



# Newsletter

December 2021

**Next Monthly Meeting — December 7, 2021 at 7 PM — Via Zoom**

## 2022 OFFICER'S SLATE

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

**\$35.00 ANNUAL  
MEMBERSHIP DUES  
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## BOOK REVIEWS

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## **A Message from the President...**

As I reflect back on this past year, and how much I have enjoyed the camaraderie that comes with being on the board of this wonderful club, I think back with fondness to the day, 4 or 5 years ago, when member Tom Dolese of Terra Firma Design suggested I join him for my first club meeting. And what a terrific suggestion it was!

While I had spent many years designing and building props for large events, my desire was to learn how to work with hardwoods and learn to build fine furniture. Tom helped me get my head screwed on straight and taught me, not only the difference between building things to last a short period of time (which was my life up until then) and building heirloom pieces, but also the basics of selecting and processing wood, joinery, sanding, and finishing. Little did I know at the time how much there was to learn! But as I was introduced to more and more members of NCWA, many more members would also become valuable mentors to me.

When, after a couple of years attending meetings and classes, and joining David and Sascha's Show's committee under the suggestion of Jerry

Couchman, Jim Bucknell asked me to serve as Vice President of the board. I gladly accepted, because by now, I fully understood that the more I put *into* the club, the more I got *out*. My appreciation for such an engaged and talented group of woodworkers now knows no bounds.

I thank you all sincerely for putting up with me as 2021's club President. And a special thanks to this years board and committee members for all of their amazing work in keeping the club not only *surviving* during this time of Covid, but for keeping the club *thriving*!

As Greg Koenker takes the helm for 2022, my hope is that many that have yet to experience the extraordinary benefits of being on a committee or on the board, consider it in the coming year. Those that have come before me know what I'm talking about, and all members deserve to reap all of the benefits NCWA has to offer.

Cheers to a wonderful holiday season, and a fabulous 2022!

*-King Dahl, NCWA President 2021*

## December 7th General Meeting

This Tuesday's meeting will feature...

- The President's Annual Year-End Wrap-Up
- Voting for the new 2022 Board of Director's Officer Positions
- Announcement of the 2021 Sprit Award
- Bring and Brag

## 2022 General Membership Meeting Presenters for Q1

*Coordinated by Phil Humphries - NCWA 2021 Programs Chair*

**Michael Fortune** – January Presenter

**Roy Underhill** – February Presenter

**Aspen Gollan** – March Presenter

Click on their links now to check them out! You'll be glad you did!

## **\$35.00 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES for 2022**

*Submitted by Al Ashley - NCWA Treasurer*

Renew your Membership Now! NO Increase for 2022.

Dues for 2022 have been rolling in – but a bit slower than expected! About one-fourth of our club members have renewed their membership for 2022.

Due to COVID-19 it will not be possible for members to pay their 2022 dues in person. Members have the option to renew their membership and pay their dues on-line using PayPal, or by mailing a check to the NCWA Treasurer.

1. To pay dues on-line with **PayPal**:

- 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 pay dues with a personal check:

- Mail a \$35.00 check (payable to: **NCWA**) to the Club’s treasurer:

NCWA  
c/o Al Ashley  
26220 48<sup>th</sup> 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:

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

## Upcoming VST LIVE!

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

### Part TWO - Box Joint Jigs

**December 13, 1 PM**

(Zoom invitation to be sent in the coming days)

**Finger and Box Joint Jigs:** Tom Howorth recently demonstrated his Incra I-Box Jig (video to be available on our YouTube Channel soon)

**Part TWO** will feature Andrew Pellar discussing and demonstrating shop-made jigs for finger and box joints.

## 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

## New Resources Page!

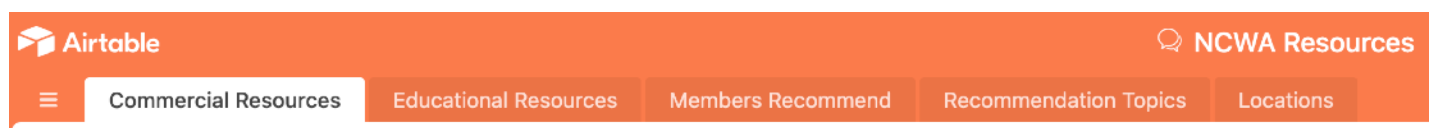
*Submitted by member Tony Etienne*

The NCWA Resources page is a user-friendly database that I created to serve the purpose of storing information about recommendations that other NCWA members make!

The chat list (the ncwa mailing list) is a great resource for a lot of things, but there was a conversation a while back about "how do we find these recommendations in the weeks and months after the fact? It's hard to look back through all the conversations to find old recommendations or tips!". I had recently learned about a site called AirTable, and it seems perfectly well-suited to the purpose. And here we are today!

