



# Newsletter

**Next Monthly Meeting — May 3, 2022 at 6 PM — Via Zoom**

## YOUTUBE

Check out the latest NCWA videos, including Aspen Golann's March presentation

## BRING & BRAG

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

## WOODFEST TIMBER TO TECH

Check out how we did at WoodFest last weekend

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

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

I'd like to start this month's message with a huge 'Thank You' to all those who helped with setup, tear down, and manning of the club's booth at WoodFest. Special thanks to David and Sascha Vandette for their usual excellent job in organizing the club's effort, as well as King Dahl for the impressive slide show that we ran on a screen at our booth. The slide show consisted of pictures from past Bring and Brags, Classes, Events such as WoodFest and the Anacortes Arts Festival, VST's, Guest Speakers we've had at our meetings and so forth... all in all a wonderful representation of all the club has to offer!

Moving on, I'd like to announce this year's President's Challenge. For those new to the club, each year the current club President comes up with a woodworking challenge, or theme. Members who wish to participate then take on the challenge, making something meets the criteria. For example... make a project that is artistic and has no useful function, or make something that uses toothpicks as structural elements.

I had several ideas, and got a few additional suggestions along the way, but what I really wanted was to come up with something that would be suitable for every talent level, from the novice to the professional woodworker. So in the end, what I came up with was the "Push Your Limits" challenge. Your task,

**Connect with  
your fellow  
members:**



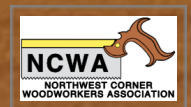
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*(Click for all  
pertinent  
information  
regarding NCWA)*

fellow woodworkers, is to make a project that includes something that you've never tried before.

Maybe you've never made a project that included curved elements, or you've never tried marquetry, or inlay, or dovetail joints, or tinted epoxy, or a project that combined wood with metal, glass, shell, or stone... now you have a reason to try those things! The only stipulation is that your project, has to include something you have never tried working with before.

You should have plenty of time to come up with an idea and work on it, as the plan will be to show your creations in July's Bring and Brag!

*Greg Koenker - President, NCWA*

## THIS TUESDAY!!! — May 3rd General Meeting

NCWA welcomes the extraordinary Brian Boggs



**Brian Boggs' May 3rd presentation –**

Brian Boggs, owner of [Brian Boggs Chairmakers](#), will be discussing how and why he works the way he does. From log selection for different products, to joinery and finish. He will tie the story of his work process into a complete picture.

Brian will also do a few demos like bandsawing complex compound-oriented curves with precision, and steam bending 1.5" thick hard maple to a 15" radius. He intends on touching on handtools as well, as he is designing a completely new kind of plane.

With each demo or section Brian will discuss important specifics of the task at hand. This presentation will definitely inform and inspire.

**Mark Your Calendars!...**

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

**June 7th:** General Meeting Presentation with [Garrett Hack](#)

**July 5th:** General Meeting (presenter to be announced soon)

**August 2nd:** General Meeting (presenter to be announced soon)

**Save The Date! –****<sup>61<sup>st</sup></sup> Anacortes Arts Festival****August 5 - 7, 2022**

10 - 6 Friday  
10 - 6 Saturday  
10 - 5 Sunday





## Sedro-Woolley High School

NCWA was out in force this past weekend at the Sedro-Woolley High School for WoodFest 2022! As Greg mentioned in his President's Message, David and Sascha Vandette did the club proud once again! They organized yet another wonderful opportunity for members to participate in and showcase their projects, interact with attendees interested in woodworking, and even vote for and award a lucky student with a brand new Lie Nielsen block plane for their winning shop project.



*Charley Drake presents the block plane to this year's winner*

Since the event was indoors in the school gymnasium, the club opted to forego our usual woodworking demonstrations in the interest of Covid safety, but some new features to our booth helped offset our missing demonstrations. Greg Koenker designed a new banner featuring our updated logo, which hung proudly behind the booth, and a large TV monitor was set up to showcase member projects, as well as all of the wonderful benefits of membership.

All in all, a wonderful time was had by all who participated. I guess that's what happens when you have a fun group like NCWA!

*Left to Right – Show's Committee Co-Chair, David Vandette; Board Member-At-Large, Nick Pederson; Show's Committee Co-Chair, Sascha Vandette; President, Greg Koenker; Vice President, John Ellis*





### ***Get involved with the Anacortes Arts Festival!***

On behalf of the NCWA membership, the board of directors has made the decision to return to the Anacortes Arts Festival this year! While there is no magic fairy dust that we can sprinkle on ourselves that provides 100% protection from Covid, the consensus was that due to the outdoor nature of this festival, we can reasonably expect a certain level of safety for any that are comfortable attending and participating. Naturally, involvement is completely voluntary and dependent upon your personal level of comfort.

