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## GCW Newsletter Brief:

For October meeting we had a great turnout with 32 members in attendance. It seems that the Project Challenge meetings always draw more members. We have a new member, John Masters. Welcome to the club John. For the Show-N-Tell portion of the meeting we had 9 members showing their craftsmanship. In addition, we had 12 members that presented their "serving tray" for the October Project Challenge. That made for 21 project presentations at this meeting. Wow, that was impressive. Please take note of the special messages in this newsletter. There are 2 member messages this time around, Boys & Girls club fund raiser event and Jim Hunt shop maintenance tips.

## Topics to Visit:

- President's Message
- Important message from the GCW Executive Committee.
- Announcements and News: Be sure to read for detail info.
  - November meeting is Jig Night.
  - December holiday meeting.
- Meeting Show-N-Tell Summary.
- Fall Project Challenge Summary.

## President's Message:



Dear fellow GCW Members.

Hey, what an exciting meeting we had in October. The "Project Challenge" was taken seriously by a number of members showing some fantastic and interesting projects in addition to "Show & Tell". The challenge response also was so good it has been decided to add more challenges in the future. The next one is a December "Presidents Challenge". The topic is Christmas Ornaments. Also, the December meeting is going to be Potluck so bring your appetite, your favorite dish (and Christmas ornament). Jim Gott is organizing the December meeting and will have more detailed information in November so hope to see all of you there.

Happy Woodcrafting 🛠️🪚🔪

*Basil Borkert*

GCW President

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## Message From the GCW Executive Committee.

***Headline: The GCW Executive Committee is looking for members to fill 2 important positions, GCW President and GCW Treasurer. Members interested in joining the Executive Committee to fill an open position please let one of the committee members know.***

### Background:

Your GCW Executive Committee met just prior to the October regular club meeting. One of the agenda items was a review of the current committee members terms status. Each of the current members with terms ending at the end of this year (Dec. 31) were asked if they would be willing to serve for another 2year term. Your current members are Basil Borkert (Pres), Gail Cone (Vice Pres), Mark Butzler (Sec), Steve Cabrol (Treasurer), Jim Gott (MAL) and Rich Schwerin (MAL). Those with terms slated to end this year are Basil, Gail, Mark, Steve and Rich. Jim Gott's term ends next year. The committee members opting/volunteering to serve another 2 year term were Gail, Mark, and Rich. That leaves the Presidency and Treasurer committee positions open coming the end of December.

You may have noted that there are currently 6 committee members. The GCW Club Executive Committee is chartered in the Club Bylaws to have 7 members. We have been running at 6 members for a time as our membership has not recovered from the pandemic impact which leaves us with fewer people to choose from. The club took a 50% drop in membership due to the pandemic. We are now about 70% of our pre-pandemic membership.

If interested in helping our club grow and prosper, please contact one of your committee members to get more information.

### Members Discussing their projects during the break.



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## Announcements and News:

### Upcoming club meeting topics:

- **November 14<sup>th</sup>** Shop Jigs. Bring in your special/favorite woodworking jig to share.
- **December 12<sup>th</sup>:** For December we are having a special holiday meeting where members can bring their Spouse or that special guest to help celebrate the Holliday Season.  
**Planned Activities:**
  - Pot-Luck. We are asking members to bring a dish for a Potluck. Refreshments will also be available.
  - It's planned to have a special raffle for the guests with 2 winners.
  - Gift exchange.
    - We are asking the attending member or guest (or both), to bring a gift to be exchanged. (Bringing a gift to exchange is completely voluntary).
    - The gift can be something you have made (preferred) or purchased (your choice).
    - Each person bringing a gift to exchange will receive a special ticket. When your number is called, you will go select one of the gifts brought to the meeting. Stealing may be allowed one time.
  - Special Show-N-Tell. Members can bring any current project or project they have previously shown to show our members and guests.
  - Presidents Project Challenge: Make a Christmas ornament or decoration to show at the meeting.
  - We will also be having our regular members meeting raffle.
  - In addition, there will be a slide show running showing members projects presented though out the year.
- **January 9<sup>th</sup> 2024** Tentative: Presentation by Woodcraft Staff.
- 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.

