

Northwest Woodworkers Association

THE SAWDUST NEWS

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<http://www.nwoodworkers.org>

Next Meeting:

Hand-Cut

Dovetails

By Association Member
Vern Tator

October 31, 2013

► 6:30 PM ◀

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

Note:

No Show-and-tell or
Raffle this month

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Membership—Allen McCall
Treasurer—Chris Green
Secretary—M. Erickson
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SEPTEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At our September 26, 2013 meeting, 22 members and two guests were present. The guests, Norm Miura and Paul McDavid, were invited to the meeting by Herb Stoops. Norm is a wood carver and Paul, was jokingly referred to as a “fix it” man.

The group acknowledged and thanked Tom Howorth, our webmaster, for the development of the new Forum on the Association website (<http://www.nwoodworkers.org/>). The Forum is being offered as a means of communication between members and a way of providing up-to-date Association information.

Jan ranted about trouble she was having with her Powermatic band saw. We hope she will be able to resolve her issues.

Herb passed around a sample of a ¼” plywood product he discovered at Lowes, named Revolution Pine, which is composed of sustainable forest woods. He noted its good price and quality for cabinet backs, boxes, etc. The face side is a clear veneer and it seems to have few if any internal voids.

Long time member Michael Davis noted that he will be moving to a new house he is building in Costa Rica. He commented that the house will have a “real shop” which he has been without for a very long time. We wish him well in his new adventure and hope that he will stay connected with us via the internet. Perhaps he will even send us some pictures of his new “real shop”.

Paul noted that the Steering Committee is working to establish next year’s meeting agendas and encouraged members to offer suggestions or volunteer to present elements of their work.

The Association decided that the October 4-6 Woodcraft Open House was a sufficiently worthwhile recruitment opportunity to staff a table at the event. Members who had done it before attested that it was also fun! Allen McCall passed around a sign-up list and members signed up. A schedule of the volunteers may be found on our website.

SHOW ‘N’ TELL

Dennis Harrison showed two recent examples of his marquetry, commenting that one was the largest piece he had done and it posed some unique problems to his talents. Dennis also praised services at Jim Little Staple Supply in Southcenter where he recently had his air gun serviced. Another member noted a similar positive experience with that vendor.

Tom Howorth displayed a belated entry for the “2 X 4 Challenge.” On a 25” X 25” frame using (625) 1-inch squares, he had built a smart code board of the NW Woodworkers Association web address. Pointing a phone, or other device with the QR (Quick Reader) application, at the board jumped the user to the NWWoodworkers.org site! Truly remarkable! Woodcraft agreed to display the piece for customer’s use.

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



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

10% Discount

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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)

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8032 S. 194th St.
Kent, WA 98032

Rockler Woodworking
345 Tukwila Parkway
Tukwila, WA 98188

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PROGRAMS

Patrick Metiva, "Suseki - Viewing Stones"

Patrick, a landscaper with life-time interest in stones, presented an interesting discussion of the ancient Chinese art form of Suseki, (viewing stones) which are related to bonsai. This art form blends spiritual and cultural values of reverence for nature with the appreciation of intricacy, balance, and imagery in presentation. The art form spread throughout Asian cultures and following WW II eventually made its way to the United States. He showed examples of stones of all sizes he has collected and of the Diazas (wooden bases) he has made for them. He carves these diazas mostly by hand, tailoring their material, shape, color and texture to complement each stone. The group was fascinated to learn more about this art form of wood and stones.

Patrick mentioned that at the annual Bonsai exhibition will be held May 16 to 28 at the Weyerhaeuser facility in Federal Way. There will be a parallel exhibition of viewing stones.

As an added treat, Patrick brought along his lovely 9 year old daughter, Solena, to help him set up his presentation.

Bob Schaeffer, "Golden Ratio"

With an extensive handout and complex mathematical calculations, Bob led the Association to an understanding of the aesthetically pleasing ratio of height-length-width that is as old as Euclid. This "golden ratio/ golden section" is used in art, architecture, furniture making, and other woodworking to achieve a balanced design. Luckily for the attendees, including those of us who are mathematically challenged J, he simplified the calculations to the practical formula of 1:1.618 or rounded off to 1:1 5/8 for the most visually appealing dimensional ratio.

We suspect there might have been some behind the scenes collaboration, but in any event it was so apropos for Charlie Culler, after Bob's presentation, to distribute hand-made Fabonacci proportioning dividers he had built for the members. Thanks Charlie for the thoughtful, wonderfully crafted gifts!

RAFFLE

Lucky winners got new 10" saw blades, a chisel set, bags of joinery biscuits, and 2 marking instruments.

Meeting Minutes provided by Jan Erickson, Secretary. Thanks for a great job, again, Jan!

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STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Steering Committee continues to work on planning the programs and events for 2014. We still have openings for additional presentations, tours, etc. and welcome input from the membership.

Please be a proactive member of the Association and let us know what sort of programs **you** want to have and help us find the resources to provide them.

We especially value presentations given by our members, since we recognize that within the Association, we have a treasure of valuable woodworking knowledge and experience that would really benefit us all. Please be willing to share **your** part of the treasure with us – we promise to spend it wisely.... J

We are also working in collaboration with our webmaster, Tom Howorth, to refine the newly included **Forum** in our website. We are currently developing a user-friendly User Guide to help each of us navigate the Forum and obtain the maximum usefulness from this wonderful tool. We plan to share the User Guide content with the membership as part of the October and December 2013 meetings, time permitting.

Please visit the Forum on our website for the latest Posts and updates and Reply with your questions and comments to help us refine this tool.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 31, 2013, 6:30 PM at Woodcraft, “**Hand Cut Dovetails**” - a presentation by Association member Vern Tator. Vern tells us that he is planning to demonstrate how to layout dovetails and identify the parts to keep them in the proper order. He will also demonstrate how to cut some through and maybe blind dovetails. He also plans to bring along some woodworking projects to show hand cut dovetailed joints. This should be an interesting presentation that will increase your woodworking knowledge and skill set. Please come with lots of questions for Vern.

It has been reported that the Stone Way Rockler store will be moving to a new, much larger, facility near Northgate in December, 2013. We understand that the new facility will have similar (if not improved) features like those we currently enjoy at Woodcraft, i.e. a roomy, well stocked store, classroom, video and audio facilities, etc.

In addition, that Rockler store is planning to host an event which will encourage the local woodworking associations and guilds to have a presence to encourage greater public enjoyment of our woodworking craft. This event will provide us another opportunity to recruit new members. The Association plans to support this event. If you are interested in participating in this event, please contact us – we need our members to help provide a presence for the Association. We will provide more information as our plan develops. We welcome your ideas and suggestions.

September Meeting Photos

Photos by Scott Wilson







