



Newsletter

Next Monthly Meeting — October 4, 2022 at 7 PM
Our FIRST Hybrid Meeting — IN PERSON AND Via ZOOM

YOUTUBE

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BRING & BRAG

Click above to see last month's Bring & Brag photos.

MEETING MINUTES

Click to go straight to the minutes of September's general and board meetings, and a summary of the treasurer's report

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A Message from the President...

Looking back on the past several months, it has been very gratifying to see what huge strides the club has made on the path back to normalcy. With our participation in Woodfest and the Anacortes Arts Festival, along with holding our August club picnic, NCWA has returned to what was once our yearly event schedule.

This month's general meeting, on Tuesday, October 4th, at 7 PM, marks another big step in our return to normal, with our FIRST IN-PERSON MEETING since early 2020. Until COVID is completely in the rear-view mirror, it is our goal to be able to host hybrid meetings for our members – meetings that are both in-person, as well as streamed simultaneously on Zoom.

So as not to get into the minutiae of the technical challenges of broadcasting our meetings via Zoom from our in-person facility at the Mount Vernon Christian School, we're fairly confident that our first time or two will be fraught with issues. Please have patience and understand we will be doing our best to host the in-person format, similar to what we have done historically, while

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accommodating members that are more comfortable remaining at home.

If your personal life has found you fairly comfortable with attending indoor functions once again (*out of consideration for all, the NCWA Board of Directors requests only those members that are vaccinated and wearing masks, and free of any signs of fever, stuffy nose, etc., to attend*), please come in person to see and interact with your fellow woodworkers. It's been waaaaay too long!

If you are more comfortable, for COVID reasons, attending via Zoom, please understand some functions may be slightly different; i.e. you will need to send your questions through the chat function on Zoom, rather than audibly interact with others on the call. And please mentally prepare yourself for the possibility of complete Zoom chaos! Success with our test runs from the school have been incomplete. Remember, none of us have won any awards for our technical prowess when it comes to hosting hybrid meetings...we're all much better at making stuff out of wood!

We are arranging for an engineer with familiarity in these matters to help us succeed with our goals, but unfortunately that won't happen in time for this Tuesday's meeting.

Thank you again for your understanding!

Greg Koenker, NCWA President

October 4th, 7 PM **at the Mount Vernon Christian School** **820 W Blackburn Rd, Mount Vernon, WA**

Alex Dolese of **Dolese Woodworks**



Alexis grew up in a family of builders and artists. While designing and building her own house and working alongside her dad, a long time woodworker, she embarked on a career of building fine furniture. She apprenticed with many talented and successful woodworkers before starting her business in Bozeman in 2019. Alexis builds custom fine furniture and teaches classes at Montana State University and the Port Townsend School of Woodworking as well as at her own shop. Alexis is a founding member and the president of the Bozeman Woodworking Guild created to help develop the local woodworking community and encourage and support local craftsmen focusing on novice woodworkers.

Alexis will do a slideshow and a talk about how she has gotten into woodworking and what it was like to grow up in a family of makers. She will also chat about what it was like to start a business during the pandemic, along with being a young woman in the building world. She will also share the skills that she has learned running a business and what she finds important in her shop for teaching and making a living building furniture full time.

For a wonderful interview for Lost Art Press with Alex, conducted by Nancy Hiller, click [here](#).



Mark Your Calendars...

October 4, 7 PM: October General Meeting – will feature [Alex Dolese](#)

October 29, 9 AM-12PM: Fundamentals of Wood Carving (In-person Class)

Class Size: 3-5

Instructor: Bill Pierce

Location: Jim Corbin's shop 5792 Inez St., Bow, WA 98232 (360) 766-8705

This class is structured to teach the fundamentals of Chip and Relief Carving. It will focus on tools and methods of making cuts. Students will learn about knives, chisels and gouges; where and how they are used, and how to sharpen them. We will cover how to make basic cuts with and across the grain, and how to hold and control the tools. Hands-on practice with some standard learning patterns is part of the class.

