



# Newsletter

**Next Monthly Meeting — January 9, 2024 at 7 PM**  
**IN PERSON at the Mount Vernon Christian School**

## YOUTUBE

Haven't checked out the club YouTube Channel? Click to see a new video by member, Keith Olive

## RAFFLE PRIZE

Check out this months Special Raffle Prize!

## IN MEMORIAM

Remembering NCWA Past-President,  
Bob Doop

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## **President's Message...**

Welcome to 2024 and may it be a productive and creative year for us all. This year as Nick and I take the reins of the club we have a couple of key tasks to drive, to position the club for more success.

3 Main Focuses:

1. Improve bench strength and back up of key roles/people- In this we are defining the actions and tasks for many of the roles for the club. By doing this we will have a better understanding of each role and get more people involved in the club. Breakdown the larger roles in to smaller tasks that everyone can help with, so more of the membership can support and get involved at a level they can manage. "Roles and Responsibility"

2. Know membership more: Understand Membership skills, needs and wants. This is something I feel very passionate about. The last time we did focus groups and general survey was in 2018. While some of what membership wants is probably the same, I feel it would be wise of the board to get an up-to-date understanding of what memberships wants from the club and support those wishes- A direction and vision for the year / Theme.

3. Build a more defined Structure and Ways of Volunteering- In this last item, it ties the two first bullets together - once we have the roles defined and understand what our members want from the organization- Move in those directions- get more shows, classes- etc. and work on getting more people involved in the club. We have some stellar people helping with the board and key roles, however we have so much talent as a group I want to harness more of it- but make it easier to volunteer- smaller tasks and time commitments that make it easier to help and provide a better sense of belonging and support for all. Lastly- Thank you for being part of this amazing community. I look forward to the growth everyone makes from the seasoned professional to the just starting.

Get started on something you want to make, always wanted to try, share with others something you do, help someone in need, grow your network and make sure you have some fun!

Thanks again – *Nick and Barry*

## This Month's Raffle Drawing!

Since we had to move to a Zoom Meeting for the December General Meeting, we have a second chance at this wonderful raffle prize!

All members will receive a **FREE** raffle ticket at the **January 9th Meeting** for a chance to win this

### Porter Cable Deluxe Dovetail Jig Combination Kit



**TIME IS RUNNIN' OUT - RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!****ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES - 2024****\$35.00 - Annual Dues (no increase for 2024!)**

Many of our members have paid their dues and renewed their membership for 2024 - some haven't - but you still have time. Members that have not paid their dues by February 6<sup>th</sup> will be dropped from the club roster.

**[Special Note:** If you are unsure if you have paid your dues, please contact our treasurer, Al Ashley, and he will confirm your payment status]

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, but a few may be held via Zoom,
- Purchase discounts from our vendor support group,
- NCWA Chat - an online forum available only for our members,
- NCWA member only woodworking classes,
- Monthly newsletter,
- Library books and DVDs and, as always -
- The opportunity to associate with the best group of woodworkers in the Northwest.

## Mark Your Calendars

January 9th, In Person – Tim Lawson, founder of Port Townsend School of Woodworking, talks about traditional wood finishes.

February 6th, In Person – Dale Brotherton discusses Japanese tools and woodworking.

March 5th, In Person – Stewart Wurtz, custom furniture maker, shares his work.

April 2nd, In Person – A panel discussion on customizing small, medium, and large shop sizes.

## President's Challenge

The Presidents challenge is BACK!

For this year I would like to challenge my fellow members to create a project with Butterflies and a NEW joint you have not done before or in at least the last 5 years (honor code applies- I trust you)

Now "Butterflies" can mean many things, and I leave it vague and up to your imagination!

Timeline: You have three and half months- Bring and Brag at the May meeting (If that meeting is ends up being via Zoom for some reason, we will push the completion date to the June meeting)

Who: I encourage novice makers and experts/professional to participate, the judging will take this into account.

This is about testing your own skill and expertise, so you can compete in your own right, so have fun and I really look forward to all that the membership can come up with!



