



# Newsletter

**Next Monthly Meeting — January 3, 2023 at 6 PM**

**VIA ZOOM**

## YOUTUBE

Check out the wide variety of instructional VST videos on our YouTube Channel

## BRING & BRAG

Click above to be taken directly to view projects from fellow members

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Click above to see who's got what for sale!

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

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

Happy New Year to All of you! As we enter into 2023, I do so with both excitement and a little intimidation. Excitement at the chance to help continue the fine traditions and high standards of the NCWA, but at the same time feeling a little less than qualified. I do believe, however, that with your help and patience, we can and will accomplish much in the next twelve months.

One area that I am passionate about is making sure that we do all we can to fulfill the needs and desires of the many expert level woodworkers we have in the club. We also need to make sure that we don't forget that we have new, just-beginning woodworkers to welcome into the realms of woodworking.

While we have a number of "official" committees that work throughout the year on things like education, toys-for-tots, programs, library, shows, etc. we also have our less-official or "ad-hoc" workers behind the scenes. Our refreshment folks have already overcome some hurdles this winter to make sure we have coffee and cookies. Also, people that step up and help with Woodfest in April and Anacortes Arts Festival in August, as well as many

**Connect with your fellow members:**



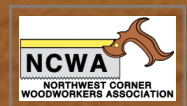
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(Click for all pertinent information regarding NCWA)

volunteers that make the picnic a success each year. I hope to find more ways for people to “help the club” in a short-term position or some type of recurring task that they might be especially suited for.

If you don’t know by now, you may have at least heard that I can be a little long-winded or tend to ramble on. I promise to try to be brief and ask that you remind me of my promise when I seem to be straying off that path.

Thank you for your support in advance, and thank you for trusting me with this honor. (or perhaps “trussing” would be the better verb !!!) – *John Ellis, NCWA President*

## Monthly Meeting


### January 3rd, 6 PM

### VIA ZOOM

**Tom Howorth**

Member, Tom Howorth (now residing in Michigan) presents –

**Dr. Strangemeter, or: How I learned to stop worrying (about fractions) and start loving the Metric System.**



### Howorth Woodworks

A focus on craftsmanship

I'm a one-man small business in the Pacific Northwest.

Nearly 20 years ago, I started woodworking out of necessity for home improvement projects. I immediately found a joy in making and working with my hands. From there, I continued to acquire more tools and more skills until I could make virtually anything I wanted.

Now I would like to make my work available to others through my [Etsy store](#). I'm willing to take on custom orders, but since there is only one of me, customers will need to be flexible on delivery times. Please contact me if you have a specific project in mind.

My work is eclectic. I enjoy making a wide variety of things, and using a variety of tools, materials, and techniques. Projects range from fine furniture to simple crafts. The end goal is to create a piece that has meaning to the customer and will last for generations.

Most of the world now uses the metric system, so why doesn't the US? Is there any benefit to using it for woodworking?

This presentation will take a look at both Imperial and Metric measurement systems. It will cover their origins, how they are similar, and how they differ. It will also discuss how to make the transition to metric in the woodshop.

**Time is runnin' out - RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!****ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES - 2023****\$35.00 - Annual Dues (no increase for 2023!)**

Many of our members have paid their dues and renewed their membership for 2023 - some haven't - but you still have time. Members that have not paid their dues by February 7<sup>th</sup> 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 to 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 48<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Arlington, WA 98223

Membership cards will be distributed to each renewing member beginning in January.

NCWA Membership offers multiple benefits, including:

- Monthly membership meetings - most will be in-person a few may be held via Zoom,
- Purchase discounts from our vendor support group,
- NCWA Chat - an online forum available only for our members,
- **V**irtual **S**hop **T**alk meetings (VST) online - Zoom,
- NCWA member only woodworking classes,
- Monthly newsletter,
- Library books and DVDs,
- Shop tours (pending for 2023) and, as always -
- The opportunity to associate with the best group of woodworkers in the Northwest.