Speaking of *voluntary*, Jerry Couchman has stepped up to help organize the demonstrations and demonstrators. If you are willing and able to spend some time outside on a beautiful Pacific Northwest summer day, while sharing a specific woodworking skill with the public, please contact Jerry at [sofa01@hotmail.com](mailto:sofa01@hotmail.com). This is a very rewarding experience.

As we have done in the past, John Braun will handle the hugely popular Toys For Tots area within our booth. If you find happiness in bringing joy to kids while helping them make their own wooden toy car or truck, please let John know at [lesjbraun@gmail.com](mailto:lesjbraun@gmail.com). It's for the kids!

We also want to showcase your projects. We will have 3 categories in which to display projects...

- Items built by you in your shop
- Items built by you in one of the many NCWA Classes or from watching one of our VST's
- Items built by you that are for sale (*a nominal fee of 10% of your sale price goes to NCWA as a donation to offset booth expenses, etc.*)

NCWA owes a HUGE debt of gratitude to David and Sascha Vandette for spearheading our Show's Committee over the past few years. Due to other life obligations, they will be stepping down as Co-Chairs of this committee (insert sad face emoji here). *However*, they will still be actively involved in this year's Anacortes Arts Festival (thank our lucky stars!). King Dahl will step in to coordinate logistics, etc. for the show, under the watchful eyes of David and Sascha.

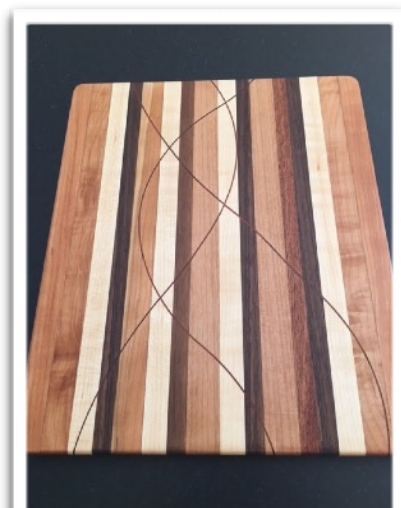
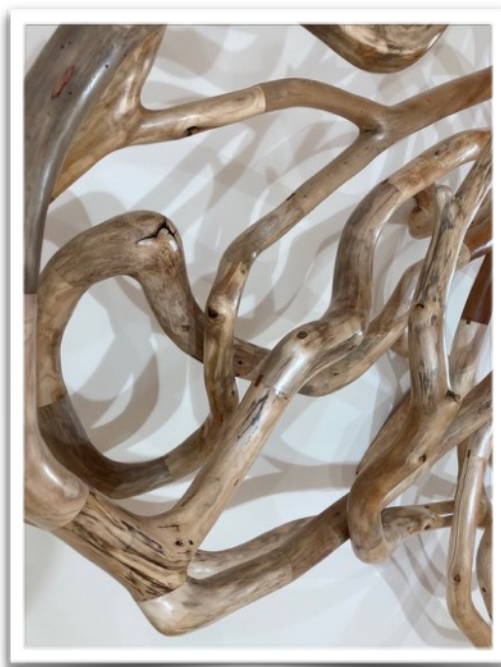
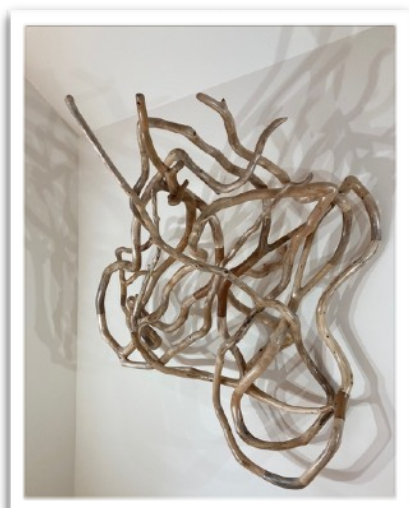
If you have items to display, are interested in being a greeter for a couple of hours during the show run, want to assist John with Toys For Tots, or can assist in set-up and/or tear down, please let King know at [kingdahl1@gmail.com](mailto:kingdahl1@gmail.com)

Cheers to being (somewhat) back in the public eye once again!

