



Newsletter

March General Meeting — March 4, 2025 at 7 PM at the Mount Vernon Christian School

SKAGIT WOOD EXPO

Read all about it. A great chance to get involved!

RAFFLE PRIZE

Check out this months Special Raffle Prize!

UPCOMING CLASSES

Take a look at what's in store from the Education Committee

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

President's Message...

Hello folks- not feeling my best this week so this will be short- Noro Virus is going around and hit my family hard- Stay safe and wash your hands.

Some interesting things are brewing with the board this month... We are investigating the possibility of having our own space, similar to some other woodworking guilds. We are looking at other clubs that have dedicated meeting spaces and shared makers spaces for ideas and inspiration. This would not be an easy accomplishment, but worth seeing if something like that makes sense for our club. If you have any ideas please reach out to Mark Kraus for ideas and resources, or If you know a person that has a space to rent etc.

Also, we are looking at a Membership hosting site. The benefits would include designated forums, more photo and video storage, along with a slew of other benefits. That being said it would cost money each month, but would go a long way to improve connectivity of the club members and joining groups up.

Connect with your fellow members:



[Instagram](#)



[Facebook](#)



[YouTube](#)



[Website](#)

We are still looking for greeters and demo slots for the upcoming Skagit Wood Expo. Please read Jerry Couchman's entry in this month's newsletter, and share your time. Just an hour or two here and there is all we need, moving boxes, setting up, breaking down.

– Barry Tonkin, President

March 4th at 7 PM at the Mount Vernon Christian School

Kitchen Gadgets

The March NCWA meeting program is all about the kitchen. Club members are invited to present items they have made for their kitchen.



Your participation is important to the success of this program. Think of this program as an extended Bring and Brag focused on the kitchen with more time to explain why you decided to make your item, how you made it and what you learned. David Shull will be the Master of Ceremonies and help guide the discussion.

Your presentation does not require any significant preparation. Plan on bringing a sample of your item and as needed related parts or jigs to the meeting. During the program we will use our camera to display your item on our large screen.

Please sign up now so we can organize the program by sending an email to Craig Edwards at dcraig.edwards@gmail.com with a brief description of your item or items.

This Month's Raffle Drawing!

All members will receive a **FREE** raffle ticket at the **March 4th Meeting** at **The Mount Vernon Christian School**

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

1. **24" European Wooden Jointer Plane** in good condition, value uncertain, but probably about \$50-70.



2. **Solid Brass Richard Kell Center Finder.** This vintage tool is handy for establishing the center of round stock with a diameter less than about 10". The company started in 1983 and is still on business in England. Value about \$45.



3. **Weller 15 Piece, 25 watt Wood Burning Kit**, never used. Learn how to make pyrography! Value \$23.



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

We need your participation to have another successful woodworking show at the **Skagit Wood Expo in Mt Vernon April 5-6!** We only do two shows each year. This is your first chance to contribute.

We need members to help with set up/tear down, man our booth and demonstrate woodworking skills.

This is also a great opportunity to

Display Your Woodworking Projects

We provide forms for everyone who is interested in either.

If you have never participated in one of the club's shows, now is your chance!





SET UP – April 4th: 3-5 pm

SLOTS FOR DEMONSTRATIONS, GREETERS, KID'S AREA (BUILD-A-CAR & Jack McKee's Builder Boards)

April 5th: 9-11, 11-1, 1-3, 3-5

April 6th: 9-11, 11-1, 1-3

April 6th: Tear down 3-5 pm

Contact Jerry Couchman, sofa01@hotmail.com or (360)255-1984. Or sign up with Earl Kessler at our March 4th membership meeting.

Education Committee Announcement

Submitted by Andrew Pellar –

Upcoming Classes: sign up sheets will be available at the March 4th meeting. If they don't fill, then an e-mail will be sent out.

- May 3, 2025 - Build a hand plane
- May 17, 2025 Hand Saws

Classes Under Development but not yet scheduled:

Router Tables
Tuning and Using Block Planes
Wood ID
Build a Shaker Table
Chairs
Staved Construction

A New Type of Class:

These classes will be short and sweet. Think of it as an informal version of Bring and Brag in a small social setting. I will be reaching out to folks to host an RSVP get together at their shop. You will have a chance to get to know the host and learn about their current work and see their shop. I will speak more about this at the meeting.

