



Newsletter

Next Monthly Meeting — November 7, 2023 at 7 PM

In person at the Mount Vernon Christian School

NEW LIBRARY ADDITIONS

Click to see new additions to the club library - free check out for all members

BRING & BRAG

Click above to be taken directly to view projects from fellow

MEETING MINUTES

Click above to see what you might have missed at the last meeting, or the Board of Directors

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

A Message from the President-

As I'm contemplating a fix for a problem with a dining table my wife and I commissioned from a professional woodworker some years ago, I started asking myself "What is craftsmanship? What differentiates it from merely being skilled?". The table in question has a lot of beautifully designed and executed details, obviously made by a skilled woodworker. But there's a fairly fundamental mistake that was allowed out of his shop and into our possession. Given the nature of the problem, there's no way it escaped his notice. So far, what I've come up with briefly as an answer to my questions is that - a **skilled woodworker** executes basics and details well. But a **craftsperson** performs **ALL** the tasks, including basics and details, well. And has too much pride in their work to let a project out of the shop unless the entire piece has been made to the best of their ability. Now I'm reviewing my work and realizing that I still have along way to go. And that's OK, because it's more about the journey for me than the destination. *(we'll leave my wife's opinion out of this discussion)*

-Nick Pederson, NCWA President

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November 7th at 7 PM!

In Person, at the Mount Vernon Christian School

820 West Blackburn, Mount Vernon

"THE THREE VACUUM-ers"

Greg Koenker, George Knutson, and Charley Drake

Three of our very own talented club members will lead a lively discussion about the uses of vacuum techniques in woodworking, and giving some demonstrations of vacuum veneering – flat and curved panels, and bent laminations.

Topics will include choosing a vacuum system, advantages of veneers vs solid wood, glues and substrates, and so on. Bring all your questions about vacuuming and veneering. This will be a very informative session by these experienced woodworkers.

As if an excellent presentation on vacuuming and veneering wasn't enough...

There will be THREE WINNERS in this month's Raffle Drawing!

All members will receive one **FREE** raffle ticket at the November meeting for a chance to win one of three items.

The three items are...

- A set of 4 Woodpeckers Box Clamps
- 2 Rockler 18" Magnetic Tool Holders

We will draw three winners at the end of the break. The first winner gets first choice, and so on.



Mark Your Calendars



Lot's coming up, you're not gonna wanna miss!

November 7th General Monthly Meeting – For November's presentation, "THE THREE VACUUM-ers" Greg Koenker, George Knutson, and Charley Drake will be talking about the uses of vacuum in woodworking, and giving some demonstrations of vacuum veneering (flat and curved panels) and bent laminations. You don't want to miss this very informative session.

Presentation of Officers nominated for 2024.

December 5th General Membership Meeting – President, Nick Pederson will present the 2023 Year-End Wrap-Up. Election of Officers for 2024.

January 9th General Monthly Meeting Via Zoom (Special day, one week later, due to the New Year) –

Tim Lawson, one of the founders of the Port Townsend School of Woodworking, will do a ZOOM presentation on traditional finishing.

Please Note: The NCWA Board Meetings, held each month via Zoom, take place on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Members are welcome to attend. Just let King know beforehand, so a Zoom invitation can be sent to you.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES - 2024

\$35.00 - Annual Dues (no increase for 2024!)

Dues for 2024 have been rolling in and we need to keep them coming! About a fourth of our club members have already renewed their membership for next year.

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 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 48th Ave NE
Arlington, WA 98223

Membership cards will be distributed to renewing members beginning in January.

Benefits of membership include:

- Discounts from our vendor support group,
- Monthly membership meetings - most will be in person with a few held via Zoom,
- NCWA woodworking classes,
- Library books and DVDs,
- Monthly newsletter,
- NCWA Chat - an online forum available only to our membership, and
- As always, the opportunity to be associated with the best group of woodworkers in the Northwest.