I'm sharing it at a fairly early stage to see if people find it helpful, and to gather feedback. It's not fully-fleshed out yet and needs more suggestions and resources to make it even more useful.

I think it's fairly self-explanatory, and the user interface is pretty straightforward, but just in case, here's a quick breakdown. There are 5 tables (1 tab for each) across the top, you can click each one to see its contents:



- Commercial Resources: list of companies (incl website and phone #) and what people recommend them for
- Educational Resources: online resources for different topics, grouped by topic (this doesn't have to be limited to videos, we can have books and other stuff too)
- Members Recommend: This table is automatically generated by the first two, and keeps track of who's recommending what
- Recommendation Topics: This is another automatic table, and lists commercial resources (the first table) grouped by topic
- Locations: a final automatic table that lists which commercial resources (again, the first table) are located in which cities, so that it's easier to see what's near you
- There are only a few records right now (I've spent some time combing past ncwa-chat conversations), but it's easy to grow the database as ncwa-chat continues and people suggest more and more resources!

Here's the link to the "NCWA Resources" database: <https://bit.ly/ncwa-resources>

Let me know what you think. There isn't a vetting process in place yet since this is just getting started, but I'd be open to talking about that if this seems like a good way to go.

## 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.

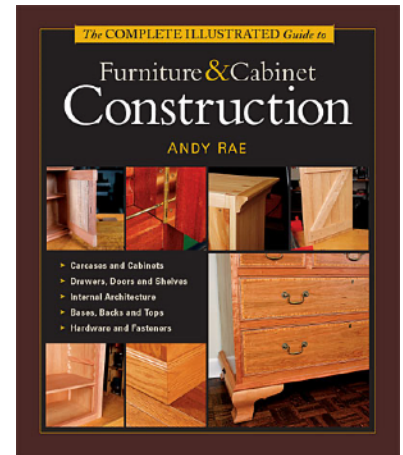
Please Note the reiteration of the Holiday Announcement from the Library Committee, following these reviews.

### ***The Complete Illustrated Guide to Furniture and Cabinet Construction***

By Andy Rae

NCWA Library #55-431

*Submitted by member, Bob Pavia* – Woodworking, in particular furniture and cabinet construction, is the culmination of centuries of experience refined into knowledge and skills we use each time we enter our shop. Like the Joy of Cooking, Tautan's Furniture & Cabinet Construction is a repository for that knowledge curated into those most useful to our everyday work. It is difficult to provide comprehensive access to such a trove, but Andy Rae's book is so well organized it serves everyone from the aspiring furniture maker to the seasoned woodworker.



The book is organized into six parts: Tools and Materials; Box and Case Construction; Doors; Bases, Feet, and Stands; Frame Construction; and Tabletops and Work Surfaces. Each major part is divided into sections that cover related processes. The book is a tour de force of organization with excellent layout, photographs and illustrations.

Furniture & Cabinet Construction is a book you can use in the shop to recall the average dimensions of tables and chairs or to decide which kind of hinge will work best for a particular door. The 23 sections provide comprehensive design and construction details for a broad range of furniture and cabinet types. It is like having the collective expertise of NCWA members on your bookshelf. Only without the friendly offers of support.

Each book section has multiple step-by-step instruction "essays" for construction techniques, for example how to install butt hinges in the *Fitting and Hinging Doors* section. These instructions, typically 5-6 steps, are more "how it's done" rather than "how to do it." Experienced woodworkers will find these to be useful guides. For those of us with less experience, they are great for choosing the best method, but we are likely to look for more detailed guides to complete the task for the first time.

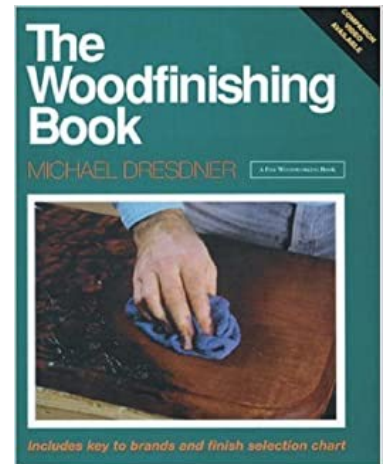
Woodworking methods have a long history, but they are continually evolving. Furniture & Cabinet Construction was published in 2001 and can seem dated in some areas. For example biscuit joinery is covered in several sections, but there is nothing about Domino joinery. Overall, these omissions do not diminish the value of the book as a central shop reference for building cabinets and furniture. It belongs in a place on your shop bookshelf.