Assistants:

Is your woodworking where you want it to be? If not consider helping out as an assistant. No experience is necessary, we will train you. Contact me at andf32plr@yahoo.com

Library News

Submitted by Bill Pierce and the Library Committee

Library Sale held over at the March Meeting

Well, the snow last month foiled our efforts to complete our multi-month book sale. So here it is. Remember to bring cash to the meeting if you're interested in some great deals on woodworking books.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE! at the March meeting.

And another friendly reminder – Still available for circulation: back issues of Taunton's **Fine Woodworking**. Looking for an article about a technique, or jig, a fun new project plan, or tool reviews? We have print copies of nearly every issue since FW started in 1975. That's 50 years of collective woodworking experience.

Searchable Indexes of *Fine Woodworking* can be found here:

<https://www.finewoodworking.com/magazine-index>

And here,

<https://www.finewoodworkingindex.com>

Loans are for 2 months. You can request an issue by writing library@ncwawood.org.



Bring and Brag

Just a reminder, if you have a project you'd like to showcase for Bring and Brag at an upcoming meeting, but your project is too large to bring in person, please send photos to Greg Koenker at gkoenker@gmail.com a few days prior to the meeting. This allows Greg ample time to get the photos uploaded, and ready for display.

Also, as a result of the positive feedback from our recent "Cool Tools and Jigs" presentation, if you happen to build a shop-made jig that you would like to share with the membership, feel free to include it in Bring and Brag.

Since our February meeting was hosted on Zoom due to the inclement weather, there was no Bring & Brag to share in the newsletter this month.

Be sure to bring your projects to the March 4th meeting!



Community Bulletin Board

For Sale –Ryobi 10" Mitre Saw – Works great! \$75.00 (new \$269.00)





Hitachi 10" Mitre Saw – Working condition \$30

For either mitre saw, Contact King Dahl 702-596-9727 or kingdahl1@gmail.com

Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2025

Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association

Genral Meeting

President: Barry Tonkin

Call to order: 7:01

Zoom meeting, approximately 70 members in attendance

Announcements

- Craig Edwards is looking for volunteers to show their shop-made kitchen gadgets for March's meeting (cutting boards, book holders, utensils, knife blocks, bulletin board, etc.); reach out directly to Craig if you want to bring something
- 2025 dues must be paid ASAP; after today, individuals who haven't paid will be dropped from roster. Members who paid should have received their membership card in the mail.

Presentation

Jerry Couchman - Garrett Hack's Decorative Inlay Techniques

- Call or email Jerry if you have questions
- Took Garrett's class at Port Townsend School of Woodworking
- Inlay options: panels with borders, fans, string inlay
- Will need experience with hand tools to do inlay properly
 - Trim router (that you can easily control), spiral carbide bit set at about 1/8"
 - Curved carving knife
 - Chisels
 - Marking gauge
 - Scratch stock (Garrett has instructions in fine woodworking and videos online)
 - 1/8" round file
 - Dividers
 - Block plane
 - Drill
 - Saws

Border Inlays

- For box lid, used 1/4" panel;
- For the panel border with alternating ebony and holly, it's good to use odd numbers (such as 3 lines on short end and 7 lines on long end, use a marking gauge to define edge
- Remove most of the material with trim router and spiral bit; carefully clean up edges with chisel, cuts must be vertical
- Mill border stock 1/16" thick x 3/32" tall (taller than work piece); Jerry finds the best way to mill very thin strips is with a table saw (using a jig) and drum sander to make sure everything is exactly the same thickness and there are no table saw marks (for drum sander, he uses a sled with a lip on the end the same thickness as the material you're milling); you could just use a table saw
- Length depends on dimensions and ratios, using dividers, not measurements
- Miter corners with sanding block (could use chisel for 45 degree if you're comfortable)
- Once all your pieces are made, glue the corners first (Jerry uses Titebond III); corners to be the same wood species or it won't look right. Use a spacer block that just barely fits to keep the corners square. Once your corners are set, put in the rest of your border pieces
- Select a 1/8" thick panel, trim to fit inside the border, and glue panel in place
- Trim border flush with a block plane (figured panel might need drum sander to avoid tearout), final sand and finish (uses oil-based finish like Livos)

Fan and String Inlay

- String inlay should be done before cutting fan inserts

- Use scratch stock tool with tapered tooth from tempered steel (old sawmill blade or hand saw), shaped and polished and mounted into any hardwood (can also use a Dremel with thin bit for curves if you're comfortable)
- Clamp a fence parallel to the line you want to cut, keep scratch stock against the fence, cut the groove with multiple light passes until the tooth is about 1/8" deep
- Make string inlay material (1/32") with table saw, taper edges slightly on each side to fit into a practice groove, testing fit as you taper, then cut the stock into strips on band saw (3/32") using a jig
- Cut lengths of string inlay with jig that has a shallow rabbit and a thin saw guide slot (make sure the segments you cut will fit evenly in your line)
- Glue segments into groove, tapping firmly into place with a small hammer
- Use block plane to bring inlay flush

