



Newsletter

Next Monthly Meeting — February 1, 2022 at 6 PM — Via Zoom

NCWA RESOURCES

Check out info on the
NEW

NCWA Resources
database.

**LAST CHANCE!
\$35.00 ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP DUES
ACCEPTED NOW**

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS AND DVD'S

Have a gander at the
recent NCWA Library
acquisitions now
available for check out.

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A Message from the President...

Things have certainly changed for all of us in many ways since we first heard of Covid 19. Who would have thought that hand sanitizer and face masks would become staples of everyday life? As we, as individuals, have had to adapt to the changing times, so have businesses, organizations, and yes, woodworking clubs such as ours.

Looking at the ways in which we've coped with the necessity of isolation and social distancing, I can see that, while not ideal, there have been some positives that have come out of it. One example is that we are now routinely having presentations at our general meetings by renown woodworkers such as January's Michael Fortune, and this month's speaker, Roy Underhill.

But there are negatives as well, and a prime example is that we are certainly missing the social aspect of our in-person meetings. The opportunity to spend time before the meeting and during the break, talking woodworking and catching up with our friends in the club.

While Zoom meetings can't replace those missed opportunities, there has been some chance 'see' each other, and to chat during our VST's, and there is clearly a lot of camaraderie present on the email chat group.

**Connect with
your fellow
members:**



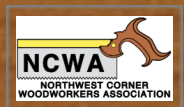
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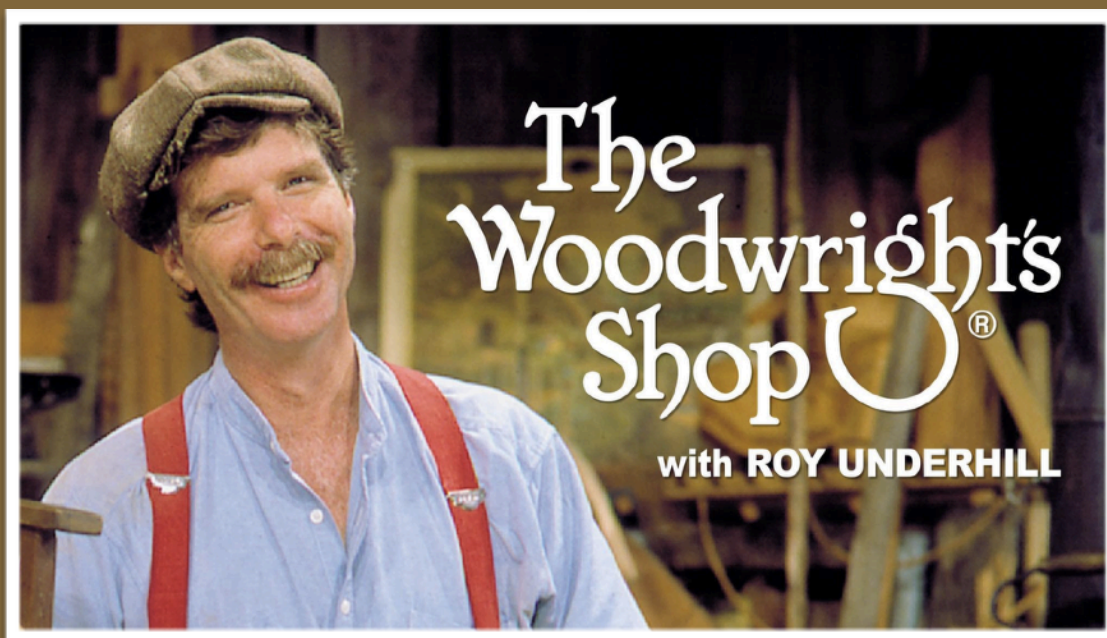
So in order to build on those two ways of interacting with fellow club members, this month marks the debut of new way to ask questions, share answers, and generally spend some time with others who share our passion for all things wood... the VST Live Q&A Session...aka "Stump The Chumps! These sessions will be led by several of the club's more experienced woodworkers, who will attempt to answer your questions with the help of other members who are present.