## 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 Lloyd – Wall sculpture made entirely from Alaska driftwood, which is my material of choice. It's about 5 feet by 5 feet, and extends 4 feet away from the wall at its highest point. The primary wood species are Sitka alder (*alnus sinuata*) and Western hemlock, with a few other species thrown in. The spalting in shades of red, green and silver is due to the saltwater saturation in the wood, which I dry for a minimum of one year before using. The joinery is 1/4-inch routed dadoses joined with mahogany splines, glued with Gorilla Wood Glue and hand-sanded to 320 grit, then four-ought steel wool, then two coats of hand-rubbed beeswax & turpentine. I have approximately 150 hours in this piece, which has been submitted to this year's juried Anacortes Arts Festival.*

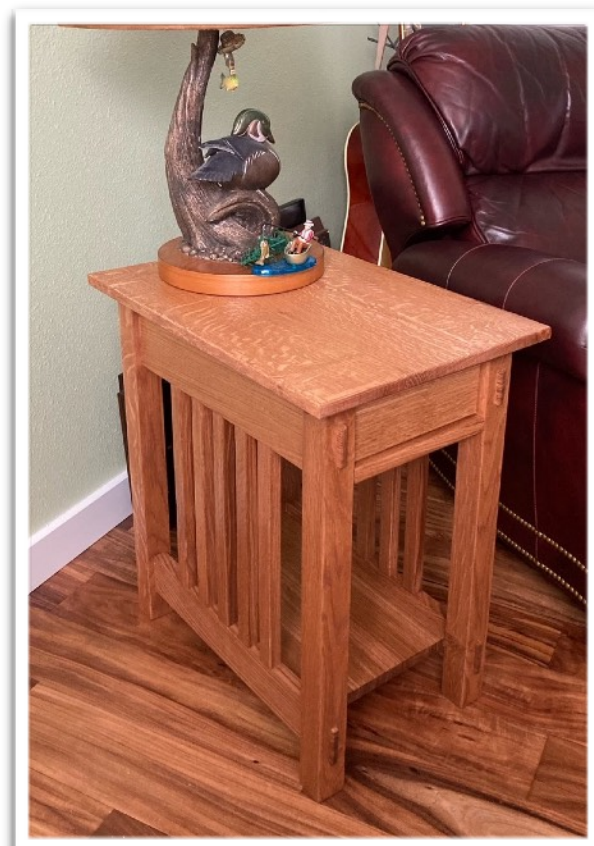


*Submitted by Jim Bucknell –  
Cutting boards with "weaving".  
Miscellaneous woods finished with  
Howard's Butcher Block  
Conditioner.*





*Submitted by Jim Ferguson – Project photos desk and end table for my office.*



# Meeting Minutes

## Minutes of General Membership Meeting (Zoom)

**April 5, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 PM .

The guest speaker for this evening, Mr Doug Stowe, was introduced. Following the presentation by Doug, the business portion of the meeting continued.

1. Treasurer's Report (Al Ashley) Al had nothing new to report regarding the financial status of the Association. As an aside to the Treasurer's Report, Greg Koenker, mentioned that Al, in the position of Treasurer fulfills several other roles vital to the organization, such as maintaining the membership roster. While Greg does not expect Al; to leave his position anytime in the near future, it would be beneficial to have someone in a "Second Chair" position, learning about the programs and processes of the Treasurer's job. Interested individuals please contact Greg or Al.

2. Announcement: the Wood Turners Club will have some wood slabs for sale at Wood Fest. Check them out if you are looking for some good deals.

3. Membership Committee. Jerry Couchman was unable to attend, so Greg asked for new members to introduce themselves. Camila McKool introduced herself as a "neweebee" to woodworking, hoping to be able to sign up for classes and learn about her new hobby. Ray Kinn introduced himself as a visitor.

4. Wood Fest 2022. King Dahl and Sasha Vandette. There will be a large screen TV as part of the NCWA booth, showing a loop of VSTs and Bring & Brag photos. We would like to have more items on display and/or for sale. If you would like to participate with display items or sale items, contact Sascha or King.

5. Library Committee "No input"

6. Bring & Brag:

Jim Bucknell displayed a new style of cutting board incorporating narrow strips "woven" into the pattern.

Steve Lloyd had photos of unique sculpture made .of driftwood pieces joined with splines.

Jim Ferguson had a Desk built of quarter sawn white oak.

See the newsletter for the photos of these great pieces. Congratulations to all!

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

*Submitted by George Lanphear, NCWA Secretary*



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

**April 14, 2022**

Meeting call to order at 7:00 PM. Members present included: Greg Koenker, Al Ashley, John Ellis, George Lanphear, George Knutson, Jerry Couchman, Nick Pederson, Jim Ferguson, John Braun, Sascha and David Vandette, Tony Etienne, Bill Pierce.

