

# GOLD COUNTRY WOODCRAFTERS

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## GCW NL Brief:

For the December meeting we had a somewhat light turnout with 30 members in attendance. We all know the holidays can be a challenge with all the competing activities. The plan for this evening was to show some woodworking related videos with the hope that they would spawn a number of lively discussions. Ron Sexton our Vice President led the meeting this month as Jim Hunt was out of town. There was a good showing for the night's Show-N-Tell with 8 members sharing their projects and woodworking knowledge. Several members had more than 1 project to show for a total of 14 projects. Dale Gamble reported on the GCW Toys for Tots program. One item is listed in the Exchange Corner section, a lathe.

## Vice Presidents Message (December Meeting):

Well our December meeting has come and gone and 2018 is almost history, overall this year has been an interesting one that has seen lots of activity with gaining some new members and losing a few. While our attendance was a little lower this month I think the enthusiasm was high and after a few technical difficulties we were able to watch 2 videos. I have to take my hat off to Rich Schwerin's wife for keeping us supplied with fresh homemade cookies this year which of course means Rich will be our permanent goodies guy. I think everyone would agree. So here's to a great New Year and may you all have a Healthy and Happy 2019. See Ya next year.

*Ron Sexton*

*GCW Vice President*

## For Starters:

Ron Sexton kicked this meeting off with some tips on how to use Shellac Filler Sticks to repair voids/defects in their wood projects. The fact that there is a shellac based product to use as a filler, was I'm sure, news to some members present. He described the process he used to repair a small void in the center of a small platter he turned. The void, he explained was created by turning the platter too thin. The process involves shaving small amounts of shellac from Shellac Filler Sticks using a razor blade tipped iron, smoothing the filler into the void, then sanding and polishing to level the surface. The repair ends up being hard and durable ready for your finish of choice. The shellac filler sticks come in various colors. Ron likes using the amber product for his small repairs. One of many manufacturers of this product is Liberon who also makes a number of fine wax products for the woodworker.



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## Video Night:

Tim Bynon showed 2 videos for our members to view and comment on. The first was a step by step tutorial on the construction of a jewelry chest. The second was a step by step tutorial on making segmented “Peppermint” Christmas ornaments. Both were informative and offered a number of ideas and fabrication techniques.

## Announcements and News:

- 1) **Membership:** *For members who have not paid their membership dues, they were due last September so please send in your dues.* If you do not intend to renew your membership please let us know. By all means, if Gold Country Woodworkers is not meeting your expectations please let us know. The Executive Committee would appreciate your thoughts on how it might better meet our member’s needs. You can send your comments to Gail Cone [gpcwoodwk@gmail.com](mailto:gpcwoodwk@gmail.com) or contact any GCW committee member. The address where to send club dues is provided at the end of this newsletter.
- 2) **Executive Committee Opening:** Ron Sexton informed the members that he will be terming out as Vice President come March leaving an open position on the committee. So, there is a need for members to consider becoming involved to help guide the club activities going forward. If you are interested, please let one of the current committee members know. The current “All Volunteer” GCW Executive Committee members are Jim Hunt, Ron Sexton, Steve Cabrol, Dale Gamble, Rich Schwerin, Dave Boutcher, Tim Bynon and John Cassidy.

### 3) Meeting Topics:

**January 8<sup>th</sup> 2019** --- Tim Bynon will present how to use Euro concealed hinges. Topics simple method to install without going metric, tools needed, and types of hinges with emphasis on a universal type. There will be samples to try. Also, while on Euro hardware, Tim will demonstrate repairs to strengthen some mid-century teak chairs using bronzed dowel and screw fittings.

*Members that would like to give a presentation or have ideas for a presentation 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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## GCW Toy for Tots:



The Gold Country Woodcrafters Toys for Tots program this year produced 48 toys and included a wide range of items from elephants to airplanes. The program was headed up by Dale Gamble and included a number of members who stepped up to volunteer their time, craftsmanship and money to this effort. Those members were Dale Gamble, Roy Carter, Homer Rail, Mick Dupper, and Richard Schwerin. Thank you! The toys included 12 airplanes, 8 elephants, 3 painted cars, 6 wooden whistles, 1 hard box, 3 tanker trucks, 3 snowmen, and 12 pink & blue cars. They were delivered December 13 to Placerville CHP Office Toys for Tots.

## Show and Tell (8 members, 14 projects):

*Bill Meronek*



Bill brought in his latest furniture project. The chair shown here is based on a Danish Modern theme. The construction incorporates dowel joinery “no hardware” and is made of Cherry. He made his own templates based on a chair he had seen somewhere. He estimates it took 30 hours to fabricate. The plan is to add webbing at the bottom and order custom cushions. It is not yet glued up and finished. We look forward to see the final product.

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*Tony White*



Tony is a master turner and creates unique small as well as large turnings. Here he shows a popular project with the ladies. A simple but highly useful item, it is a “ring holder”. He used Maple and Ebony to make this one. OK, guys get ready for the requests from your ladies.

