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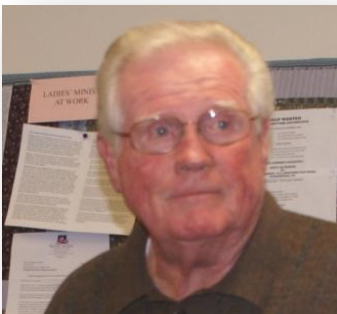
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GCW Newsletter Brief:

I know I speak for all our members that having to forgo monthly meetings for a time is an unwelcome happening. But as they say, the show must go on.. For most, the Show-N-Tell segment is the highlight of our meetings as it allows our members to share incites, to learn and get fresh ideas. It was decided to continue providing a means for our members to show off their efforts by basically creating a GCW virtual Show-N-Tell newsletter. Notices were sent out to our members to take pictures of their crafts and provide a short write-up. Family members were invited to also submit their crafts. We had 10 members along with respective family numbers presenting their projects and crafts for the newsletter. As editor, I would like to thank all those that submitted their crafts. In many ways having members provide the project information made my job easier. Only minimal editing was required. Plus I wasn't "running around taking pictures", and after the meeting I did not have to interpret my short hand.

Presidents Message:



Gold Country Woodcrafters

To my GCW woodworking friends. Do you miss the camaraderie of our monthly meetings? So do I! Gail Cone is continuing to keep us in touch by Newsletter and we owe him our thanks for his efforts. Frankly, I don't think we'll be back in business until June even though El Dorado County has the fewest cases of Corona Virus and not one death. That is remarkable for this 4 county area. Regardless, we look forward to sharing our woodworking efforts in June and let's continue to practice common sense caution. See you in June!

Warm Regards:

John Brideson

GCW President

Announcements and News:

We encourage our members to continue with their woodworking hobbies. This is one of the ways that can help us cope with the challenges being presented to us. When we do resume the GCW meetings, we can look forward to sharing the excellent craftsmanship our members possess. Be sure to make your "Wine Bottle Rack" project in anticipation of showing it at a future meeting and many of the other projects you have been planning. Let's not let this pandemic stop us by continuing to create, learn, and share.

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V-Show-N-Tell:

Susan Settle



I was weaving a cardigan on a triangle loom, when I couldn't find my favorite wood weaving comb. So what's a girl to do? Well let's make some! I ended up making so many that I needed help from 3 of my kids to test them all out. I made three different sized triangle looms so they could test them easily. I got the spacing on the nails wrong on a couple of them, but they still work. Some of the weaving combs ended up resembling animals, and aren't good for weaving, so they'll sit on someone's shelf. They've been adopted already.



I also including an oil painting that one of the kids did. She's majoring in art and was given an assignment for one of her classes. She was to vary her brushstrokes, use complimentary colors, show light, contrasts, form and pay attention to space. The painting is 30" x 40".

Susan

Editors Note: Wow, what a talented young lady..

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Ed Woodards



Here's a project I just about have finished. It is a Freemason Symbol. The G is, I'm pretty sure, carved from a scrap of mahogany. The square and dividers are Bass Wood. Hope all is well with you and our members.

We will survive.

Ed



Ron Sexton



Here's a wood splitter project I made in 1983. I decided I wanted to make a wood splitter so I got a catalog from Northern Hydraulics and ordered the cylinder, an 11GPM pump, a detent valve, 7 gallon tank for the hydraulic fluids and some miscellaneous parts. I was given a 9.2 Hp Wisconsin electric start motor. My neighbor Bob went in on the project and supplied an I-beam and some other miscellaneous parts. Bob and I shared the cost and we built it in my shop, including all the welding. Once everything was fabricated I bought all the hydraulic hoses and we completed the project. The pictures you see here are recent pictures I took after I rebuilt the 2x4x24" cylinder last month. The splitter is about a 30 ton splitter and the actual cost to make it was almost \$1000. I tow the splitter around with one of my Sears garden tractor.