## 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.*

## ATTENTION ALL SANDERS

There has been some confusion raised from some members when ordering from Klingspor, one of our preferred vendors that offers a discount.

Be sure to order through **Klingspor Woodworking Shop**, **NOT Klingspor Abrasives**.

If you want to get the club discount with Klingspor's Woodworking shop, make sure you contact them on this number: **(800)-228-0000**. This change has been updated on the Preferred Vendor List towards the end of the newsletter.

Discounts *do not* apply to Festool, SawStop, wood items, or clearance/sale items.

Klingspor Abrasives, Inc is a separate company and does not give our club any discount. As a reminder, you can view all of our vendor discount information on our website:

<https://www.ncwawood.org/member-discounts/>



**(800)-228-0000**



**John Braun –  
FOR SALE**

**\*\* Spalted Alder Slabs**  
\$2.50 bf, varying sizes

**\*\* Repurposed Church  
Pews** 9'3" and 9'8" x  
21" wide laminated red  
oak.



Contact John Braun on his home phone #

**360-724-3011**



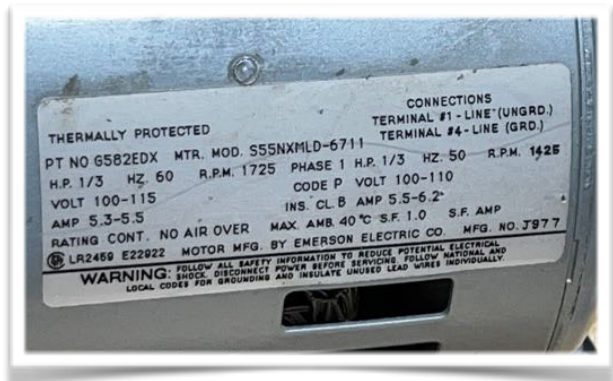


**Phil Humphries –**

**FOR SALE**

Vacuum Pump for sale...  
Open to Offers.

pilipo.two@gmail.com



**Roger Shimer –**

**FREE to a GOOD HOME**

I'm downsizing and shedding my trusty old Craftsman 10-inch Flex Drive (model: 113.241680) table saw and would like it to go to a starting woodworker and someone who will use it. I added a Vega fence about a dozen years ago, 37" rip width and a router table. The saw is mounted on wheels so easily moved within a shop. The fence needs a bit of adjusting (it's slipping, easy fix, have owner manuals for saw and fence), otherwise the saw is in good shape. I plan to donate it to the Restore in Bellingham next week if no one in the club is interested. Please email Roger Shimer at g8hiking@gmail.com or text 360-305-2018.



**And the WINNER of the  
2023 NCWA SPIRIT AWARD**

**goes to...**

***George Knutson!***

**A hearty THANK YOU, George, for all you've done,  
and continue to do, for our club!!**



## In Memoriam



**Robert "Bob" Doop  
1937-2023**

Long time NCWA member Bob Doop passed away on December 22. He was 86. Bob was President of our group in 2006. He was also a very skilled woodturner and Past President of the Northwest Washington Woodturners in 2008.

Bob especially enjoyed sharing his vast knowledge and skills with others....always generous with his time, resources and knowledge. He regularly taught classes on sharpening and using scrapers, wood movement and veneering. Many members learned under his watchful eye.....always quick to praise but not afraid to critique with a goal of making us better woodworkers. He was a "presence" wherever he went.....a big man with a big voice....and often a mischievous twinkle in his eye! Most of all he was mentor and friend to anyone who wanted to learn.

One of Bob's favorite messages was that a project is like a triangle: Design, Construction and Finishing being the 3 legs. If any leg of the triangle is lacking the project will fall short. A wise lesson indeed! – *Summited by Rick Anderson*