Fan Construction

- Try with scrap wood first! Mill ebony and holly at least 1"x1"x3", grain must be across the narrow part, clearly mark grain direction
- Make a jig to glue the blocks to scrap "handles" to allow for safe cutting on the table saw
- To make a 7-wedge, 90-degree fan, the miter angle is 6.43 degrees
- Place a stop so cuts produce sharp wedges, cut 7 wedges from scrap stock and adjust angle until the 7 add up to 90 degrees
- First cut on squared-off block establishes 6.5 on one side; subsequent cuts use the stop (Jerry attaches stop with painters tape)
- Cut 4 ebony and 3 holly, rotating the stock 180 degrees between each cut
- To assemble, a simple jig can glue up the 9 wedges, a 90-degree notch in a block of wood, use wax paper between the wedge and jig, sand the curved edge and smooth top and bottom before slicing into wafers
- Make wafers (fat 1/8" fans) using a bench hook jig and dovetail saw, some scrap pieces can be used to hold it in place when you're down the last slice
- Use a 1/8" round file to shape "hub"
- Mark fan outline on workpiece with a sharp knife, make several passes with a sharp knife and use trim router to remove most of the waste, then use chisels and curved carving knife to clean up the edges, checking for fit as you get close to edge
- Glue it in, drill a shallow 1/8" hole at the hub lined up with the string inlay, starting with a square stock 1/8" ebony dowel. Round dowel with sandpaper - putting dowel in a drill chuck speeds up the process, when it fits in the hole, glue it in and cut with flush cut saw
- Block plane to bring everything flush, then sand and finish

Jim Bucknell - Weaving Wood

- Reach out to Jim if you have questions or want help (including using tools in his shop)
- Technique can be used for cutting boards, box lids, bench tops, coasters, etc.
- Basic concept: make a striped cutting board, then cut it with a bandsaw and insert a contrasting piece of wood exactly the width of the kerf
- Wood choice: Various 4-quarter woods for the main piece and 5-quarter (maple or walnut are the ones he uses) for inlay strips
- Prepare wood, joint, plane, and rip
- Cut strips 1-1/8" wide, then cut to length using miter saw and stop block; dry-assemble the pieces until you find a layout you like; glue together using Titebond III
- Rip inlay strips to the thickness of the bandsaw blade (
 - To get the right thickness: Cut an inch or so into scrap wood and test strip to make sure it fits, test both ends of the strip and somewhere in the middle)
- Draw a line on your cutting board surface however you want (straight angled lines are tricky during glue-up because the joint will want to slip), cut your wood with bandsaw; you want smooth lines and no sharp angles because your inlay needs to be fit in there
- Insert inlay piece, make sure it fits, glue it in and clamp, making sure no gaps
 - Start with clamp at center of curve to prevent creep, make sure the wood strips line up; as soon as you get glue squeeze out, you're good - don't over clamp
 - After each strip dries, scrape off any glue squeeze out and high spots
- Continue drawing new lines, cutting and gluing new strips until you're satisfied (inlay crossing points must line up exactly!)
- When done adding strips, trim ends, round corners and edges with 1/4" roundover bit, run board through planer, sand
- Option: Picasso Boards - Stack two boards, tape them together securely, and cut them both at the same time, and then recombine top left/bottom right and top right/bottom left, add inlay and glue up (if you don't like the recombination, just add a strip and glue back up as they were)
- Finger grooves to make it easier to pick up on short ends: Use 1/2" cove bit on the router, drop the board vertically down on the bit (do a test cut first to make sure you're dead center); use stops on both sides
- Sand to 240-grit and apply mineral oil (Jim uses Howard's cutting board oil for the first few coats, and then Howard's cutting board conditioner for the final coats)

Adjourn: 8:38pm

February 20, 2024
Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association
Board Meeting

Attendees

Barry Tonkin
Mark Kraus
Earl Kessler
Al Ashley
George Knutson
Andrew Pellar
John Braun
Don Mason
Mike Titus
Bob Laufenberg
George Lamphear
Todd Wyder

