

Check out the classes your club has to offer ANACORTES ARTS FESTIVAL Click for info

Some great tools for sale! Check it out!

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

President's Message...

OK, five important things this month: Survey, Anacortes Arts Festival Help, President's Challenge, and two sneak peeks.

Survey - It is that time again where I need each and every one of you to volunteer a small amount of time to help the Club out. The survey answers help us run a better club, and we need your input- even if you are new to the club this year or have been here all along – we need your opinion. Please take the valuable time and give us your feedback on how to make the club better! It's important. Your voice matters!

Anacortes Art Festival - This is our big showcase of the year, and we are coming up short on volunteers- please reach out to Jerry Couchman to support our club- even if it's just one hour or support, we need it all! Set up, tear down, and the three days of staffing and demonstrating! Most shifts are two hours, which is a great investment in the club and the community –

"many hands make light work," you don't have to be a super woodworker, just



a person willing to share, talk, and listen, and maybe a little elbow grease in helping others out. Again, we need you!

President's Challenge - Don't forget to bring your President's Challenge – "Inspiration" – project this Tuesday! I have seen some great pieces over the last couple of months, all worthy of winning, so it should be a good contest!

New Website - We, as the board, have decided unanimously to buy a new hosting service for the club- Coming soon, this service will improve the web experience when you interact with the website- Better communication, picture storage, chat, yearly payment, and a better roster and club interaction, and a lot more.

OK, last but not least, this year we will be celebrating the **Year End Meeting** with a fun and entertaining night filled with raffles including tools, woodworking supplies, and wood. We will have catered snacks, desserts, and drinks. Please save the date for our December 2nd meeting. It should be an extravaganza you definitely will want to attend.

Exciting Times! – Barry Tonkin, President

JULY 1st IN-PERSON MEETING — 7PM at the Mount Vernon Christian School



Doug Moore The Bamboo Fly Rod - Just Another Woodworking Project

Making a bamboo fly rod starts with basic woodworking tools and techniques. Tools include a chisel, hand plane, file, sander, and lathe, plus a specialized metal form, milling machine, and gluing jig. Straightening bamboo strips is accomplished with a heat gun, and an oven is used to strengthen and darken the bamboo strips. After gluing six trips of tapered bamboo together, the maker adds ferrules at the rod joints, a cork handle, a reel seat, and then thread-wraps the guides. Finally, marine SPAR varnish is used as the most common finish.

An important aspect of making bamboo fly rods is the dimensional accuracy needed for a quality product. The tip of a bamboo fly rod can have a finished dimension of 0.055" diameter. This is achieved by gluing six strips of bamboo together with each individual strip measuring 0.0275" in thickness. The maker is intending to match these dimensions within 0.002".

Doug grew up in Yakima and is married with two grown daughters and three grandchildren. He worked as a carpenter's helper in high school, and the best part of that job was using dynamite for 6 weeks. In 1980, he graduated from the University of Washington in Mechanical Engineering. In his senior year, he took classes in Northwest Native American art and culture. He fell in love with the artwork and has been drawing and collecting Northwest Native art ever since.

In 1978, Doug began his career as an intern at McKinstry, a Seattle-based construction services company. He rose up through the ranks to become president in 2005 and semi-retired in 2021. During his time at McKinstry, the company started twenty-five new offerings, which fueled his interest in

entrepreneurship. This led him to work with the Entrepreneurship Center at Seattle University and join an angel investor club in Seattle.

When Doug started fly fishing in 2018, he immediately bought a bamboo fly rod. In 2020, Doug attended a bamboo fly rod gathering in Seattle, and this led to an introduction to Tom Fulk, a well-known maker of bamboo fly rods in Anacortes. Tom taught Doug how to build bamboo rods. To learn additional rod building techniques, Doug spent two weeks in Canada in one-on-one instruction.

July Raffle Drawing

WHO DOESN'T NEED MORE CLAMPS??? There will be two Raffle Prizes at our July 1st meeting! Everyone, including guests will get a free ticket! One set of heavy-duty, deep throat 5" x 12" bar clamps valued at \$55.72. And one set of 3.5" x 12" bar clamps valued at \$34.12.