The first of these virtual water cooler sessions will be held on February 12th, at 10 AM, and will feature Charley Drake and Jim Bucknell leading the session. If you think of questions between now and then, please send them to both Charley and Jim, so they have time to consider their answers and prepare any material or examples that might help them to answer. You can also ask spur of the moment questions, and offer your own solutions to the questions raised. Look for a full description elsewhere in this newsletter!

Greg Koenker - President, NCWA

THIS TUESDAY!!! — February 1st General Meeting

NCWA us thrilled to welcome
The Woodwright's Shop master craftsman,



Roy will demonstrate how to lay out and cut the classic through dovetail, the half-blind dovetail for drawers, and the rising dovetail (just to irritate people). We'll cover many variations in technique and the reasoning behind them. You'll learn the three joints as well as the foundation skills for continued work.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

LAST CHANCE TO PAY YOUR 2022 DUES - \$35.00

Most members have paid their dues for 2022. There remains a few that haven't, but there is still time. February 1st is the cutoff date for members to pay their dues and renew their membership. Any member that has not paid their dues will be dropped from membership.

Members may 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 48th Ave NE
Arlington, WA 98223

Membership cards will be mailed to each renewing member upon receipt of 2022 dues.

What's On The Calendar

February 1st, 6 PM General Membership Meeting – Roy Underhill

February 12th, 10 AM – Stump The Chumps VST with Jim Bucknell & Charley Drake

February 26th , 6 PM – Shop-built Finger Joint Jigs with Andrew Pellar

March 1st, 6 PM General Membership Meeting – Aspen Gollan

Stump the Chumps

Remember NPR's ***Click and Clack the Tappet Brothers***, where people would call in with car problems and the brothers would hopefully help them out? NCWA is trying a similar format on Zoom, with **Charley Drake and Jim Bucknell** – aka The Chumps! –



will be filling in for Click and Clack. It'll be entertaining AND educational! We hope to have some of our experienced club members available too, so when Jim and Charley get stuck you can still get answers to your question. If you think of something between now and **February 12th at 10 AM**, when the show goes live, please email that question. Some responses will probably require a little show and tell which goes better if we have the tools and materials on hand and ready to go. Tune in on the 12th just to see what happens. See you then! – *Charley and Jim*

NEW Items Hit the NCWA Library Shelves!

Submitted by Bill Pierce, NCWA Library Committee Chair

Always wondered what the extra numbers and tables on a steel square are for? Stymied on how to sharpen the curved cutter on an antique hand tool? Need to design a makeup vanity to fit the average woman; or maybe a tool or a control center suited to male proportions? Maybe you feel like reading tales of contemporary timber-frame and cabinetry projects; or lessons in 17th century joinery and carving? Is Green Woodworking of interest? If any of these apply, then these new library additions are for you:

DVDs

01-1103 Sharpening Profiled Hand Tools DVD by Larry Williams (check out the review of this DVD elsewhere in this newsletter)

BOOKS

- 64-1104 Woodcraft by Barn the Spoon
- 76-1105 Another Work is Possible by Joshua Klein
- 73-1106 Making Things Work: Tales from a Cabinetmaker's Life by Nancy Hiller
- 55-1107 Joiner's Work by Peter Follansbee
- 64-1108 Essential Guide to the Steel Square by Ken Horner
- 58-1109 The Measure of Man and Woman: Human Factors in Design by Henry Dreyfuss Associates
- 64-1110 From Truths to Tools by Jim Tolpin and George Walker

Thanks to a donation from Jim Hickey, we've also added a copy of From Truths to Tools: a light-hearted look at geometry, and tools invented throughout the ages to lay out and realize it.

To check these (or any other items) from the Pacific Northwest's most distinguished woodworking library, follow the E-Z instructions listed below...

The NCWA Library Offers Mail-based Service

Submitted by Richard Gillingham and Bill Pierce, Co-Chairs of the NCWA Library Committee

The NCWA Library offers a club-subsidized, mail-based service. [Click Here](#) to be taken to a list of our inventory.

We also 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 2 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 mail within about a week. Check-out period is 2 months.