Call to order: 7:04pm

Guild Facility Discussion - Mark Kraus

- Mark proposed a shared guild facility to meet the needs of the membership with space for all club needs like meeting room and space for library; possibly classroom space and shared tools and benches
- Possible arrangements: lease/rent, own, shared with another entity (school, maker space, senior center, other guilds, theater)
- Clubs with dedicated spaces have seen increased membership and other benefits
- Board discussed interest, location concerns, facility use and management of space, the wants/needs of the membership - possible questions for the 2025 membership survey
- Would need volunteers to help operate, teach, etc., funding to pay for this space
- NCWA is an unincorporated association, not registered with WA Secretary of State as a non-profit; could apply to be a 501(c)3, would allow for the establishment of a foundation to raise money
- Board approved Mark to start an exploratory committee to do more research, including cost, wants/needs of membership, location, etc.

Toys Making vs Building Cars at Shows

- Committee members like to make toys but not man the build-a-car booth at shows
- Would like to separate the event activities

- Coordinator can inventory, purchase standardized wheels, collect car bodies from toy-making groups and ensure there are enough cars and parts for each show
 - Coordinator would also organize volunteers for booth
- Club will provide reimbursement for Toys program, but requires toy makers to submit reimbursement requests and receipts
- Survey question: Who would like to be a toy maker? Bob will send other questions for surveys to Earl.

New Website Options

- Looking at outside website host to manage membership services
- Todd has experience with Wild Apricot (\$147/month) - about \$6/member
- Website would handle event management (volunteers can sign up online), paying dues online and tracking membership, email management/grouping (generation but not sending)
 - Would reduce the burden on the volunteers that make up the board and committees
- Benefits to membership: everything in one place, easier to market to the committee, members could communicate with targeted interest groups
- Would require a small tech club to spend a few hours a month
- Would likely require an increase in dues (haven't increased in years)
- Board members will research Wild Apricot and possibly see demo; will discuss again in March

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 nearly \$1,200
- Expenses were slightly less than revenues for 2024; biggest annual expenses include speaker honorariums and room rentals
- 238 members - (233 last year); 43 did not renew; 11 new members this year (4 last year)
- Expenses: insurance coverage, February presenters fees, reimbursements to club members for toys, membership, and shows supplies

Membership - Jerry Couchman

- More than 50 new members in 2024 but not all renewed; those who responded to emails indicated that they were not able to continue membership due to personal reasons or moving

Education - Andrew Pellar

- Limited success with apprenticeship but will keep trying; trying to recruit new teachers
- Looking into social classes, like discussing a particular project
- Has had trouble with emails going out/filtered into spam folder

Programs - Earl Kessler

- March: Kitchen gadgets - hosted by David Shull - several members have already signed up
- Need more for May presentation - 75 minutes instead of normal 60 minutes, so will minimize business side of meeting
- Shop Tours - committee thinks that video shop tours will not be a suitable substitute for in-person shop tours, proposes smaller groups for in-person tours
 - Having both may be a good compromise, allow for more participation
- 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
- Tentatively have much of the rest of the year filled:
 - April: Build a wood trailer
 - May: Toys for geeks
 - June: Field trip to Grizzly, June 3, time TBD depending on number of respondents
 - July: Build a cane fishing rod
 - August: picnic
 - Looking for ideas for September and October

Shows - Jerry Couchman

- April 5 & 6, set up on April 4
- Still need more demonstrators - we get a break on the cost because we do demonstrations
- Needs help with greeters, set up and tear down

Members at Large

- Mark Kraus has accepted position

Adjourn: 9:04 pm

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

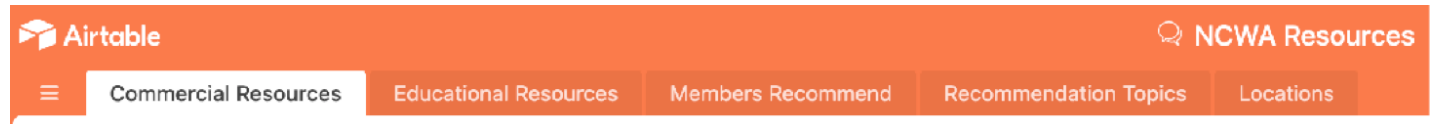
Shop Tours – TBA

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.



The screenshot shows the Airtable interface for 'NCWA Resources'. The navigation bar includes the Airtable logo, a search icon, and the title 'NCWA Resources'. Below the title are five tabs: 'Commercial Resources' (selected), 'Educational Resources', 'Members Recommend', 'Recommendation Topics', and 'Locations'.

- **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.