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GCW Newsletter Brief:

For September we had a fair turnout with around 25 members in attendance. For this meeting John Brideson, our club founder, gave a presentation on the advantages and use of a router table including demoes. For the Show-N-Tell portion of the meeting we had a whopping 12 members showing their craftsmanship. Four members submitted project contributions for this newsletter. 4 out of 12, Hmmm. There are no member messages this time around.

Topics to Visit:

- Announcements and News:
 - October Project Challenge. Time's running out to create your project!
 - Upcoming meeting topics. Please review.
- September presentation. John Brideson
- The Raffle Show.
- Meeting Show-N-Tell Summary.
- September Project Newsletter Submissions.


President's Message:



Dear fellow GCW Members.

Well, Fall is here not only on the calendar but weather wise as well. I had to turn on the heater in the shop in order to cure resin yesterday. Looking forward to next summer already. If you missed the September meeting well, let me tell you what you missed. First there was an outstanding display of projects on the show and tell table. Second, a descriptive and informative demo on the router table by John Brideson. Thank you, John. Third a chance at some great "take home" goodies from Rich Schwerin's raffle table. Fourth (and best of all) the opportunity to mix and mingle with a bunch of good folks with loads of useful woodcraft information.

My advice, don't miss the next one.

Happy crafting 

Basil Borkert

GCW President

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Announcements and News:

October Project Challenge: The theme for our Fall GCW Project Challenge is to make a “Serving Tray”. Members entering their project will receive a raffle ticket for a single \$50 prize. Time is short so better get busy to create your unique kitchen accessory.

Upcoming meeting topics:

- October 10th Fall GCW Project Challenge. The theme for the Fall project challenge is a “Serving Tray”. Here’s your chance to really be creative and create that great addition to your kitchen or a gift for that special family member.
- November 14th Shop Jigs. Bring in your special/favorite woodworking jig to share.
- December 12th: Bring a guest. The current plan (in development) is to have members bring their Spouse or that special guest to help celebrate the Holliday Season. It’s planned to have a special raffle for the guests with 2 winners. We are asking those attending to bring a gift to be exchanged. (Bringing a gift to exchange is completely voluntary). The gift can be something you have made or purchased (your choice). Each person bringing a gift to exchange will receive a special ticket. When your number is called you will go grab one of the gifts brought to the meeting. Stealing may be allowed one time. This plan will be presented at upcoming meetings to elicit feedback.
- January 9th 2024 To be determined.
- 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.

Update: Placerville Boys and Girls Club 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.

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September Presentation, Router Table Usage, John Brideson:



For September John Brideson, our club founder, gave a presentation covering the features, benefits and usage of a router table in the shop. He brought with him his router table to show members some of the features that make this tool so useful. During the presentation he did some router machining to demonstrate the table in use. He pointed out that the main advantage of having a router table is the control you have over routing materials versus free hand using jigs, as a result it is safer. Some of the main table features discussed included router bit storage, dust collection, miter slot, router

lift, and fence. There were numerous questions from the floor which prompted some great discussions on the topic. Note, there was no cleanup required from the wood machining due to the very efficient dust collection of John's setup. Thanks John.

The Raffle Show:



Rich Schwerin shown here M.C.ing the raffle. Rich is doing a masterful job of managing our GCW meeting raffles. He hunts down new items both new and used plus sorts and presents the numerous donations from our generous members. He has to haul this stuff in and out and store it at his home. In addition to just managing the raffle he makes the raffle a fun event. Rich has a grand sense of humor and shares it with our members providing an uplifting feeling throughout the room. Thank you, Rich for the laughter and helping make our meetings even more enjoyable.

