)