

GOLD COUNTRY WOODCRAFTERS

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GCW Meeting Brief:

The October 11th meeting lasted about 1 and ½ hours. We had 32 members on hand for the night's activities. October was our Fall 2016 GCW Project Challenge meeting. We had 6 members participate with very interesting and creative projects. The Show and Tell segment had 3 members showing their craftsmanship. A usual the night's raffle awarded a number of great prizes including some nice pieces of wood donated by Harvey Myers. There are 2 items listed in the exchange corner section this month. Please take special note of the important notices listed under **Reminders** in the [Announcements/News](#) section.

Presidents Message:



Gold Country Woodcrafters, thank you for another fine meeting last week! Project Challenge night always brings out the best in our members and last Tuesday was certainly no exception. Thank you to all who participated.

It appeared by a show of hands that we may have another good showing for our toy drive that will culminate with our December meeting. Our toy drive is such a worthy cause and I urge everyone to participate in either making a few items or teaming up with someone to help out. Dale Gamble can help you with plans and materials or you can be creative and contribute some of your own favorites.

As another fall season is upon us, this provides a great opportunity to step back, relax and enjoy the beauty that surrounds us here in the foothills and be thankful for our family and friends. I hope that all or most of you can make our December meeting with your special guest so we can do just that!

Until next month, Enjoy!

Jim Hunt

October Project Challenge report:

For the GCW October Project Challenge out members were challenged any of 3 projects: a Puzzle, a Game or a What Not Box. We had 6 members who participated, they were John Roberts, Mark Butzler, Mick Dupper, Warren Wyllie, Harvey Myers, and John Cassidy. There were 3 What Not Boxes, 1 puzzle and 2 games. Pictures and descriptions of each entry are shown in the Project Challenge section below. All 6 participants received a special raffle ticket good for a single \$50 prize. Mick Dupper was the lucky winner.

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Announcements/news:

1. **Presentation Committee:** Ron Sexton gave a summary for the subjects for remaining meetings of 2016 and early 2017. The schedule is given below in the Meeting Topics section. We continue to solicit suggestions from our members for topics for future presentations. Be sure to contact Ron or one of his fellow committee members, John Brideson or David Boutcher with any ideas or requests.
2. **Toy program:** Dale Gamble gave a report on the current Toys For Tots program activity. A number of members are actively working on toys. Last year our members produced over 350 toys so the goal is set high again this year. More members are encouraged to join and help out on the great cause. If you would like to help out and need ideas, materials, patterns, etc please call Dale Gamble. Phone: 530-626-0210.
3. **September 24th Car show:** Ron Sexton gave a brief report on the GCW booth at the Park Community Church car show Sept. 24th. Harvey Myers, Homer Rail, Bill Hatwig and Bill Meronek helped at the booth and showed off their projects. A lot of people came by to marvel at the creativity of our club. In addition we were treated to a free concert by Carlos Santana. He played for about an hour and a half and then did an encore. It was really great listening to his music and can he play a fiddle. Ron said he was really tapping his foot to the beat.
4. **Reminders:**
 - a. **Membership Notice:** We still have not heard from a number of our GCW members concerning their club renewal for this club year . We hope the GCW club is providing a valuable venue for our fellow woodworkers to come and share their beloved hobby. Be sure to renew you membership soon. You can pay your \$20 dues at a meeting or send a check to the address given near the end of this newsletter. If you intend NOT to continue your GCW membership, please let us know and let us know why. If you have ideas as to how the club can better serve your needs, again let us know. Just reply to the email distributing the newsletter with any comments and they will be passed on.
 - b. **November Meeting:** November GCW meeting will be on the 3rd Tuesday (Nov. 15th) as the church is a voting precinct on our regular meeting night.
 - c. **December Meeting:** December is *bring your spouse/special guest* month. So mark your calendar Dec. 13th.

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d. **Tool swap:** Woodcraft Supplies is again hosting a tool swap meet Oct. 30 from 7AM to 12 noon. Get there early as the good stuff goes fast.