Ron

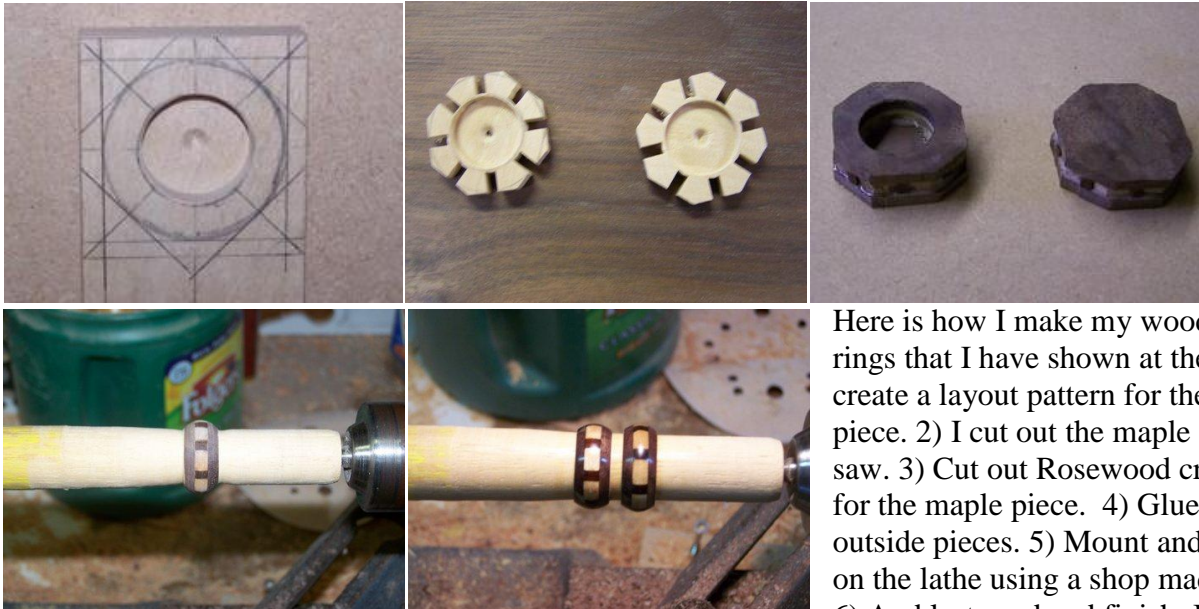


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Ron Sexton

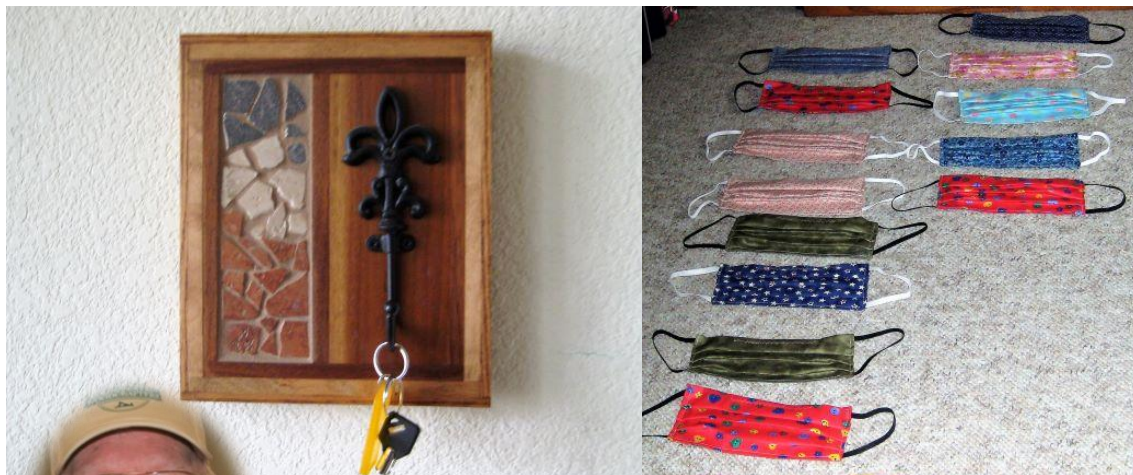


Here is how I make my wooden finger rings that I have shown at the club. 1) I create a layout pattern for the Maple piece. 2) I cut out the maple on table saw. 3) Cut out Rosewood cross inserts for the maple piece. 4) Glue on walnut outside pieces. 5) Mount and turn rings on the lathe using a shop made mandrel. 6) And last sand and finish. I used CA

for the finish. I also made some rings using copper pipe for the center of the ring, using CA to glue it to the wood.