THINGS TO BRING: Students should bring a board roughly 6" wide, 6" long, and at least 3/8" thick with clear, straight grain running along one of the 6" dimensions. Easily carved woods like basswood, poplar, alaskan yellow cedar, sugar pine or alder are suggested. Also bring any carving tools (knife, flat chisel, skew chisel, V-Tool, something close to a #5 gouge, and mallet) you have. Tools and wood (in memory of Jim Gleeson) will be provided for students who don't have them.

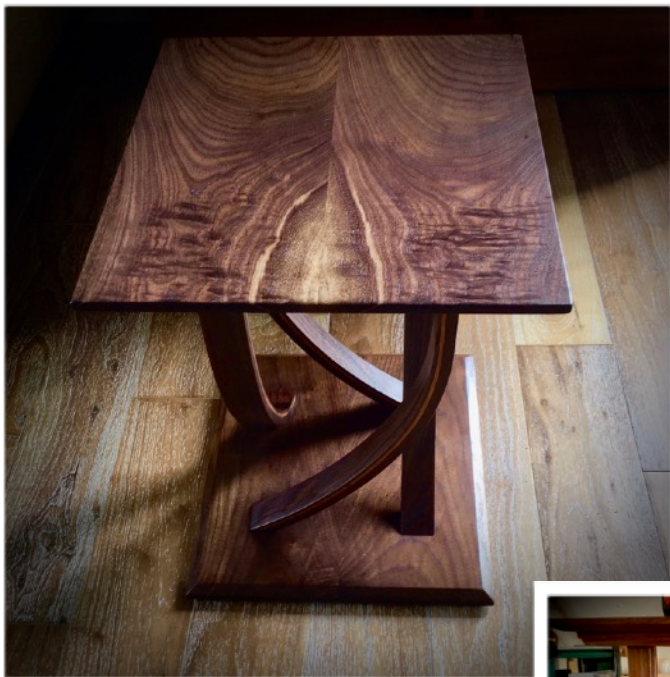
November 1, 7 PM: The **November General Meeting** will feature Michael Cullen of Michael Cullen Design.

December 6, 7 PM: The **2022 YEAR END PRESIDENT'S RECAP**

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's a walnut end table I just finished. The legs are bent laminations of 4 layers of 3mm walnut and 1 layer of cherry for a little contrast. The ends of the legs are mortised into the base and the top. It's finished with the obligatory Osmo. Sadly, there isn't a single dovetail in the entire build. I think the complexity of the curved legs makes up for it, especially the mortises and tenons at the bottom where the legs hit the base at an angle.



NCWA Library Introduces a Meeting-Based Reservation Service

Submitted by Bill Pierce

Starting October 1st, and continuing through the end of this year, the NCWA Library is adapting our service model, as we resume in-person meetings. This will replace our pandemic, mail-based service. Here's how it works:

About 10 days before the monthly meeting, we will send out a PDF list of available materials to members, via email, but you can request items at any time of the month.

Requests:

Email your request for **up to 5** items. Send your name, item titles, and call numbers to Richard Gillingham **candgachers@yahoo.com**. Richard will advise you if the item(s) are available or currently out. If the item(s) are still available, we will have the items you requested in a bag with your name on it waiting for you at the next monthly meeting. You will have until 7pm the day before the meeting to request items for that meeting.

To accommodate uncertainty around attending in-person meetings, we are extending the check-out period to **3 months**.

Returns:

Previous drop-off locations will be discontinued. When you are done with the item, you can return it to a **drop box** at the monthly meeting, or mail it back to Brannon Mucke, 1213 S 12th St., Mt. Vernon, 98274.

Overdue notices will be sent out on all items held over three months. If you get one, please bring the item to the next monthly meeting, or make other arrangements to return it with Richard. We will try to be flexible, as we realize that not all members will be comfortable attending all meetings. We appreciate your patience as we try to adapt our service to changing circumstances.

Feel free to email Library Chair, Bill Pierce at **library@ncwawood.org** if you have any questions.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of General Membership Meeting (Zoom)

September 6, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Our guest presenter for the evening, Rob Cosman was introduced and demonstrated a method for cutting through dovetails that basically eliminates the need to measure anything to lay out the pins and tails.

Following Rob's presentation was a brief business meeting.

Treasurer. Al Ashley reported briefly on the financials and mentioned that he had received dues payment from two new members.