New Additions to NCWA Library

Submitted By – Bill Pierce and Richard Gillingham

This past summer, the NCWA Library added a variety of high quality, new (to us) materials:

Call Number	Title	Author
Joinery		
77-1128	The Art of Japanese Joinery	Seike, Kiyosi
77-1141	The Complete Japanese Joinery	Sato & Nakahara
Furniture		
58-1129	Shoji - How to Design, Build, and Install Japanese Screens	van Arsdale, Jay
58-1130	Shop Drawings for Craftsman Inlays & Hardware	Stickley & Ellis
58-1131	More Shop Drawings for Craftsman Furniture - 30 Stickley Designs	Lang, Robert
58-1132	Shop Drawings for Craftsman Furniture - 27 Stickley Designs	Lang, Robert
58-1133	Beds - Outstanding Projects from One of America's Best Craftsmen	Miller, Jeff
58-1134	Bookcases - Outstanding Projects from One of America's Best Craftsmen	Barrett, Niall
58-1135	Chest of Drawers - Outstanding Projects from One of America's Best Craftsmen	Hylton, Bill
58-1136	Tables - Outstanding Projects from One of America's Best Craftsmen	Guidice, Anthony
58-1137	Desks - Outstanding Projects from One of America's Best Craftsmen	Charron, Andy
58-1138	Dining Tables - Outstanding Projects from One of America's Best Craftsmen	Graves & Zager
58-1140	The Shaker Legacy - Perspectives on an Enduring Furniture Style	Becksvoort, Chris
Wood and Lumber		
67-1139	Identifying Wood - results with simple tools	Hoadley, R. Bruce
Classics		
69-1142	A Reverence for Wood	Sloane, Eric

The Library Committee is in the process of reviewing the role of a physical media library in our club. While we love books, we acknowledge that much more information is being accessed through videos and other materials online these days. At the moment, we have stopped acquiring brand-new books and DVDs. If you have input, please let us know at one of our meetings. The Library Committee currently consists of Richard Gillingham, Brannon Mucke, Stephen Wagoner and Bill Pierce. Questions or comments are always welcome at library@ncwawood.org.

You can never stop learning and honing your woodworking skills!

If you haven't yet taken advantage of one or more of the NCWA's fantastic educational opportunities, what in the name of all things sacred are you waiting for?!

Super informative, super affordable, super fun!

Submitted by Barry Tonkin – A brief recap of a recent class at George Knutson's shop on Greene and Greene details run by George. It was a fantastic class expertly organized and run by George with me running around in the background like a crazy man making sure all were doing well. Beginning expectations and objectives started off the class asking: What were the expectations and objectives of the participants?

Participant Answers:

- A better understanding of Greene and Greene methodologies and style
- How to make good jigs and practical ways to make items consistently and precisely.
- Learn more after the Mirror class held before

The group was asked to discuss one thing they really enjoyed and one even better If "EBI" at the completion on the class.

Closing Debrief:

Positives

- Really learned something new with the way Buttons are made and the precision required.
- Love the leg indents and how a jig was made to make that detail and all the style choices one could make with that feature.
- Learning the Greene and Green style and having some demo pieces to look closely at and how the design features played off one another.
- Loved having all the books and resources.
- Loved having two teachers and the best way, and how to use tools safely.

EBI

- Should have had donuts! :0) - while snacks and drinks were provided wanted something to kickstart the day. *Will address in next class.*
- Concern over safety on combo sander and spinning wheel next to switch - Several people mentioned this. *George has already moved the switch and removed the paper to reduce concern.*
- A need to learn how to sharpen- their own Chisels! - *George's were perfect!*
- More conversation over mistakes- best ways to address.

Overall comments:

- Loved the technique aspects.

- Was less pressure with making a sample piece verse a finished item like a table, box or mirror. better learning -Mistakes were actually a good learning experience.
- It will help me on my other projects with the techniques and how to make Jigs I learned from this class.
- Would be nice to have a Jig standalone Class: How Jigs evolve over time. (idea was to show a first-generation Jig and challenge participants what would be better? and then Show Evolution 2 , 3 so on.

Closing remarks-

I think having a two to one ratio, two students to one teacher really supported deeper learning and made the experience better for the participants and lessened the stress, work and overload of one teacher for a complicated class like this.

I know George won't say it so I will say it :o) George's attention to detail and having kits and samples ready for each participant, detailed notes and even a class Item tick sheet was brilliant- he put a lot of work into this, and it was brilliant!

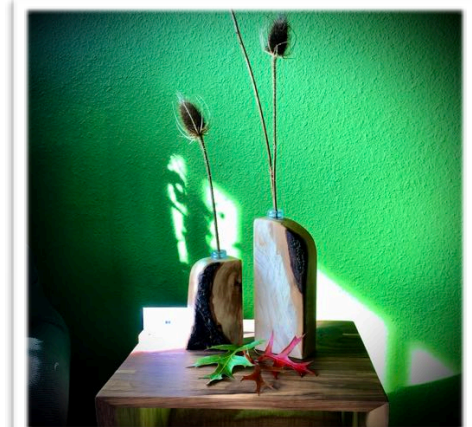


Bring and Brag

Hand-crafted Holiday Gift Ideas – King Dahl

I've never been one to allow a perfectly good cut-off or wood scrap to end up in the firewood bin, if I can help it. A while back, I thought making charcuterie boards and serving trays would be a good way to use up cut offs. And it proved to be quite popular among my family and friends as Christmas and birthday gifts. So much so, that I began *selling* charcuterie boards because, as it turns out, I only have so many family friends!

