



# Newsletter

**Next Monthly Meeting — March 1, 2022 at 7 PM — Via Zoom**

## NCWA RESOURCES

Check out info on the  
NEW

NCWA Resources  
database.

## BRING & BRAG

Check out what your  
fellow members are  
up to in their shops

## NEW LIBRARY BOOKS AND DVD'S

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

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

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

I was recently returning from a visit with my daughter and son-in-law in Oregon. While on the drive home, I found myself contemplating the 11 years that I have been a member of NCWA. For the first 3 or 4 years, my participation consisted of enjoying the speakers at the general meetings, and occasionally bringing something for Bring and Brag, but I can't honestly say that I felt a real connection to the club.

Then I started to get more involved by co-teaching a couple classes within the educational program, and as my involvement with the club grew in the years since, so did my friendships, and the feeling of camaraderie I feel from sharing common interests.

Admittedly it's hard to get more involved when we don't even meet in person at the moment, but there are ways to do so even in these times. How about checking a book out of the club library, and writing a review on it for the newsletter? Or perhaps contributing an article as John Ellis did last month when he wrote the very interesting article, WOOD SHOPPING FOR THE WOODSHOP (WITHOUT CHOPPING). Perhaps you could get together with a few other members and start another group to make toys for Toys for Tots, or come up with an idea for a VST that you could star in! Or contribute to the

**Connect with  
your fellow  
members:**



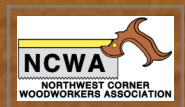
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pertinent  
information  
regarding NCWA)*

chatter on the email chat group.

Those are just some suggestions, but if they don't appeal to you do know that we are getting closer to 'back to normal', with one sign being that Woodfest is on for this year. While we won't participate to same degree that we have in the past, we will still be looking for help on April 23rd and 24th, so if you are comfortable with a little more public contact, consider volunteering.

*Greg Koenker - President, NCWA*

## THIS TUESDAY!!! — March 1st General Meeting

NCWA welcomes the extraordinary Aspen Golann



*From Aspen's website* – "Her artwork is exhibited nationally and is published in Fine Woodworking Magazine, Architectural Digest, Popular Woodworking, Luxe Magazine, Lost Art Press Blog, American Period Furniture, and others. She serves on the board of A Workshop of Our Own and as an ambassador to the Board of Fine Woodworking Magazine. She has received support for her work from The Windgate Foundation, Winterthur Museum, Anderson Ranch Arts Center, The Center for Furniture Craftsmanship and others and is the recipient of the 2020 Mineck Furniture Fellowship from The Society of Arts & Crafts.

Aspen is also the founder of The Chairmaker's Toolbox, a project designed to increase equity and access in the field of chairmaking. Funded by The John D. Mineck Foundation and The Society of Arts + Crafts.

Aspen does domestic and international commission work for designers such as Beata Heuman in the UK, The Harvard Design Project in Boston, MA and Building Preservation Associates in Nantucket, MA.

**A HUGE THANKS** to our resident Chumps...who proved they could *not* be Stumped...at our recent “**Stump The Chumps**” VST Live. Jim and Charley demonstrated their excellent and entertaining skills as hosts, and darn knowledgeable woodworkers to boot! Let's hope we can convince them to repeat this idea in the future (possibly even with some special guests), as it proved to be a wonderful way to talk woodworking in a casual, relaxed setting, while coming away with answers to your woodworking questions.

## Mark Your Calendars!...

**February 26th, 10AM:** VST Live with Andrew Pellar – Shop-made box joint jigs

**March 1st, 7 PM:** General Meeting Presentation with Aspen Golann

**April 5th:** General Meeting Presentation with [Doug Stowe](#) (*click to view website*)

## NEW Items Hit the NCWA Library Shelves!

*(Re-running this from last month, for anyone who may have missed it – some great, new titles recently added to the library...)*

### 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...

## One of the many benefits of membership . . . The NCWA Mail-based Library Service

*Submitted by the NCWA Library Committee – Bill Pierce, Chair*

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](mailto: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](mailto:soaringswallowfarm@gmail.com)

