



Newsletter

March General Meeting — April 1, 2025 at 7 PM at the Mount Vernon Christian School

SKAGIT WOOD EXPO

Check out the
Demonstration
Schedule

RAFFLE PRIZE

Check out this months
Special Raffle Prize!

KITCHEN GADGETS

A quick Photo Recap
of last months Kitchen
Gadget Show & Tell

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

President's Message...

Can't believe its already April, Yike's! Time flies when you're having fun! Ok, two key things for this month...

First – The Presidents Challenge – We are down to the last two months for the **Inspiration Challenge**. The contest is to submit a piece of work inspired by something from the club library, your personal library, Instagram, or anything you find inspiration from, then build the piece and show the Article/ Picture that drove the inspiration! Will King repeat? Can someone dethrone him? (David S- that was for you! :o)

Next – The Survey – We are sending out another survey for this year pertaining to the club. I recognize the survey fatigue that many of us feel. That being said, the information is needed to continually improve the club and fashion it into what you are looking for. We changed a lot of things from last year's results, and continue to work on other items. This year we have shortened the survey, so it won't be as long, but I ask you to volunteer the 10-15 mins and donate your opinion even if you are new to the club, your voice matters. We got lots of great ideas from last year and need your input again. So, for many of you, you may have

Connect with
your fellow
members:



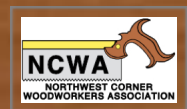
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difficulty supporting your fellow woodworking community due to schedules, but this is one of the best ways to help us grow and be a better club, your time matters and will make a difference. Thanks in advance for helping the club improve through with the help of your good feedback.
– *Barry Tonkin, President*

April 1st at 7 PM at the Mount Vernon Christian School

Bob Barnard's Custom Home-built Trailer

"Why buy it when you can build it yourself," has been Bob Barnard's motto for the last 50 years.

From houses to guitars, he has found it much more interesting and fun to figure out how to make things than buy them off the shelf. When they were looking for an alternative to tent camping a few years ago and they went looking for travel trailers.

When you look closely at modern trailers, they're cheap shlock and not pleasant to be in. Vintage trailers are also cheap schlock, but they have a charm and utility that are hard to resist. Since they don't make them anymore, "why not build it yourself?" Sadly, the corollary "why do it right when you can do it yourself" can also hold true, but we tend to have a poor memory for that kind of thing.

Bob Barnard will show and tell his custom, home built travel trailer. Unique, and truly custom. Built from the ground up, this trailer is a work of art. Beautifully built and customized, the trailer will be on site as well for all to tour, and to "kick the tires". It should be a fun evening.

This Month's Raffle Drawing!

All members will receive a **FREE** raffle ticket at the **April 1st Meeting** at **The Mount Vernon Christian School**

Don't miss our April Meeting! We're raffling TWO items. Remember, each member or guest gets one free ticket.

April Raffle

A pair of new iGaging combination squares in a case; 6" and 12". A \$59 value!



A set of four StopLoss Bags to prolong the life of your valuable oil finishes! A \$14 value.





**Attention All Members
Skagit Wood Expo 2025 is April 5-6!**



Demonstration Schedule

Saturday 4/5/25

	<u>Bench 1</u>	<u>Bench 2</u>	<u>Shave Horse</u>	<u>Scroll Saw</u>
9 AM - 11 PM	Handmade Chopsticks	Frames made by Hand Tools	Shaping Wood	
11 PM - 1 PM	Snowflakes	Sharpening	Shaping Wood	Intarsia
1 PM - 3 PM	Bark House Carving	Decorative Inlay	Shaping Wood	Intarsia
3 PM - 5 PM	Shooting Board Miter	Spoon Carving	Shaping Wood	

Sunday 4/6/25

	<u>Bench 1</u>	<u>Bench 2</u>	<u>Shave Horse</u>	<u>Scroll Saw</u>
9 AM - 11 PM	Gothic Architectural Carving	Narrow Band Looms	Shaping Wood	
11 PM - 1 PM	Decorative Inlay	Using Hand Planes	Shaping Wood	Intarsia
1 PM - 3 PM	Seat Carving		Shaping Wood	Intarsia

Kitchen Gadget Photo Recap!