ANACORTES ARTS FESTIVAL AUGUST 1-3

Please support your club by volunteering to serve as Greeters, Demonstrators (two workbenches and the club shave horse,) Builda-Car Helpers and Builder Block Helpers.

In addition, you can also show or sell your projects. Forms will be provided for the following categories:

- Items for sale
- Items for display only
- Projects made in NCWA classes

Many of you generously helped us at the Skagit Wood Expo in April, but this show is even bigger. Shifts are only two hours each starting at 10 AM each of the three days.

SHIFTS are on FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, AUGUST 1-3 10 AM - 12 PM 12 PM - 2 PM 2 PM - 4 PM

If you have a preference, please let us know.

We also need a few helpers to... Set Up on **Thursday, July 31 at 5 PM** and Tear Down on **Sunday, August 3 at 4 PM**

To volunteer for any activity or if you plan to bring items for display/sale, please contact Jerry Couchman at <u>sofa01@hotmail.com</u>, or (360) 255-1984.

If you want to display items, but won't be able to bring them to our booth, contact King Dahl at <u>kingdahl1@gmail.com</u> or (702) 596-9727.

All display and sales items will be locked in our trailer each night.

Festival Photos from last year...









June Meeting Recap at



Grizzly Tour Approximately 75 club members, broken into 3 groups. Each group toured three sections.

Metalworking tools - gunsmithing lathe, dual-use band saw, milling machine.

CNC Lab - several CNC routers not yet on the market, including a large router with a rotary tool changer, lathe, laser/cutter/engraver, and a router with a vacuum table.

General Tour - Shipping department/order packaging; engineering area with new product prototypes; testing and quality control; as-is, scratch and dent, models, and samples holding area for the annual tent sale; paint booth; photography department; video studio; floor stock warehouse; service department.

The tour was followed by lunch and giveaways of Grizzly swag.

Club members now receive a 5% discount at Grizzly, just show your membership card!



Great Opportunity...



Education Committee

Submitted by Andrew Pellar -

Summer is in full swing. The days are long and the living easy. Enjoy! We have no classes scheduled for July and August, but come September we will pick back up. Already many Fall classes are scheduled and more on the way. There will be sign up sheets at the July meeting for some classes. First come first serve, so come to the meeting.

RECENT CLASSES:

Build a Wooden Plane with Mark Lindenbaum

Our tale begins with a block and a blade. A carpenter's triangle is marked to guide the way. Passing through the band saw, one became three. A stop at the chop saw to add an angle both rear and fore. A curve and a slot to transform the wood yet more. Just in time for a mid day repast, glue is added and clamps were set and once again the block is one.

Sandwiches and cherries, coffee and cake a fine lunch they did make. Refreshed and eager to see what they wrought, our fine makers returned to see if their labors were for naught. And in good time the plane was released from the clamps. The body was shaped to nest in one's hand. The blade was seated and wedge was set, a light hammer tap and off we went. Too coarse at first and then too light. No, no it was not right. A delicate dance between wedge, blade and hammer and soon harmony was put in order.

And in the end, it was glorious to see a fine new plane made by thee.

Congratulations to Mark, Johnathan and Christy. A job well done. - Andrew Pellar







UPCOMING CLASSES: The July meeting will have sign up sheets for some of these classes

09/13/2025 Sharpening and Tuning a New Block Plane - Bob Laufenberg

09/27/25 12 Sided Trash Can - Geometry Revisited - Greg Koenker/Jim Bucknell

10/04/25 Sharpen and Tuning a New Block Plane - Don Carlson/Anne Osborn

October We are organizing classes on routers and a new box making class.

November - Engineering for Wood Workers

December - The Design Symposium returns with a new slate of presenters. Big and better, we hope. And Jerry's Box Making extravaganza returns too.



NCWA Library: We take requests.