## Bring and Brag



**Cutting Board** – *George Lanphear*

**Traveling Tabletop Music Stand** – *Clark Gaulding*



**Maple & Black Walnut Coffee Table** – *King Dahl*

**Wooden Boxes – Loren Steel**



**Burl and Resin Paper Weight – Barry Tonkin**



**Walnut Burl in search of an idea – David Shull**

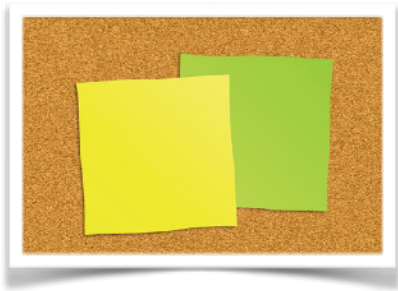
## And the SPIRIT AWARD for 2022 goes to...



### JOHN BRAUN!

The entire NCWA Family wishes to THANK John for his commitment, leadership, and enthusiasm for the Toys For Tots Program, and for all of his dedicated volunteer work on behalf of the club in general. **HIP HIP HORRAY, JOHN!!! THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!**





## Community Bulletin Board

*If you'd like to let other members know of tools or wood you have for sale, or if you offer any type of service you feel would benefit members, here's the place to post it. Just send King Dahl an email at [kingdahl1@gmail.com](mailto:kingdahl1@gmail.com) for inclusion in the monthly newsletter.*

### FOR SALE: Standing Chisel Mortising Machine

I just purchased Richard Gillingham's horizontal mortising machine, so I am now selling my Baleigh MC-1000TT 1hp floor-standing tilting table chisel mortiser. It was purchased in 2017, has been lightly used, and is in excellent shape. The table has X-Y adjustment by handwheels and tilts front-back. The drill head tilts L-R, so it can do compound angle mortises.

I'll sell for \$850 (current list \$1451). Includes mortising chisels, plus an after-market mobile base and a set of diamond sharpening cones for the chisels. Here is a link to the manufacturer website with product details: <https://www.baileigh.com/tilting-mortising-machine-mc-1000tt>. You can see it at my shop in Bellingham.

Here is a link to a video by Mike Pekovitch on the FWW site just posted this month that reviews mortising with a standing mortising machine (he uses a Grizzly machine that is much the same as the Baleigh). <https://www.finewoodworking.com/2022/12/22/two-methods-for-mortising>

Mark Lindenbaum. 360-393-1472



### FOR SALE: Grizzly 15" Helical Planer

Extreme Series (G1021X2) Serial 71103948 - 2007. Comes with Shop Fox mobile base with cast iron wheels and dust port. This heavy duty helical planer will go all day without hesitation. It is in excellent condition and running perfectly. Truly a workhorse. I am the second owner - bought it from another club member. However, I am downsizing my shop and so, sadly, it must go. \$1,100 cash or cashier's check. Weighs 530 lbs without the mobile base so, come prepared for a heavy lift!

Chris Richards, Camano Island  
206 619-6610





**FREE:** Member, Don Carlson, has a friend and neighbor that has a Craftsman radial arm saw – price: **FREE.** If interested, please call or text Don Cummins at 360-319-1970.

**Kiln Drying:** Jim Baker is offering his newly constructed kiln for the purposes of kiln-drying wood for members. The kiln can hold between 350-400 board feet at one time.

- To Dry Wood - .50 cents/bd ft (max 8' 6" L X 2' W)
- To Kill Bugs - .30 cents/bd ft (140° for 4 hours)

Contact Jim at 360-739-6390  
His shop is on Lakeway Drive in B'ham



## Meeting Minutes

### Minutes of General Membership Meeting held at the Burlington Library

**December 6, 2022**

Because the December meeting is less formal than most business meetings, official minutes were not transcribed. Instead it was decided to simply remind you of the highlights of the meeting.

- John Braun was presented with the Spirit Award for 2022 and given a gift certificate to Lee Valley Tools
- Incoming president John Ellis was introduced by outgoing president Greg Koenker. John also presented Greg with a Lee Valley Tools gift certificate as a thank you for his service to the club in the past year
- George Lanphear presented his Rocking Unicorn as a raffle prize with the proceeds going to the Toys for Tots committee. (collected \$119.00 !)
- Greg presented and narrated a slide show with numerous highlights from 2022
- 2023 Officers were voted in...

