



Newsletter

January 2022

Next Monthly Meeting — January 4, 2021 at 6 PM — Via Zoom

NCWA RESOURCES

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NCWA Resources
database.

\$35.00 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ACCEPTED NOW

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BRING & BRAG

See recent projects by
club members
submitted at the
December meeting.

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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.

A Message from the NEW President...

As I sit at my computer composing this message I can look out the window at roughly 18" of snow. The road down the hill that I live on is once again unplowed, steep and slick with compacted snow. One more constraint on top of almost two years of constraints.

Thinking back to a year ago, as 2020 turned into 2021, I'm sure we all hoped that at some point during the new year we would see the last of the constraints dictated by the Covid virus; the end of masks, social distancing, and of course from the club's standpoint, the end of having to meet via Zoom instead of in-person, yet here we are entering 2022 with the situation little changed.

It is said that every cloud has a silver lining, and for NCWA one silver lining can be found in the quality of the Programs we've been having in the past year, and the early line up for 2022. To start the new year we will have Michael Fortune at this month's general meeting, Roy Underhill in February, and Aspen Gollan in March... certainly 3 big names in woodworking!

Another silver lining is that we are still able to share our woodworking passion and camaraderie with fellow members via our email group, NCWA-Chat. If you haven't yet joined please consider doing so as there has been a

very healthy exchange of questions, answers, and ideas by those participating, as well as a certain amount of very bad word-play!

Our education program and the club library have taken on different forms with VSTs (check our YouTube channel for past presentations) and mail deliveries of books, but have been able to continue to provide a benefit to club members.

For those of you who watch PBS, it's Pledge Break Time! At this point I would like to remind you that while the club has weathered the past two years with only a small decline in membership, this is the time of year when club memberships do expire, and at the moment we are behind with respect to member renewals. If you have enjoyed the quality of our speakers for the past year please renew your membership so we can continue to provide the nationally known woodworking personalities that we have in the past year.

Moving on, we have three At-Large Board members whose two-year terms are completed, Jim Ferguson, Sascha Vandette, and Jim Hickey. However, two of those will be returning to the Board in new positions. Jim Ferguson will be replacing Phil Humphries as Programs Committee Chair, while Sascha Vandette will be taking over as Educational Committee Chair. In addition, Jim Bucknell who had been serving as Previous President, has agreed to serve a one-year term as an At-Large Board member. This will allow us to revert to the previous norm of having two At-Large Board members completing their terms each year. Many thanks to Jim Hickey and Phil Humphries for their participation on the Board.

To close, I'd just like to say that following King as club president is one heck of a tall order, but I will do my best to continue in his footsteps. There are some extremely talented woodworkers in this club, some raw novices, and every level in between, but it is the lack of ego, and the willingness to share our knowledge that has impressed me most about NCWA. Together let's continue those traits and grow as woodworkers and as a club!

Greg Koenker - President, NCWA

2022 General Membership Meeting Presenters for Q1

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!

THIS TUESDAY!!! — January 4th General Meeting

NCWA us thrilled to welcome master craftsman,

Michael Fortune.

(click [here](#) to be taken directly to his website)



"Developing the creative and problem solving skills of designer has been as important for me as mastering my craft. Every project is different but always builds on what has been learned before. This is a delightfully open ended pursuit, there are always new forms and techniques to explore." – Micheal Fortune

Time is runnin' out - RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES – 2022

\$35.00 – Annual Dues (no increase for 2022!)

Many of our members have paid their dues and renewed their membership for 2022 – some haven't - but you still have time. Members that have not paid their dues by February 1st will be dropped from the club roster.

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 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:

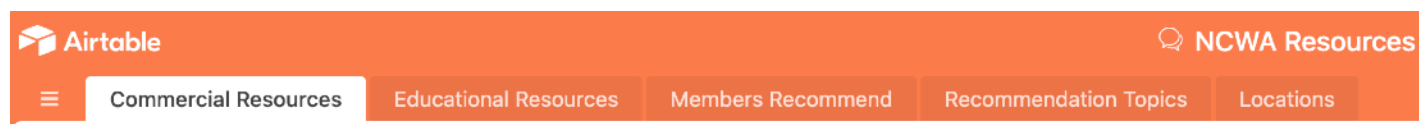
- Monthly membership meetings (resumption of in-person meetings pending for 2022),
- **Virtual Shop Talk** meetings (VST) online – Zoom,
- NCWA woodworking classes (pending for 2022),
- Purchase discounts from our vendor support group,
- Monthly newsletter,
- Library books and DVDs,
- Shop tours (pending 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.

