

# GOLD COUNTRY WOODCRAFTERS

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## GCW Newsletter Brief:

The turnout for the April meeting was 28 members. The focus for the April meeting was the Spring GCW Project Challenge. The theme for this challenge was small boxes. We had 13 participants bringing boxes for the project challenge. For the Show-N-Tell portion of the meeting there were 3 members showing their projects. 9 members submitted project contributions for this newsletter.

## Topics to visit:

- Woodcraft Supply Tool Swap April 30. See flyer page 8 of this newsletter.
- Announcements and News: May meeting Topic: Shop Safety.
- Announcements and News: Badge Etiquette reminder, yet again.
- Member Message: Gordon Patnude AAW article on safety using CBN grinding wheels.
- Member Message: Gail Brooks on Boys N Girls club fund raiser January 2024.
- April 2023 meeting Show-N-Tell and Project Challenge.
- April Project Newsletter Submissions.

## President's Message:



Dear fellow GCW Members.

Greetings, I have so been looking forward to the sunshine and clear weather that I forgot it does not necessarily mean warmer temperatures. As I write this I have two projects in the shop waiting for seventy-degree temperatures in order to proceed. One involves a polyurethane finish and the other a resin pour. Both have been in process (or just sitting) for about three months. This Friday looks good to wrap up the poly project with a final coat but the resin project will have to wait until next month. Do I dare say this? Next week is fishing time at Clear Lake. Yes Virginia,

there are other interests besides wood crafting. However, my mind will frequently be thinking about shop projects and resin work.....well maybe not when that bass strikes.

A big THANK YOU goes to all who participated in the box "April Project Challenge". I hope to see all your projects in the news letter.

Happy crafting:

*Basil Borkert*

GCW President

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## Announcements and News:

**Badge Etiquette Reminder --- Badges “to the bucket”:** Please wear your badge prominently (so they can be seen!) during meetings and at the end of the meeting put-em in the “badge bucket”!

### Upcoming meeting topics:

- May. We have a speaker lined up for May. Mr. Cris Peruni, president of SAW will be up to talk on shop safety. He has a background in chemical safety issues with the State and will be focusing on items we all have around the house that are potentially dangerous. Should be interesting.
- September 12<sup>th</sup> Woodworking Tips and Tricks: Be thinking and collecting your contribution for Tips and Tricks for this meeting.
- October 10<sup>th</sup> Fall GCW Project Challenge: Theme to be determined
- November 14<sup>th</sup> Round Table Discussions..
- Suggestions for topics for future meetings are encouraged and are welcome. Topics for June, July, August, and December are, still to be determined.

## Member Message Section:

**Gordon Patnude:** I found an article from the AAW magazine relating to the use of CBN wheels and safety issues. I thought it would be interesting reading for some of our woodturning members. Here is the link to that article. [CBN Safety](#).

**Gail Brooks:** Boys and Girls club January 2024 fundraising drive.



The Boys and Girls club Heroes Night is a major fundraising event which includes a live and silent auction. The next auction will be in January 2024.

Roy Carter has been donating his Totem Poles to the Boys and Girls Heroes night auction for years. He is encouraging members to dust off the tools and make a quality item for this auction.

Please let Roy Carter or Gail Brooks know if you are willing to donate one of your masterpieces. Heroes' night is held every January so there is plenty of time to get creative! A full article describing the Boys and Girls Club Western Slope activities and purpose will be included in the May GCW newsletter.

