



# Newsletter

## December General Meeting — December 3, 2024 at 7 PM at the Mount Vernon Christian School

### BRING & BRAG

Take a look at the Bring & Brag projects from the Nov. meeting.

### RAFFLE PRIZE

Check out this months Special Raffle Prize!

### EDUCATION NEWS

Some class photos!

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### President's Message...

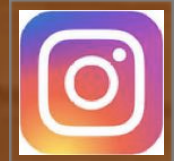
As we draw to a close of 2024 it is that time of year to be thankful for what we have, what we have done as a group and what to look forward in 2025. So as some of you might not be aware we are now the largest we have ever been with 260 plus members! We continue to grow like never before. And with a larger club we have some growing pains, it is harder to offer classes and do shop tours like we used to do. So, we have to grow and evolve, in 2025 we will work on a yearly survey, focus on engagement and better utilizing our membership.

We are improving our audio and video- due to ever changing locations and set up. We are investing in our future with upgraded camera's, projectors and microphones, to improve our in-person presentations with the desire to be able to record everything and showcase it on our site. Huge thanks to Greg K and George K for your tireless support and hard work.

Education group has been working tirelessly behind the scenes on building new content and new facilitators for 2025.

Library group is constantly expanding and providing new material to provide resources for Inspiration- And yes, the presidents Challenge!

Connect with your fellow members:



[Instagram](#)



[Facebook](#)



[YouTube](#)



[Website](#)

We have enjoyed delicious homemade treats “thank you Glenn and team and Joan, especially!” for keeping us well fed.

Programs has had a stellar year and brought us a wonderful eclectic program to fulfill our ever-wider needs and interests

Every committee group has needed to add members to be able to fulfill the needs of the group, one person can simply not handle all the work alone. As we continue to grow in 2025, please see what you can do to help a committee you are interested in- we need everyone to pitch in a little bit. From Newsletters- Website support, Treasury, Audio/video, Programs, Food and beverage, Toys for Tots, Secretary functions, Library and Education- there are so many places that would benefit from your help.

We are looking forward to the new year and driving better engagement for membership, we want to improve our roster with meaningful information and group skills and interests of all members to facilitate better communities and support within the club.

– Barry Tonkin

## **December 3rd at 7 PM at the Mount Vernon Christian School**

### **President’s Recap!**

### **Vote for 2025 Officers:**

***President – Barry Tonkin***

***Vice President – Earl Kessler***

***Secretary – Christi Brua***

***Treasurer – Al Ashley***

**...and, of course, much more!**

## This Month's Raffle Drawing!

All members will receive a **FREE** raffle ticket at the **December 3rd Meeting** at **The Mount Vernon Christian School**

Our December Raffle will include two items donated to NCWA.

First, a Rockwell Safety Power Switch valued at \$40 that can improve the safety and convenience for one of your stationary power tools or a router table.



Second, an assortment of veneers. This Big Box of Veneer Fun includes Purple Heart, Teak, Maple, Cherry and several others. As with all our raffles, if your ticket is drawn, but you don't think you would ever use an item, you can pass. Let another member win the raffle who can use the item!

## Mark Your Calendars!

**December 3rd**, Annual President's Recap and voting for 2025 Officers.

**December 19th** – NCWA Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom (if you would like to attend any BOD meeting via Zoom, please email King Dahl at [kingdahl1@gmail.com](mailto:kingdahl1@gmail.com))

## Education Committee Announcement

*Submitted by Andrew Pellar –*

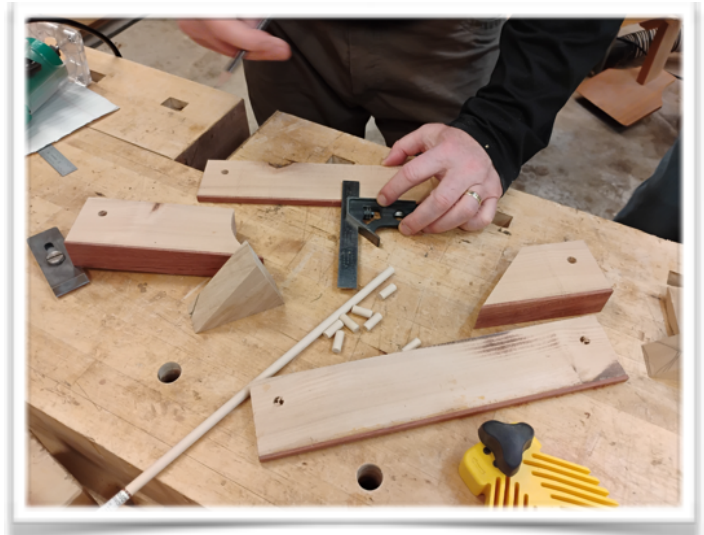
We are pleased to announce that Dave Weisenhorn will be joining Jim Scott and Andrew Pellar on the education committee. We are hopeful the extra help will allow us to increase next years' offerings and be able to schedule and announce the classes much further in advance.

November saw King Dahl host a successful Design symposium. The all star cast - George Knutson, Jim Bucknell, Nick Pederson, and Andrew Pellar shared their projects and explained some of their choices and design processes. But the real value came from the participants who shared their work or sought advice. Design is a very subjective topic, but I feel all people took away something useful and that their future projects will be more thoughtful and better as a result.