NCWA Resources

Originally submitted by member Tony Etienne, re-submitted (and edited for brevity)

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.

Book 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. *Due to the holidays, there are no reviews to post this month.*

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 from November 15th, 2021 and resuming January 5, 2022.

The holidays are a busy time of year and 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.

Toys For Tots 2021

Submitted by John Braun – Chair of the Toys For Tots Committee

I want to thank all who participated in making toys for Toys for Tots this season...

John Braun, Peter Gantt, John Ellis, Jim Davis, Val & Laura Matthews, Stephen Wagoner, Steven Johnson, John Gruenewald.

We donated 208 in total, 161 that were made by those listed here, and 47 made in my shop. Not too bad for the short time we worked (October through December). We are always in need of additional hands and brains, so please consider joining us for the toys of 2022. You can always contact me for information.

Toys were donated to the Skagit Valley Christmas Fund for 2021, and included...

- 4 Doll Cradles with Bedding
- 9 Sprint Cars
- 87 Tiny Cars
- 11 Small Semi Trucks with Trailers
- 6 Small Cars with Trailers
- 20 Small Cars
- 14 Airplanes
- 10 Bumble Bees

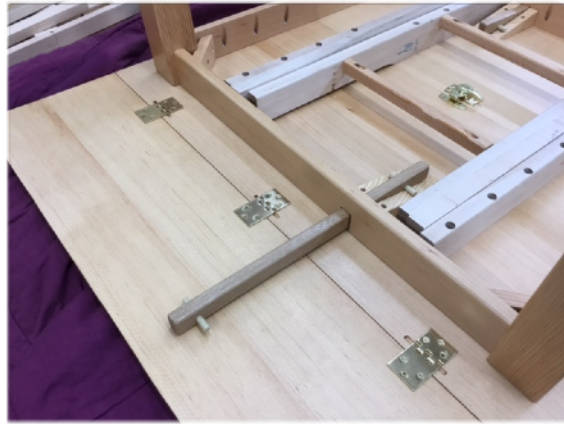


Bring & Brag

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

Submitted by Jim Bucknell

- Kitchen table
- Drop leafs plus two leafs (not shown)
- CVG fir with two coats of shellac and General Finishes wipe-on semi-gloss poly.
- Legs are tapered and splayed 3 degrees in two directions.



Submitted by Nick Pederson

- Jewelry box made of some pretty crazy meranti, with book matched figured maple drawer fronts.
- The case has hand cut dovetails.
- The drawers are made with box joints.
- It's finished with Osmo Poly-X.



Nick Pederson (continued...)



Submitted by Mark Kraus

- Walnut live edge dining table.
- The trestle base is black walnut, with mortise and tenon joinery (double tenons for the larger support posts).
- The rails attach to the trestle uprights with heavy duty bed rail brackets, allowing the base to be easily disassembled/assembled.
- The table top is a single slab of curly black walnut, 9.5' long, 36" - 45" wide, and about 2.25" thick. I estimate it weighs 250 lbs. and took four guys to carry it from the shop into the dining room.
- The finish is polyurethane for good water and stain resistance, as I do not have access to spray finishing equipment to apply a more durable two part conversion finish.



Meeting Minutes

Minutes of General Membership Meeting (Zoom)

December 7, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Membership Committee (Jerry Couchman). There were no new members attending this evening's meeting.
2. Programs Committee (Phil Humphries). Phil confirmed presentations/ presenters scheduled for the next few months.

January Michael Fortune **February** Roy Underhill

3. Education Committee (Greg Koenker) Upcoming VST Monday, 12/13; Shop built jig for cutting finger joints.
4. Library Committee (Bill Pierce). Library Mail Order program on hold for the holidays, will resume in Jan 2022. New books and materials are coming soon!
5. Toys-for-Tots (John Braun). A total number and type of toys built for 2021 should be available for the January 2022 newsletter.
6. Bring & Brag (Greg Koenker).

