



Newsletter

Next Monthly Meeting — April 5, 2022 at 6 PM — Via Zoom

NCWA RESOURCES

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NEW

NCWA Resources
database.

BRING & BRAG

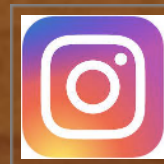
Check out what your
fellow members are
up to in their shops

WOODFEST

TIMBER TO TECH

Yay! It's Back! Check out
the announcement from
the Shows Committee.

**Connect with
your fellow
members:**



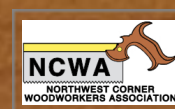
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A Message from the President...

I'm pretty sure that, being woodworkers, you've all seen a great looking project somewhere that caught your eye... maybe a box, a nightstand, or perhaps a table or chair. Something about it was interesting enough that you added it to your mental list of things to make some day. Or if you're like me, you might have even taken out your phone and snapped a quick picture so you'd remember it better.

Well, for me that interesting project was seeing a drawer with a Knapp joint (also known as a Pin and Cove, Pin and Scallop, or several other names). Something about that joint stuck with me for quite a few years and I always wanted to make something using it. I tried once 6 or 7 years ago when I had a Matchmaker router jig, for which you could buy an accessory Knapp joint template for. While it worked, it was too fussy to make a really good example of the joint.

So 2 1/2 years ago when I bought a Shaper Origin, the first project I made after familiarizing myself with the tool, was a box featuring Knapp joints. The accuracy of the CNC tool finally let me achieve my long time goal of making a project with the joint... well, at least one that I wasn't embarrassed of!

So, why am I sharing this with you all? Because it was the project that immediately came to my mind when our outstanding Shows Committee Chair-person-couple (David and Sascha Vandette) told me that they would be soliciting projects from club members to show at the upcoming Woodfest event on April 23rd & 24th.

So, if you have a project that you are particularly partial to, why not show it off! You'll be hearing more about how to share your work at Woodfest elsewhere in this newsletter, but please think of all those special projects you've made and take this opportunity to share one of them!

Greg Koenker - President, NCWA

THIS TUESDAY!!! — April 5th General Meeting

NCWA welcomes the talented [Doug Stowe](#)



Doug Stowe's April 5th presentation will revolve around two ideas, with one being the design of work, and the other the design of life. With the release of his new book, ***The Wisdom of our Hands***, Doug will discuss the role of the woodworker in the construction and preservation of human culture and building community. On the one hand, we may be wondering how to make a better box. On the other are underlying imperatives urging us toward making life itself better for us all and for each other.

He'll start the presentation with examples of boxes along with an explanation of the principles and elements of design that help us to design more meaningful work. And of course, those principles and elements are rooted in deeper human forces that we will discuss in the framework, "The Wisdom of Our Hands."

Please visit his website at DougStowe.com , and/or visit his blog, wisdomofhands.blogspot.com . It covers the last 16 years of teaching and exploring the relationship we have with our hands, so in it can be found reflections on work in his own shop, working with kids at the Clear Spring School, work on various woodworking books, and teaching woodworking to adults.

He also has many videos on his YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=doug+stowe



Saturday, April 23 - Sunday, April 24

Sedro-Woolley High School

NCWA is a proud sponsor and participant of WoodFest - Timber to Tech 2022.

This year our booth area will be slightly different. In addition to our display/sales items, we will have an audio/video presentation consisting of some of our Virtual Shop Talks (VST) along with Bring and Brag photos.

Our booth will be manned with two members each in two-hour shifts. Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered. Our schedule is now full!

We do, however, need some display items to show off the incredible work our members produce. Pieces from beginners to professionals are very welcome. We are proud to display items from ALL levels of expertise. Contact Sascha Vandette for more information.

Every year that WoodFest takes place, we look forward to seeing all the student woodworking projects. We will once again be selecting one of this year's projects as the recipient of our "Best in Show" prize of a beautiful block plane. Perhaps the winner will be a future NCWA member?

Please drop in and say hello. Masks are being recommended for attendees, but are not mandatory. Social distancing is still recommended for those comfortable with attending.

Mark Your Calendars!...

