

# GOLD COUNTRY WOODCRAFTERS

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## GCW Newsletter Brief:

The August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting was well attended with 35 members plus a few guests in attendance. Tim Bynon lead the night's meeting as Jim Hunt was away. The topic of the night's presentation was YouTube woodworking videos, how to access them, and examples. The presentation was prepared by Tim Bynon and Wesley Aring and presented by Wesley. For the August's Show-N-Tell we had 7 members presenting their numerous projects and woodworking tips. Again, we had a number of members contribute items to the night's raffle. The club appreciates your support.

Be sure to review the "Announcements and News" section for important member information. In addition be sure to check out the "Member Contribution" section for a write up by Ron Sexton on using today's Lacquer.

## Vice President's Message:



### Gold Country Woodcrafters

We had quite a few members bring projects for the Show-n-Tell and a very good turnout for our program that night. In addition we had a few guests in attendance. It's always great to see the word gets out about our meetings.

Our YouTube expert, Wesley Aring presented several interesting videos along with the details of how they are made and a bit about the collaboration and inspiration he gets from other YouTubers. Members also showed great interest with many good questions. Thanks Wesley.

September is also going to be our September 10<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting at 5:00, before the 7:00 general meeting. You are invited to attend as we make the transition with new board members. I know Jim Hunt thanked Steve Cabrol and Rich Schwerin for their service in the June newsletter and I, in turn would like to thank Jim Hunt for his years of enthusiasm and work as GCW President.

Oh, and don't forget that GCW dues are due for the 2019-2020 club year in September.

*GCW Vice President*

*Tim Bynon*

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## YouTube Woodworking Presentation:



We had a presentation by members Wesley Aring and Tim Bynon on YouTube videos and how they can be used to expand our woodworking knowledge. Wesley is well versed on the topic YouTube videos as he has been producing them for the last 3 years. They mainly cover various aspects of woodworking showing how-to for numerous woodworking projects. He has created over 140 videos so far and has over 18,000 subscribers. They can be found by just searching Wesley Aring on YouTube's search line. Woodworking related YouTube videos can vary from complete project instructions to simple tips and tricks.

Wesley gave our members a good introduction on how to access and use the YouTube access channels on the web. He also gave a brief on various techniques used by YouTube video producers and how he has progressed in the production of his own videos.

At the beginning of the presentation he passed out some fliers that show the basic method of searching for videos of interest and a list of channels he recommends covering woodworking topics. The flyer is shown on the next page. During the presentation Tim and Wesley showed 3 videos to demonstrate how YouTube access can be useful in our search for woodworking knowledge. The topics and links for these videos are given below. The topic generated numerous questions from our members plus interactive dialog.

Links to the 3 YouTube videos shown:

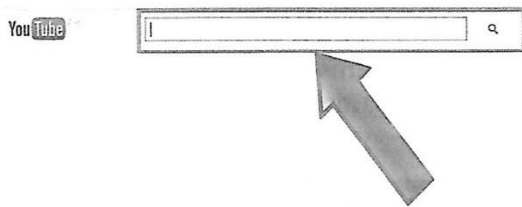
1. Jay Bates: Simple Wooden Box <https://youtu.be/B40TxRvs97c>
2. Crafted Workshop: Flip Top Tool Cart <https://youtu.be/CCjpQen3LqQ>
3. Katz Moses: Table Saw Tune Up : <https://youtu.be/yRaP0PjUUa8>

## You Tube For Woodworking

Google - [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

### Youtube Basics:

Create an account by signing up with an email.



SEARCH at the top of the website for a person, channel, topic, etc.



- If you want to see more from that person, click subscribe just below the video.

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Some channels I recommend for woodworking topics:

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| • Woodwisperer          | • Frank Howarth       |
| • Jay Bates             | • Jimmy Diresta       |
| • Matt Cremona          | • Izzy Swan           |
| • The Samurai Carpenter | • Wesley Aring        |
| • Ashley Harwood        | • Laura Kamph         |
| • Crafted Workshop      | • Steve Ramsey        |
| • Jonathan Katz-Moses   | • Chris Salomone      |
| • Andy Rawls            | • Mike Farrington     |
| • April Wilkerson       | • John Malecki        |
| • Third Coast Craftsman | • Stumpy Nubs         |
| • Ishitani Furniture    | • Paul Sellers        |
| • Woodbrew              | • Bob Clagett         |
| • William Walker        | • Fix This Build That |
| • Hand Tools Rescue     |                       |

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**Note:** To easily find some of Wesley's videos without the YouTube login, just Google "youtube wesley aring". Almost any YouTube topic can be located in this way.

Wesley's Website is: <https://www.wesleyaring.com/> Take a look at what this young man is accomplishing.