Membership. On behalf of Jerry Couchman, it was reported that 3 new members joined NCWA in the last month. A fourth individual has applied but has not yet paid dues.

Programs. Jim Ferguson informed that the scheduled presenters for October and November have not changed and he is working to get people scheduled for 2023. More info to come as possible presenters are scheduled.

Bring & Brag. Nick Pederson had the only submission this month. Check out the photos in the newsletter.

With no further business other than a reminder that the October 4, 2022 meeting will be held at the Mount Vernon Christian School, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by George Lanphear, NCWA Secretary

NCWA Board of Directors Meeting (Zoom)

September 15, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Members present included Greg Koenker, Al Ashley, George Lanphear, John Ellis, Jerry Couchman, George Knutson, Jim Ferguson, Nick Pederson, Tony Etienne, John Braun, Jim Bucknell, Bill Pierce, and Mike Titus.

Treasurer's Report. Al Ashley had emailed a copy of the monthly report along with a draft of the 2023 budget. Al walked through the monthly report and then discussed the draft budget for 2023. Al stated that numbers for many entries require updates from the various committees before the budget can be finalized. Discussion will continue next month when these data points are revised.

Membership Committee. Jerry Couchman reported three new members joined in August and one more possible member has not yet officially joined (not paid dues).

Programs Committee. Jim Ferguson confirmed the presenters for October and November and indicated that he is working with several people for 2023. At this time he does not have any confirmed presenters for 2023.

Library Committee. Bill Pierce explained that the library will not provide a display of books and materials at the October meeting. They will accept requests for books prior to the meeting and have them available for pick up at the meeting. They will also accept returned books at the meeting. Otherwise, the library will continue to operate on a mail basis until further notice. Bill also mentioned that book sale at the picnic produced \$183.00 in revenue, earmarked for the Library budget. Also, a number of books that were not sold were accepted by a used book store in the area resulting in roughly \$30 in additional revenue.

Education Committee. Bill Pierce will be offering a class in wood carving in October. Details will be included in the Newsletter.

Toys for Tots. No new information.

Shows committee. Nothing planned for the remainder of 2022.

Virtual shop tours? Discussion of Virtual Tours vs. In person. The discussion touched on the benefit of actually being able to participate i.e. see the size of the shop, placement of tools and being able to ask questions about the layout. The flip side is that with a virtual tour more people can view the shop. Tony Etienne volunteered to help video a shop tour with the plan that the Board will try this approach and solicit feedback from the Members on whether virtual tours would be of use. Discussion was tabled until next Board meeting.

Name Badges (Laser engraving) John Ellis said that Jim Davis is very interested in continuing to make the name badges for the club. Greg asked John to assure Jim that we will be happy to have him do them when he is ready and able to. In the interim John Ellis has a contact who can help out making badges for new members. As a side note, George Knutson asked if it is possible to get a new badge with the "new" NCWA logo. Several others also expressed interest in replacing their badges. This topic was tabled, with the understanding this should be addressed at a general meeting, a list of names started and a price established.

Slate of Officers for 2023. Per bylaws, President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary need to be voted on at the December General Meeting. Also, two new At Large members will need to be named for next year. The Board should present the Slate of Officers for 2023 at the November General Meeting.

Hybrid Meetings. The team who have been working with the Mt. Vernon school are still having problems interfacing with the sound system at the school to be able to accommodate a

simultaneous “in person” and “Zoom” meeting. Tony Etienne suggested approaching a friend of his who is knowledgeable in this field and may be able to resolve the issue. As an aside to this issue, the question of masking and vaccination status for the upcoming meeting was raised. A motion was made that the Board will strongly urge Members to attend the October meeting only if they are vaccinated for Covid and wear a mask at the meeting. Also, we shall proceed with the in person meeting and if the interface with the school system is not able to be resolved we will video the meeting and post it for viewing by members unable to attend. This motion passed.

Lease status with Mt Vernon Christian School. A new lease has been signed for the facility. Unfortunately we will no longer be able to store items such as the Library materials at the school. The issues of storage, not only of the library materials but a host of other items from tables to coffee pots to banners and workbenches was briefly discussed. This item should be addressed at a future Board Meeting.

Submitted by George Lanphear, NCWA Secretary

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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.

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.

- **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.