# Meeting Minutes

## Minutes of the NCWA General Meeting December 5, 2023

Zoom meeting due to weather

President: Nick Pederson

Vice President: Barry Tonkin

- For health reasons, Barry is assisting Nick with duties of president

### **2023 Year-End Presentation**

- Returned to in-person meetings in 2023, focused on woodworker education and building skills, also experienced an unexpected change in leadership mid-year
- Classes: a few box making classes including a symposium on various techniques, chisel sharpening, wood identification, Green & Green mirror building, bandsaw maintenance, hand cutting dovetails, and more!
- Toys for Tots: John Braun has taken over as lead while Val focuses on on his health
- Tool Sales: two tool sales held this year, coordinated by Jerry Couchman with help from other members
- Field Trip: Ritchie Adam's sawmill and kiln operation in Ferndale - if you have a field trip idea, let a board member know
- Anacortes Arts Festival: demonstrations, Toys for Tots, sales (\$277 [10%] in commissions to club); organized by King Dahl - if you're interested in more venues to sell your projects, let a board number know; a few new members recruited from our presence at the festival
- The coming year
  - Survey - What are members interested in? Classes? What you'd like to learn? Who would you like to see present? What topics?
  - Backups - If a board or committee member can't do something, we need backup
    - Looking for members to volunteer a few hours a month to help with things like the tool sales, shows, etc.

### **2023 Spirit Award**

- George Knutson - Stood out for going above and beyond, always volunteering, setting up our audio/visual for meetings, teaching and assisting classes, opening up his shop or going to other shops to help members with projects, answering questions via chat, and just being a generally kind and helpful person!
  - Learned a lot the hard way, so he likes to save people time by sharing what he has learned. He's always open to helping us out!

- Will be presented with a Lee Valley gift certificate and his name on a plaque

## **2024 Vote for Officers**

- President - Nick Pederson
- Vice President - Barry Tonkin
- Secretary - Christi Brua Weaver
- Treasurer - Al Ashley
  - Members voted via raised hand on Zoom, majority voted to approve nominations

## **Committee Reports**

- **Education (Andrew Pellar):** Upcoming classes: dovetails, hand planes, dust collection, routers, table saws, and more; look in the next newsletter for a question on what classes you would like to see offered in 2024
- **Treasurer (Al Ashley):** Still collecting dues, have collected 40% from membership so far, can pay dues online or send Al a check anytime, or in person in January
- **Membership (Jerry Couchman):** 236 members, an all-time high; 2 new members from the education community - club is now offering free membership to school woodshop teachers; 3 new members at this meeting
  - New members: Mark Lathrop, Eric Johnson, Ken Johnson
- **Toys for Tots (John Braun):** Will be turning in toys in the next few weeks  
Looking for more people to build toys; No toy-making experience necessary! Talk to John Braun if you want to join.
  - George Lanphear is opening his shop (north of Arlington) to anyone interested in meeting up to make toys
- **Programs (Peter Gantt):** January meeting date changed to January 9th; In-person presentation by Tim Lawson from Port Townsend School of Woodworking on wood finishing
  - Talking with a possible presenter on Japanese tools and joinery techniques, another possible presenter on bent wood techniques
  - Do you have an idea for a presentation topic or presenter? Talk to Peter Gantt, Craig Edwards, or Chuck Barnett
- **Library (Bill Pierce):** Will be available at the January meeting
- **Shows (King Dahl):** Wood Expo organizer will be coming to the January meeting to talk about the expo

## **Club Swag**

- Hats still available: \$24/hat, will be available at the January meeting - see George Knutson
- Board will discuss other apparel options

## Minutes of the NCWA Board of Directors Meeting

December Meeting postponed due to the holidays, occurred on January 4, 2024

### Attendees

Barry Tonkin

Al Ashley

King Dahl

Christi Brua Weaver

Jerry Couchman

George Knutson

John Braun

Peter Gantt

Don Mason

Mike Titus

Bill Pierce

Call to order: 7:03pm

### 2024 Strategies

- Focus areas:
  - Roles and Responsibilities
    - Barry would like to compile formal job summaries, responsibilities, time commitment, job requirements (including physical requirements if any); will send templates to board members to fill in
    - Goal to complete majority of roles by the end of the first quarter
    - Recommendation to create Communications and/or Technology Committee to handle YouTube channel, social media, etc, (newsletter?)
  - President's Challenge
    - Would like to reinstate the challenge, historically held once or twice a year
      - Consensus from board is twice a year
    - First challenge: butterflies (could be inlays, butterfly joints, open for interpretation) and a joint you've never tried before
  - Board Meetings
    - After discussion, Board voted to hold three in-person meetings per year; location TBD but will likely alternate between Bellingham and Mount Vernon - Don will choose location
    - Remainder of monthly Board meetings will continue to be held via Zoom
  - Business Continuity Planning - Coming later this year
  - Membership Survey - George and Jerry will help Barry with questions



