

Northwest Woodworkers Association

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Next Meeting:
4x4 Challenge
Show-N-Tell
Raffle
August 29,
2013
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Woodcraft Supply
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Eighteen woodworkers and their spouses gathered at Ed and Marly Moore's horse ranch in the Renton/Kent highlands on a warm summer evening for the Association's annual picnic. The ranch yard was in full bloom and a broad sunscreen canopy made the evening on the deck gracious and pleasant. Everyone enjoyed meeting each other's spouses and getting to know each other better. One of our newer members, Chris Yee, was accompanied by his wife Corina and their delightful 2 year old daughter Solveig. Marly introduced the crowd to her two "walking gate" horses who proceeded to frolic in the pasture in a show of grace and quickness. She has bred and shown horses for many years and taught us all something about the different breeds of horses.

Ed made his specialty for a before-dinner treat: boiled peanuts. Ed had simmered the raw peanuts in brown sugar-spice water since 5AM. They were the texture of edamame beans but had a unique and wonderful flavor. He then fired up his grille while all the dinner contributions were set out. Everyone proceeded to eat too much of the delicious salads, burgers; hotdogs, and desserts in the usual picnic protocol.

We enjoyed the company and reminiscences of David Beyl, one of the founding members of the original North West Woodworkers Guild. He described coming to Seattle in the early 80's, after 24 years as a Navy pilot, with an interest in connecting with woodworkers. He met up with a group of woodworkers interested in creating a gallery to market their pieces in the mid-80's. Their gallery still exists as the Northwest Woodworkers' Gallery, now on First Avenue just north of the Pike Place Market in downtown Seattle. David was more interested in teaching and instructing industrial woodworkers. What started as five fine woodworkers meeting together grew over the next 10 years to the current Association with over 60 members. David recounted how after his many years of Guild leadership, at the turn of the millennium, he was pleased to hand over the reins to 'new blood'. We are thankful for David's leadership and willingness to share his love of woodworking and his expert knowledge and skills over these many years.

We also had the pleasure of seeing Ed Moore's excellent new ClearVue Cyclone installation, purchased as a result of our recent meeting at the ClearVue Cyclone facility in Kent. Ed commented that his new ClearVue Cyclone, plumbed with 6" PVC ducting, was a great improvement over his old DC system and does a wonderful job of collecting even the fine dust from his woodworking equipment. Great job, Ed - we were all a little envious!

The picnic was a wonderful chance to be more personal together and enjoy each other's woodworking stories and experiences. Many thanks to the Moore's for opening their ranch to our company and hosting this enjoyable event again this year. It was a lovely evening for all of us. Submitted by: Jan Erickson, Secretary

Steering Committee Report: Thanks to Jan Erickson for providing the Minutes of the July Picnic - Great job, Jan, and thanks for bringing Alan along! Hope he will become one of us'uns.....!

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We are still in need of a backup Secretary to take notes at meetings which our Secretary, Jan Erickson, is unable to attend. Please consider volunteering for this important role. Only informal notes need be taken – they will be edited for use in the Newsletter. This is our Association – please support it with your willingness to help by becoming a proactive member.

We are looking ahead to assembling a program schedule for next year. At this writing, none of the meetings currently have scheduled events. This is a great opportunity for each of the Association members to step up and be a proactive contributor to this great organization. We are looking for volunteers to give program presentations. We appreciate the members who have been willing to share their expertise and knowledge in the programs we have enjoyed this year and past years. We also welcome suggestions from members regarding topics, or interesting places/ woodworking-related businesses, or persons we could contact for potential programs/visits.

Please contact one of the Steering Committee members with your suggestions, ideas and willingness to share your knowledge and skills to help us keep this an active, interesting woodworking Association which will benefit all of us. Please be an active participant in our Association.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our next meeting, August 29, 2013, to be held at Woodcraft, will be our first 2 X 4 Challenge contest. We hope that many of you will submit entries for the contest. There's still time to put together a prize winning entry!

There will also be a Show 'N' Tell and a Raffle at this meeting. Please bring along that duplicate or unused tool or woodworking gizmo to donate for our Raffle.

Remember -- \$110 in prizes will be awarded at the 2 X 4 Challenge! You must submit an entry in order to qualify for any a prize. In case you have forgotten the contest rules, they are provided elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Voting Ballots and an explanation of the voting procedures will be provided at the meeting.

Editor's note: thanks to a member for letting me know of a typographical error, the "s" in "Northwest" has been restored! Sadly these things happen occasionally. I appreciate feedback from our membership.

RULES FOR THE 2 X 4 CHALLENGE

ENTRY MATERIALS:

Each entry must be made from one, construction grade, softwood, 2 X 4 X 8 ft.

Any glue or fastening method acceptable

Any wood finishing method acceptable

Other non-wood materials allowed for decorative purposes, or for a usage that cannot be fabricated from wood.

We want to see your 2X4, so please limit the use of opaque finishes.

ENTRY NUMBER:

1. An Entry Number shall be issued for each entry submitted at the meeting
2. Entries will be displayed anonymously, and identified only by Entry Number

ENTRY LIMITATIONS:

1. Challenge participation limited to current members

An unlimited number of entries shall be accepted from each Entrant

All wood components of the entry shall be made from the same 2X4

The majority of the entry must be constructed of the 2X4 material

JUDGING OF ENTRIES

Balloting shall be performed by voting of the members present at the meeting

When balloting, each member selects a First, Second, and Third choice from the entries

Members are encouraged to bring unique jigs or tools and discuss any materials, special methods, finishing techniques, etc. used to prepare their entry

Suggested possible entry evaluation criteria:

Craftsmanship

Complexity

Originality

Uniqueness of design

Joinery

Finish

4. Ballots will be counted at the meeting, with the prizes being awarded for the entries receiving the points.

PRIZE AWARDS (via Woodcraft Gift Cards)

1st Choice Prize = \$35

2nd Choice Prize = \$30

3rd Choice Prize = \$25

Participation Prize Drawing = \$20 (Open only to members submitting entries; other prize winners ineligible)

Also, even though a member submits one than one entry, he/she is eligible for only one prize.

July Meeting Photos

Photos by Scott Wilson