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## Announcements and News:

- 1) **New Club Year Starting:** The new GCW 2019-2020 club year begins September 1. So to renew your membership bring \$20 to the September meeting. Dues can also be paid by mail, see address at the end of this newsletter.
- 2) **Opening for GCW Club President:** The hunt is still on for someone willing to fill the position of club president becoming vacant August 31<sup>st</sup> and to help guide our club going forward. For more information on what this involves just contact any committee member. Also, copies of the club's Bylaws are available for the asking. Just send the request to the same email address distributing this newsletter.
- 3) **October 8<sup>th</sup> GCW Project Challenge:** Time to get your Project Challenge entry started. The objective will be to make something from a Walnut Gunstock blank or make something from a single construction 2x4 (Douglas Redwood, etc). The club will supply the Gunstock Blank. Just ask Steve Cabrol or Tim Bynon for one. So be thinking on what you can make for this fun event. Non-wood materials may be incorporated in project construction, but are limited to trim and construction techniques. The 2x4 option may be of pine, hemlock, fir or redwood. You can find ideas on line in Etsy, or by searching "Woodworking Challenge Projects" (review the Canadian club's entries at Suncoast Woodcrafters Guild). A \$25 raffle for participants will be held and plus all entrants will receive a certificate suitable for framing.
- 4) **From the floor:**
  - a. Ron Sexton gave an update on using the new lacquers. See the "Member Contribution" section later in the newsletter.
- 5) **Meeting Topics for 2019:**

**September 10<sup>th</sup>:** John Roberts on Tips and Aids for continuing to do woodworking when you are not 100%.

**October 8<sup>th</sup>:** Fall GCW Project Challenge. The project focus is to be determined.

**November 12<sup>th</sup>:** Woodworking Round Table- We will be having our ever popular round-table meeting. There will be discussion topic tables with demonstrations/examples.

**December 10<sup>th</sup>:** Back by popular demand. December's meeting will be "bring your spouse/special guest night". This special event, marking the holidays, will feature extended show and tells, treats-refreshments, and a special raffle as well as the regular raffle and much more. So mark your calendars so the date stays open.

*Members that have ideas for presentations please contact Tim Bynon [steamglidertim@yahoo.com](mailto:steamglidertim@yahoo.com). Remember this is your club and the more club members participate in sharing knowledge, the more proficient we all become at our common interest, woodworking.*



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## Show-N-Tell (7 members):

*Don Lawson*



Don continues to show his varied talents in creating wood art. This sculpture was inspired by some Curly Ash he had on hand. The grain pattern reminded him of an oyster shell. With this theme in mind he went to work creating another one of his master pieces. Note the pearl inclusion (mother of pearl). This special piece is destined to be a gift for his Daughter.



*Robert Garlick*



Robert brought in this clever bottle opener project. The idea for this project came from Pinterest. The wood used is Walnut. He demonstrated the opener for us by placing his index finger through the hole and gripping the opener. With the hook located under the edge of a bottle cap, squeeze and the cap pops off.

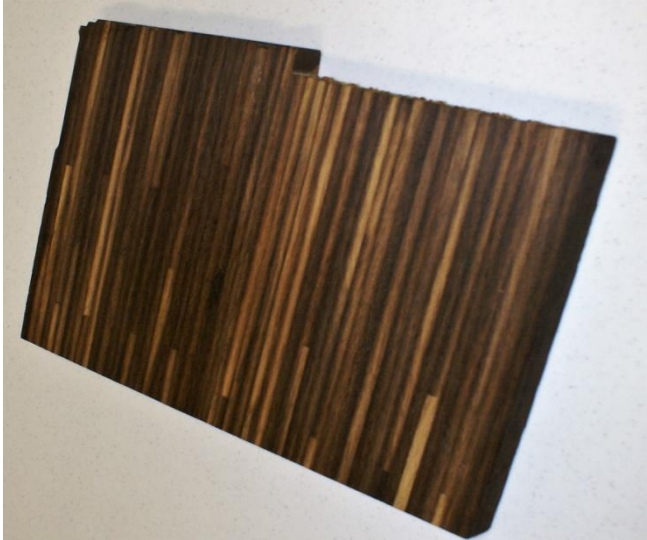
Think we need a new picture of Robert. Let's just say he's maturing fast.

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## Roy Carter



Roy came across an interesting new wood based product and thought it should be shared with our members. It is made by Sonoma Mill Works and is dubbed VinoPlank™. It is made using “Toasted Oak Sticks” sticks that have been placed in wine fermenting tanks to add the “woody” flavor that enhances wine’s bouquet. Rather than trashing after use, the sticks are recovered and laminated together to create material that is stronger than an oak plank and quite beautiful. The varied colors come from the red and white wines they were soaked in.

