

Northwest Woodworkers Association

THE SAWDUST NEWS



December 2016

An association for woodworkers of all skill levels to share their common interest

The Next Meeting

Date: **Thursday, January 26, 2017** at 6:30 PM

Location: **Rockler Woodworking - Northgate**

832 NE Northgate Way
Seattle, WA 98125

Program Highlight: **Woodworking Joints**

The next meeting will feature favorite woodworking joints made by our members, including any tooling or jigs used to make them. Be sure to bring along in-process photos on a thumb drive to illustrate your process.

December 2016 Meeting Highlights

Meeting Notes by Jan Erickson

Newsletter Photos by Scott Wilson

The **December 2016** meeting of the **Northwest Woodworkers Association** was held on **Thursday, December 1, 2016** at **Rockler - Northgate**. Eleven members were present.

We want to express our appreciation to **Casey Sheehan** and the **Rockler - Northgate** staff for providing a wonderful venue for this meeting and the meeting refreshments. We really appreciate your long standing support of the **Association**.



New Tools

Jan Erickson mentioned that she had obtained a new box joint jig for her **Leigh Jig**. She noted that the precision is remarkable, but that it still required a learning curve to the adjustments right for tight fitting box joints. Members made several suggestions to help produce tear free routing of box joints.

Mark Martinez noted that he had gotten a new **Inkra Box Jig** to use on his router table. He seconded **Jan's** comments about new equipment requiring some new learning curves!

Tom Howorth mentioned that he had recently acquired a raised panel router bit set for rails and stiles at an estate sale in Snohomish. He was pleased that it worked perfectly for making vanity doors for his bathroom remodel project. He also noted the scary hum these large bits make on the router table.

Show 'N' Tell



Mark Martinez showed us the progress he has made on the presentation box he has been working on for his Boy Scout troop. Citing the problems he had making the scroll sawed inlays, he noted that cutting them with a shallower angle on his scroll saw produced great results.

However, he noted that he has had problems producing a smooth finish on the box with multiple coats of shellac. One of the members noted that he has found that applying shellac with a **Taklon** brush produced the best result for him. (<http://homesteadfinishingproducts.com/products-we-offer/brushes/>).

A Christmas Gift



As I drove by his shop recently, I noticed a flurry of activity as our **Association Gift-meister Herb Stoops** and his bevy of Christmas elves were busily making Christmas gifts to give out at this month's meeting! In keeping with his usual generous holiday giving spirit, **Herb** made **bow sanders** as gifts to the meeting attendees!

Herb noted that a bow sander is a great tool for smoothing curved surfaces, such as those found on cabriole legs and similar shapes, and also for use by our members that make round things. Having seen a shop-made bow sander on one of the forums and having made one for himself found it to be a really handy tool. To increase its usability, he equipped each of the bow sanders with three different sanding belts, providing coarse, medium, and fine grits. Thanks, so much, **Herb**, for your hard work and generosity – we will all enjoy using these unique hand crafted tools.



To see these bow sanders and how they were made, please visit this site:

(<http://thepatriotwoodworker.com/topic/18563-bow-sanders/#comment-86807>)

In lieu of a program presentation, our meeting attendees enjoyed a **White Elephant Gift Exchange**, in which members brought old or no longer needed tools or accessories to exchange with one another – in a format which allowed “stealing” a more coveted gift from a fellow member. The gift selections included such things as a circular saw blade, oak boards, shellac flakes, cabinet mounting screws, a hand crafted multi bit screwdriver, antique folding measure, hot glue gun & glue sticks, corner clamps, Stanley plane parts, router table fence, a track saw track, and a wood threading set. As the saying goes, “A good time was had by all!”

This ‘n’ That

At a previous meeting, our **Webmaster, Tony Grosinger**, suggested the possibility of visiting a custom woodworking shop in Everett, **Geek Chic Workshop**. **Steering Committee** member, **Bill Bond**, who lives in Everett, visited their facility and gave us a short slide show from his private tour of the facility. The company specializes in hardwood gaming tables with built in storage for gaming accessories. There appeared to be sufficient interest from the group in visiting this company at a future date to warrant serious consideration. The members present at next month’s meeting at **Woodcraft Supply** will be similarly polled to assess the overall group interest prior to pursuing this meeting possibility.

One of the subjects of discussion at a recent **Steering Committee** meeting was the possibility of promoting some sort of group project, in which **Association** members would collaborate, each member making some part or performing some operation required to produce some sort of charitable woodworking project. The idea was presented at this month’s meeting and there appeared to be sufficient interest to pursue the idea. The attendees at next month’s meeting will also be polled to assess the group interest. **Bill Bond** is spearheading the effort and volunteered to make whatever drawings were necessary and offered the use of his shop for some of the build efforts. Members suggested inquiring of such charitable institutions as **Ronald McDonald House** or **Children’s Hospital** for potential project ideas. Please feel free to suggest any other possible charitable recipients to the **Steering Committee**.

As a meeting finale, our **Treasurer, Chris Green**, distributed a **\$10 Rockler gift card** to each of the members present, as a gift from the **NWWA Steering Committee**. Merry Christmas!!

Meeting Change

Due to scheduling conflicts, the January 26 meeting will be held at Rockler – Northgate.

In Memorium

Sadly, it has been brought to our attention that three of our members have passed away this year:

Charlie Shell, member since 1993, passed away in October 2016

John Cotton, member since 2002, passed away in March 2016

Glen Meskimen, member since 2011, passed away in November 2016

We extend our condolences to the families of each of these members.

Note from the Editor



As we are all busily preparing for Christmas, with all the many activities that go with it, I was pondering how much I enjoy this hobby of woodworking. Even though I personally don't make any large projects or spend a lot of time in my little shop, I nevertheless cherish the opportunity to be creative – from the making (and revising) of CAD drawings of my projects, to milling the stock, to planning the build operations, and to finally making sawdust. Now the finishing.....that is a whole 'nother story.....:-) It is also another opportunity to be thankful for my many woodworking blessings – a nice, well lighted, warm place to work, right outside my utility room door, wonderful tools to use, a choice of materials at my disposal, a wonderful wife who pretty well tolerates me tracking sawdust into the house, etc. & etc. Indeed I am thankful!

I am also thankful for you, the members of the **Northwest Woodworkers Association** who share this common interest and contribute your skills, knowledge and experience at the meetings and in presentations. I am always amazed at the wide variety of resources available within our **Association** and the diversity of your skills and experience. I count it a blessing to be a part of such a group.

So as this Year 2016 draws to a close, thanks to all of you for your contributions to the **NWWA**. I wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Happy and Safe Woodworking,

Paul

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