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## Member Message Section:

**Placerville Boys and Girls Club Update:** Auction this coming March:

The Fund Raiser month has been changed from January to March. Don't forget to work on your project(s) to donate to the Boys and Girls club fund raiser this coming March 2024.

**Jim Hunt:** When you are out of projects or want to make use of spare time, here is a list of things to keep your shop ready for the next project:

### Tool maintenance during down time

#### **Hand Tools**

- Blow out orbital, belt sanders, clean/empty dust catcher bag
- Blow out electric motors
- Charge cordless batteries
- Check and repair/replace power cords
- Oil air tools, oil quick disconnects, repair leaks
- Sharpen chisels, scrapers
- Replace blades on skill saw, saber saw, scroll saw, oscillating saw

#### **Cutoff Saw**

- Blow out motor/under pivot table
- Check adjustment for accurate Cuts (vertical and horizontal)
- Replace/sharpen sawblade
- Replace throatplate for zero tolerance

#### **Table Saw**

- Blow out motor compartment
- Lube adjusting screws (dry lube)
- Clean/wax table
- Change saw blade (Ken can sharpen the dull one)
- Tune up blade, miter gauge and fence for accurate cutting

#### **Band Saw**

- Blow out wheel/motor compartments
- Replace Blade/Adjust block or bearing guides
- Clean Wheels/inspect rubber wheels for wear
- Tune up blade/table for accurate cuts
- Lube adjusting screws

#### **Lathe**

- Clean/Wax bed rails
- Blow out motor
- Check/Adjust live end and dead-end alignment
- Shape up and sharpen lathe tools

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## **Drill Press**

- Blow out motor and belt compartment
- Spray or apply belt dressing to drive belts
- Tune up table for a perfect 90 degree to spindle
- Check drill inventory discard/replace worn/missing bits

## **Misc**

- Empty shop vac/clean/replace filter (inline Vortex canister is really beneficial for catching most debris)
- Drain water out of compressors
- Replace or dress grinding wheels/wire brushes
- Stock up on standard items: A dry erase board on your shop door is a great way to keep a shopping list of materials/tools needed. Then just snap a pic of it when you go “shopping”. Glue, sandpaper (common grits of: sheet, belts, discs), rags, tapes, disposable chip and acid brushes, spare AA, AAA, 2035 batteries Standard screws, pneumatic gun nails
- Clean/condition work benches, work surfaces
- Clean pipe, wood, C clamps of built up glue
- Weed out/replace worn tools like screw tips, router bits, etc
- Weed out scrap wood...unless very expensive, anything under 12” long or square. If you haven’t used it in a year, you probably won’t...you will always develop more scrap to replace it!

ENJOY YOUR NEXT SHOP EXPERIENCE!!



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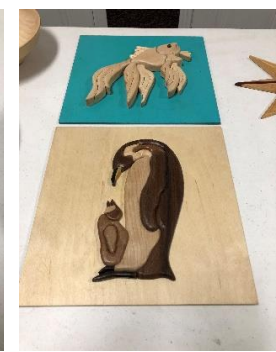
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## October meeting Show-N-Tell Summary:



For the October meeting we had 9 members presenting their projects in the Show-N-Tell. Mark Butzler managed the session as usual. The Show-N-Tell presenters in order were: Roy Carter: , Frank Fantino: , Casey Keller: , Basil Borkert: , Bob Brown: , David White: , Oscar Wittrock: , Gordon Patnude: , and Gail Cone. Thumbnail pictures are shown in order of presentation.