Returns: When you are done, mail your items back to NCWA, care of Brannon Mucke (ask the post office for "media rate" to save \$), using the included return address label, OR arrange to drop them off at one of the drop off locations below (connect with member 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

Pretty simple, eh? If you get an overdue notice (sent if you've still got the item after 2 mos.), simply correspond with Richard and arrange to return the item. Items will be quarantined before you receive them reducing possible COVID-19 transmission.

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.

Not seeing books or DVD's you're looking for? We encourage any NCWA member to provide input on what they'd like to see in coming purchases by writing Bill at library@ncwawood.org.

Book & Video Reviews —

The NCWA Library has an extensive collection of books, videos, and plans on a variety of woodworking topics and projects. Please feel free to submit your reviews directly to King Dahl at kingdahl1@gmail.com for inclusion in the newsletter.

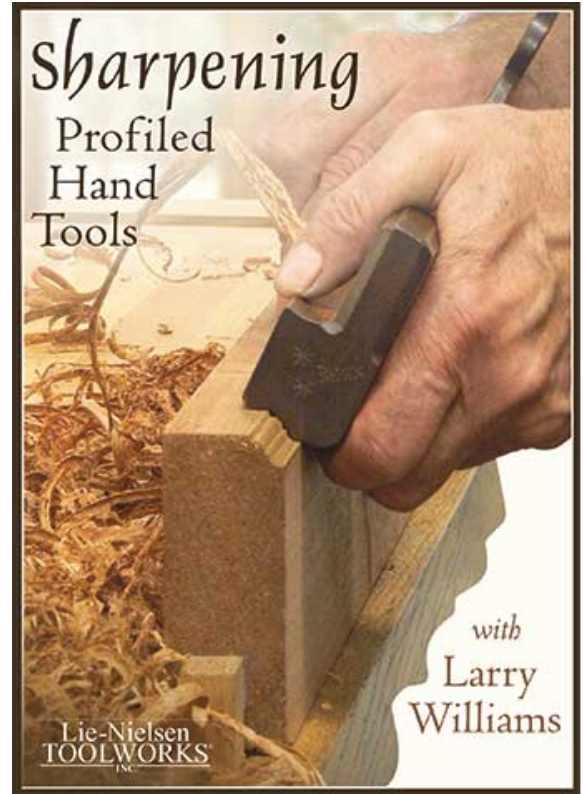
Review of **'Sharpening Profiled Hand Tools'** DVD,
with Larry Williams

Submitted by Bill Pierce, NCWA Library Committee Chair

People often become frustrated with hand tools because they must be sharp to do their job well. I've fielded a number of questions from members over the years about how to sharpen carving gouges, and other tools with curved edges. In the case of a molding plane, being able to restore the shape of the iron to the profile of the plane's sole is essential. Fortunately it is also readily done by any woodworker, with a modest investment in equipment.

In this video, architectural millworker and plane-maker, Larry Williams, demonstrates techniques for grinding and sharpening the edges of skewed and cambered plane irons, hollows and rounds and beading planes, complex profiled molding planes, and carving tools (like in- and out-cannel gouges and the challenging V-chisel). You'll see how to dress your grinding wheels, slipstones, and Arkansas oil stones with diamond tools, to maintain their reference shape. You'll also see how and when to use different types of grinders, stones, and strops to handle different tool geometries. Though Larry is a proponent of orienting the tools to the stones by hand, using a magnifier for precision, he also invented a flexible, 2-piece tool rest for his bench grinder. The DVD contains plans for building this tool rest from basic steel parts.

I recommend this video to anyone who wants to change their relationship with their hand tools. By learning to sharpen difficult tools, you'll feel empowered to tune them to work for you, rather than being at their mercy when they dull or were not well-bevelled in the first place. Larry clearly has a great deal of experience, and he demonstrates his knowledge of metallurgy in the context of re-grinding and re-tempering a centuries-old plane iron, with a torch. Furthermore, his ability to overcome a hand-tremor disability is inspiring, so long as you reassure yourself that the red layout fluid he has spilled on his fingers is NOT blood.