Ron

Rich & Peggy Neilson



During my home time I have been making Keyholder projects. This one is for my house. I have made many over the years for friends and family members. I

used red oak, walnut, poplar and a slate tile in this one. My wife Peggy has been making virus masks in various colored fabrics and sending them to friends and family members.

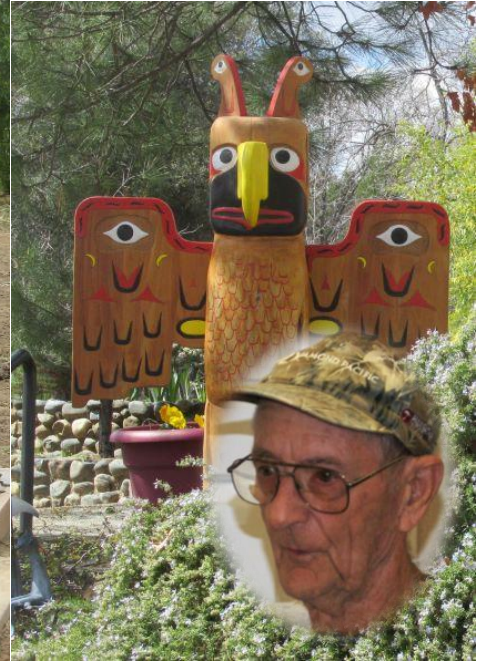
Rich

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Roy Carter



Micky Dupper reporting for Roy. I Visited Roy recently and here is what he has been making. The wood for his birdhouse is from home milled cedar with natural color semi transparent stain. A friend had brought over an old birdhouse many years ago in total destruction for Roy to use as a model. It really turned out nice. He said it may go to a charity raffle or into his yard? The rings for the garden mobile are from a barrel. Roy always has multiple projects going at once...simply amazing! *Micky*

Editors Note: Roy never fails to amaze me.... If I'm alive in my 90s I hope I have at least half the energy and drive he has...

Mark Butzler



I just finished making this house address post. I put it in the ground last week. It has a 4x6 center post with all the trim added onto that. The dog sitters boyfriend ran his car into the old one and ruined it. The only thing I had to buy was the 4x6, everything else was leftover wood or scraps.

Hope this finds everyone healthy,

Mark



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Mark Butzler



I finished making this box joint jig yesterday and tried it out this morning. It allows you to make any size box joint you want using a single, general purpose, table saw blade. The example shown in the picture is a 3/8" box joint corner. The jig is very easy to make and apparently it works fine. Keep on doing those wonderful NL's.

Mark

Mark Butzler



I've been making some yarn bowls as of late and here is my latest. The first picture shows the segmented bottom, segmented stave middle and the segmented ring top in sequence, left to right. The next picture shows all three stacked together. Then there is the turned stack on a 3" mounting plate. And then we have the finished yarn bowl.

Mark

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Gail Cone



Here is my latest turning, well almost my latest. The one following this one helped heat the shop one morning. Seemed right considering the news that morning. Some just don't make it. For this lidded vase the woods I used from the bottom up were Cherry, Bloodwood, Ebony, and Jacoba. The objective of this project was to try my hand at routing coves using a round nose router bit. I used techniques from an article presented in an AAW journal (Feb. 2020) I routed the coves you see in the piece on the left. In order to do this I had to create a router table to fit the banjo of my lathe, a carrier for my trim router, and a pattern that matches the radius of the vase top. I used

the indexing feature of my lathe to create the 12 coves. The coves were then painted using an airbrush and black acrylic. The piece was then returned to clean off the overspray. The finish used was spray lacquer (lost count on the number of coats). One wrinkle, I tried to use a friction finish for the finial. Wrong! Jacoba is an open grain and the finish will NOT flow right! Stripped it and used good old lacquer...