As I kept the wheels spinning in my head on what to do with even smaller scraps, wood chunks, and cut-offs, new ideas began to emerge. Here are a few photos, taken from my recent participation in the Whatcom Artists Studio Tour, in which I collaborated with a local artisan who makes the most beautiful wrapped cobbles. People sure seemed to love the live-edge Vases, Scandinavian Butter Spreaders, and coasters, and I virtually sold out. Now I have a lot of work to do digging through my scrap bins to make products for the Pacific Arts Market this holiday season at the Bellis Fair Mall. I'd love to hear what other members do with their voluminous scrap pile.





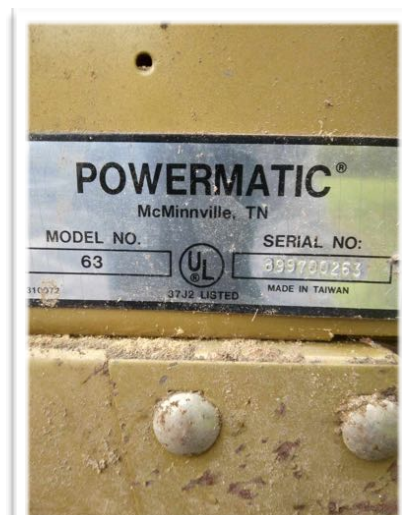
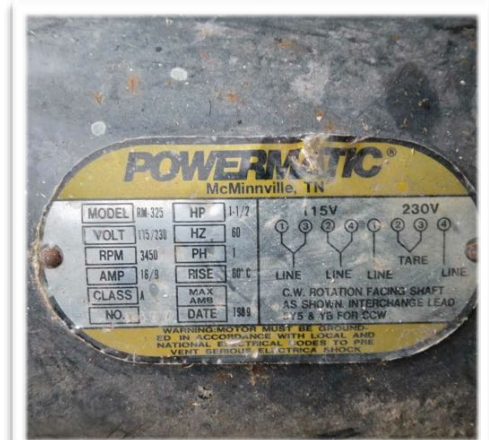
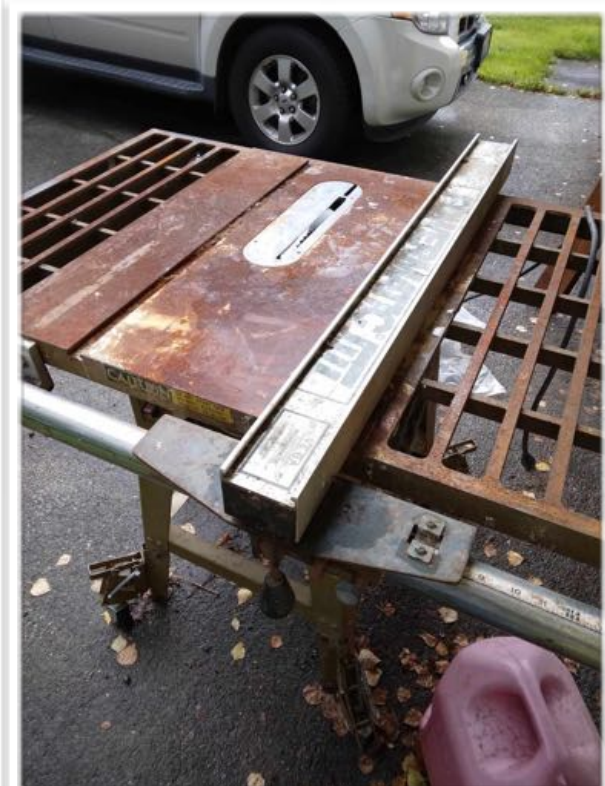
Community Bulletin Board

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 for inclusion in the monthly newsletter.

Submitted by Chuck Barnett – Free to a good home....

Powermatic Model 63 table saw with one and a half horse Baldor 110 /220 motor. Right now wired for 110. Needs new caster wheels and cleaning up. 24-in cut off Vega fence.