## John Brideson



John presented his latest furniture project to the members. It is a Queen Ann style, two drawer nightstand created to match his bedroom set. This was a special request from his wife. The wood used is Red Oak stained to honey oak and finished with semi-gloss polyurethane.



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## Homer Rail



Homer made this specially designed easel for friend. Like Homer she is into creating “Scratch Art”. You may remember the April project challenge where Homer brought in some of his very fine examples of scratch-art. This easel features an adjustable stand and a non slip pallet that can swivel. Primary wood is Pine.

## Craig Milliron



Craig brought in this unique bottle opener he made. He incorporated a stainless steel bottle cap opener available from Ruth Niles. The wood used is Chechen (see description below). There is also a host of unique bottle stoppers available from the Ruth Niles website. A distinguishing feature of these stoppers is being able to set upright on a counter top (see inset). [Ruth Nile Website](http://RuthNilesWebsite.com)

**Chechen is an exotic Mexican wood** with a wide range of color variation from dark chocolate to light butterscotch colors. Chechen has an irregular grain pattern, and coupled with the color variety it makes fantastic finished pieces. Chechen is also hard and dense, which allows the wood to polish to a high sheen without effort.

Looks like we need a “Mug Shot” of Craig. I’ll check with

the Sherriff. LOL

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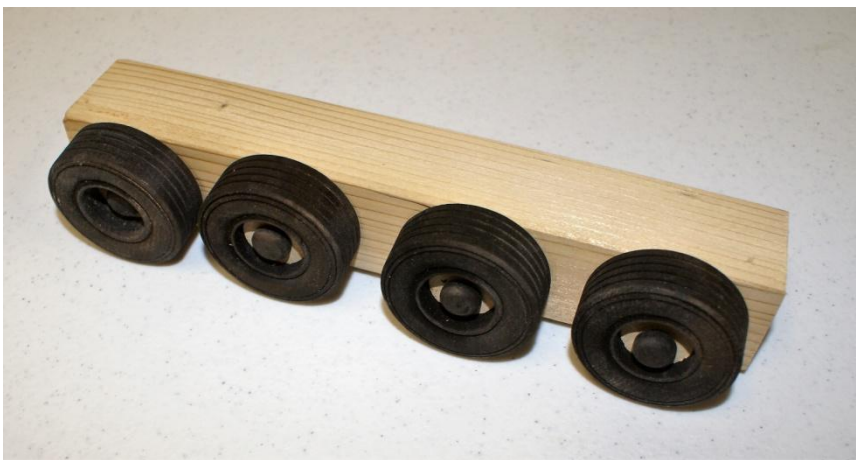
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## John Roberts



Chips N dip anyone? John created this great looking Chop-N-Dip tray for his wife. Gained some points, I bet. This one is approx 15" long and the woods used were Walnut and Maple. The recesses were first hogged out by drilling and the outer shape was cut on the bandsaw. Then with the aid of the templates shown, he was able to use profile router bits to refine the shapes. Note, due to the length of the shaping bits, he found it necessary to route using his router table. A round-over bit was used to ease all the edges. Sanding was accomplished with the aid of sanding disks on sponge pads. John offered to loan out the patterns to any member wanting to create their own tray.

## More from John Roberts



AS we all know, John loves to make toys. Especially mechanized toys. In this endeavor he uses a lot of wheels. He purchases most of his wheels. He has found ways to modify these wheels to make them look more authentic. The process he is has now uses involves dyeing the wheels black, replacing the centers with undyed dowel sections for contrast then drilling and inserting dyed axles.



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## Member Contribution:

### *Using today's lacquer, by Ron Sexton*



This is an update on my recent experience with Lacquer that is available now in California. I recently bought a gallon of Gemini Precat Satin Lacquer. I noted that it's listed VOC (Volume of Organic Compounds) has gone down from what was available at 680 grams per liter to now being 240. The main problem now is the lacquer dries too fast. This prevents the finish from flowing out as it should. You can add a retarder to slow down the drying time. However, thinning the product more can possibly cause a run problem if you're not careful. If you are good with a spray gun you can do as I did and increase the flow to lay down a heavier coat, being careful not to create any runs or sags. The other thing I noticed is that the lacquer does not smell like Lacquer.

But in all fairness the finish looked really good despite the additional VOC reduction. We bought a gallon of Sealer and Satin lacquer and the cost was around \$88, representing a significant price increase since I bought the last time.

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

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**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.

### WELSH'S SAW WORKS

Formerly Rocklin Saw Works

**Ken Welsh**

Owner

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**Cell: (916) 275-3388**

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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