



Newsletter

Next Monthly Meeting — September 5, 2023 at 7 PM

In-Person at the Mount Vernon Christian School

820 W. Blackburn Rd. , Mount Vernon

**ANACORTES ARTS
FESTIVAL RECAP**

A few photos from
the Festival

BRING & BRAG

Check out what fellow
members have built
recently

MEETING MINUTES

Click above to find out
what was discussed at
the Aug. Board of
Directors meeting

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A Message from the President...

As summer is winding down, I'd like to thank all the volunteers that made both the Anacortes Arts Fair and the annual picnic very successful and enjoyable events. The woodturners deserve a big shout out for their hard work taking care of the food and cooking at the picnic. Now that the big events for this year are behind us and we're looking forward to the cold, rainy months of winter and hopefully more shop time, let's not forget that the members of the various committees are still doing their best to provide the benefits that make this club what it is.

Once again, I'm making a plea for members to please volunteer some of your time by serving on one of the committees or by teaching a class. As I've mentioned before, all of the events, presentations, the library, tool sales and everything else are all organized and manned by volunteers. Sadly, even our evil plan for World Woodworking Domination is currently behind schedule due to a lack of volunteers, even though it's excellent training for those looking to start a career as a super villain.

-Nick Pederson, NCWA President

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your fellow
members:**



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September's Program...

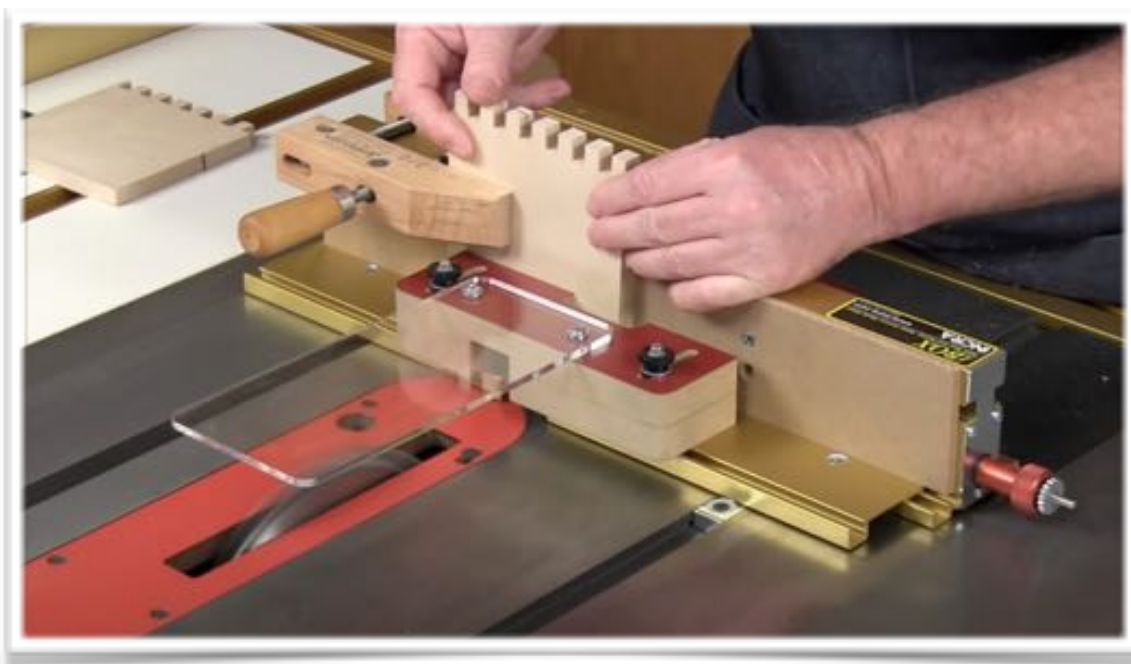
Brad Thompson

"Introduction to Lathe Turning"

Brad has now been with the Northwest Washington Woodturners for over 9 years. He is currently the club president. He does not consider himself an expert turner but he really enjoys creating beautiful things from the trees of the earth. He has been retired for eight years, his last paying full time gig was teaching for Washington State University Mechanical Engineering department, and prior to that he spent 30+ years in the US Air Force, initially an enlisted air crew member but transitioned to become an officer and developmental engineer by the time he retired.

ANNOUNCING OUR SEPTEMBER RAFFLE ITEM!