**Bellingham:** Steve Wagoner, 619 Bayside Rd. Bellingham 98225 [sawagonermd@gmail.com](mailto:sawagonermd@gmail.com)

**Ferndale:** George Knutson, 2030 McBeath Dr., Everson 98247 [gak512@comcast.net](mailto:gak512@comcast.net)

**Anacortes:** Charley Drake, 5955 Central Ave. Anacortes 98221 [chuckanutcharley@gmail.com](mailto:chuckanutcharley@gmail.com)

**Alger:** Richard Gillingham, 18927 Routon Lane, Burlington, 98233 [candgachers@yahoo.com](mailto:candgachers@yahoo.com)

**Mt. Vernon:** Brannon Mucke, 1213 S 12th St., Mt. Vernon, 98274

[bmucke@mountvernonchristian.org](mailto: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](mailto:library@ncwawood.org) if you have any questions.

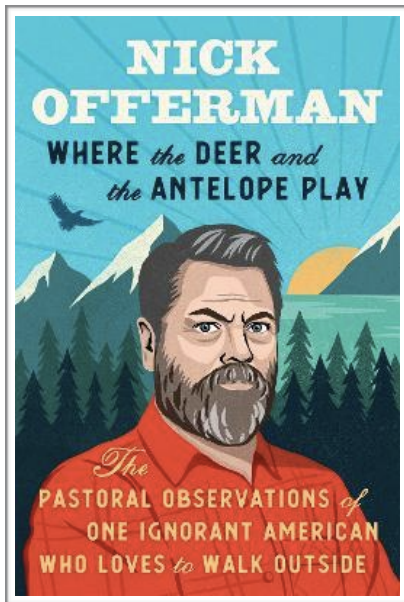


## Book & Video Reviews —

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](mailto:kingdahl1@gmail.com) for inclusion in the newsletter.

Review of ***Where the Deer and the Antelope Play*** by Nick Offerman

Submitted by King Dahl



For fans of Nick Offerman, the *Parks And Recreation* actor, and woodworker, his numerous, very enjoyable books are just another example of his seemingly endless talent.

In the NCWA Library, we have his *Good Clean Fun*, which highlights his workshop and the projects made by him and his rag tag crew (his words). But this review is about his most recent tome, *Where the Deer and the Antelope Play*. While not in our library, or focusing on woodworking per se, I thought it'd still be fun to include it, since he IS a woodworker after all.

Received as a Christmas gift, I jumped right into reading it, fairly certain I'd enjoy it since the other books I've read that he's authored were so amusing. I wasn't disappointed.

As an avid hiker and lover of all things outdoor, I particularly liked his stories of hiking Glacier with author, George Saunders, and frontman of the band, Wilco, Jeff Tweedy. Prior to reading, I wasn't particularly familiar with either of these gentlemen beyond the periphery, but I am now. And Offerman's discussions about Aldo Leopold were very interesting.

The second part of the book is devoted to Offerman's trip to witness and partake in the life of an English shepherd, and author, James Rebanks. Having previously read Rebanks' *The Shepherd's Life*, I was familiar with him and his story, and it was nice to read Offerman's take on living with a real connection to the land. Something that Rebanks lives and understands.

Part 3 is a fun romp about Offerman's road trip during COVID-19 with his newly purchased Airstream trailer that he and his wife, actress Megan Mullally (from *Will & Grace*), bought for the purpose of seeing America.

If you're an Offerman fan, my bet is you'll enjoy this book as much as I did. And for those not familiar with Offerman as an author, his writings, including *Good Clean Fun* from the NCWA Library, are delightful escapes from our far too frequent doom-scrolling and Netflix binges. This book will put a smile on your face.

## 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](mailto:gkoenker@gmail.com)*



*Submitted by Steve Johnson – Jewelry boxes and a pencil holder as Christmas presents for grandkids seemed easy enough-famous last words... Felt a bit harried by December 23rd, but did get them done in time. (Appreciated a consult by Val Matthews and some vital “coaching” from Jerry Couchman along the way.)*

The jewelry boxes are made of walnut and spalted birch. The other box is a tea box of walnut and figured maple. Finished insides with Zinsser seal coat and outside with multiple coats of Wipe On Poly on kid's boxes and Sam Maloof on the tea box. Used Jerry's plans for two of the boxes.