1. Treasurer's Report ( Al Ashley). Al had sent email copies of the monthly report and quarterly report for first quarter 2022 to all members of the board.

Total membership stands at 206, the same as 2021 for April.

2. Membership Committee (Jerry Couchman.) New members 2022 YTD - 8. One pending new member.

3. Programs Committee (Jim Ferguson.) Jim provided names of scheduled presenters along with people he's been in contact with regarding future presentations. This led into discussion about how we will handle presentations when we resume in person meetings. This was discussed later in the meeting.

4. Library Committee (Bill Pierce.) A question was raised regarding handling of E books and other electronic media. Several suggestions were made including use of a third party library vendor or service to deal with items that would only be available for a certain period of time with a built in expiration date. This should be a continuing item over the next few months as people research how we can address this.

5. Education Committee (Sascha Vandette.) Looking at resuming in person classes. Several instructors have indicated they are willing to resume classes with some restrictions. A schedule of possible classes should be published soon.

6. Shows Committee. David and Sascha brought us up to date on status of Woodfest.

7. Resumption of in person membership meetings. A lot of this discussion was centered on our ability to conduct meetings in person along with Zoom, for the members who are not comfortable with live gatherings. A motion was made and passed by show of hands to form a committee to interface with the Christian School and determine how we can achieve this goal. The general agreement is to shoot for live meetings by September or October of this year. Part of this discussion also addressed having the picnic in August or September, at which time the board would be able to get more direct feedback from the general membership about in person meetings.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 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](#)

[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](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

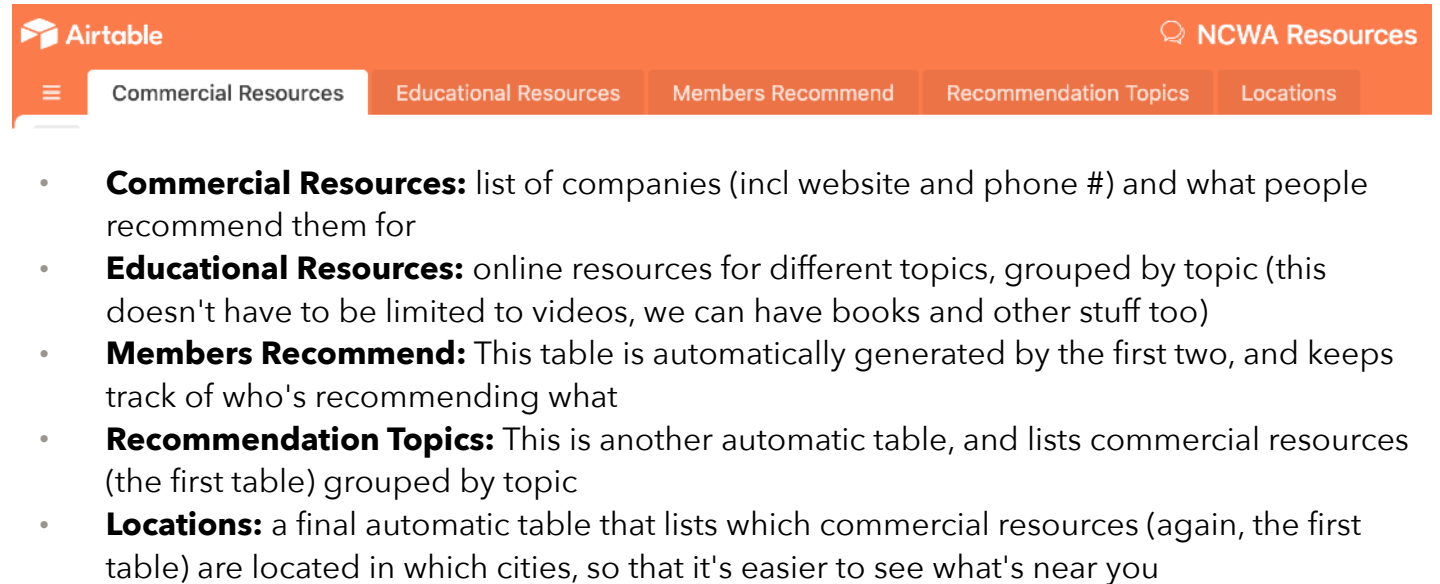
**Webmaster** – Michael Titus

**Newsletter** – 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'. At the top, there's an orange header with the Airtable logo on the left and 'NCWA Resources' with a speech bubble icon on the right. Below the header is a navigation bar with five tabs: 'Commercial Resources' (selected), 'Educational Resources', 'Members Recommend', 'Recommendation Topics', and 'Locations'. Below the tabs, there is a list of five items:

- **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.