All members will receive one raffle ticket at the September meeting for a chance to win an **Incra Ibox Finger Joint Jig**! This extremely versatile and accurate system can be used on either a table saw using dado blades or a router table that has a miter gauge slot. It currently sells for \$190, but *if you don't attend the meeting, you can't win!*

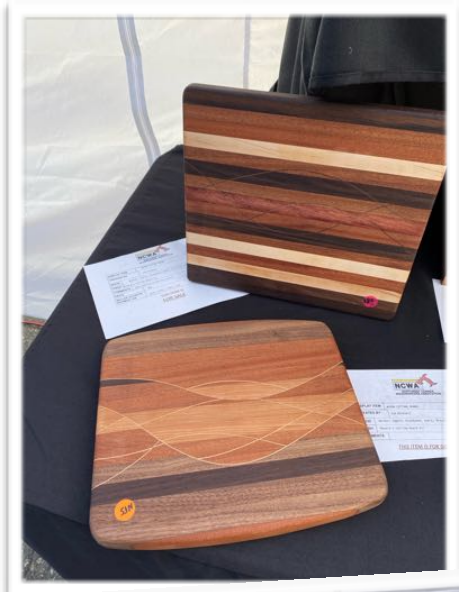


Anacortes Arts Festival PHOTO RECAP

If you have photos from the festival, share 'em in the chat!







Bring and Brag

Storage Chest - *Jerry Couchman*

Jerry Couchman has been trying to "retire" from his woodworking business, but had promised one of his customers this graduation present for one of their granddaughters. The case is black walnut all from one 8/4 board and the dovetail keys and top panel is figured broad leaf maple. Finished with Livos and has a removable felt covered tray resting on ledgers.



Plant Stands - *Barry Tonkin*





Community Bulletin Board

If you'd like to let other members know of tools or wood you have for sale, or if you offer a service you feel would benefit members, post it here. Just send King Dahl an email at kingdahl1@gmail.com for inclusion in the monthly newsletter.

Meeting Minutes

Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

Board of Directors Meeting

August 10, 2023

Attendees

Nick Pederson
Al Ashley
John Braun
Bill Pierce
King Dahl
George Knutson
Greg Koenker
Chuck Barnett

Treasurer's Report - Al Ashley

- See Al's report for details
- Almost \$8,000 in the bank more than this time last year
- 223 members (216 last year); 23 new members, picked up 4 in the last week, 3 from Anacortes (possibly a result of the Arts Fest?)
- \$302 in donations for Toys for Tots at Arts Fest
- Do we owe rent for holding the sale at the school? Nick will reach out to Brannon and school to see if there is a cost for using the school parking lot.

- Tentative 2024 budget will be sent out for consideration at September meeting

Committee Reports

Library Committee - Bill Pierce

- Ready for picnic sale, will send Al a check after the event for the proceeds

Shows Committee - King Dahl

- ***Still need a Shows Committee chairperson***
- About \$2,700 in sales from the Anacortes Arts Festival; King has sent out checks
 - Festival no longer pays working studios if they're selling anything and charges commission
 - If sales continue to increase, it may make sense to purchase a booth to avoid paying commission
 - Visitors seemed really interested by demonstrations, seemed to fuel sales
- Rumor that festival plans to move working studios to another location but nothing confirmed yet
 - Purchasing a booth might make more sense if we're moved out of the way

Toys for Tots - John Braun

- Arts Festival -- Toys for Tots ran out of wheels and axles twice. Had to make more wheels and axles Saturday night.
 - Could use more help making wheels. Greg thinks a CNC machine could work

Picnic

- E&E Lumber has live edge slabs for auction. Nick will reach out to Andrew Christianson and see about picking them up Friday; George can be backup
- Will have access to picnic tables, folding tables, kitchens, restrooms
- Nick has 2 canopies and 4 tables, ice chests and water bottles from Arts Festival
 - King will bring more water and ice
- Nick is planning to arrive around noon to begin setting up; will take canopies and tables back to give to Jerry
- George is bringing extra tables and planning to get there around 11am, Woodturners are showing up around noon

Programs Committee

- September, not nailed down yet
 - George, Greg, Jim, Charlie discussed a presentation on using vacuum bags. Panel discussion? Stump the Chumps

- Club is about to purchase more microphones so will be able to have multiple speakers at the same time
- Greg Klaussen in Everson had offered a field trip to his place, but maybe could do an in-person presentation at the school?
 - Jerry was the contact but he's on a trip right now. Greg Koenker will reach out to Jerry after he gets back.
- Need to have a few canned presentations for emergency situations
- Discussed in-person rather than virtual meeting in October. Would have to be a different presentation. George will check with presenter.