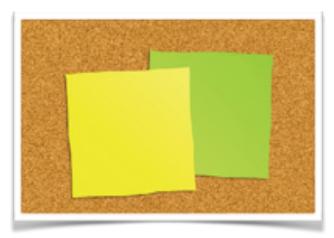
- Submitted by Bill Pierce and the NCWA Library Committee

Seen a new woodworking book? Wondering if it's any good? Maybe a woodworking topic or technique you always wanted to try, but are not sure where to get started?

Did you know the NCWA library takes requests? We can't promise to fill all requests within each annual budget, but member requests do get priority. And we keep a running list of potential new materials we consult each time we decide to make purchases.

Got a request? Send an email to library@ncwawood.org or talk to one of the librarians at the next meeting.





Community Bulletin Board

If any member has an input that they would like to share in the monthly newsletter, such as tools / wood for sale, an upcoming woodworking event or some other pertinent woodworking news, please send a write up to Mark Kraus (<u>mark.kraus@outlook.com</u>) by the last Monday of the month for inclusion in the next NCWA newsletter.

Tools For Sale

Edward Crouch has a lathe and multiple related accessories and tools for sale. Please contact Edward directly for a detailed list of items.

- Oneway 1640 lathe \$3,500
- Oneway lathe extension \$300
- Multiple jaws and chucks
- Multiple Gouges and scrapers
- Festool Planner \$500

Edward Crouch 360 922-0320 <u>thecrouches@comcast.net</u>

Neal Lackritz has a Powermatic Jointer for sale. Please contact Neal for further information and pictures.

 Powermatic 8-inch Parallelogram Jointer, 2HP, 1Ph w/Byrd Shelix Cutterhead and Mobile Stand \$3,250

Neal Lackritz 508 942-1359 <u>lackritz@gmail.com</u>

SPECIAL TOOL SALE BENEFITING NCWA

A member has donated an incredible machine that we will sell to support NCWA. It's a Jet 16-32 Drum Sander in excellent condition, which currently sells for about \$1400 plus tax and shipping.

This is the previous version, not exactly what is currently offered, but I can attest that it is an excellent machine since I have one myself and use it on virtually every project.

If only one member responds, then they get to buy it for the bargain price of \$700!

But there may be more than one member interested, so we'll handle that with the method we've adopted for fairness during club tool sales. One name will be drawn from anyone who responds. Whoever wins gets to buy the drum sander for \$700. We will announce this offer at the July 1st meeting, so you can sign up then as well. **The drawing will be July 13.**



Please respond to Jerry Couchman at sofa01@hotmail.com

or text/call to (360)255-1984. If you win the draw, you will receive instructions to contact the long time member who has this machine. Please address your check to NCWA and send or give it to our Treasurer, Al Ashley.

Thanks for supporting NCWA

Port Townsend School of Woodworking Positions

PTSW seeks two qualified woodworking instructors for <u>Foundations of Woodworking 1 & 2</u>, a 12week intermediate woodworking intensive program. Please contact PTSW directly for further information.

NCWA Chat Email

Looking for ways to connect with other NCWA members with questions, need help with a project, looking for sources of supplies and wood, or have an interesting story to share about woodworking?

NCWA has a chat email group just for that! Any member of NCWA can sign up to participate in the chat mailing list (vendors and nonmembers are not allowed to participate).

Once registered, you can post to the chat and an email will be sent to the NCWA members that belong to the "NCWA Chat" mailing list. Anyone within the chat group can reply with their inputs - it works just like email. And it's free!

Find out more about the chat and how to register <u>here</u>.

Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2025 Northwest Corner Woodworkers Association Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees: Barry Tonkin, Earl Kessler, Al Ashley, Christi Brua Weaver, Andrew Pellar, Jerry Couchman, King Dahl, John Braun, Mark Kraus, Don Carlson, Bill Pierce, Mike Titus George Knutson

Call to order: 7:03pm

Grizzly Tour Recap About 75 people were on the tour. It was very well received by all, including Grizzly employees. Club members now get a 5% discount (may not be on all things). Some members are interested in another tour focusing on the video aspect. Honorary membership will be extended to some Grizzly staff. Grizzly sent photos. Another tour idea: FastCap.