WOOD SHOPPING FOR THE WOODSHOP, (WITHOUT CHOPPING)

Submitted by John Ellis – NCWA Vice President

Each year about this time I obtain lumber price quotes from various suppliers in the region. I then use these prices when quoting cost of the instruments I build – Mountain Dulcimers – to my customers at Sunny Day Dulcimers. I strive to keep my selling prices as low as possible to accomplish my desire of getting the instruments into the hands of as many people as possible. I like to support my local merchants as much as I can but when prices vary as much as they do, I also have to be frugal in where I buy my lumber.

I suspect that many of you do a similar search either regularly throughout the year or perhaps even as often as each time you need lumber. At the same time, I thought that some of our newer woodworkers might be interested to learn of the extreme differences in prices out there. The table below shows the current prices from five different vendors. Recognize that these prices are subject to change and are for reference only.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have seen crazy things happening in the market place. Supply chain problems, differences in demand, shortages of workers and who knows what else. At first the biggest target for shortages and prices skyrocketing was construction lumber. Framing lumber, roof trusses, plywood, OSB etc. all would have been a killer investment tool had we only known. It took the hardwood industry a little longer to climb up the price scale but by last Fall many of the prices we woodworkers had been used to paying had mostly doubled or even close to tripled. Some species had even become unavailable at any cost. Canarywood is one of my favorite exotics and of the five suppliers in the table below, only one even would quote a price. The others say they don't know when or even if they will get it back in stock. (In April of 2021 I got Canarywood for \$ 10.35 today it's 26.99!)

So, what are the lessons we can take away from this? Is there any information here that we can use to be better woodworkers/sellers? Can we maximize profits in orders we do? Can we minimize our costs in projects we do for gifts?

Answers are dependent on your goals and personal feelings. You may have loyalties to a certain yard that you have been using for years and may want to continue to use them even if they charge more. Certainly nothing wrong with that, especially if you pass your cost on to your customers accordingly. You may know that one supplier may carry better quality lumber than another and that can be well worth a larger price. You might prefer to buy only what you need for a certain project and it would simply not be worth a long drive to get just a couple of boards. On the other side of the equation, if you are stocking your shelves with larger quantities of lumber, the savings could be well worth a longer trip.

In the table below note that not all suppliers have all the same products. I chose 15 of the species that I most commonly use and are the most popular to my customers. Windsor Plywood in Bellingham gave two prices on a number of their species. For instance, the walnut is shown at \$ 19.99 per board foot (b/f) for their “long lengths”. They also carry “shorts” at a substantially reduced price. In this case 13.99 b/f. Let’s say you are going to make a table that requires 10 b/f of lumber. Long lengths would come out to about \$ 200.00 whereas if you can make the shorts work you would save about \$ 60.00. Of course your cutting plan will determine if you can use the shorts or if they would end up with much more waste. Also take into account that Windsor does give us the NCWA discount of 10% which would bring the price down a little more. (\$ 140.00 minus 10% equals \$ 126.00)

Now let’s look at Crosscut Hardwoods in Seattle. Their price for 10 b/f of walnut is \$ 108.00 compared to Windsors \$ 126.00... savings of \$ 18.00. Now factor in your time and gas costs to drive to Seattle and back (and frustration of big city traffic) and only you can decide if the \$ 18 is worth it or not. If you are planning on making 10 tables in the next few months, \$ 180 may be much more of an incentive for you. The important point I’m trying to make is that it can pay to do your homework. Information is power and what you do with it is entirely up to you.

There are certainly other suppliers out there that I didn’t show here. Edensaw, Stormo, Targo (Hard Woods to Get), and certainly others that you may want to look into. Living in Arlington I am fortunate that I am about halfway between Bellingham and Seattle. For those of you that are located towards the edge of the circle instead of the middle of it, your decision making could be well different than mine.

Another advantage to being a NCWA club member is that most of us are almost always up for a “field trip”. Ask around and see if other club members might be interested in sharing a ride to Seattle or Port Townsend. The NCWA Chat site would be a good way to find someone that might be interested in kicking a few stacks with you. Plus the insight we can all share with each other makes for a fun ride. (Also Greg Koenker can point you at a great BBQ place about halfway to Seattle!)

