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GCW Newsletter Brief:

The June 11th meeting was well attended with 32 members and a few guests in attendance. We were treated to an in-depth presentation and live demonstration on creating Bandsaw Boxes by club member Victor Larson. For June's Show-N-Tell we had 9 members presenting numerous projects and woodworking tips. We had a number of members that contributed items to the night's raffle. The club appreciates your support.

President's Message:



Gold Country Woodcrafters

I would like to thank Victor Larson for the great hands on presentation on bandsaw boxes. As Victor mentioned, there are endless shapes, sizes and uses for bandsaw boxes. Most bandsaw boxes can be created using the same basic techniques.

I would like to welcome Nelson Exum and Jerry Preston to the Executive Committee. I'd also like to thank Steve Cabrol and Rich Schwerin for their contribution to the Committee as they step down. As you know, the Executive Committee is the guiding force behind the club. There is a continuous need and opportunity for new members to participate and bring fresh ideas to the meeting agenda. Please consider volunteering for a term on the committee as the opportunity arises.

Until next time,

Happy and Safe woodworking!

Jim Hunt

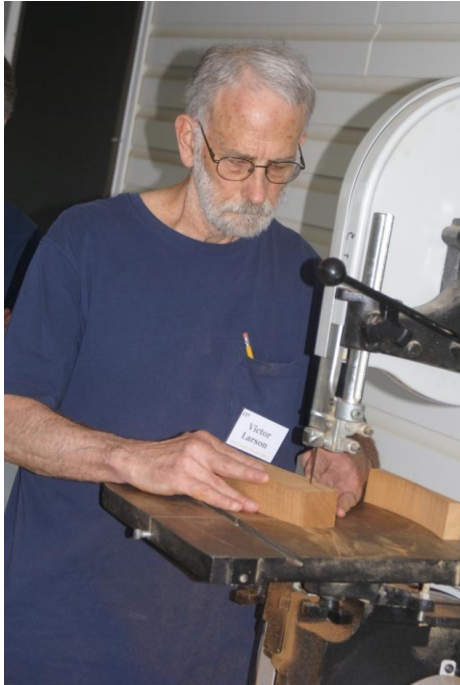
GCW President

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Band Saw Box Presentation:



For the June meeting we had an excellent presentation on the making of bandsaw boxes by member Victor Lawson. His presentation included an actual hands on demonstration creating a bandsaw box. If you missed this meeting, you lost out on a great chance to see how you could get started making your own bandsaw boxes.

Victor started off by showing a slide show depicting a number of examples of high end pieces by a couple of well know woodworking artists he is familiar with, Michael Cullen and Terry Evens. Links to their Galleries are provided below. The objective of showing these examples was to give our members a feel for the limitless style, form, shape and color, bandsaw boxes can take on. Victor also had a few of his own fine pieces on hand to show. See pictures below.



The presentation then moved outside where he had his bandsaw setup. He took the time to show our members the basic steps required to prepare a bandsaw blank prior to making any cuts. These included layout marking for top, bottom and side cuts making sure orientation is identified. This step is very important as the process can become a bit confused when making cuts and assembling.

After he had made the required cuts, some of which required tilting the bandsaw table, the presentation moved back inside to do the assembly/glueup. Some of the steps, like sanding and detail shaping were not done at that time in the interest of time. He was

able to show his procedures for gluing the top and bottom assemblies with the aid of screw clamps. During this process it was again emphasized the importance of identifying the box components for correct assembly.

Thank you, Victor, for your fine presentation.



Links to referenced galleries:

[Michael Cullen Gallery](#)

[Terry Evens Gallery](#)

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Announcements and News:

- 1) **GCW Executive Committee Changes:** As has been announced, some members on the Executive Committee are terming out come the end of August. Three of those are Jim Hunt (Pres.), Rich Schwerin (MAL) and Steve Cabrol (Treasurer). We are happy to announce that Nelson Exum and Jerry Preston will be joining the committee to fill 2 of the seats. Nelson will fill the MAL open position (Member At large) and Jerry Preston will take over as Treasurer. The club is still looking for someone to fill the president position. For more information on what this involves be sure to see Jim Hunt or any committee member at the next meeting. Also, copies of the club's Bylaws are available for the asking. Just send the request to the same email address distributing this newsletter.
- 2) **October GCW Project Challenge:** Rich Schwerin announced the theme for the October Project Challenge. 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 at the July meeting. So be thinking on what you can make for this fun event. A \$25 raffle for participants will be held.
- 3) **From the floor:**
 - a. Jim Hunt presented a handy woodworking tip to our members. "The use of a scraper to clean up your work bench". A good way to clean up minor paint, finish buildup, stains, dings and scratches on a fine hardwood workbench is to use a scraper much as you would when creating fine table top surfaces.
 - b. Micky Dupper announced that he had a used Craftsman radial-saw available free to anyone needing one. By the end of the meeting it was claimed. It went to Sam Garcia, our youngest member. Sam, we all know, will put it to good use.
- 4) **Meeting Topics for 2019:**