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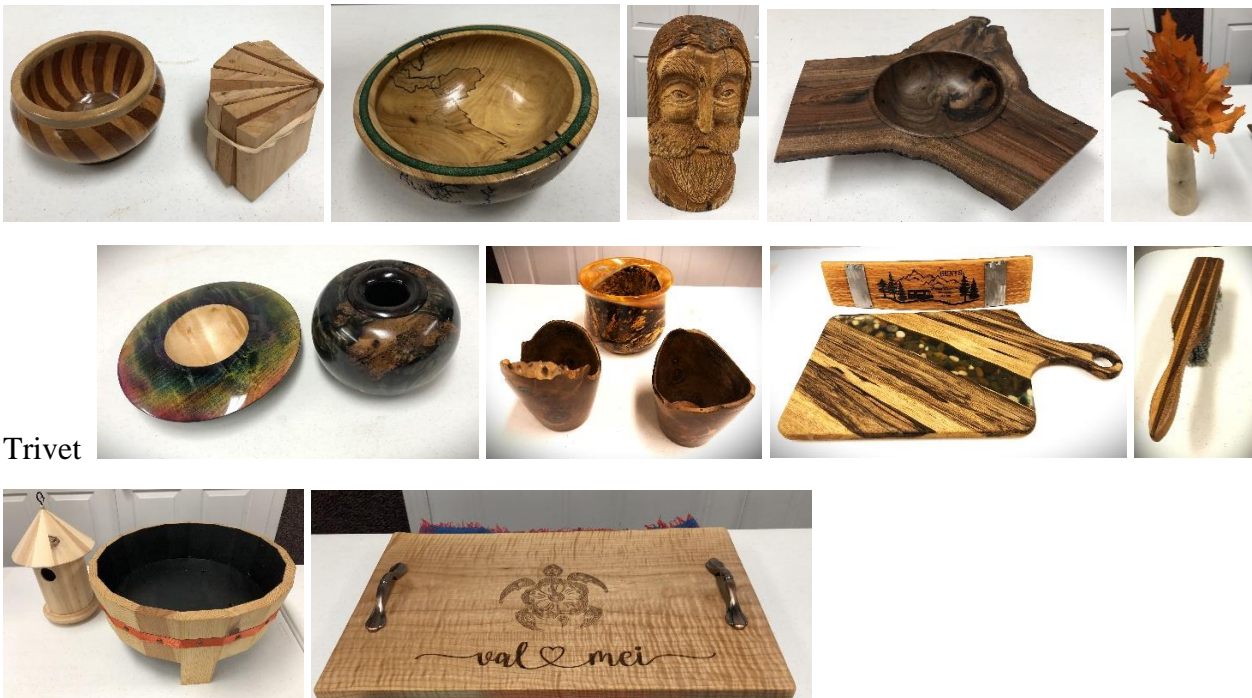
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September 2023 meeting Show-N-Tell Summary:

For September meeting we had a grand total of 12 members presenting their projects in the Show-N-Tell. Mark Butzler managed the session as usual. The Show-N-Tell presenters were: **Ron Sexton***: Tangent Stave Bowl, **Basil Borkert**: Bowl w/Fractal Design, **Micky Dupper***: Woodsman Bust Carving, **Jim Gott***: Winged Walnut Crotch Bowl, **Oscar Wittrock**: Turned Vase, **Gordon Patnude**: Trivet, **Gail Cone***: Resin w/Mistletoe Root and Dyed Rim Bowl, **David White**: 3 Bowls – 1 w/resin, **Jim Hunt**: Oak River Cutting Bd and Lasered Oak Stave, **Rich Schwerin**: Shop Brush, **Kevin Kaser**: Round Planter Box and Bird House, and **Cristine Creel**: Lasered Serving Tray. Those members with an * contributed to this newsletter. Thumbnail pictures are shown in order of presentation.

Candid Photos of 9 of the September presenting members are featured on the following page. Photos curtesy of Rich Schwerin (Thank you Rich). Remember to smile if Rich is around!



Trivet

Sorry, missed getting picture of Gordon's Trivet.

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September Project Submissions (4 Members):

Micky Dupper



Here is my Woodman I brought to the September meeting. It is a Cedar log 10" diameter by 17" tall. I used a Arbortech power carver to rough it out. The rest is a lot of Dremel work. I used Sabur Tooth and Kutz all bits for faster cutting and smaller bits for finer detail. I did a little woodburning detail on the Oak leaf head, eyes and mouth. It is finished with TWP (Total Weather Preservative) Natural. This was my first large size carving. Lots of fun trying something different.

Micky



Jim Gott



Here is my show and tell for the September meeting. A winged bowl from a Walnut crotch. The cracks and bark inclusion voids were filled with Starbucks Via instant coffee powder and thin CA glue. The finish is wipe on poly.

Jim



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Ron Sexton



Here is the project I showed at the September meeting. It is a Tangent Stave bowl with Plum, Mahogany, and Walnut woods. It is about 5"D x 4"H. This is the 1st I've done of this type and it was a challenge but I enjoyed doing it. I may do another one using different woods.

Ron



Gail Cone



Here are the 2 pieces I showed at the September meeting. The dyed ring bowl is 10"D x 2"H and is turned from Silver Maple. The top is rubbed out Lacquer. The vase is 9"D x 5"H and is resin with Mistletoe Root. It required 2 liters of resin and was cast in a 2.5 liter bucket. The coloring was black, gold and silver pearl mica powders. The top ring is Redwood Burl dyed black. It was sanded to 2000 and polished using Meguiars automotive polishing compounds. It was then waxed on a Beall Buffing wheel.



Gail

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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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