LUMBER QUOTES

SPECIES	Arlington Lumber ARLINGTON	Martin Lumber EVERETT	** Windsor Plywood BELLINGHAM	Crosscut Hardwoods SEATTLE	Rockler SEATTLE
UPDATED:	1/11/22	1/10/22	1/14/22	1/10/22	1/11/22
Purpleheart	11.99 +	16.00	12.99	8.55	12.99
Canarywood	Not available	Not available	26.99	Not available	Not available
Hickory	6.99	5.32	8.99	4.27	6.99
Walnut	17.99	19.15	19.99 / 13.99	10.80	13.99

Alder	Not available	8.17	8.49 / 4.59	4.95	7.49
Mahogany	8.49 *	10.38	16.49	5.80	Not available
Sitka Spruce	Not available	Not available	16.49 (8/4 only)	8.55	Not available
White Oak	7.99	Not available	12.99 / 9.99	8.55	13.99
Aromatic Cedar	6.99	7.50	6.99	3.78	7.49
Cherry	Not available	7.98	10.39 / 6.99	5.85	8.49
Eastern Maple	Not available	10.00	10.29 / 8.19	7.05	7.99
Poplar	5.19	5.80	6.89	5.17	5.99
Big Leaf Maple	Not available	5.00	7.49	3.55	Not available
Leopardwood	Not available	22.98	Not available	Not available	21.99
Beech	Not available	5.52	Not available	4.95	Not available

Red prices indicate my preferred vendors based on cost, availability, selection and quality.

* Sapele

** The first price shown in the Windsor Plywood column is for random **long** lengths. Second price is for “**shorts**” (I think about 6-8 foot lengths) Also the prices shown are normal retail prices before having our NCWA discount applied!

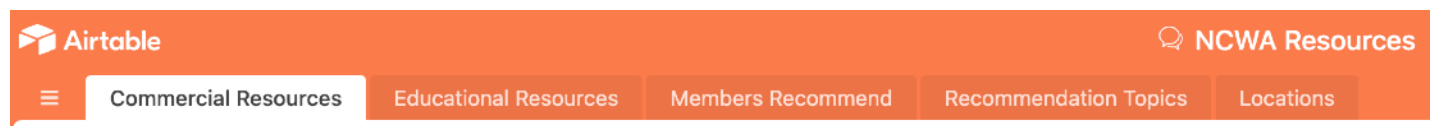
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NCWA Resources

Originally submitted by member Tony Etienne,

Click this link – [NCWA Resources](#) – for our user-friendly database serving the purpose of storing information about recommendations from NCWA members.

There are 5 tables (1 tab for each) across the top, you can click each one to see its contents. This page is evolving and being updated in real time, so there will be new additions frequently.



- **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

Let Tony know, or post on NCWA-Chat, what you think. This has the potential of being a super convenient, user-friendly database for all members.

And in the “Apple doesn’t fall far from the tree” department...

Longtime members – and much-admired woodworkers – Tom and Jennifer Dolese of **Terra Firm Design**, have built a legacy to be proud of. It’s a legacy that has been passed down to the next generation of woodworkers in their family. Their daughter, Alex Dolese, has picked up the torch and run with it in a BIG way! Her company, **Dolese Woodworks**, located in Bozeman, Montana, has become a very respected shop where Alex keeps quite busy teaching classes just like her old man does, and handling the multitude of commissions that come her way.

Much can, and has, been said of Tom and Jennifer’s beautiful furniture creations and marquetry, and their talents as excellent teachers truly shows through in how Alex has followed in their footsteps.

While creating pieces inspired by what she has learned in her parents’ shop, she is also finding her own, unique voice in the world of woodworking. And her schedule fills up with teaching classes in her own shop, and as a guest teacher at the **Port Townsend School of Woodworking**. *(if the NCWA Programs Committee plays their cards right, we may just be able to get Alex to present at one of our monthly meetings this year!)*

Renown woodworker and celebrated author, Nancy Hiller, of **NR Hiller Design**, has been so taken with Alex’s talent and accomplishments, that she has featured Alex in her new post for Lost Art Press. Read the whole feature here...