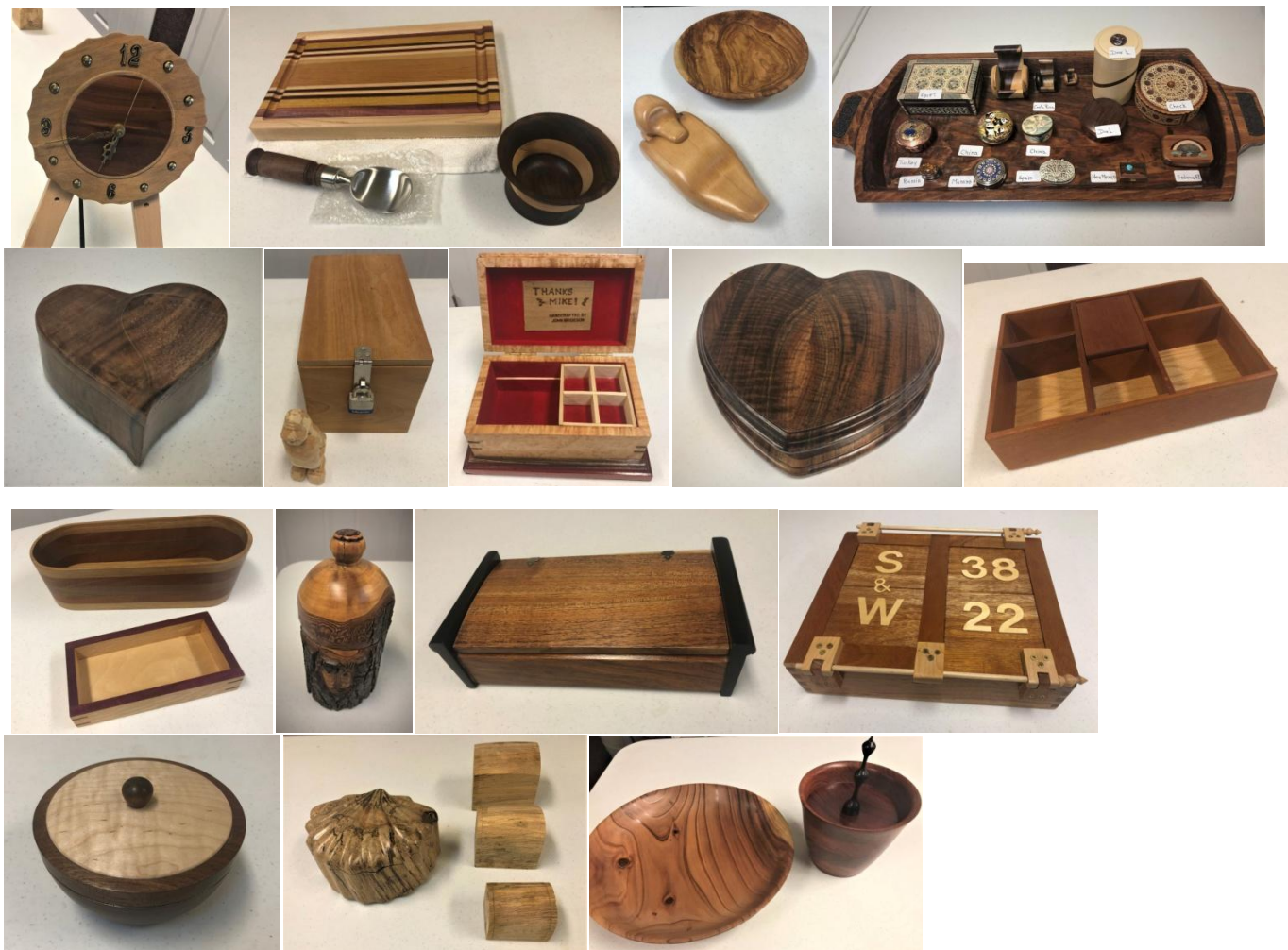
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## April 2023 meeting Show-N-Tell and Project Challenge Summary:

For April we had a blended Show-N-Tell and Project Challenge session. For the Project Challenge, members were to bring a small box project to show. Each challenge participant would get a raffle ticket for a \$50 prize/reward for bringing in a box project. With 3 Shown-N-Tells plus 13 box projects there were 16 presentations in total. Jim Gott won the \$50 challenge prize and Mark Butzler managed the combined session. First, listed here are the 3 Show-N-Tells: **Ron Sexton \***: Clock, **Michael Jay**: Cutting Board - Bowl - Ice Cream server, and **Micky Dupper\***: Bowl and Band Saw Duck Box. Now for the 13 Box Challenge entries: **Don Lawson**: an Array of Small Boxes, **Roy Carter\***: Small Heart Keepsake Box, **Paul Velk\***: Jack in the Box, **John Brideson\***: Jewelry Box, **Mark Butzler\***: Heart Shaped Jewelry Box, **Bill Meronek**: Organizer Box, **Basil Borkert\***: Band Saw Box and Tool Trays, **Micky Dupper\***: Turned Lidded Natural Edge Box, **Ron Sexton**: Jewelry Box, **Mike Mideiros**: Fire Arm Box, **Jim Gott\***: Turned Lidded Box, **David White**: 4 Band Saw Boxes, and **Casey Keller**: Bowl and Turned Box. Those members with an \* contributed to this newsletter. Thumbnail pictures are shown in order of presentation.