Jon Stevens 425-330-0433



Submitted by Wesley Taylor –

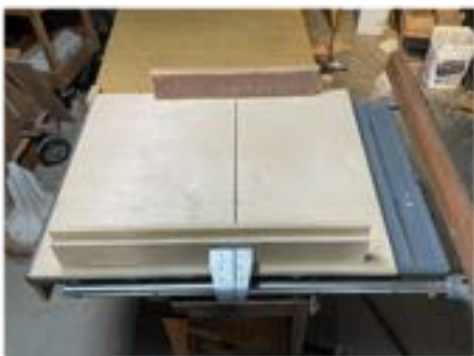
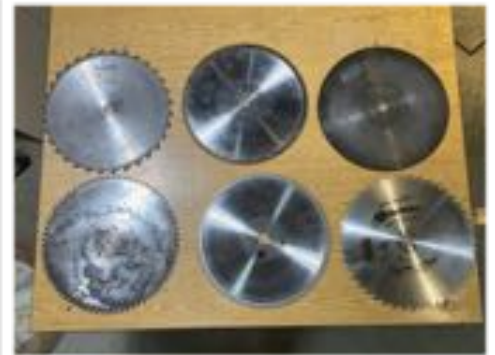
Rockwell 12" Contractors Table Saw Model 34-388

- 27" X 42" Table including wings
- 2 horse 110/220 volt motor wired for 220 volts. Square D controller
- Blade changing wrench
- Original fence
- Original regular insert and original dado cut insert
- Shop-made zero clearance and dado inserts
- Owner-made stand with dust collection funnel (see photos)

Comes with...

- Rockwell miter gauge,
- six 12" saw blades (see photo)
- small cross-cut sled
- large cross-cut sled
- 45 degree miter cut sled

I'm asking \$450.00 for the package



Note from the Toys For Tots Committee

Submitted by John Braun

George Lanphear would like to invite people to his shop who are in the Arlington/Stamwood area or other people in the club who are interested in making toys for Toys for Tots. He can be contacted at gwanph@gmail.com or 425-299-1352.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the NCWA General Meeting October 3, 2023

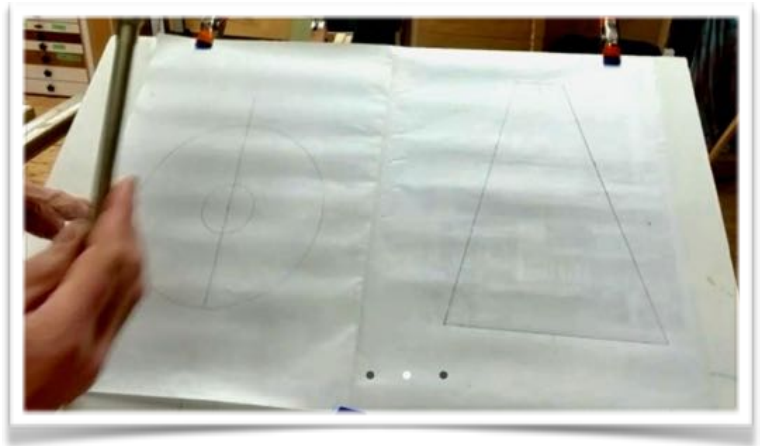
Call to order: 7:04pm

President: Nick Pederson; New Vice President: Barry Tonkin

Presentation

Seth Rolland - Coopering

- Port Townsend
- Coopering is joining two boards at an angle that isn't 90 degrees to make curved shapes, an easy way to get fun shapes in your furniture
- Demonstration: Making a cone-shaped spiral (such as for a lampshade)
- Easiest if you use an even number of pieces (staves) - using 12 in this example
- First, draw an outside profile, often a trapezoid. Measure radius at top and bottom and draw circles with those radii (using same center point), divide circles so you have 1/12th.
 - How to divide circles into even parts: By Hand and Eye, George Walker and Jim Tolpin
- Can get the measurements for the top and bottom of the trapezoid by measuring the 1/12th section of each circles. If you know how long you want each stave to be (17 inches in this case), you can draw out the stave template. Cut out 12 of them from cardboard and tape together to make sure you still like it. It might not look like how you want it to look.
- What angle do you want between your pieces? Measure the slope of your stave with a sliding bevel and use bevel gauge to determine the angle. Compound angle calculator: pdxtex.com
- If cutting a cylinder, can check your angle by cutting both sides of a long piece, and then cutting into the number of pieces you want to end up with, glue up to check to make sure angles match up.
- Cutting the staves: Cut your plywood jig to the correct angle. Keep your fence where it is to cut your staves. Use toggle clamps to hold stave down on the jig.