New Business

- Discussed possibility of resurrecting the Christmas party
 - Had one for a few years. Members and spouses would attend, spirit award was given out. Lots of food, about 30-40 donations would be solicited from vendors (wood, gift certificates, tools) to be raffled, proceeds for Toys for Tots. It was a lot of work, including cooking all day. Only about 25% of membership attended.
 - Would need someone to spearhead. Maybe they could decide what they're willing to tackle and modify the event.
 - Perhaps it would be easier to have a social gathering, like another picnic, without the silent auction. Could use some of our funding to purchase catered food and reach out to preferred vendors for a smaller raffle.
 - Or could be a regular meeting without the presentation or business meeting part, and just socialize and have refreshments.
 - Discussion stems from email from Christina about possibility of a holiday bizarre (in response to a class idea about making Christmas gifts) where people can buy Christmas gifts from other woodworkers.
 - Would not be able to do that this year, but maybe 2024. Would require more than 4 months to plan. Need to create new budget item if we want to do it.
 - Can announce it at the next meeting but it's hard to find volunteers to head these things
 - Tabled for future discussion.

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

E & E Lumber

CENTRAL –

Ekrem Hardware

Karl's Paints

Mt. Vernon Building Center

Cedar Country Lumber

Sherwin-Williams Paint

EAST –

E & E Lumber

SPECIALTY –

Edensaw Woods

FASTCAP

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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 2023 Board of Directors:

President – Nick Pederson

Immediate Past President – Greg Koenker

Vice President – To be announced soon

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

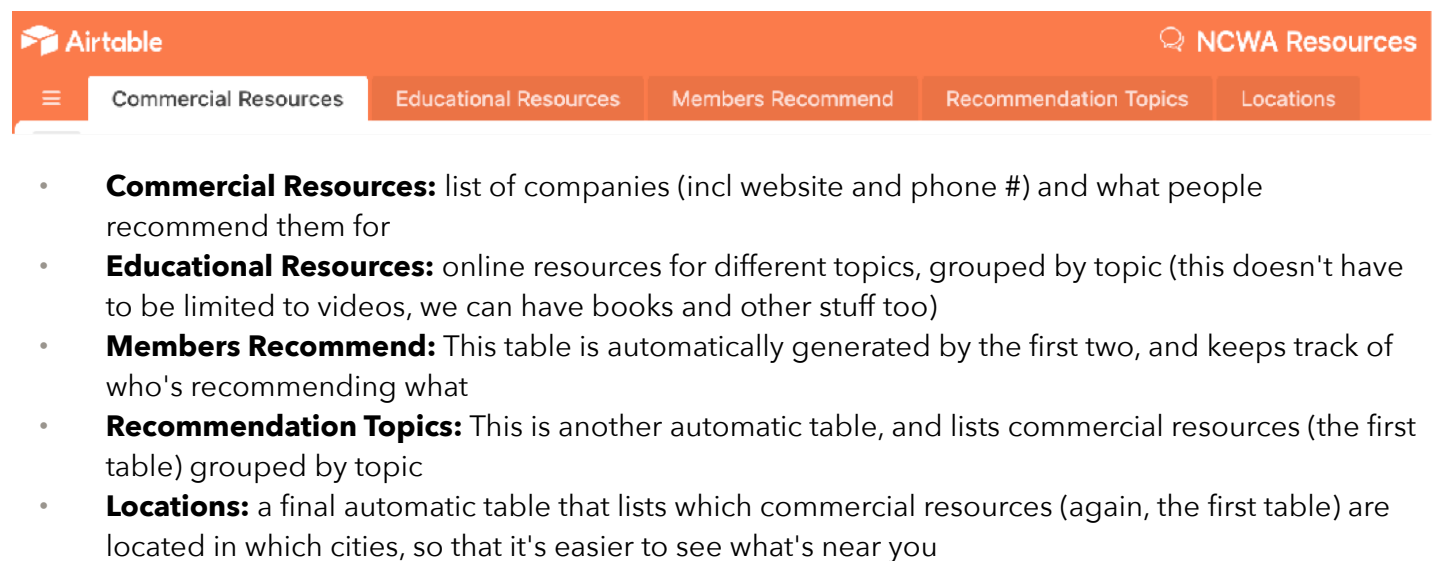
Webmaster – Michael Titus

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.