

Northwest Woodworkers Association

THE SAWDUST NEWS

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**Next Meeting:
Mega Show-and-Tell**

By Association Members

December 5, 2013

► **6:30 PM** ◀

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5963 Corson Ave S
Seattle, Wa 98108
206-767-6394

Note:
Please bring your gifts
in progress and any
jigs or fixtures used

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The October 2013 meeting was held at Woodcraft in Seattle with 14 members present.

In the Question and Answer segment, a David Beyl asked for hints on getting the backing off double-sided tape. Responses were numerous: use a chisel edge or a utility knife edge, tear the paper slightly, use tape without backing (but be aware that it is very thin.) There was consensus on recommending 3M Shur tape -“turners tape”.

Chris Green welcomed Steve Krauss, our Newsletter editor and regular photographer, back to the meetings as a result of a change of work schedules, and thanked Scott Wilson for having filled in as photographer these past several months.

Allen McCall reported on memberships. There are currently 93 members and renewals will be mailed this month. He asked for quick returns. Members discussed the Association presence at the Woodcraft Open House in October and reiterated the many suggestions transmitted by email. The Open House has prompted the development of a NWWA banner and brochure which various members are working on.

Charlie Culler suggested that for next years Association project that members create “toys for tots”, but others voiced reservations about kid’s current obsession with electronics rather than toys. The Steering Committee will consider the suggestions and additional ideas as well.

SHOW ‘N’ TELL

Charlie Culler showed two examples of a series of Japanese flower stands he is making as Christmas gifts. The contrasting colors of the Wenge and maple complemented the Asian style features of the pieces. Well done, Charlie!

PROGRAMS

Vern Tator, “Hand-Cut Dovetails”

Association member Vern Tator has more than 43 years professional woodworking experience including teaching and publishing about his work. He launched his program with an emphasis on SHARP CHISELS as his most important pieces of equipment! “Sharp chisels should shave the hair on your arm!” he said. He repeated this theme frequently and discussed his sharpening process.

Vern demonstrated hand-cut through and half blind dovetails from layout, to chalk markings, to cutting at height/width ratios determined by the hardness of the stock. He emphasized cutting to the inside of the marked line. He said nothing beats practice, practice, and more practice and suggested mahogany as a good practice wood. He also demonstrated his preference for using a Japanese pull saw for cutting the dovetails.

Gaps in the fit of the dovetail joints can be evened out with thin veneer, a sawdust-hide glue mix, or sawdust mixed with shellac. He finishes his joints with hand planing. His skill was very obvious and members appreciated and thanked him for his program. We found it to be a very informative and fascinating program. Thanks, Vern for a great presentation!

The meeting closed with a primer by Chris Green and Allen McCall on using the new NWWA forum. Seeing how it worked and its many features was extremely informative. We hope the availability of the forum will prompt members to start threads of conversation and member-to-member communication on the forum.

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



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Seattle 98108
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STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Steering Committee is still considering programs and presentations for the 2014 meetings. We have many open opportunities for member presentations. We also welcome suggestions from the membership regarding outside guest speakers and places of interest to visit. Please be proactive and help us with this effort. Contact any of the Steering Committee members with your suggestions.

Allen McCall has sent out the membership renewals for next year and reports that the return response has been good. If you haven't done so, please send in your renewal check for next year's membership. Also, please complete the questionnaire included with your membership renewal paperwork. We need your feedback to help us plan our upcoming program year.

Thanks again to Jan Erickson providing excellent Meeting Minutes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

As in years past, there will not be a November meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 6:30PM at Woodcraft in Seattle. The highlight of this meeting will be a "Mega Show and Tell". Bring as many projects as you wish – this is a great opportunity to show those unique creations you will be giving as Christmas gifts. The Steering Committee will be sure to have a laptop and video projector available if anyone wishes to use these tools for providing further information about their projects – if so, please bring a thumb drive loaded with your photos, sketches, etc. formatted for a Windows computer.

In this day and age of affordable digital cameras, it is really easy to document your projects as you make them. A lot of us are interested in seeing your unique tooling and step-by-step creative process. To enhance your Show 'N' Tell items, please be prepared to give a brief description, highlighting unique features, tooling, methods, etc. As a special incentive to bring your projects, we will have a sweepstake prize drawing open only to those who bring Show 'N' Tell items.

October Meeting Photos

Photos by Steve Krauss







