

# GOLD COUNTRY WOODCRAFTERS

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## GCW Newsletter Brief:

The attendance for the June meeting included 24 members and 1 guest. We have a new member Dean Marietta. Welcome to the Gold Country Woodcrafters Dean. For this meeting we had an informative presentation by a Festool representative that covered a number of power sanders plus a dust vacuum. The Show-N-Tell portion of the meeting had 12 members presenting their latest craftsmanship. There are 7 project contributions for this newsletter.

- Announcements and News section: Delinquent dues, Badge Etiquette and Meeting Topics.

## President's Message:



Dear fellow GCW members.

My apologies for missing the June meeting. It is a disappointing month when I do not get to socialize with fellow members and hopefully some of the remarkable talent there will "rub off" on me. I know you were in good hands and I understand there was one new member signed up. Dean Marietta welcome to the Gold Country Woodcrafters. Our planned speaker "Arts liquid flow" for the July meeting is one you will definitely not want to miss, however they are currently in quarantine with Covid. Hopefully full recovery will be before the 12th. More on that as we get closer to the July 12 meeting. See you and your latest projects then.

*Happy turning, carving, sawing and drilling.*

*Basil Borkert*

*GCW President*

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## June 2022 meeting Show-N-Tell Summary:

For June we had 12 members showing their latest woodworking craftsmanship. Mark Butzler managed the Show-N-Tell activity. The members showing their work were, in order, **Micky Dupper \***: 2 turned square plates and bowl turning, **John Roberts**: 2 laser cut projects, **Oscar Wittrock**: Turned Pen, **Mark Butzler \***: Lamp stand w/Celtic knot, **Gail Cone \***: Companion Urn, **Paul Velk**: Puzzle Box w/pendulum lock, **Gail Brooks \***: 2 large carvings, **Jim Gott \***: Battery Storage Box, **John Brideson \***: Weather Instrument Cabinet, **Gordon Patnude**: Bamboo Segmented Rings and Pens of Troops, **Rich Schwerin \***: Keepsake Box and **Frank Fantino**: a Turned Serving Platter. The names with an \* contributed to the newsletter. Thumbnail pictures are shown in order of presentation.



Paul Velk  
Puzzle Box.  
With dual  
Pendulum  
locks. No  
Picture.



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## Festool Presentation:

We had about a 45 minute presentation that featured a Festool shop vacuum, 3 of their latest sanders and their abrasive products. The presenter was Bob Johnson who is often referred to as Festool Bob. Bob has been with Festool for over 10 years and is their demonstration king. A number of topics were covered that included features of each of the featured products and their usage. The HEPA Dust extractor (vacuum) is the primary component for Festool sanding products. The latest models feature in addition to high efficiency dust extraction, higher capacity, and dual power tool power modes (Blue Tooth and power cord) connection to their sanders. As for the sanders presented, they all are designed with ergonomics and comfort of use in mind. Depending on the model they incorporate 2mm or 3mm sanding stroke and variable motor speeds so they can be set to better match the sand paper grit in use. With highly efficient dust extraction, variable speed, and short sanding stroke sanding swirls are expected to be greatly reduced. One thing Bob stressed throughout the presentation was to let the sander do the work. That is, don't use excessive pressure during sanding. We would like to thank Woodcraft Supply and Michael Jay Bush for arranging this presentation. If you are looking to add to or upgrade your sanding tools be sure to stop by Woodcraft.



## Announcements and News:

**Delinquent dues:** We still have some members attending meetings who have yet to pay their dues. If you are unsure of your dues status please drop by the treasurer's table at a meeting. Dues for 2022 are \$25.

**Reminder --- Badges "to the bucket":** Some members are still trying to put their badges back into the badge box at the end of meeting. Some of us older members have regressed, including me. Please be sure to pick up your badge from the badge box at the door and wear it prominently. **At the end of the meeting be sure to drop your badge in the "badge bucket" not the badge box.** If by chance you take your badge home, please try to bring it to the next meeting.

**Upcoming meeting topics:** July: "Arts liquid flow" woodcraft and epoxy works, August: TBD, September: TBD, October: Fall project challenge (bird houses), November: Round table discussions, December: TBD.

## Message Corner:

No messages this month.



