

# GOLD COUNTRY WOODCRAFTERS

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## GCW Newsletter Brief:

For August we had a slightly lower turnout for this hot summer meeting with 26 members in attendance. Our members were treated to a great presentation by member Ron Sexton on the Vintage Caboose rebuild a number of our members were involved in a few years ago. It was really a trip down memory lane. For the Show-N-Tell portion of the meeting we had 8 members showing their projects. Four members submitted project contributions for this newsletter. There are no member messages this time around.

## Topics to Visit:

- Announcements and News: Upcoming meeting topics. Please review.
- Caboose Rebuild Presentation, Ron Sexton.
- Meeting Show-N-Tell Summary.
- August Project Newsletter Project Submissions.

## President's Message:



Dear fellow GCW Members.

Greetings fellow woodcrafters. Hmmmm...woodcrafters. Does that name still apply? Perhaps the name "woodcrafters" should be changed to "crafters"?? I say this due to the many facets of our woodworking hobby. Not the least of the so-called facets of woodcrafting is the use of resins, paints, stains, CNC, pyrography, and ceramics. Each aspect of the previously mentioned supporting methods of wood crafting are, in many cases, more complex than the wood foundation upon which they are used. I think "wood foundation" is the basis or commonality of interest

we all share. Wood is literally what all the other enhancement crafts rest upon but in many cases the "enhancement crafts" add to the challenge, beauty and value of the end result.

Yesterday I was able to attend the "Sawdust Festival" in Laguna Niguel. While there were very few woodcraft vendors, I did find many of the art displays intriguing. As for the woodcraft vendors, the quality was exceptional (as were the prices).

A shout out to Ron Saxon and his August presentation on the railroad caboose. The history of both the original and the new caboose with the previously unseen photos were of particular interest. Thanks Ron.

I hope to see all of you at the September 12th meeting.

*Basil Borkert*

GCW President

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## Announcements and News:

### Upcoming meeting topics:

- September 12<sup>th</sup>: For September John Brideson will be giving a presentation and demo on building your own router table, router safety including methods for making dados, rabbits and grooves. Be sure to attend this meeting to refresh and refine your router skills.
- October 10<sup>th</sup> Fall GCW Project Challenge: The theme for the Fall project challenge is "Serving Tray". Here's your chance to really be creative and create that great addition to your kitchen or a gift for that special family member.
- November 14<sup>th</sup> (tentative) Round Table Discussions. Our members should be thinking on what woodworking related themes we should have at each of the tables. Objective would be to have 5 or 6 tables, each with a host, topic focus, and examples. Members will be asked at the September meeting for ideas on the table topics.
- December 12<sup>th</sup>: Bring a guest. The current plan (in development) is to have members bring their Spouse or that special guest to help celebrate the Holliday Season. It's planned to have a special raffle for the guests with 2 winners. We are asking those attending to bring a gift to be exchanged. (Bringing a gift to exchange is completely voluntary). The gift can be something you have made or purchased (your choice). Each person bringing a gift to exchange will receive a special ticket. When your number is called you will go grab one of the gifts brought to the meeting. Stealing may be allowed one time. This plan will be presented at upcoming meetings to elicit feedback.
- Suggestions for topics for future meetings are encouraged and are welcome. The 2024 calendar has not been set as yet so suggestions are encouraged. Please see Jim Gott if you have a topic in mind.

### Placerville Boys and Girls Club Auction this coming January:

Don't forget to work on your project(s) to donate to the Boys and Girls club fund raiser this coming January.

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## August presentation, Vintage Caboose rebuild, Ron Sexton:



*Original Caboose in use*



*Caboose as Playhouse*

For August, Ron Sexton provided us with a flash from the past by showing our members time line photos of the effort a few of our members were involved in rebuilding a vintage caboose (2012-2014). It was originally built in the 1920s. The GCW members involved in the rebuild where: Ron Sexton (Project Coordinator), Steve Cabrol, Harvey Myers, Homer Rail, Roy Carter, Paul Velk, and Bill

Meronek. Additional help was provided by volunteers from the El Dorado Western Railroad club plus people who just walked in to help. For a more complete story of the effort to restore the old Placerville and Lake Tahoe Railroad caboose, click on the following link: [Caboose Rebuild Article](#)

The completed rebuild in 5/2014 now resides at the old Shingle Springs Train Station.



*The Caboose Today*



*Ron's 1/8th scale model 9/2012*



*The Crew rebuilding caboose. 6/2013*



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## August 2023 meeting Show-N-Tell Summary:



For August meeting we had a grand total of 8 members presenting their projects in the Show-N-Tell. Mark Butzler managed the session as usual. The Show-N-Tell presenters were: **Micky Dupper\***: 2 Turned Bowls and Turned Vase, **Harvey Myers**: Wood/Tree Art, **Jim Gott\***: Embroidery Floss Chest, **Gail Cone\***: Turned Resin Vase, **Terry Heart**: Large Turned Bowl, **Oscar Wittrock**: Turned Vase and Pen, **Basil Borkert\***: Segmented Bowl,

Turned Platter and Box, and **David White**: Turned Resin Plater and Turned Hollow Form. Those members with an \* contributed to this newsletter. Thumbnail pictures are shown in order of presentation.

Photos of 6 of the August presenting members are featured on the following page. Photos curtesy of Rich Schwerin (Thank you Rich). My, don't we look grand!



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Gail Cone



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## August Project Submissions (4 Members):

*Micky Dupper*



Here are my small and simple items I brought to our August meeting. On far left is a Live Edge Plum bowl finished with Waterlox. The other two are laminated wood blanks. I got them at a retiring member's moving sale. I call it my Dr. Suez collection. The whimsical bowl, left, is where I practiced with different embellishing, a curved top, drilled holes, woodburning, and Dremel textured on the bottom edge. It is finished with wipe on poly satin. The small flower vase has a glass insert from woodturners catalog. It has simple woodburning and Dremel work. It is finished with spray on clear poly.

*Micky*



*Jim Gott*



My wife asked me to make a box for her embroidery floss. It is made of solid cherry and finished with wipe on poly and Renaissance Wax. The dimensions are 13 1/2" wide, 12" deep, and 17 3/4" high.

*Jim*



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*Basil Borkert*



Here are 2 of the pieces I presented at the August Show-N-Tell. The segmented bowl is Cherry, Wenge and Purple Heart and is finished with shellac and poly. The "candy dish" is Elm finished with shellac and wipe-on bowl finish (poly).

*Basil*



*Gail Cone*



Shown here is the resin and Juniper vase I presented at the August meeting. It is about 10"h x 4.75"Diam. I used deep pour resin tinted with 3 contrasting green mica powders. The form was made up of 2 small coffee cans soldered together. For hollowing I used both free hand cutters and my deep hollowing jig. Yes, light does show through the resin features. It was sanded and polished for the finish, requiring many steps.

*Gail*



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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.

**GCW Web site:** [goldcountrywoodcrafters.com](http://goldcountrywoodcrafters.com)

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