

# GOLD COUNTRY WOODCRAFTERS

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## GCW Newsletter Brief:

The September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting was well attended with 34 members in attendance. In addition we have gained another new member, Paul Morris. Welcome to the GCW club Paul. The night's meeting was moderated by Ron Sexton. We had a presentation by member John Roberts on ways to accomplish woodworking tasks even when not at 100%. For the September's Show-N-Tell we had a large turn out, with 10 members presenting their numerous projects and woodworking tips.

**Late breaking news,** John Brideson will be stepping in as our GCW President on an interim basis. For those that are new, John was the founder of the GCW club in 2007.

**Don't forget to get your project(s) completed to enter into the October Project Challenge. Check the "Announcements and News" section for details. Also**

I would like to offer a special thanks to Rich Schwerin and John Cassidy for providing information and photos for this newsletter.

## Vice Presidents Message:



### Gold Country Woodcrafters

The Executive Committee met before the September meeting. One of the items discussed was the annual Toys for Tots program. It was decided that there was not enough interest in a working-shop get-together to make the effort worth pursuing this year. However we would like to emphasize the need for the Toys for Tots program and hope some members will still make toys this year individually.

As a suggestion, perhaps we could plan a workshop for the Memory Box program, sadly a continuing need. A workshop for the boxes brings along skill lessons for their construction and can be a fascinating exercise for the experienced to share with novice woodworkers.

The outgoing treasurer, Steve Cabrol, prepared a yearly budget for Jerry Preston so he will have a good start as Treasurer.

Additional discussions centered on how to simplify the tasks of president. A number of ideas were presented and are under consideration by the executive committee..

The next Executive meeting is November, we hope you attend and will consider helping your club. Thanks to the committee members who continue to work to help our club.

See you for Project Challenge on October 8th.

*GCW Vice President*

*Tim Bynon*

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## Presentation, John Roberts:



For the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting we had a presentation given by John Roberts. His objective was to share ideas and tips he has discovered that allow one to continue enjoying their woodworking hobby even with ones physical limitations.

He brought in a number of tools and jigs he has found useful, giving him the edge he needs to make woodworking a pleasant task. Some of the items he uses are shown in the picture on the left. In addition he described some features he has added to his floor model tools to make adjustments/configuration changes easier that would normally be a strain. One example was a motor control he added to his drill press for raising and lowering the table.

The presentation prompted a number of discussions and contributions from our members.



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## Announcements and News:

- 1) **Dues are DUE:** The new GCW 2019-2020 club year began September 1. So if you have not yet done so, bring \$20 to the next meeting or pay by mail, see address at the end of this newsletter.
- 2) **Opening for GCW Club President:** John Brideson will be filling in as GCW president. John volunteered to fill the vacancy on an interim basis and the Executive Committee members have whole heartedly accepted his offer. This change takes effect immediately. There is still a need for someone to permanently fill the position of club president. For more information on what this involves just contact any committee member. Also, copies of the club's Bylaws are available for the asking. Just send a request to the same email address distributing this newsletter.
- 3) **Annual Toys for Tots program:** The Executive Committee was decided to forgo the Toys for Tots program this year. There are a number of reasons for this decision. Mainly, in recent years, there has been fading interest in participating in creating the toys for this effort. That said, members that are interested in creating toys are encouraged to do so. If parts are needed (wheels, etc) let one of the committee members know. There is still a large inventory of parts available for the asking.
- 4) **October 8<sup>th</sup> GCW Project Challenge:** Time to stop procrastinating. If you have not yet finished your entry, times a wasting. The objective is to make something from a Walnut Gunstock blank, or make something from a single construction 2x4 (Douglas Redwood, etc). A \$25 raffle for participants will be held and plus all entrants will receive a certificate suitable for framing.
- 5) **Meeting Topics for 2019:**

**October 8<sup>th</sup>:** Fall GCW Project Challenge. See above.

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

**December 10<sup>th</sup>:** 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.

**January 14<sup>th</sup>:** In planning stage.

*Members that have ideas for presentations 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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## Show-N-Tell (10 members):

### *Don Lawson*



Don Turned a Banksias Pod and mounted it in an ebony base. Don noted his surprise (consternation) as the cone began "launching" seeds at him as he completed the turning



### *John Brideson*



John created a fine gift box to commemorate a wedding. It features secure brass fittings and flocking on the interior of his work.



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*Craig Milliron*



Craig expanded his array of bottle stoppers and openers using Ruth Niles stainless steel parts. He showed the unique bottle opener last month. On a couple of the new stoppers he added the fine detail design using CNC machining. Woods used were assorted hardwoods.

The unique bottle stoppers and openers are available from the Ruth Niles website. [Ruth Nile Website](#)

*Basil Borkert*



Basil assembled a tray with sides cut from his original mixed hardwoods glue up and joined at the corners with box joints. The tray contains black walnut, beech, maple, cherry and purple heart.

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*Susan Settle*



Susan continues to show how our shop scraps can be repurposed toward “wood-art”. Again she utilized a variety of hardwood scraps to decorate a pen/pencil/organizer box along with a variety of carved stylus in the foreground.



*Sam Garcia*



It looks to be game time for Sam. Here he used Maple and Paduak with a Claro Walnut base. The cribbage board base has a recess for both playing cards and pins, held and aligned with magnets.

How did he get the holes so straight?





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*Terry Heart*



Terry created this large platter from a rare Black Maple and a smaller plate of Bradford Pear. Both were enhanced using pyrographic detailing. Very fine work, Humm, maybe a demonstration is in order.

Need mug shot...

*Dale Gamble*



Dale's "firewood" bandsaw box conceals a lighter; the smaller and smoother boxes are cut from Koa. This is definitely the ultimate definition of repurposed wood!



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## *Victor Larson*



Victor completed the Mahogany box he started in the demonstrations given in June. Now he has added a two-tier box of Black Walnut bandsaw box to the collection. He also showed a "Kuska", a bowl fashioned after the Swedish carved back-packing cups.



## *Nelson Exum*



Nelson, our music man, showed a new stand for his third Koa Wood ukulele. By popular request Nelson also strummed a few chords for the group. Yes, there is a stand. Turn page sidewise to see...



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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. *\*places offering GCW members discounts.*

**Membership Dues:** For those members wishing to renew their membership for the 2019-2020 year by mail here is the information you need. Make out a \$20 check payable to Gold Country Woodcrafters. Send to: Jerry Preston, PO Box 187, Pollock Pines, CA 95726. ***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*

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 making me look good.*

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