Jim Bucknell displayed a dropleaf table with two 12 inch leaves.

Mark Kraus had a trestle table made from walnut slab.

7. Treasurer's Report (Al Ashley). Al announced that approximately 30% to 31% of members have renewed their membership for 2022 as of 12/7/21. He reminded members that you can renew and pay your dues (\$35.00) using Pay-Pal. For Instructions, check the newsletter.

8. Election of Officers for 2022. Nominees are:

President:	Greg Koenker
Vice President :	John Ellis
Treasurer:	Al Ashley
Secretary:	George Lanphear

There was only one candidate for each position. Voting was by "show of hands" for each candidate and all received a majority. Congratulations to your 2022 Officers of the Northwest Corner Woodworker's Association!

9. King Dahl, as outgoing President preceded with a presentation of 2021 Year in Review, briefly touching upon highlights of the year including the project building desks for students and the efforts of our Toys-for-Tots committee to provide Christmas gifts for kids and families in need. He recapped some of the outstanding presentations both by club members and guests who were able to present (via Zoom) during our monthly meetings; the development of the VST programs and many other accomplishments from 2021.

King and Greg both spoke of hopes and plans for the direction of the NCWA in the coming year.

10. The annual Spirit award was presented to Tony Etienne for his development and administration of the very popular NCWA-chat program.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM

Submitted by George Lanphear, NCWA Secretary

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting (Zoom)

December 16, 2021

Meeting was called order at 7:00 PM.

Attendees included King Dahl, Greg Koenker, Al Ashley, George Lanphear, Jim Bucknell, George Knutson, Jerry Couchman, Phil Humphries, Bill Pierce, John Braun, Jim Hickey, Sascha and David Vandette, and Jim Ferguson.

1. Treasurer's Report (Al Ashley). Al provided copies of the monthly report via e-mail to all members of the Board.

2. Education Committee (Greg Koenker). Greg updated the Board on status of in-person classes and VST programs in-progress and "in the can." Greg also announced that Sascha Vandette has agreed to assume the position of Chair of the Education Committee.

3. Programs Committee (Phil Humphries) As we move into 2022 we already have presentations for several months either scheduled or being planned./ These are being planned as Zoom programs for the foreseeable future. It was announced that Jim Ferguson will assume the position of Chair of the Programs Committee. Phil Humphries will step down, but will still be an active part of the Committee.

4. Program note: Jerry Couchman had provided Kyle Huntoon a NCWA hat as a "Thank You" for his presentation last month. Kyle had done the program at no expense to the club. A motion was made to reimburse Jerry from the treasury for the hat. Motion was seconded and while it didn't go to a formal vote, it was agreed to by consensus that Jerry would be reimbursed.

5. Library Committee (Bill Pierce) Bill asked a question regarding spending money from the 2021 Library Budget that was originally approved to cover postage, but not used. After discussion it was agreed that the Board had already voted to allocate those funds for the Library and since it

was not all needed for postage, it would be appropriate to use it to purchase books for the Library.

6. Toys-for-Tots Committee (John Braun). John explained that even though the US Marine Reserve/Retired group who administer the program for Skagit County had cancelled Toys-for-Tots this year, the Committee has been in contact with the Whatcom County Marines. The Toys-for-Tots program in Whatcom will be receiving a substantial donation of toys built by NCWA members. {editor's note: even though I'm a USAF retiree -SEMPER FI!}

7. Members at Large. Tony Etienne and Nick Pederson have agreed to assume the 2 positions on the Board.

8. With other business completed, outgoing President King Dahl symbolically and electronically Passed the Gavel to Greg Koenker.

Meeting adjourned shortly before 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.

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

NCWA 2022 Board of Directors:

President – Greg Koenker

Immediate Past President – King Dahl

Vice President – John Ellis

Treasurer – Al Ashley

Secretary – George Lanphear

Members at Large – Nick Pederson, Jim Bucknell, Tony Etienne, George Knutson

Committee Chairs:

Programs Committee – Jim Ferguson

Library – Bill Pierce

Education – Sascha Vandette

Membership – Jerry Couchman

Shows – David and Sascha Vandette

Shop Tours – Jim Redding

Toys for Tots – John Braun

Webmaster – Michael Titus

Newsletter – Jane Wynn (interim, King Dahl)