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## June Project Submissions (7 Members):

*Gail Brooks*



1. Cala Lilly Sculpture left. This piece has a turned Black Walnut base dyed with alcohol ink and the top is a large Redwood piece carved utilizing Arbortech's mini carver. The base and top pieces are pegged together. The 'stamen' (green) was created from a piece of kelp and colored. It is also pegged on the interior for stability.
2. Oak Bowl with bark exterior right. This piece was crafted from

a double limb healings over burl. It was carved utilizing the Arbortech's angle grinder attachments. The cracks which developed during the drying process were filled with crushed turquoise. A small branch was added at the left end to level and provide stability for the piece.

*Gail B.*



*Jim Gott*



For June I showed a box I made for my wife to hold household batteries. It is made of Cherry and Poplar. Dimensions are 10x10x14. The carcass is box jointed, and the drawers are joined with hand-cut dovetails. This was my first project using them. I'm very pleased with the way the drawers fit the case, using methods learned by watching Rob Cosman videos on YouTube. The finish is a wipe on poly.

*Jim*



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## *Micky Dupper*



I brought 3 wood turnings to the June meeting: I tried my hand at thin winged platters. Thanks to Gail Brooks last show and tells I keep trying to get thinner and more rectangular. The one on top left is the thinnest one and is Mulberry wood. I got it pretty much wafer thin and it has nice coloration, plus I like its irregular shape. It is finished with 3 coats of Bullseye shellac satin. The next, picture top right, is from a piece of lumber from James Terrill's moving sell. I had no idea what wood it was, but the consensus is that it is Ambrosia Maple. I like the worm holes and contrasting colors. I am very happy with its totally square corners and thin profile. When turning, "Keep your hands and fingers away from the spinning propeller's!" It is finished with 3 coats of Waterlox Tung oil Satin. The last one is turned from a tiny wood blank pre laminated by Ken Merrill. I bought a bunch of his wood blanks at his closing shop sale. I turned it mounted in a 4 jaw Nova chuck. It was the smallest dovetail mounting recess I have made, and it held perfectly for remounting and turning the center out. I use it to hold my morning Vitamin supplements. As suggested at the meeting, it would also be the perfect size for a "shot" of your choosing? It is finished with a bees wax mineral oil blend.

See you all in July.

*Micky*





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*Rich Schwerin*



Using figured Maple and quarter-inch strips of Walnut burl, I created this box during the GCW zoom period. The burl was fragile and had to be pieced to fill the dado around the box and create the parquet pattern with Birds' Eye Maple for the top. I finished it using spray lacquer.

For June we had a good meeting. I enjoyed hearing from new speakers (even salespersons). I hope we might take a demo outside sometime...perhaps Gail would volunteer to demo her Arbortech woodcarving skills??

## **A note from your Raffle Chairman:**

We continue to have generous contributions from members to benefit our raffles. For July we have a battery-driven Dewalt screwdriver, Workforce ratcheting driver, clamping squares, another glue gun and more... We urge all members to clean up their shops and unearth more treasures to share.

Best Wishes

*Rich*



*John Brideson*



I was asked by a friend to create a corner cabinet shaped unit to display his weather instrument gauges. As a result I designed this weather station hinged to a corner hide-away box. I used mahogany and flocked the interior. For a finish I used oil based semi-gloss urethane. I wonder what could be stored inside?? Hummm..

*John*



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## Mark Butzler



This lamp is the result of an experiment I had in mind concerning Celtic knots. It's made from segmented walnut staves, not segmented rings. I wanted to see if I could insert a Celtic knot into a project larger than a simple rolling pin. The rough blank measured 8"x8"x14" tall. The Celtic veneer sheets were inserted into the kerf made with a band saw, and turned on the lathe.

Happy woodworking

*Mark*



## Gail Cone



Well I knew it would happen eventually. Most of the family knows that I am an avid wood turner. So recently I was asked if I would make an urn for a dear family member we recently lost. I could not turn the request down. The request was for a "companion urn". That is an urn to eventually hold the ashes of 2 persons. In this case a husband and wife. This

is my largest turning to date, in size and volume. It is turned from a single Cherry crotch I harvested a number of years ago. It had 4 large cracks and was very dry. The cracks I carved out to form rivers. These were filled with resin colored with iridescent blue pearl mica powder. The top and bottom cap rings are Walnut. The top screw on cap is Cherry with a Blue resin lake. The butterflies were laser engraved after the finish was applied. The finish is wipe-on polyurethane. The

finished size is roughly 10"H x 9" Diameter with a volume of approximately 380 cubic inches. One challenge for a turning this size is finding solid material. If I make more urns they will most likely be segmented turnings.

*Gail C.*



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

**Membership Dues:** Our annual GCW club dues for 2022 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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