Keep Creating! Gail C.



Karen Cone



Since we are all home and not doing our normal activities, I knew there was a great need for masks. I have a stash of fabric left over from previous projects like quilting, wall hangings, etc. I started making the masks and have donated 200 masks to hospitals, nursing homes, infusion centers, family and friends. I didn't realize how much scrap fabric I have! I will continue doing this and am happy to donate for a good cause. Stay safe and well.

Karen



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Homer Rail



I have one small wood project that I did for Andrea. She likes to read her Nook e-reader but her shoulders get tired holding the device so I made this articulated contraption that is infinitely adjustable. Now she just has to reach up to press the page turn button!

My lathe is doubling right now for a starting bed for vegetables because we are probably going to have to feed ourselves for awhile. I had a new shop light that is resting on the head stock and tail stock and doubling as a grow light for now.

Last, but not least, about 38 years ago I painted a picture of my son in his diaper trying to pull a nail out of a landscape timber. Last week he sent a picture of his two year old son with a hammer and it brought back old memories of him. I did a quick painting of Hudson, his son which I have attached.

Keep safe and keep woodworking.
Wood is good!

Homer



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Gayle and Micky Dupper



Gayle Dupper here. Here are some pictures of Mick's projects to include in the virtual show and tell. #1 shows show the beautiful "two sided" fence he built in our backyard. #2 shows an arbor he built for my bonsai plants. #3 and 4 show a Corten (Weathering Steel) fence that we both built. The picture shows the results of the interesting process I used to quickly "rust" the steel. I used a mixture of Hydrogen Peroxide, Vinegar and Salt. I sprayed twice a day for only FOUR DAYS and Voila! It went from shiny aluminum to rusty steel! [Corten Steel Wikipedia link](#)