- Mark center line on your stave and the lengths of your two ends. Make sure to transfer the bevel angle on the end of your stave. Put the longer end of the stave on the end of the jig farther from you. Line up your bevel angle with the edge of the jig. Pay attention to outside/inside angles so you don't cut off too much. Use screws as side and end stops. Cut all of your pieces once.
- Then cut the other side, this time the smaller end will be farthest away from you. Use the off-cut from your first cut as the side stop since it has the correct bevel.
- To glue up: First, tape them. Make sure painters tape is really stuck on one piece, then stretch the tape before putting it down on the next piece to pull the joint tight. For bigger/thicker pieces of wood, you'll need clamp blocks. This example is using $\frac{3}{8}$ " wood.
- If it's a cylinder and joints are all good, tape it all. If joints aren't perfect, glue it in two halves, sand as needed to fix the joints before gluing. It's also easier to clean glue squeeze out from the inside if it's in two halves.
- If the joints are good, tape should be enough when gluing, no need for additional clamping.
- If you want to curve the ends, it's easier to do before the glue up. Tape, mark your shape, take apart, shape, tape again to check, repeat.
- Spiral Variations:
 - 1: each stave gets narrower. When cutting the second cut of each stave, just move the fence over whatever amount you want after each cut.
 - 2: use the same width pieces and change the angles, tighter as you move inward. It's harder because each side of the staves will be different. But allows the staves to be the same width so you can cut designs
- Making a jig to cut the angle on a curved piece
 - Make a sled that supports the stave at the angle. Will need a second sled for the second cut. The higher the sled is, the wider the stave will be at that point because the blade is angled. Use double-side tape, but could use toggle clamps if you make the sled longer.
 - When cutting curved staves, Seth uses a bandsaw to cut the curve. Uses the same form to cut the sled.
- Questions:



- Would using thinner wood create issues when gluing? Seth has gone down to 5/16", doesn't see an issue with using thinner wood though it might be harder to orient the pieces.
- Are there issues with the amount of time it takes to glue up before it starts to set? Seth has not had trouble with timing. Can do it in parts, particularly if you're doing a spiral. If you're doing a cylinder, at least tape them all up even if only gluing a few joints so staves stay in the same place.
- How to let light in through a lampshade:
Perforations and spirals. These lampshades are more for table lights or mood lighting, not for room lighting. Wood that is thin enough to be translucent will likely be too fragile.



New Member

- Gary, Camano Island, has been woodworking about 15 years

Bring and Brag

- Jim Bucknell: box to hold tea bags, dovetail corners, walnut and quilted maple, brass rod hinges, Livos finish

Slab Sale

Saturday, Oct. 28 - Greg Klassen's shop in Lynden, also will be selling surplus hardwood. More info will be coming in email.

Whatcom Artist Studio Tour

Oct. 7 & 8, 14 & 15 - King Dahl and Tom Dolese will be participating, as will Greg Klassen

<https://www.studiotour.net/>

Committee Reports

- **Education: Andrew Pellar**
 - Trying something new: Mentorships to develop into classes for people who want to get involved in education but not ready to teach themselves
 - Router class and multi-part handplane classes coming up
 - Project-based class: serving tray with compound angles, routing, and veneer
- **Library: Bill Pierce**
 - New books added over the summer, titles will be in the next newsletter

- **Programs: Peter Ganz and Chuck Barnett**

- In-Person, vacuuming in woodworking
 - NICK IS CONFIRMING THE SCHOOL WILL BE AVAILABLE THEN
- December will be a recap
- Looking for program ideas - Reach out to Chuck or Peter
 - Mark Kraus recommends reaching out to Tom McLaughlin, Epic Woodworking, info@epicwoodworking.com

- **Membership: Al Ashley, for Jerry Couchman**

- 5 new members in the last month
- Collecting dues for 2024, can use PayPal/Venmo (ncwawood.org) or mail a check. See newsletter for address.