*Ron Sexton*



Well Ron has moved on from his fine toy making phase. Here he shows us a turned face plate, carved and then decorated using pyrography. The wood is Black Oak and he used acrylic pencil for the coloring. Looks like a fat and happy chipmunk. Wonder if he is a local...

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## Harvey Myers



No stranger to unique form, Harvey has done it again. He showed us 3 new turned projects. The bowl is a piece of Oak he rough turned a year ago. It looks like he was able to maintain some of the natural edge while finishing it up. The 2 vases show his love for form, showing a sense of the Roman style. Keeping the natural base is definitely a new one and sets these pieces off. The left vase is Cherry and the Right is Malberry. The Malberry required significant filling before being painted.

## Mark Butzler



Mark brought in 3 projects to show us a breadboard, bowl and a pizza cutter. They must be Christmas presents. The breadboard primary

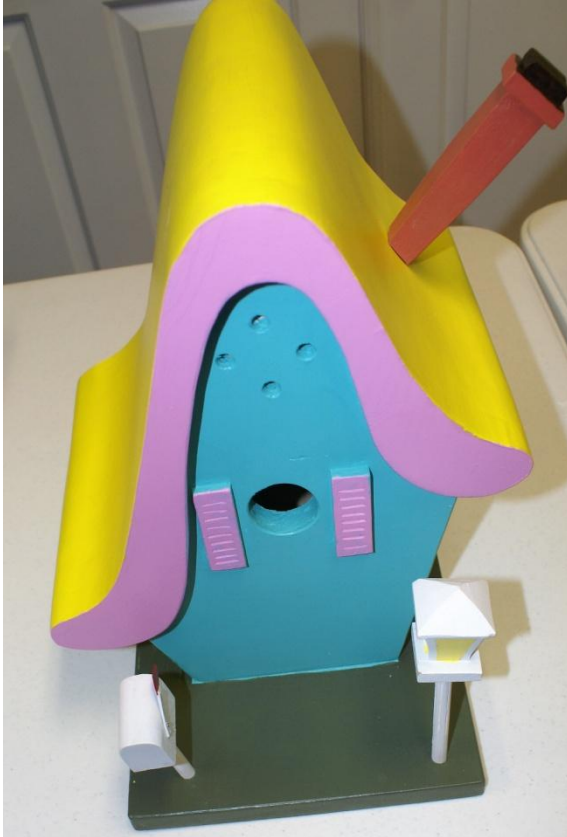
woods are Walnut and Maple. He described it as an End-Grain cutting board as it incorporates pieces of maple glued up with the end grain exposed. It features routed finger hold recesses on both ends and measures approximately 15"x11". He used his homemade thickness sander to get a uniform surface and finished it using mineral oil. He described the bowl as a "phone holder". Believe it was for his Mother-In-Law to replace a porcelain one she broke. The pizza cutter he made from a kit. The turned handle has a threaded insert to receive the cutter mechanism.

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## *Roy Carter*



A whimsical bird house was brought in by Roy. Don't think we have ever seen anything like this one. The roof is definitely unique in its 1950 hair style wave form. He used a pattern and cut segments from rafter material to make the roof wave. He then laminated them together and refined the shape by sanding.

## *John Roberts*



No stranger to making toys, John shows a couple of his latest pieces. He described the pattern he worked from in making the truck and elaborated that the plans included zero instructions but was printed at full scale. The locomotive was patterned after one he found in a book. Both units incorporate Walnut and Maple and were finished using polyurethane spray.

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## Gail Cone



Gail brought in 2 projects to share. The photo above shows 4 Memory Boxes made for the Keaton Raphael Memorial Foundation. The woods used were Camphor sides 3 units, Cherry sides 1 unit, and Maple lids. The heart inlays are Blood Wood. The finish used was TungOil. The vase was turned from an Oak crotch with Walnut bottom and top. The Oak had a bark intrusion all the way through. All defects were lined with brass shavings and then filled using plastic resin tinted black. It features a CA (Cyanoacrylate) finish.

## Exchange Corner:

Rockwell wood lathe, reconditioned. It has a variable pulley drive system so you don't have to change belts to different pulleys. It has a 18" swing and 48 inches on center bed. It is 1hp single phase 220vt with a vary-pulley system variable zero to 3500 rpm. The lathe breaks down into 3 easily managed pieces. The pedestal weighs approximately 275 lbs. It has been moved many times using a dolly. It is 76" long x 55" tall. This machine purrs. Asking \$1100, however price is negotiable.

Contact information: Rick Wagstaff 209-914-1876 call any time! Email [rickwagstaff@outlook.com](mailto:rickwagstaff@outlook.com).



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**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. \*offer GCW members discounts.

**Membership Dues:** For those members wishing to renew their membership for the 2018-2019 year by mail here is the information you need. Make out a \$20 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.

## 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**

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
Regards and happy woodcrafting.

*Gail Cone*

GCW Newsletter editor



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