April 5th: General Meeting Presentation with [Doug Stowe](#)

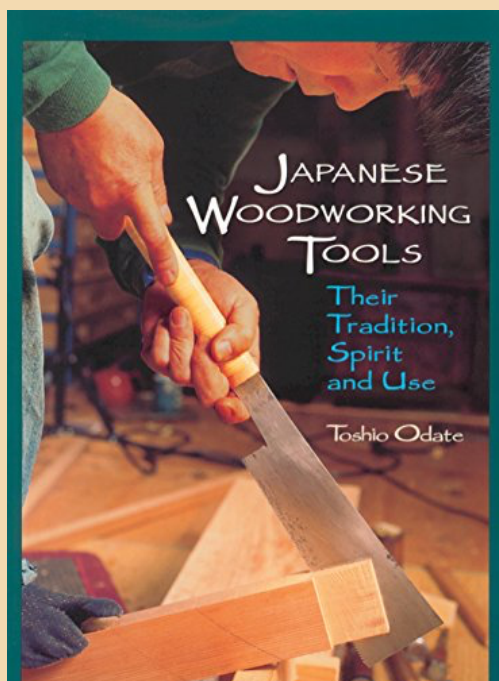
April 23, 24: [WoodFest Timber to Tech 2022](#)

May 3rd: General Meeting Presentation with [Bryan Boggs](#)

June 7th: General Meeting Presentation with Garrett Hack

New Arrival in the NCWA Library

Submitted by the NCWA Library Chair – Bill Pierce



Japanese Woodworking Tools, Their Tradition, Spirit and Use

Last year, many of us were captivated by master Japanese carpenter, Dale Brotherton, and his demonstrations using Japanese hand tools. In response, the Library acquired his book *Sharpening and the Japanese Hand Plane in Depth* (call number 62-1058) to our collection; a graduate-level course in sharpening, to be sure. For those interested in a range of other Japanese tools and how they are used, we have now added Toshio Odate's book *Japanese Woodworking Tools, their Tradition, Spirit and Use* (64-1112), recommended by NCWA member Samatha Chang in discussions that followed. It rounds out our collection on Japanese methods that also includes Asby Brown's book *The Genius of Japanese Carpentry* (76-979).

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 Nick Pederson – Here are photos of the live edge Purpleheart coffee table I finished. The base is all cherry. It's finished with Osmo PolyX satin.



Submitted by Charley Drake – Container, walnut, cherry, paua shell and epoxy. Finish with Bennite, teak oil and rub on polyurethane varnish.



Submitted by Dave Steele – What to do with skis when your body gets too old for cross country? You make a "lawn throne" for those relaxing times in the yard. Chair = 4 pair of skis, one set of poles, and western red cedar for frame.



Submitted by Jerry Couchman – I built this project for one of my clients and just delivered it yesterday with the help of Dave Weisenhorn, one of our members. It's a baking table that also serves as a small kitchen island. It's constructed of a laminated black walnut butcher block top and an eastern hard maple frame. There are two stainless steel shelves for storage on the bottom and cooling for pans right out of the oven on the top shelf. There's also a full extension drawer using Blum Tandem BlueMotion slides. The butcher block glue up was challenging. I milled 16 pieces for it and had to glue two halves that were joined together later. It was just too much to try to do in one glue up! The top is finished with Watco Danish Oil, dark walnut color, which is food safe and the rest is finished with Osmo satin 3043. It surprised me how much a butcher block 30" x 36" x just under 3" weighs: a little over 80 pounds, and I'm guessing the whole thing is well over 150! That's why I "hired" Dave to help me! We assembled the top and frame in the customer's kitchen.



Meeting Minutes

Minutes of General Membership Meeting (Zoom)

March 1, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Greg Koenker introduced the guest presenter for the evening, Aspen Golann. Her presentation focused on the "Rule of 5 and 7", which is a method for shaping complex curves such as a cabriole leg.

After the presentation, the business portion of the meeting began.

2. Al Ashley addressed the Treasury. Essentially, he had nothing new to report.

3. Jim Ferguson gave an update on the scheduled presentation for the April General Membership Meeting. The topic for April will be designing boxes.

4. Sascha and David Vandette. Wood Fest is happening April 23/24! More information will be sent out via e-mail and the Newsletter.

5. Richard Gillingham (Library Committee) announced that the library catalogue is being updated and improved to help members find new materials and books by recent presenters. Check the Newsletter for details.

6. Bring & Brag.

Nick Peterson recently completed a coffee table made of Purple Heart.

Jerry Couchman displayed a Kitchen Island with a butcher block top.

Charlie Drake had built a table out of Padua.

Photos and additional details can be found in the Newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

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..

Submitted by George Lanphear, NCWA Secretary

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting (Zoom)

March 10, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Members present were: Greg Koenker, King Dahl, Jerry Couchman, John Ellis, Al Ashley, George Lanphear, Sascha and David Vandette, Jim Ferguson, Nick Peterson, Tony Etienne, John Braun, Bill Pierce, George Knutson, Phil Humphries, Jim Bucknell.

1. Treasurer's Report (Al Ashley) Al had e-mailed a copy of the monthly report to all Board Members prior to the meeting.