Gayle and Micky Dupper

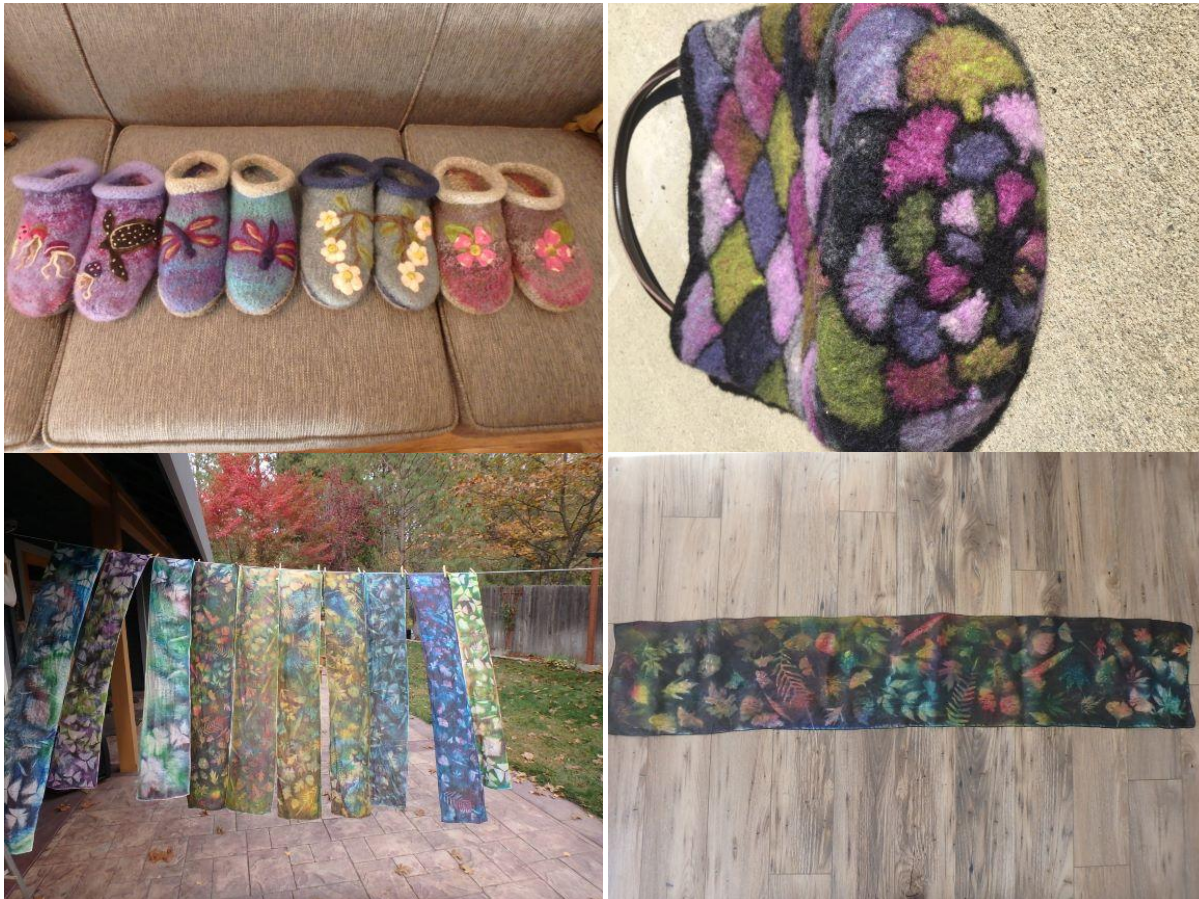


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Gayle Dupper



Here are some pictures of a number of my "other than woodworking" projects as requested for the virtual show and tell. Project 1: I knit and felted a batch of Wool Moc's for Christmas presents. They are decorated with "Needle Felted" designs. I learned the techniques from a class at Lofty Lou's Knit Shop. Project 2: A "Stained Glass Purse" I knit and felted from a pattern I got through Lofty Lou's. Project 3: "Sun Painted Silk Scarves". The scarves have a base layer of wet paint. I then spread out leaves onto the wet silk. You put them in the sun to dry and Voila! The leaves leave an imprint on the scarf. The technique is demonstrated on this link <https://www.dharmatrading.com/home/sun-painting-101-a-tutorial.html>. We love to support your efforts to connect the Wood Group during this bizarre and challenging time. Your efforts are very much appreciated by Mick and me. We both enjoy your newsletter very much!