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## April Project Submissions (9 Members):

*Basil Borkert*



My April Show N Tell project consisted of three utility boxes made of Baltic Birch and Purple Heart. The band saw box, bottom photo, is of White Oak, Sapele, and Walnut with shellac and poly finish.

*Basil*



*Paul Velk*



Here is the project I showed at the April meeting, a Jack in the Box. Note, in the photo, Jack managed to escape the box. I started my project late and had problems with my box joints on the first try. The second box is rougher because of time constraints. I was not sure how to pop the lid. Once that was resolved, Jack who was not finished, did not fit and his visor chipped and the chip got lost on the shop floor. I needed a new Jack and chose Jack Daniel's.

It was rough but it works.

*Paul*



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*Rich Nielsen*



This was a project I built for a widow who had recently lost her husband. It is called a Marion Devotional Niche.

*Rich Nielsen*



*Ron Sexton*



Here's the clock I showed at the April meeting. I turned it 2 or 3 years ago and never could come up with a design to burn on it, so when I was given the boxes of clock stuff at our last meeting I knew that's what I wanted to do to finish it off. The wood is Silver Maple and the center inlay is Manzanita and of course the finish is Lacquer.

*Ron*





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## Micky Dupper



My duck bandsaw box was made in 2016. I don't know the wood or finish. It was my first bandsaw box and was fun to show again.

The creepy, crude, beady eyed face box was turned for the small box competition. It is Pear wood and finished with Waterlox. You want something unique? I don't think you'll find another one like it anywhere. Everybody should be very happy about that!!



Having fun with wood, *Micky*



## Roy Carter (submitted by Micky Dupper)



Roy's heart shaped bandsaw box he showed at the April meeting is Walnut. The lid was shaped with chisels and textured with a handmade tool. The texture tool is a door hinge pin filed on the end with a V shaped file. He hammered it in for texture. The box is finished with poly. It was a gift for his wife Pearl, on her Birthday this last week.

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*John Brideson*



Here is the Jewelry box I presented at the April meeting. The woods used are Bird's eye Maple with a Bocote top and a Brazilian Cherry base on bottom trim. It features the interior with red flocking and a sliding mini drawer. The inside of the lid features a personalized wood burning message.

*John*



*Mark Butzler*



I made this jewelry box for my wife for Valentine's Day about two years ago. It's made from gun stock Walnut I got years earlier. The lid piece was re-sawed and then book matched for interest. It's finished with brush on polyurethane. The wood did not need to be stained, it's plenty dark enough. Happy woodworking!

*Mark*





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*Jim Gott*



Here are the photos of my challenge box. I used Walnut with a Fiddleback Maple inlay in the lid. 4 1/4" diameter, 2" tall. The finish is lacquer.

*Jim*



## Woodcraft Supply Tool Swap:

# SPRING TOOL SWAP!

Are you looking for a great deal on lumber, used tools or other woodworking items? Do you have any of the above that you're interested in selling? If you answered yes to either of these questions, our tool swap is the place to be!

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**Sunday, April 30th 8:00AM to 1:00PM**

**Where:** The front parking lot of the Sacramento Woodcraft store at 9523 Folsom Blvd.

**Vendors, no set-up before 7:00AM please.**

**If you have any questions, call the store during business hours at 916-362-9664.**

**DON'T MISS IT!**



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

**Membership Dues:** Our annual GCW club dues are \$25 and are due January of each year. Dues for new members joining throughout the year are prorated based on the month they join. You can pay the dues at any club meeting or send a check to our treasurer. Make the check payable to Gold Country Woodcrafters. Send to: Steve Cabrol 3000 Builders Place, Rescue, CA. 95672. 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.

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 and makes me look good.

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