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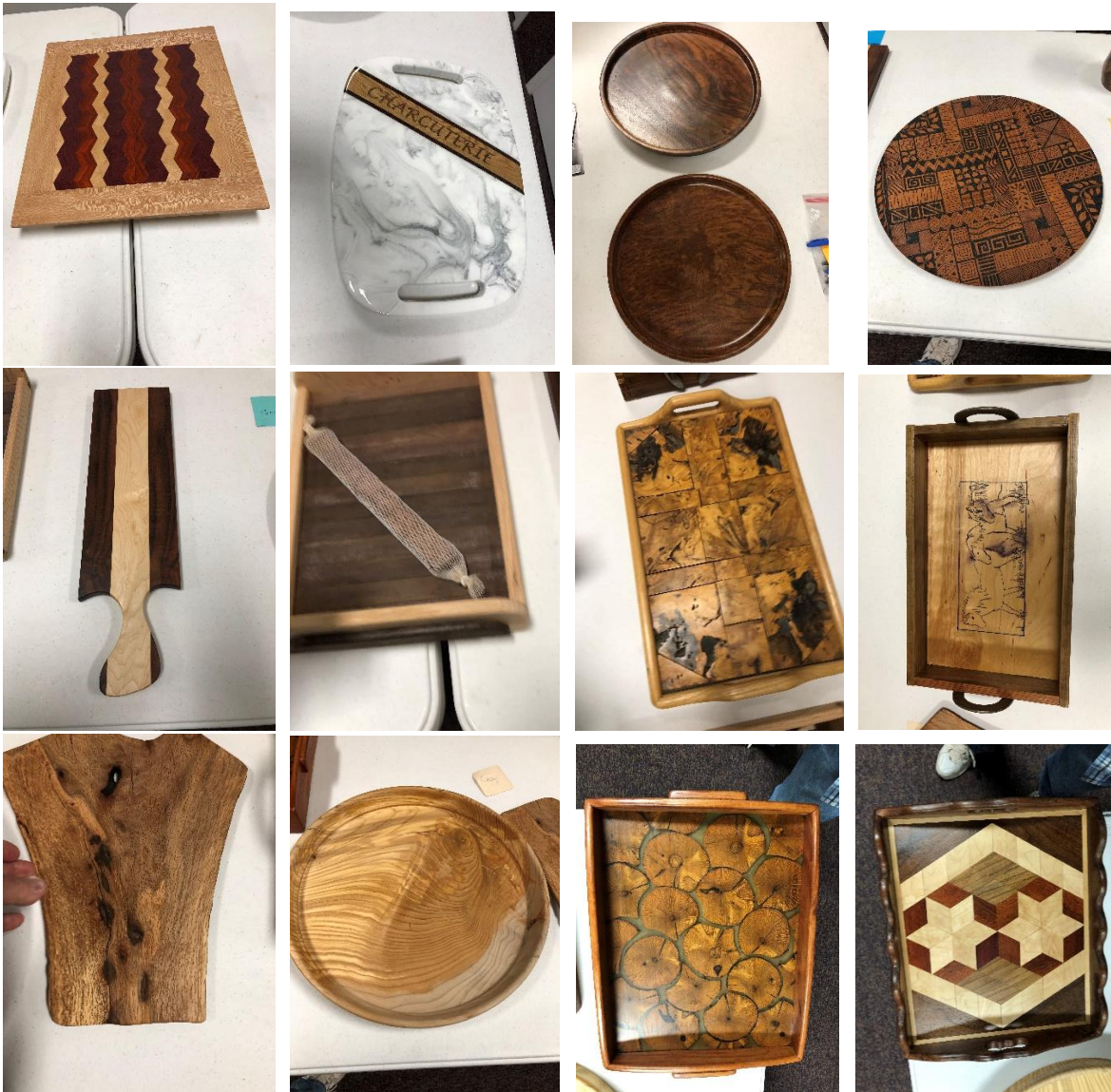
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## Fall GCW Project Challenge “Serving Tray”:

The theme for our Fall GCW Project Challenge was to make a “Serving Tray”. We had a great turnout for this event as there were 12 members submitting their “Serving Tray” project. Mark Butzler managed the challenge presentations. Challenge presenters in order were: Rich Schwerin, Jim Hunt, Don Lawson, Gail Brooks, Michael-Jay, Micky Dupper, Ed Woodards, JR Law, Casey Keller, Dean Marietta, and Mark Butzler. Each member entering their project received a raffle ticket for a single \$50 prize. Michael-Jay, was the lucky \$50 winner. The following thumbnail photos are shown in order of project presentation.

The next page shows a few members presenting their Serving Tray challenge project.





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Ed Woodards



Dean Marietta



Micky Dupper



James law



Mark Butzler



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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.

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