5. From the Floor:

- a. Ron Sexton showed off his latest encounter with the table saw. He managed after all these years of woodworking to finally test thumb meat against the saw blade. The blade won! Not real bad, but it did win a few stitches. Healing well....
- b. Paul Velk showed some very interesting pictures of vintage woodworking and timber harvesting from the "Man At Work Collection" at the Grohmann Museum.
- c. Dave Boutcher radial arm saw for sale. See Exchange Corner section for details.

Meeting Topics:

2016

November 15th (3rd Tuesday) CNC presentation. Steve Cabrol

December 13th Spouses Night, GCW year slide show and Toys for Tots presentations

2017

January 10th This is bring your antique tools show and tell night.

February 14th Video night. 1) Wagon Wheel making video. 2) Steam bending video.

March 14th The art of creating cutting boards. Presentation by Basil Borkert.

April 11th GCW 2017 Spring Project Challenge Night.

October 10th GCW 2017 Fall Project Challenge Night

May – Dec. to be announced.

If any of our members would like to give a presentation or have ideas for a presentation please contact Ron Sexton (hcwpvl@directcon.net) or one of his committee members David Boutcher (WE2Wheelers@sbcglobal.net) or John Brideson (jkbrideson@sbcglobal.net) and let them know. Remember this is your club and the more our club members participate in sharing knowledge the more proficient we all become at our common interest, woodworking.

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Project Challenge 6 Presenters:

John Roberts



Let the games begin. John's Project Challenge entry was a 4 way combination game board set that included Chinese Checkers, Backgammon, Aggravation, and the old favorite Checker Board. For the Chinese

Checkers he used a purchased pattern to locate the marble recesses. The Backgammon pieces are laser cut and were ordered from a Canadian firm. He created his own patterns for the Aggravation and Checkers boards.

John Cassidy



For the puzzle category John presented a cryptex (as seen in the DaVinci Code). This cryptex puzzle consists of 5 cylinders each marked with the 26 letter English alphabet. The object is to dial the built-in 5 letter code word to open the cryptex. There are over 9 million combinations possible to choose from when designing this cryptex. When the correct combination is dialed, the internal cylinder can be pulled out and depending on the cylinder's design can reveal hidden coins, notes, etc. John found it a challenge to fabricate all the components so they interacted smoothly.

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Warren Wyllie



For the game category Warren brought in his Monkey Ladder. The idea is to start a block (not shown) at the top rung. The block will flip back and forth traveling down the ladder. Warren explained and demonstrated the challenge of perfecting the block design so it reliably travels down through all the rungs. It requires the hole sizes and spacing to be just right and is a work in progress.

Mick Dupper



For the What Not Box category Mick entered this unique band saw box. It's a ducky one made of basswood. He described the process he used in crafting his duck box. After bandsawing and assembling the components it required considerable time in carving and sanding to create the final form. I think the feather (in the box) represents the reincarnation of a pet chicken.

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Mark Butzler



This What Not Box entry, by Mark Butzler, features oak and walnut woods. The lid was shaped using the table saw to taper the edges and the joinery used for the box was dovetail. Finish used was brushed polyurethane rubbed out. Mark has received requests now from his wife for more boxes to be used around the home. Looks like there will be more chances for Mark to practice his newly found dovetail joinery skills.

Harvey Myers



A What Not Box? Well maybe a What Not Lidded Bowl will do. The lid is turned from some nicely figured Yellow Pine. Harvey used CA (cyanoacrylate/superglue) to reinforce and fill the cracks before finishing. The base is turned from oak.