Little Acorns: Profiles by Nancy Hiller

Bring & Brag

A few days prior to the monthly meeting, submit 3-4 photos of your project, along with pertinent information like wood species, type of finish, or any other notes of interest to Greg Koenker at gkoenker@gmail.com

Due to time constraints at the last meeting, Bring and Brag was postponed until the February meeting.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of General Membership Meeting (Zoom)

January 4, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.

1. Greg Koenker introduced this evening's presenter, Michael Fortune. Michael started the evening with an overview of his furniture design philosophy and examples of his work. He then moved to his shop, where he provided a tutorial on bandsaw set-up. His presentation is available to view on the NCWA website.
2. Following Michael Fortune's presentation, we continued with the Business portion of the meeting.
3. Membership Committee. Jerry Couchman was not available. His report was postponed until the February meeting.
4. Treasurer. AL Ashley reported that as of January 4, 2022, approximately 61% of members have paid their dues for 2022. He reminded everyone that renewal can be accomplished online using Pay Pal. New membership cards will be going out in the mail this month.
5. Library. Richard Gillingham reported that the library mail service is back after the Holiday break. Also, an updated listing of items available for check out will be sent out via email soon.
6. Bring & Brag. Postponed until next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Submitted by George Lanphear, NCWA Secretary

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting (Zoom)

January 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 PM. Members present: Greg Koenker, Al Ashley, Bill Pierce, George Lanphear, Jim Bucknell. George Knutson, Jerry Couchman, Jim Ferguson, John Braun, Nick Pederson, Phil Humphries, Sascha Vandette, Tony Etienne.

1. Treasurer's Report. Al Ashley had sent email copies of the Monthly Report and the Financial Report for 2021 to all board members. Al indicated that new Membership Cards are being mailed to members who have paid their dues for 2022. Motion was made to accept the 2021 Financial report and passed by show of hands.

Jim Bucknell brought up a question regarding expiration date on the membership card, particularly the possibility of someone who has not renewed their membership using the Vendor discount. After some discussion the Board decided that the remote possibility of such and abuse did not warrant the effort to pursue this.

Al Ashley has sent email notices to members who have not renewed as of 1/12/22.

2. Programs Committee. Jim Ferguson. Jim, along with George Knutson covered upcoming presentations as well as possible speakers, topics and method (such as Zoom presentation at General Meetings, expanded presentations and live classes).

There was some discussion of charging for classes (when in person meetings resume) and opening classes to non-members. This discussion was tabled until the February Board meeting.

3. Library Committee. (Bill Pierce). Bill mentioned that some of the new purchases for the Library, particularly materials related to recent presenters, have not been received.

4. Shows Committee (Sascha Vandette for David Vandette). Woodfest is scheduled for April 23 - 24. After discussion, the consensus is to hold off any decisions regarding NCWA participation as Covid progresses.

5. Education Committee (Sascha Vandette). In- person classes remain on hold.

VSTs. "Shop built finger joint jigs" should be ready in February.

Tony Etienne suggested initiating a series of live "VST" programs in a Round Table format where participants can present woodworking questions for an open discussion of techniques, tools, resources, etc. Tony was volunteered to pursue this.

6. George Knutson brought up a possible project building desks for a school. He has worked with them before and they approached him to get more desks built. George is going to get more info from the school such as timeline, design, and funding for items like gas struts and hinges for the lids and the increased cost of materials. This item will be revisited at the February Board meeting.

7. Toys for Tots. (John Braun) The committee is beginning the 2022 campaign this month. John asked for any suggestions the Board members might have for this year's Toys for Tots projects.

8. Greg Koenker and Jim Bucknell discussed a return of the "NCWA President's Challenge". The project will probably be a cutting board. Jim Bucknell is putting together the format for this.

Meeting adjourned approximately 9:00 PM.

Submitted by George Lanphear, NCWA Secretary

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. Submit newsletter articles by email to kingdahl1@gmail.com and janekirstine@comcast.net.

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Education – Sascha Vandette

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