

Northwest Woodworkers Association

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**Next Meeting:
Kreg and Bessey**

February 27, 2014

▶ 6:30 PM ◀

**Rockler
832 NE Northgate
Way
Seattle WA 98125**

Our January 30, 2014 meeting was held at Woodcraft in Seattle. We welcomed new member Bob Craig, who indicated that one of his woodworking interests was in making pens.

Allen McCall noted that we have 72 members who have renewed their memberships for 2014. However 15 members still have not renewed.

The NWWA Brochure has been finalized and 100 copies have been printed. Allen made a wooden brochure holder, filled it with brochures, and placed it in the new Seattle Rockler store in Northgate. He also handed out brochure copies to the membership to distribute.

We are in need of members to make a half dozen or so additional brochure holders. We intend to place brochures at each of our sponsor's locations.

A dimensioned drawing and construction notes for the brochure holder have been posted on the forum. Consider the drawing and notes as suggestions only – be creative and show our sponsors what we can do! Please have your brochure holder completed and bring it along to the February 27th meeting for a Show'N'Tell. This is a great opportunity to show off your woodworking skills on a really simple project. Thanks to Scott Wilson for volunteering to make a holder.

Association Officers

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Membership—Allen McCall
Treasurer—Chris Green
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Allen handed out some NWWA business cards to distribute to friends and acquaintances to invite them to join our Association. Note that our website now has features that enable new members to join online.

Tom Howorth is currently working on a change to the header for our website.

Several folks visited the Grand Opening of the new Seattle Rockler at Northgate. Comments included:

Not a lot of hand tools

Good pricing deals

Nice classroom area with video viewing screens and bleacher seating

Rockler plans to bring in some metal working tools

Good parking

Lawrence King, Manager and his staff welcome comments and suggestions

Be sure to show your NWWA membership card when making purchases – in addition to the discount, Rockler will send us gift cards after a certain level of purchases

We are still in need of additional meeting suggestions and presentations for the 2014 calendar year. Please be a proactive member, and not just an observer who is content to let someone else carry the load – step up and share something about your woodworking knowledge and experience to help us all grow in our understanding and appreciation of

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A forum for woodworkers of all skill levels to share their common interests



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Member's Discounts

Crosscut Hardwoods
4100—1st Avenue S.,
Seattle 98134
10% Discount

Rockler Woodworking
3823 Stone Way N.
Seattle 98103
10% Discount (not valid on power tools)

Woodcraft Supply
5963 Corson S.,
Seattle 98108
10% Discount (not valid on power tools or workbenches)

Edensaw Woods
8032 S. 194th St.
Kent, WA 98032

Rockler Woodworking
345 Tukwila Parkway
Tukwila, WA 98188
10% Discount (not valid on power tools)

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this wonderful woodworking hobby.

SHOW'N'TELL

Charlie Culler brought a unique, curved, cherry wine bottle holder in the shape of a fish – complete with scales, of course! He said he used some plans from Wood Magazine for the project inspiration. He finished it natural with a semigloss General Finishes poly. Good job, Charlie!

John McMurtry brought a Baltic Birch shelf he had fabricated for holding his wireless router and computer modem. Nice project, John!

RAFFLE

Several useful woodworking items were donated by our generous members for raffle. These included a nice pair of steel folding sawhorses, drill bits, spade bits, a router table dust collection attachment, and a \$25 Woodcraft gift card.

PROGRAM PRESENTATION

We were treated to a wonderful, informative presentation by our newest Steering Committee member, Bill Bond, regarding the design and making of decorative wooden moldings.

Bill used a digital slide presentation to illustrate the many facets of making decorative moldings. Bill noted that he has been making furniture since he was 16 years old and taught himself how to make moldings using a table saw, router table, and shaper.

He brought along a variety of tools, jigs, and cutters which he has used for various projects over the years.

Bill placed a great emphasis on smart, safe, woodworking, and the need to employ hold downs, feather boards, push sticks and other accessories to contain and guide the workpieces. Also, the need to take small cutting increments, which are not only safer,

but also result in smoother surfaces, requiring less sanding.

He described the process of making cove moldings on the table saw by skewing the workpiece out of parallel with the saw blade and taking multiple cuts, with small changes in blade elevation between passes – while having the workpiece contained between two fences clamped to the saw table. The angle of the skewed workpiece in relation to the blade determines the shape of the cove. Both saw blades and dado sets can be used to make cove moldings.

Bill also described the making of contour moldings, using a band saw and sander to shape and smooth the inside curve contour of the molding. A shaper or router is usually used with a starter pin and guide bearing to cut an outside curve. He indicated that some woods like birch and alder can be difficult to work with.

As a wrap-up to his presentation, Bill also showed us how to make blind splined miter joints in such things as picture frames, using a router table and a straight bit. The technique makes good usage of indexing jigs to locate the parts consistently. He mentioned that one critical factor to remember is to always mark an index surface on the parts and ensure that the index marks are always visible before making the cut. This ensures that the surfaces of the part will always line up.

Bill also included a number of photos of furniture items he has built over the years having custom made moldings prepared as he described in his presentation. Very impressive.

Thanks, Bill, for a wonderful, informative presentation. Those of you who weren't here missed a good one!

A special thanks to Chris Yee for providing the meeting notes. We really appreciate your willingness to fill in temporarily for our Secretary, Jan Erickson, Chris.!

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Allen McCall has updated the NWWA Brochure which will be featured in the next printing.

Bill Bond showed us the proof of the final banner configuration. It will be printed soon and a suitable storage container will be provided. Bill agreed to store the banner for us between uses for the time being.

We have noted that there is a very low volume of usage of our website and forum. This resource has been provided for the benefit of the membership so that we can conveniently communicate with one another and as a means of helping to resolve any woodworking problems or issues you might have. Please take advantage of this resource.

We are working on improving our Newsletter communication by attempting to develop a plan whereby we are able to publish the Newsletter more quickly after the meetings. Should help a lot of us folk who have trouble remembering what went on at the last meeting.....!! In addition, Allen will be publishing a new meeting notice just prior to the next meeting to help us make sure we remember ***when*** and ***where*** the meeting will be held.

We are still in the process of filling out our meeting calendar for 2014. We still have openings for member or guest presentations, vendor presentations, visits to local woodworking related businesses, etc. We need you help to complete this task – this is ***OUR*** Association. Please do ***your*** part!!

Our next meeting will be at the new Seattle Rockler Northgate store, on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 6:30PM. This is our regular meeting night – just a different location.

Come out to this inaugural meeting at this wonderful new facility. A map showing the store location will be furnished elsewhere in this Newsletter.

The program will be a vendor demonstration of the KREG pocket hole joinery systems and Bessey clamping products.

We will have a normal Show'N'Tell, so bring your latest projects. We will also have a Raffle, including a \$25 Rockler gift card.

Come and join us at this HUGE new store and check out the goodies! These folks are one of our sponsors, so let's show our support and appreciation.