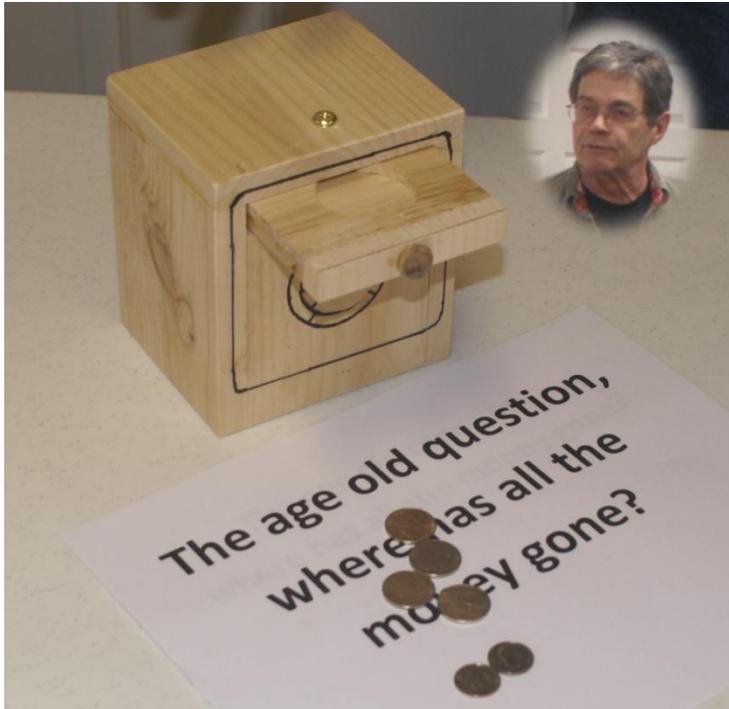
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Show and tell (3 presenters):

Paul Velk



Paul showed off an item he is making for the GCW Toys For Totes effort. It's a coin bank. He demonstrated how it works placing coins in the drawer and making them disappear. Retrieving your money takes slightly more effort. The screw in the top is removed and the drawer is removed. Then just dump. Don't tell the kids that! The kids should have lots of fun with this one.

Bill Meronek



Bill's talents in woodworking are growing by leaps and bounds. Here he shows off his latest work, a coffee table made using cherry. It features a tiled top with a smoked 1/4" tempered glass segment. To finish this project he first used tungoil and then use wipe-on polyurethane as the final coat.

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Dale Gamble



Dale showed our members what an oak wine barrel becomes in its afterlife. In this case, an Adirondack chair. He explained that this one is the third one that he has created. The challenge, he explained, is dealing with the complex angles and the curvatures in the oak barrel staves. He used only Thompsons water based Weather Seal to protect the chairs.

Raffle Results:

We now use the “raffle per item” method for distributing raffle prizes. Members put raffle stubs in a receptacle associated with a specific prize they are interested in.

- Woodcraft Gift \$25 certificate
- 40 Bin Organizer
- Revolving Storage bins
- Pin Nailer
- Maple Turning block Approx. 12” dia. ***
- Black Walnut Slab Approx. 16”x16” ***
- Sycamore Approx. 3”x3”x12” ***

Jim Hunt
John Cassidy
Steve Cabrol
Neil Knutsen
Gene Wagg
Dave Ulm
Mick Dupper

*** Wood Items graciously donated by Harvey Myers.

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Saw and Planer blade sharpening.

A number of members have asked about who we know that sharpens saw and planer blades. Well GCW member Ken Welsh can handle the job. Just give him a call.

WELSH'S SAW WORKS

Formerly Rocklin Saw Works

Ken Welsh

Owner

3021 Crystal View Drive
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762
(Off Bass Lake Road)

Phone: (530) 677-4938

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Businesses that support GCW: *Be sure to stop by Pro Builder*

Placerville, The Paint Spot, Churchill Hardware Cameron Park, Woodcraft Supply Sacramento and the Rockler Woodworking store in Rocklin. Please let them know how much Gold Country Woodcrafters appreciates their support.

Membership Dues: For those members wishing to renew their membership for the 2016-2017 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.**

The GCW Exchange Corner: 2 items listed this month.

- 1) **Wine Barrels (Referred by Mick Dupper):** Fellow woodcrafters, Findleton Estate Winery in Camino has Oak wine barrels for sale. Full size \$ 60.00 and Half size \$ 35.00. They are in excellent condition for making creative wood projects. Currently they have 20 available with more in the future. Call before driving to the winery, to check on availability. Contact information. 3500 Carson Road Camino, Ca 95709 (530) 644-4018
- 2) **Radial arm saw.** Dave Boutcher has a radial arm saw for sale. If interested send email: WE2Wheelers@sbcglobal.net .

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Regards and happy woodcrafting.

Gail Cone

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