November also saw the return of the popular Build a Wooden Hand Plane class led by Mark Lindenbaum. People created a useful gem of a tool that is as beautiful as it is functional. Not only did they leave with a new tool, but the knowledge of how to use their new creation will pay dividends for years to come.





## Library News

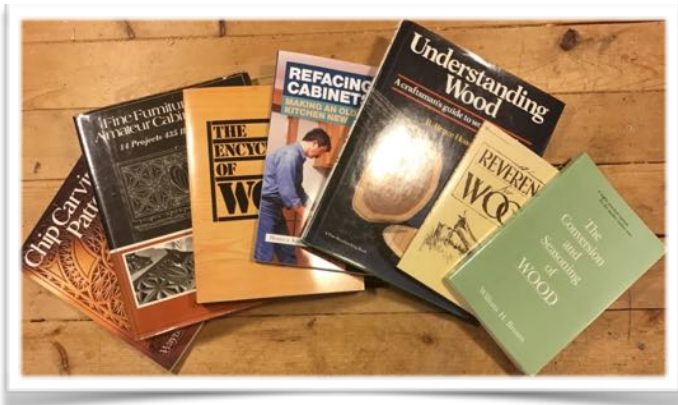
### Library Sale at the December 3rd Meeting!

*Submitted by Bill Pierce –*

The NCWA Library will be holding a sale at the meeting, on December 3rd. The sale includes some books from our collection as well as donated books and other woodworking items. You can expect garage-sale prices and some items will be free to a good home. Proceeds from the sale go to NCWA programs.



Sales will begin at approximately 6:15pm, with a limit of 3 items per member, initially. At the break, sales will continue, with no limits. Thanks to members who have donated books!



## TiteBond Presentation Last Month

After last month's great presentation by Bob Behnke, the Technical Services Director for Franklin International (Titebond), we've had several requests for either a recording of the presentation or access to the detailed info Bob shared with us. Due to technical difficulties, we weren't able to record the live presentation. BUT, Bob has given us permission to share the slide show (with all of its charts/ratings and rankings/test results/etc) within the NCWA membership. This would be a great document to keep on your computer or print out and keep in your glue cabinet for future reference!!! I'm just sayin'. You can also view a similar presentation Bob Behnke did [here](#).

## A Note from our Treasurer

### **TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

#### **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES - 2025**

**\$35.00 - Annual Dues (no increase for 2025!)**

Dues for 2025 continue to roll in - but a bit slower than expected! About 25% of our club members have renewed their membership as of November 30<sup>th</sup>.

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 a few may be held via Zoom,
- Purchase discounts from our vendor support group,
- NCWA woodworking classes,

- Monthly newsletter,
- Library books and DVDs,
- NCWA Chat - an online forum available only for our members, and
- As always, the opportunity to associate with the best group of woodworkers in the Northwest.

— Submitted by Al Ashley

## 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](mailto: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.*



*Joan Mann – Intarsia Holiday items created with various species.*



*Andrew Pellar – Box made of Bubinga, Afromosia, Iroko*



*Barry Tonkin – Maple Chopsticks with Bocote Rest*



*Bob Laufenberg – Box Joint Jig*

*King Dahl* – and his buddy Eric Leins of @epicartware collaborated on this barrel pub table with a Sapele and Spalted Alder (thanks John Braun) Chess Board Top.



*Dave Steele – Cedar Burl Box*

*Don Carlson – Sequoia Bench*







*Jerry Couchman – Maple Live Edge Side Table to be donated to Whatcom Hospice Foundation*

## **Vote for the 2025 NCWA Officers**

It's election time once again! Per our club Bylaws, each December, NCWA members are asked to cast a vote for incoming officers to serve the next calendar year, from January 1 - December 31.

Officer positions include club President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. As you know, our volunteer Board of Directors and the NCWA Officers strive to provide club members with an engaging and educational experience. Quite simply, the goal is to create an all-around enjoyable place for those interested in the craft of woodworking to connect, share, and learn from one another.

Support from members, officers, and board members alike, combine to make NCWA the exceptional woodworker's club that it is. As we all evolve together, participation on committees, on the board, or as officers helps to strengthen our already robust foundation, and guide us into the future.

This year's slate of officers that we will vote on include...

**President** – Barry Tonkin

**Vice President** – Earl Kessler

**Treasurer** – Al Ashley

**Secretary** – Christi Brua Weaver

## 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](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

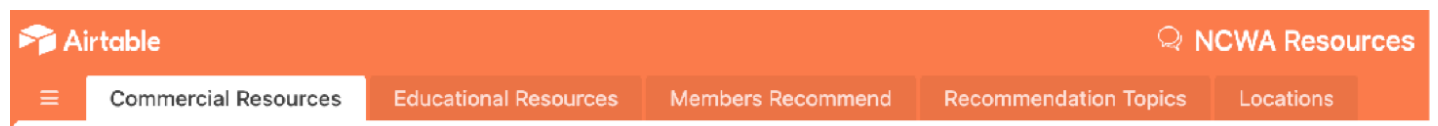
# Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the NCWA General Meeting and the NCWA Board of Directors Meeting can be found on the club website [www.ncwawood.org](http://www.ncwawood.org)

## 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.