- Format to be determined - email survey, geological focus groups, Survey Monkey (Mike could help with online survey)

### **Treasurer's Report - Al Ashley**

- See Al's report for details
- Almost \$8,500 more in the bank than at this time last year
- 71.4% (170) of membership has renewed for 2024, which is good
  - After Jan. 9 meeting, Al will email individuals who have not renewed
  - Roster will be updated in first Tuesday in February
- 241 members (224 last year); 40 new members this year (21 last year)
  - Highest membership ever

### **Programs - Peter Gantt**

- January 9th, in person: Tim Lawson, Traditional Finishes; will be going to dinner at COA in Mount Vernon at 4:30 - email Peter if you can to let him know if you can come
- February, in person: Dale Brotherton, Japanese Woodworking
- March, in person: Stuart Wurtz from Bellingham, custom furniture
- April, in person: Panel discussion on three different shop sizes
- Other ideas: Antique tools - identification, discussion, and how to use; knife making

### **Library - Bill Pierce**

- Evaluating software for cataloging inventory, will report back to the board
- Bill reached out to public high schools in region to gather names/emails of shop teachers
  - Discussion about student participation - not the right time for the club to take this on but are happy to consider specific requests for help

### **Toys for Tots - John Braun**

- Turned in toys, fewer toys than last year because of Val's illness

### **Mike Titus**

- Working on generating reports on our web traffic and updating operating system
- Can YouTube stats be reported?
- Can we do more VSTs?
- Discussion to allow members to upload their videos on NCWA YouTube page

### **Shows - King Dahl**

- King cannot continue chairing committee; Jerry is organizing Wood Expo (April 5-7)
- Barry would like to complete "Roles and Responsibilities" ASAP so he can recruit

- Don is willing to help organize Wood Expo in the meantime
- Bill will reach out to WoodFest next week to update them on club participation

## **Technology**

- Greg and George went to the school and were able to broadcast via Zoom, but sound and video synchronization was off a little bit
  - Could a presentation be recorded and sent later rather than cast over Zoom?
    - Yes, but would not allow for audience participation
    - Sending out later would encourage people to attend in person
    - Putting videos up on YouTube may draw in new members
  - Not confident that a true hybrid meeting will work yet. Would be nice to do a test to see if real-time cast will work during an upcoming in-person meeting, though not sure if this is something we will want to do; we just want to have the option.
- Will we be able to show Zoom presentation of an East Coast presenter at an in-person meeting? Do we want to be able to do that or would we prefer to keep Zoom meetings over Zoom only? More discussion to come.

Adjourn: 9:06pm

## 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

FASTCAP

Klingspor Woodworking Shop

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 2024 Board of Directors:

**President** – Nick Pederson

**Vice President** – Barry Tonkin

**Treasurer** – Al Ashley

**Secretary** – Christi Brua Weaver

**Members at Large** – Peter Gantt, Chuck Barnett, Don Mason, George Knutson

#### 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

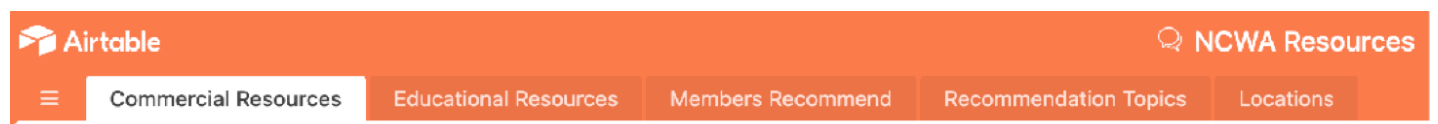
**Newsletter** – King Dahl



## 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.