*Submitted by Charley Drake – Finial (ebony) with sea urchin shell and chip carved basswood box.*



*Submitted by Bob Pavia –*

A Beading Tray and Bead Pavilion (for holding the tubes of beads). The beading tray is maple and alder and the pavilion is maple. Both finished with wipe on poly.



*Submitted by Jim Bucknell – Display case for fishing spinning (minus the reels).  
Sapele with shellac and the Couchman/Maloof magic elixir.*







## **After a two-year hiatus, WoodFest is once again scheduled!**

**When:** Saturday, April 23 – Sunday, April 24

**Where:** Sedro-Woolley High School

NCWA's participation will be more scaled back than in previous years. Due to the changes in COVID mandates, we are in the process of figuring out just what that presence will be. Updates will be sent out as soon as possible.

We are looking for raffle donations now. If you are willing to contribute one of your amazing woodworking items, please contact Sascha Vandette.

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Minutes of General Membership Meeting (Zoom)**

**February 1, 2022**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

1. Due to time difference between Washington and North Carolina, the meeting began with Greg Koenker introducing our Guest Presenter for the evening, Roy Underhill. Roy demonstrated hand cut thru dovetail and ½ blind dovetail joints, along with a sliding dovetail joint that initially appears impossible to assemble. Following Roy's informative and entertaining presentation we proceeded with the Business portion of the meeting.

2. Jerry Couchman of the Membership Committee Introduced three new members of the NCWA. Welcome to James, Erik and Doug.

3. Al Ashley (Treasurer) presented an overview of the Club's financial position. Al also reported that 82% of members have paid their dues to renew membership through 2022.
4. Sascha Vandette (Education Committee) reported that due to Covid, there are no in-person classes scheduled at this time. There is an interactive VST called "Stump the Chumps" featuring Jim Bucknell and Charley Drake as "the Chumps" scheduled for Saturday, 2/12/2022 at 10:00 AM, Invitations will be emailed to all members.
5. David Vandette (Shows Committee) announced that Wood Fest is a "go" for April 23/24 at Sedro Wooley . More details to come on this.
6. Bill Pierce (Library Committee) reminded us that the library has purchased new materials including books by several recent presenters. Most are either in stock and available to check out or will be available soon.
7. Bring & Brag. Bob Pavia, Steve Johnson, Jim Bucknell and Charley Drake all submitted photos of their recent projects. Check the newsletter if you missed seeing their work. **Reminder:** if you want to have your latest project included in Bring & Brag, be sure to submit photos to Greg Koenker along with a short description of your work a few days before the next meeting..

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

*Submitted by George Lanphear, NCWA Secretary*

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

**February 10, 2022**

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

1. Al Ashley had Emailed a copy of the Treasures Report to all members of the Board. The report was discussed and no additions or corrections were made.

Al updated the numbers of members not renewing their membership as of 2/9/22. Jerry Couchman added that the Membership Committee is working to contact all members who are not renewing to discuss their reasons for not renewing.

2. Programs Committee (Jim Ferguson). There was discussion of currently scheduled presentations and presenters we are trying to add to the schedule. This will be an ongoing item at future Board meetings. Also discussed, the role of the Technology Group working with the Mount

Vernon Christian School as to whether we will have the capability to provide zoom support for our monthly general meetings when in person meetings resume. This would provide the option to attend meetings via Zoom to those members who may not be comfortable with in person meetings.

There was further Discussion of scheduling additional VST style expanded presentations. This included charging Members a participation fee. Pros and Cons were discussed. The item was tabled until the future.

.3. Library Committee (Bill Pierce/ Richard Gillingham). Library program seems to be well utilized. The Committee is requesting greater inclusion in the planning process for in-person meetings and events due to risks associated with Covid. Also, this will help with their planning to deal with the volume of materials and manpower needed to move, set -up, interface with members, etc.