- **Shows: King Dahl**

- Next show will be in the spring, Wood Expo
- Still looking for a Shows Chair. Contact King if you're interested

Adjourn: 8:46pm

Minutes of the NCWA Board of Directors Meeting

October 20, 2023

Attendees

Nick Pederson
Al Ashley
John Braun
Andrew Pellar
Bill Pierce
Greg Koenker
Barry Tonkin
Chuck Barnett
Peter Gantt

Vice President

- Office of Vice President has been vacant for a few months. Board unanimously voted to elect Barry Tonkin as new Vice President

Treasurer's Report - Al Ashley

- See Al's report for details

- About \$6,000 more in the bank than at this time last year
- 230 members (220 last year); 30 new members this year (vs 19 for last year)
- Expenses for Seth Rolland for October presentation and printer ink

Committee Reports

Membership

- 8 new members, 1 still pending
 - Suggestion to survey membership about what they enjoy about the club, what they wish we would do, class suggestions, presentation topics, possible presenters to reach out to, ect.
 - Nick will draft survey questions to distribute to the board for refinement, Barry will help. Tony has offered to create an online survey in the past

Library - Bill Pierce

- Library committee will evaluate new library software over the next few months
- Hope to be able to provide better service and have more than one person able to access the database

Education Committee - Andrew Pellar

- Apprentice program - first with routers. Will test out on a few people and then offer the class to the membership. Also trying to organize a table saw class. Idea is to train new teachers; a few might be able to teach sharpening
- Also looking into classes to learn a technique/step in a larger project. Members go home and do that step in their own shop. Meet again to learn the next step, etc.

Toys for Tots - John Braun

- Several members working with Val in his shop.
- George Lamphear and John open to having members come to their shops to make toys.
- Running out of alder. Perhaps request if the membership has extra alder they would like to donate to Toys for Tots, or preferred vendors for donations
- Used to offer a toy making class, but not a lot of follow up with people making toys. John is willing to teach it again.

Programs - Chuck Barnett, Peter Gantt

- Working on 2024 programs
- Plenty of funding for speaker fees, \$3,000 approved for 2024
 - Only spent \$450 of \$3,000 2023 budget
 - Committee will try to go after some bigger names that require larger speaker fees
 - Committee believes Zoom/In-person Hybrid is critical

- Nick will reach out to a few Board members who are technologically savvy
- We could also find a consultant to help us at each meeting or at least get us started
- Could use technology to have Zoom classes/build library of classes

Vacant Positions

- Still missing Shows and Programs committee chairs; at-large members (2-year term) took on Programs Committee.
- Bylaws says president shall appoint and Board shall approve chairs of standing committees
- Suggestion to try to get members to join the committees to help current chairs and learn the ropes
 - Taking over as chair can be intimidating without prior experience
- Nick will request members join the Shows Committee at the next meeting; at-large members current ok with continuing to also act as Programs Committee

2024 Budget Discussion

- No changes to draft budget from last month, no concerns raised from any Board member
- Board unanimously voted to approve budget

New Business

- Email from school shop teacher about offering discounted or free/honorary memberships to school shop teachers
 - Motion approved to offer honorary memberships to any school shop teacher in the NW corner.
 - Bill has offered to reach out to shop teachers.
 - No age outlined in bylaws. Is there a liability? Probably not for meetings but field trips, classes, tool sales?
 - Motion approved to allow minors to join the club but will have to address class and field trip attendance on a case-by-case basis.

2023 Spirit Award

- Motion approved that the chairmen of the four committees and vice president choose the winner this year; Barry will coordinate that effort

2024 Officers

- Should be presented to general membership at November meeting, voted on in December
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer

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

Stockton'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.

NCWA 2023 Board of Directors:

President – Nick Pederson

Immediate Past President – Greg Koenker

Vice President – Barry Tonkin

Treasurer – Al Ashley

Secretary – Christi Brua Weaver

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

Committee Chairs:

Programs Committee – Peter Gantt, Chuck Barnett, Craig Edwards

Library – Bill Pierce

Education – Andrew Pellar

Membership – Jerry Couchman

Shows – King Dahl

Shop Tours – TBA

Toys for Tots – John Braun

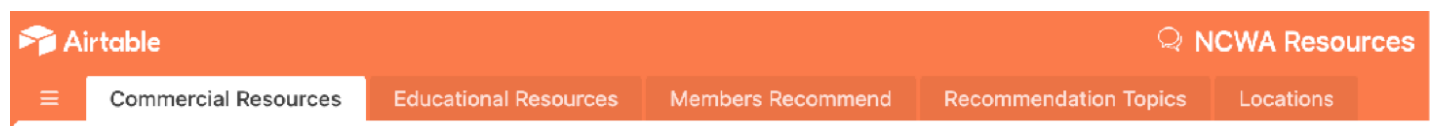
Webmaster – Michael Titus

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.