Meeting Minutes

Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

Board Meeting

March 20, 2025

Attendees

Barry Tonkin, Earl Kessler, Al Ashley, George Knutson, Jerry Couchman, Christi Brua Weaver, Nick Pederson, King Dahl, Don Carlson, Mike Titus, Andrew Pellar

Call to order: 7:04pm

Wood Expo- Jerry Couchman

- April 5 & 6, set up on April 4, 3-5pm; organizers will provide food at 6pm
- Have enough demonstrators other than shave horse; will collect more display items at April meeting
 - Can also use more greeters and toy makers
- No sales (would have to pay a booth fee) except Toys for Tots program because it's charitable
- Organizers are seeking donations for a silent auction to benefit for Skagit Hospice Association
- King will bring flash drive with slideshow presentation to meeting; Barry will bring his laptop to Wood Expo
- King and Jerry are working to get a sign printed
- Christi collected car parts from Skagit and Snohomish Toys groups and is organizing everything for Wood Expo

Treasurer's Report - Al Ashley

- See Al's report for details
- About \$800 less in the bank than at this time last year; Toys program has fund balance of about \$1,000
- Expenses were slightly less than revenues for 2024; biggest annual expenses include speaker honorariums and room rentals
- 240 members - (225 last year); 12 new members this year (15 last year)
- Expenses: reimbursements for supplies and school rental

- Venmo account discussion - to collect Toys program donations - unanimous vote to approve opening the additional account for the Toys program to allow for collection of Venmo donations at shows
 - May want to consider having a separate Venmo account to easily pay dues

New Website Discussion

- **Board members should explore the WildApricot site before April meeting - Board will vote on moving forward during April meeting**
- Looking to schedule a demo with WildApricot (week of April 7-11 would be ideal for some board members)
- Jerry interviewed someone at WildApricot; both he and Todd feel like it's a good option - 60 days free
- New website would be on WildApricot server - would be easier to build a new website than to merge over current website
- Mike wants to make sure that we can import historical information - newsletters and posts about past meetings - can help transfer files but won't be able to build the site

Education - Andrew Pellar

- Committee will be rolling out shop talks - members will RSVP directly to shop owner
- George's chair-making class - 5-day class in April - will do more classes in summer
- Just had a "Teach the Teachers" class to continue sharpening and using block planes
- Build a handplane class - May
- More upcoming: Jointer; sharpening; demonstration/do your own build
- Not many classes in July/August, but hopefully will have a full schedule in fall
- Jerry finished a box-making class recently and had 2 assistants helping him each day; was a successful class - still has a waiting list of about 8-10 people (145 people have taken his class so far)

Membership - Jerry Couchman

- 3 new members signed up so far this month but 2 haven't paid yet
- There will be a tool sale in Lake Stevens - more info to come next week
- Long-time member, Phil Humphreys, in Bellingham will be selling all of his tools - board members volunteered to help set up, sale will likely be in May
 - Phil wants someone to carry on his bandsaw box class

Newsletter - King Dahl

- King will start looking into finding a replacement for him to attend board meetings and/or build newsletter

- Barry may be interested in handling the newsletter after term as president is over at the end of the year

Programs - Earl Kessler

- March meeting went over well and had lots of participation
- April: Build a wood trailer
- May: Tools for Geeks (CNC, laser engraving, 3D printing) - Requesting more time for the panel presentation - looking for an hour (75 minutes would be better)
- Grizzly tour: June 3 - can accommodate 60 people at time; if there are more than 60 club members who want to attend, they can do a morning and afternoon session.
 - Will require members sign up so we know how many people will attend the tour
- July: Build a cane fishing rod
- August: picnic

Members at Large

- Don Carlson has accepted second open position

Survey - Barry & Earl

- Cuts made to 2024's survey
- Committee heads and rest of Board should submit their questions to Earl
- Education - filling classes isn't hard, finding teachers is; hoping to develop apprenticeship program/be an assistant to teachers versus asking what classes membership wants to see

Technology - George

- George and Greg are feeling more comfortable with the new technology; working on instructions to train a few members to help out

Adjourn: 8:38pm

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

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.