4. Shows committee (David Vandette). Wood Fest 2022 In Sedro Woolley is scheduled April 23/24. David is working with the Coordinator to determine what our level of participation will be. The current options include a booth manned by a couple of members, no demonstrations or hands on programs such as the Kid's Build a Toy area.. Possibly a slide show of projects (such as school desks, Beads of Courage), Bring & Brag. A sales area for members to display and sell items. Also we discussed the awards presented in the past to winners in the student competition. David will report on these and other concerns during the March Board Meeting.

5. Education Committee (Sascha Vandette. In-person classes are still on hold.

6. School desk project. George Knutson presented 3 options with estimated costs and lead times involved. He is presenting these to the school and will report back to the Board. The vision of this is to arrange for materials delivery and then schedule sessions for volunteers to mill pieces, assemble, finish. More on this next month.

7. Plans for in-person meetings and classes. On hold, probably through the Summer. Greg will put this on the agenda for the June Board Meeting. Jerry Couchman suggested that regardless of whether we resume in-person meetings we should plan a picnic this Summer. This will be added to the Agenda for the March Board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 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](#)

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### **CENTRAL –**

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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. Submit newsletter articles by email to [kingdahl1@gmail.com](mailto:kingdahl1@gmail.com) and [janekirstine@comcast.net](mailto:janekirstine@comcast.net).

## **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

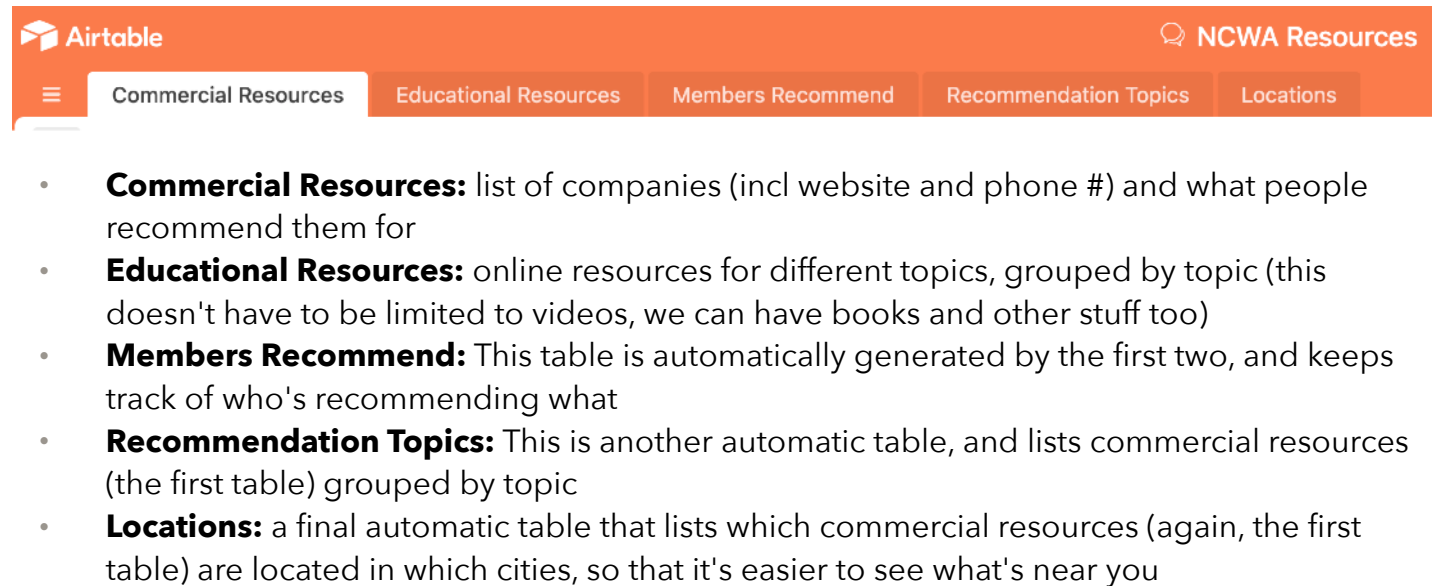
**Webmaster** – Michael Titus

**Newsletter** – Jane Wynn (interim, King Dahl)

## NCWA Resources

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.