Total membership stands at 205 (up from 202 previous year). Part of this is attributed to Jerry Couchman and the membership committee reaching out to members who had not renewed their membership. This resulted in 6 renewals.

2. Programs Committee (Jim Ferguson). Jim reported that we have presenters lined up through June, with several more in negotiations. Al Ashley made a request that he would like to have info on presenters in advance so that he can enter them in the accounting system and have the ability to issue a check in a timely manner.

3. Library Committee. More new books have been added to our collection.

The committee is working on a project coordinating with the Membership Committee to develop a list of materials targeting new/novice woodworkers. More to follow.

4. Shows Committee (David Vandette) Wood Fest:

a. Posters. Sascha has posters advertising the event and needs help distributing them.

b. Covid issues – Sedro Woolley is providing hand sanitizer, etc.. The traffic flow through the exhibits is going to be set up as a "one way" flow to expedite traffic and minimize exposure.

c. Looking for volunteers for set-up and tear-down.

Friday 6 PM - ? Saturday 7- 9 AM Sunday 3 - 5 PM

d. Volunteers to staff the information booth: (2 hour shifts)

Saturday 10AM - 4 PM Sunday 10 AM - 4 PM

e. We need a new banner to display at our booth. King Dahl volunteered to pursue this, along with other display materials.

f. Sascha & King are arranging AV equipment to display VSTs and Bring & Brag photos.

5. A motion was made and passed to send a NCWA hat to Aspen Golann as a token of appreciation for her excellent presentation in March. George Knutson volunteered to handle.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 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.

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

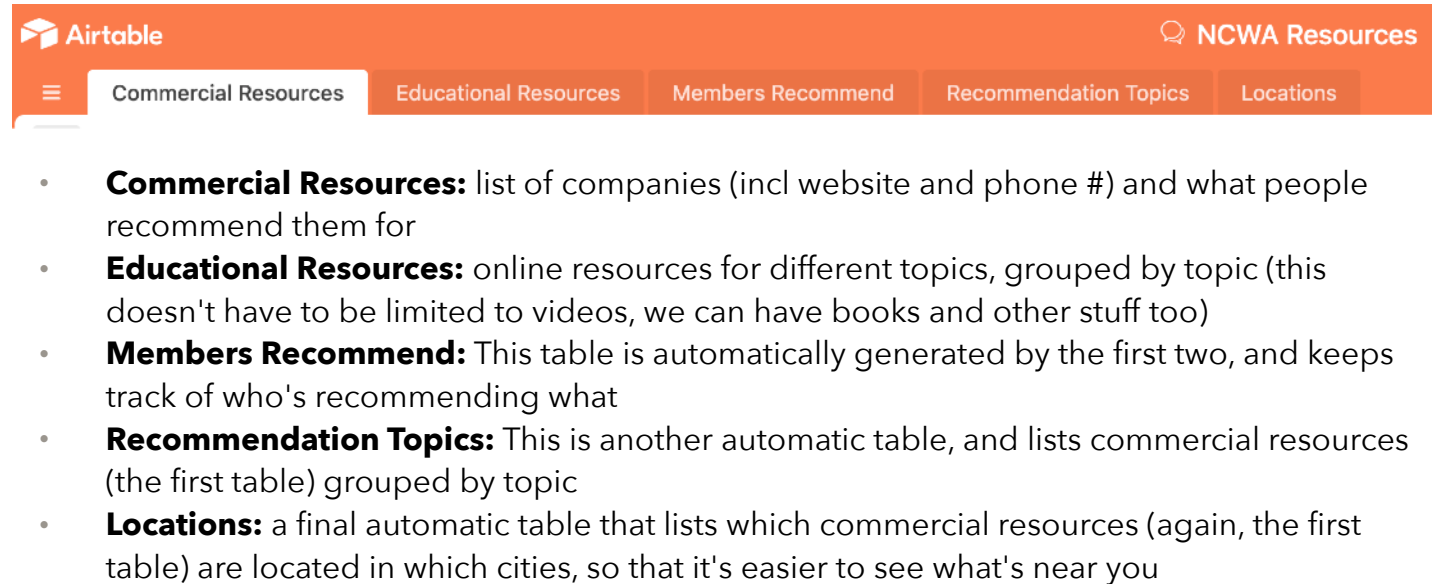
Webmaster – Michael Titus

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.



The screenshot shows the Airtable interface for 'NCWA Resources'. The top bar is orange with the Airtable logo on the left and 'NCWA Resources' on the right. Below the bar are five tabs: 'Commercial Resources' (selected), 'Educational Resources', 'Members Recommend', 'Recommendation Topics', and 'Locations'. Below the tabs, a list of five items is shown, each with a bullet point and a bolded title followed by a description.

- **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.