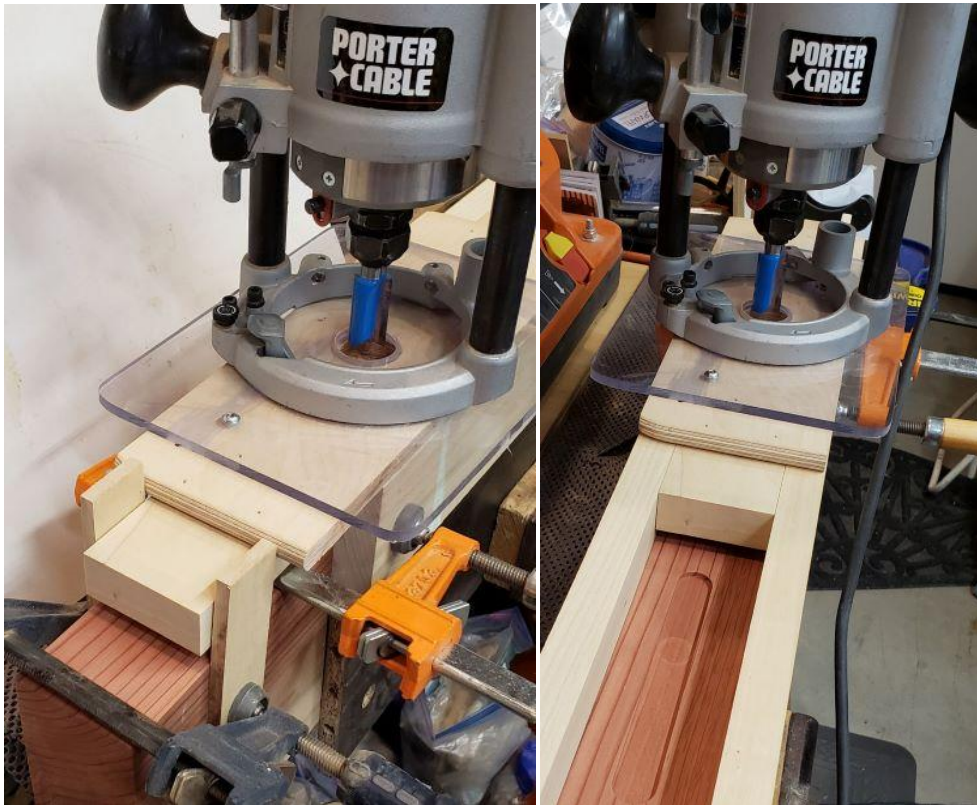
Cheers and Be Well! *Gayle Dupper*

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Rich Schwerin



I hope all is well with you and yours... Had this ready to show (& tell) if we met in March. Son & family wanted a "bracket-free" hanging shelf from a 4 inch slab of natural-edge redwood. I rigged a plunge router with a wooden plate to ride between rails clamped to the slab. Routed a mortise deep enough to accommodate the metal plates for the pin and plate supports that mount into wall studs and the back of the shelf. I have added a maple drill guide to assure perpendicularity for the process. The project completion will be announced at a (healthier) future date. I'm keeping isolated and creating from my wood accumulation, not unlike a quilters' "stash".

Best wishes...now go wash your hands!

Rich



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On the lighter side:



Ron Sextons reported that Sissy's following the guideline to social distancing and wearing her mask. This was her 10th B-day also.

Karen Cone asks, are you staying home with the kids? Never before has home schooling and online (distance learning or remote) education been more a reality. A parent who is normally working 8 to 12 hours a day is suddenly cast as a teacher, caretaker, and entertainer of kid(s). How does a parent survive the ravages of 24-hour day care? Keeping them happy doesn't mean you forego all privileges of adulthood. [Juice Boxes for Everyone in Home Isolation.](#)

Mark Butzler suggests we take a look at his link for a project that has lots of potential. Should generate good club publicity. [Club Project](#)



Burt Stride has been researching staying at home issues.



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Gail Cone found an idea that may help reduce the urge to eat more than normal.

Businesses that support GCW: Be sure to stop by Woodcraft Supply Sacramento, Pro Builder Placerville, The Paint Spot*, or the Rockler Woodworking* store in Rocklin. Please let them know how much Gold Country Woodcrafters appreciates their support. * ***Businesses offering GCW member discounts.***

Membership Dues: For those members wishing to renew their membership for the 2019-2020 year by mail here is the information you need. Make out a \$20 check payable to Gold Country Woodcrafters. Send to: Jerry Preston, PO Box 187, Pollock Pines, CA 95726. ***Please note on the envelope ATT: Gold Country Woodcrafters.***

Notice to members: If your contact information has changed since joining please let the club know. Just send any changes you may have to the email address used to send out the newsletter. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

Gold Country Woodcrafters Meeting Place: GCW meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month unless otherwise notified and are at the Park Community Church meeting hall, 3901 Wild Chaparral Dr. Shingle Springs, Ca. exit 37 off highway 50. A map is provided on the home page of the GCW website.

Saw and Planer blade sharpening:

For members that need some blades sharpened GCW member Ken Welsh can handle the job. Just give him a call.

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Regards and happy woodcrafting.

Gail Cone

GCW Newsletter editor



I would like to acknowledge my Wife, Karen, for taking the time and effort to proof read the newsletter each and every month. Believe me it makes a real difference making me look good.

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