July 9th: Homer Rail will present ideas on how to make the most from a small shop space. Mark Butzler and Bruce Hall will also be contributing. Homer would also like other members to bring up ideas that helped make their shop spaces work.

August 13th: We are hoping to have more outdoor demonstrations. Details will be forthcoming.

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

October 8th: Fall GCW Project Challenge. The project focus is to be determined.

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

December 10th: 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 would like to give a presentation or have ideas for a presentation please contact Tim Bynon 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.

Show-N-Tell (9 members):

Rich Nielson



Rich brought in his second installment to his abstract Wood-Art collection. He laminated 3 layers of Poplar to form the thickness required. He will have to share where he gets his inspiration for the art he is creating.



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John Roberts



John brought in another installment for his long line of wood toy projects. This truck was inspired by a plan he found in a book donated by a club member. The primary woods are Walnut and Maple. The barrels and wheels he said were purchased.



Dale Gamble



The night's theme was Bandsaw Boxes so Dale decided to try his hand at making one. Here he shows a box made from a rustic looking blank. Note the lid profile continues the rustic shape concept. The wood species is unknown.

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Mark Butzler



Mark has been busy as of late. He brought in 3 projects to share. The segmented bowl features some of the gunstock Walnut that has been making the rounds and is about 7.5”d by 6.5”h. His turning skills have been advancing by leaps and bounds. Ok, now it’s cutting board time. Both boards feature Black Walnut and Maple with the cutting areas end-grain exposed. Excellent work Mark.



Harvey Myers



Harvey showed off his latest turnings. The lidded bowl is Walnut and the lid is Poplar wood. It is about 4.4”d by 2”h. The rectangular piece is believed to be a spoon cradle.

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Gail Cone



Gail brought in 5 items, 3 vases and 2 stoppers. The largest vase is 5.5”h, 5.5”d layered bottom to top, using Malberry, Segmented Walnut ring, Maple Burl

ring, Segmented Walnut ring, Malberry, and topped with Jacoba wood. Finish used was several coats of Tung Oil.

The next turning is Oak fire wood topped with a ring of Jacoba wood. Finish is, again, several coats of Tung Oil. The challenge of this piece was to hollow the

underside of the opening. Lots of sitting on the lathe working not to allow catches!

The small vase and the 2 stoppers are Juniper wood. The vase and middle stopper were created to test the Beall Buffing system. The other stopper has a CA finish. Note the richer color of the CA finished stopper. He is experimenting with various oils to try to bring up the richness of the woods prior to using the Beall Buffing system. The advantage to using the Beall Buffing System is obviously the reduced time it takes to achieve a finish.

Jim Hunt



Jim took the plunge and created this fine southwestern pattern cutting board. It features Walnut, Beach, Purple Heart and a few other woods in an end-grain configuration. Suspect it is going to be hard for his wife to cut anything on it and mark it up...



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Don Larson



Don shared this large bowl he turned from Manzanita Root. It features Turquoise inlay to fill the large voids in the root material. He had to block the inside with tape in order to pack the epoxy and Turquoise into the voids and finish turning. He noted that the root had a number of rocks hidden in it

(see picture). His carbide tipped turning tools fared well even when encountering rocks. The picture at top shows his trademark, a medallion of Mother of Pearl and signature.

Ron Sexton



Ron brought in 5 Memory Boxes he recently completed. He used the ribbon box plan for the design. These plans have been shared with a number of our members. He used Black Oak and Walnut in the construction. Note the splines used for reinforcing and accent on the corners and the ribbon flowing through the handle and sides. These boxes were finished using lacquer.

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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.

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Regards and happy woodcrafting.

Gail Cone

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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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