President: John Ellis

Vice President: Nick Pederson

Treasurer: Al Ashley

Secretary: Christi Brau Weaver

- Coffee, cookies and social time was enjoyed by all.

## Preferred Vendors offering DISCOUNTS to NCWA Members:

### 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

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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).

### NCWA 2022 Board of Directors:

**President** – John Ellis

**Immediate Past President** – Greg Koenker

**Vice President** – Nick Pederson

**Treasurer** – Al Ashley

**Secretary** – Christi Brua Weaver

**Members at Large** – Peter Gantt, Chuck Barnett, Craig Edwards, Tony Etienne

#### Committee Chairs:

**Programs Committee** – TBA

**Library** – Bill Pierce

**Education** – Andrew Pellar

**Membership** – Jerry Couchman

**Shows** – King Dahl

**Shop Tours** – TBA

**Toys for Tots** – John Braun

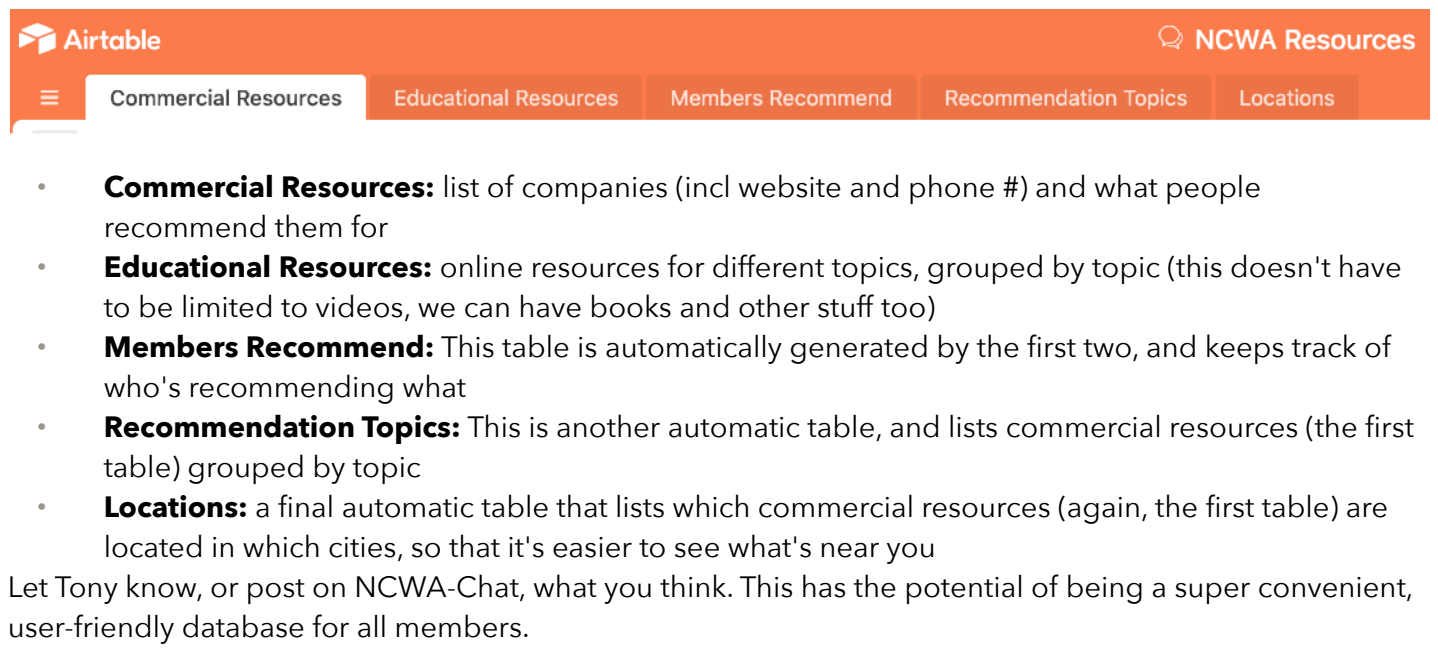
**Webmaster** – Michael Titus

**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.