The NCWA library (<https://www.ncwawood.org/library/>) has several other Taunton press "Complete Illustrated Guides" including:  
Complete Illustrated Guide to Box Making (#54-402)  
Complete Illustrated Guide to Finishing (#57-512)  
Complete Illustrated Guide to Routers (65-809 )  
Complete Illustrated Guide to Table saws (#65-810)

## ***The Woodfinishing Book***

by Michael Dresdner  
1<sup>st</sup> edition, The Taunton Press © 1992  
213 pages  
(companion video is also available)



*Submitted by member, Mark Kraus* – I may be dating myself to writeup a review of a book that is nearly 30 years old. There is a newer 2<sup>nd</sup> revised edition 'The New Wood Finishing Book' © 1999, which I do not have. But it is a very good book that introduces and explains the world of wood finishes. The chapters start with finish choice, and then walk through the various processes from wood preparation to rubbing out the finish and repairs.

I find the focus of this book to be more on 'how to', with good explanations of the author's techniques. In many cases it offers quite detailed instructions, such as how to wipe a stain or rub a finish. Not only does it explain the mechanical steps of what to do, but also explains why, often with diagrams that help explain things.

One especially useful part of the book is a large pull out chart that categorically details the characteristics of the myriad of finishes available. If you have ever stood in the aisleway of your favorite woodworking store (or on their website) and wondered where do I start, this chart can help. Since its publication, there have been some advances in the finishes available, so it may not be the last word. But it should help you narrow your selection based upon your criteria for that finishing job.

As all of us have experienced at one time or another, things don't always go according to plan. The author includes several amusing vignettes about adventures and misadventures from his own wood finishing career.

## The NCWA Library Mail-based Service Holiday Break

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

**REMINDER - 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](mailto:library@ncwawood.com)) if you have questions or special circumstances.

## Meeting Minutes

### Minutes of General Membership Meeting (Zoom)

November 2, 2021

The meeting was called order shortly after 7:00 PM

1. Jerry Couchman introduced 2 new members. John Hennessey from Anacortes and Scott Sandeno from Bellingham. Welcome to both of you.

Jerry then introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Kyle Huntoon. Kyle is a former member of NCWA, who now lives in Michigan State where he owns a custom furniture business.

2. Bring & Brag. King Dahl reminded members that submissions for Bring & Brag need to be emailed to Greg Koenker to be included in the monthly meetings.

3. The general membership meeting in December will include voting for officers of the Board of Directors.

4. Phil Humphries gave a quick rundown of upcoming presenters, including February's meeting that will feature Roy Underhill.

5. Library. The library will be closed from November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, through January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, due to anticipated wait times at the post office for mailing books. Items due during that time will automatically be extended until January 5<sup>th</sup>.



Bill Pierce, Library Committee Chairman, sent out a big “Thank You” to members who have participated in the Book Review program. Getting feedback from Members helps the Committee manage the Library along with assisting Members researching topics.

6. Treasurer. Al Ashley reminded everyone that Dues for 2022 are payable by check or Pay-Pal. Instructions for renewing via Pay-Pal can be found in the Newsletter.

7. In-person meetings are still on hold.

*Submitted by George Lanphear, NCWA Secretary*

### **Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting (Zoom)**

**November 11, 2021**

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

1. Treasurer’s Report (Al Ashley). Al had provided copies of the monthly Treasurer’s report to all board members via email.

2. Education Committee. Greg Koenker updated the schedule for VSTs and in person classes. No in-person classes are on the schedule at this time, however Greg is working with several instructors to schedule classes. VSTs covering Rust Remediation and Box (Finger) Joint Jigs are scheduled for November.

3. Programs Committee. (Phil Humphries). Zoom Presentations through March 2022 are scheduled. On a side note, Phil announced that he intends to step down as Chairman of the Programs Committee in 2022.

4. Members at Large. Jim Hickey, currently a Member at Large, initiated a brief discussion of the role of these Board Members. In particular, both Jim and Sascha are at the end of their term and replacements will need to be appointed. Jim suggested that we look for individuals who are relatively new members of the NCWA, providing a fresh perspective on the workings of the Board of Directors and direction for the future of the club.

5. Format for December End of Year Wrap-up by outgoing President. Former President Jim Bucknell expressed his thoughts on this. King Dahl has promised a spectacular presentation. (It’s in the minutes!)

6. In person General Meetings remain on hold.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.

*Submitted by George Lanphear, NCWA Secretary*

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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](mailto:kingdahl1@gmail.com) and [janekestine@comcast.net](mailto:janekestine@comcast.net) with subject line as "NCWA Newsletter".

### **NCWA 2021 Board of Directors:**

**President** – King Dahl

**Immediate Past President** – Jim Bucknell

**Vice President** – Greg Koenker

**Treasurer** – Al Ashley

**Secretary** – George Lanphear

**Members at Large** – Jim Hickey, Sascha Vandette, Jim Ferguson, George Knutson

### **Committee Chairs:**

**Programs Committee** – Phil Humphries

**Library** – Bill Pierce

**Education** – Greg Koenker

**Membership** – Jerry Couchman

**Shows** – David and Sascha Vandette

**Shop Tours** – Jim Redding

**Toys for Tots** – John Braun

**Webmaster** – Michael Titus

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