NCWA 2025 Board of Directors:

President – Barry Tonkin

Vice President – Earl Kessler

Secretary – Christi Brua Weaver

Treasurer – Al Ashley

Members at Large – Don Mason, George Knutson

Committee Chairs:

Programs Committee – Craig Edwards

Education – Andrew Pellar

Shows – King Dahl/Jerry Couchman

Toys for Tots – John Braun

Newsletter – King Dahl

Library – Bill Pierce

Membership – Jerry Couchman

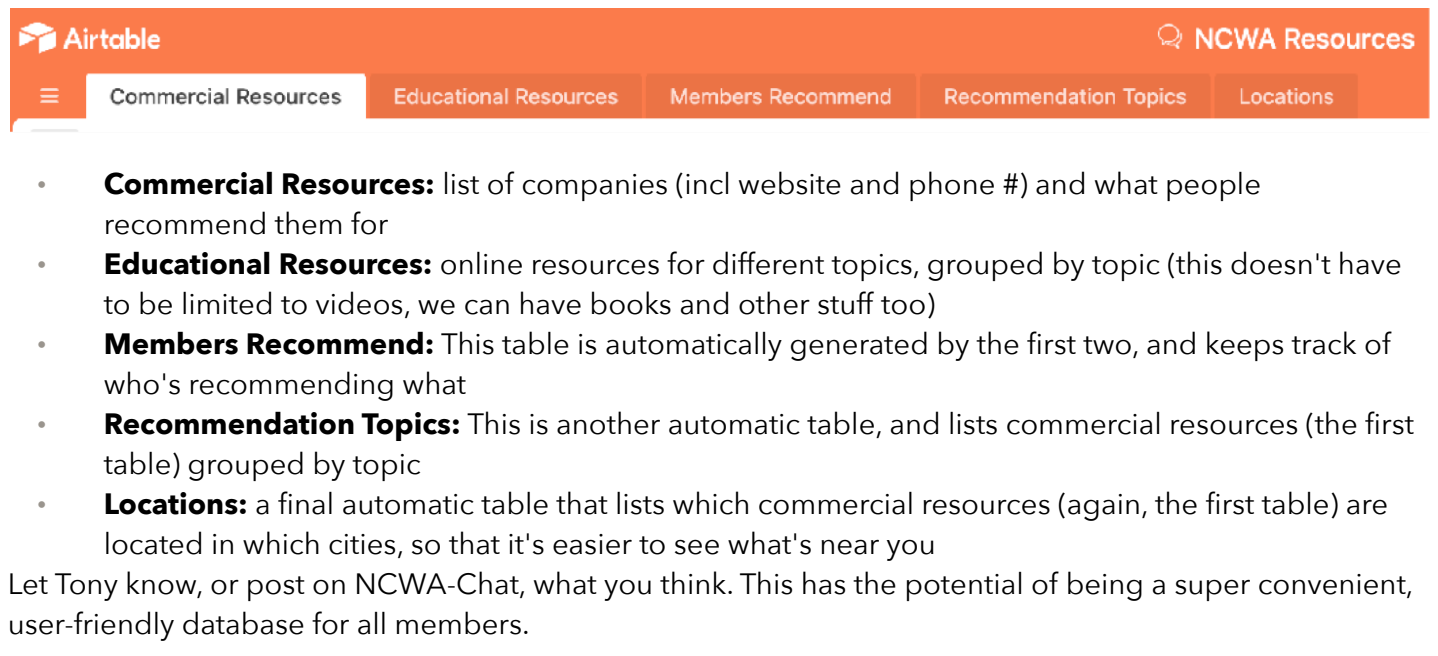
Shop Tours – TBA

Webmaster – Michael Titus

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.