Survey

Draft survey was sent out to board members, and several responded with suggestions. Mike and Earl will incorporate suggestions into the survey Final survey will be sent out to the board for a test run before sending it to the full membership, likely in the first half of July.

Toys Program - Christi The toys program redesigned the logo and banner Board approved printing 2 banners for use at shows.

Treasurer's Report - Al See Al's report for details. About \$700 less is in the bank than at this time last year. 255 members - (242 last year); 23 new members this year (30 last year).

Anacortes Arts Fest - King and Jerry

August 1-3, set up on July 31 (5 p.m.).

Sent out an email to the club and has a few volunteers

Same location as last year, but some vendors will be on the block between Commercial Ave and our booth location.

We're hoping to have a larger booth this year to accommodate the builder block area - we will need several volunteers to help Jack McKee.

Club Express - Jerry

The intention is to improve communication with the membership; it will alleviate the burden on members who handle membership and communication; members will be able to update contact information if it changes.

Cloud-based, start-up fee and monthly cost based on number of members (less than \$5/year/ member), will also handle website hosting.

Will solve issues with emails getting kicked back.

Wild Apricot is a little more expensive and has a limit of 5 club administrators; Club Express has no limit.

A NCWA member uses this for another club he's part of, and so do the Turners, and they recommend it.

Board unanimously approved moving forward with Club Express.

Membership - Jerry

2 new members so far this month.

Tool Sale Recap - Jerry

Phil Humphries' tool sale was very successful; most big items sold, and the rest was donated to Habitat.

Consideration of forming a Tool Sale committee.

Education - Andrew

July is slow, so concentrating on the fall; will have sign-ups in July for fall classes.

Apprenticeship program is going well but still looking for more helpers.

Design symposium will happen again this year in December.

Programs - Earl

Is there a value in having a Vendor day during one of the general meetings? What about at the picnic or December party?

July: Build a cane fishing rod, presidents' challenge due.

August 16: picnic being organized by Turner's membership chairman, at a park in Sedro-Woolley. September and October: in talks.

November: building a workbench.

December: Scaled-down version of the December holiday party from years ago; will be at the Mount Vernon Library Commons - has audio-visual equipment, kitchen, covered parking, setup and cleanup included - will have silent raffles and auction for larger item; board unanimously approved deposit to hold the space.

Board will discuss details next month.

Adjourn: 8:56 p.m.

Preferred Vendors offering DISCOUNTS to NCWA Members:

	CENTRAL –	
NORTH –	Ekrem Hardware	
	Stockton's Paints in Bellingham and Mount Vernon	
Hardware Sales	Mt. Vernon Building Center	
Bellingham Millwork	Sherwin-Williams Paint	
Hardwoods to Get	EAST –	
	<u>E & E Lumber</u>	
<u>Windsor Plywood</u>		
<u>Village Books</u>	SPECIALTY –	
WEST –		
<u>Sebo's Hardware</u>	<u>Edensaw Woods</u> FASTCAP	
	<u>Klingspor</u> Woodworking Shop	
SOUTH –	Rockler (in store only in Seattle and Northgate)	
<u>Martin Lumber/True Value</u>		
Ctorres a Llorduvo a da	<u>TrueTrac</u> (use discount code WWGuild10)	
<u>Stormo Hardwoods</u>		
NCWA is open to all interested woodworkers, and was formed to promote high standards in woodworking.		

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 <u>kingdahl1@gmail.com</u>.

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, Mark Kraus, Don Carlson		
Committee Chairs:		
Programs Committee – Craig Edwards	Library – Bill Pierce	
Education – Andrew Pellar	Membership – Jerry Couchman	
Shows – King Dahl/Jerry Couchman	Shop Tours – TBA	
Toys for Tots – John Braun	Webmaster – Michael Titus	
Newsletter – King Dahl		

NCWA NEWSLETTER

NCWA Resources

Click this link – <u>NCWA Resources</u> – 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.

