

# Gold Country Woodcrafters

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## GCW Meeting Brief:

The March 10th GCW meeting lasted about 1 hour 30 min. We had 31 members and 2 guests present. One guest got a lot of attention to say the least. Ken Welsh brought Tequila with him. No not the liquid kind. This was his little Chihuahua.

The main event was a presentation by Mr. Adam Panto, an expert woodcraftsman and frequent instructor at Woodcraft Supply. Adam has presented to our club before and we were happy to have him join us again. This time Adam gave a great presentation on his techniques for creating and setting inlays. Thanks to John Brideson for organizing this presentation. We would also like to thank Woodcraft Supply of Sacramento for making Adam available to us.

Lots of information was presented on current club activities. Read about it in the **Announcements/news** section.

We had 4 show and tell presenters, Harvey Myers, Nelson Exum, Jim Hunt and John Roberts.

Be sure to check out the **GCW Exchange Corner**. There are 4 listings of some cool stuff so check it out.

## Presentation by Mr. Adam Panto



Adam described his design, assembly and preparation of the inlays he uses in his projects. He then demonstrated the preparation of the substrate before cutting the relief to receive the prepared inlay. He showed a number of inlays he created including segmented fans using various materials. To create his inlays he starts by bandsawing the material to rough dimension. He then uses a drum sander to reach the desired inlay thickness (1/8" - 3/16"). Sanding starts at 24-36 grit! Don't forget to use a carrier board and clean the drum often. Adam gave us a demonstration on how to mark and remove

material for acceptance of the inlay.

Key points:

- 1) Scribe substrate using sharp knife (several times) using inlay as template.
- 2) Uses forstner bit to establish depth of inlay in substrate.

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- 3) Uses plunge router to clear bulk of inlay area. He used a FesTool Router with attached vacuum (NO DUST). They have them at Woodcraft.
- 4) After clearing most of the inlay area with the router he uses a single bevel chisel (carbon steel) and coved carving tools to clean area up to scribed line. Deep scribe is the key.
- 5) He cautioned about trying to be too aggressive. Be patient and work up to scribe line in small steps. (small chips).
- 6) Try to cut below inlay thickness on final cut to get clean edge.
- 7) Slightly sand back edges of inlay to make it easier to install in substrate.
- 8) Use yellow glue sparingly to glue in inlay. Don't want to have glue trapped preventing inlay from fully seating.
- 9) Use flat board on top of inlay and lots of pressure to seat inlay.
- 10) Keep clamped to prevent inlay from rising until dry.
- 11) Finish sanding assembly to level.

## Classes available at Woodcraft

Adam is teaching a class on March 28<sup>th</sup> at Woodcraft on the techniques of doing stringing and inlays. If you are interested in this or any of his upcoming woodworking classes call Woodcraft Supply (916 362 9664) for information. The cost of his class is normally \$125. However, if you mention Adam's presentation at Gold Country Woodcrafters you can get a %10 discount. I would recommend this class for those who desire to improve or develop inlay skills.

## Announcements/news:

- 1) **GCW Mentor List status** Homer Rail announced that the GCW Mentor List has been created and the plan is to publish it on the GCW website by April. No hard copies will be passed out. The GCW Mentor listings document will be key protected. That is members wishing to lookup GCW Mentor contact information will need to supply a key before viewing the document. The MENTOR KEY will be revealed at the next meeting in April. Members can also obtain the MENTOR KEY by requesting it from any of the members of the GCW Executive Committee. It will only be given out to members in good standing. The contact information in this list is meant to be used purely for the purpose of consulting on woodworking topics. The contact information and MENTOR KEY are NOT to be published or shared. The GCW members listed as mentors on this list have volunteered to be available to help fellow members with woodworking questions and advice. Please respect their privacy by not using the contact information for any other purpose.

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- 2) **Publicity (Jim Hunt) Folsom Telegraph** Jim reported that was working to get a GCW article in the Folsom Telegraph. As this newsletter is being written (literally ) we got word from the Folsom Telegraph that they are very interested in doing an article featuring our club. Way to go Jim!
- 3) **Publicity (Jim Hunt) Craft Fair in Cameron Park** Jim also told us that the Cameron Park Community District has a craft fair event in May and is looking to see if there is interest by members in setting up a publicity booth. Cost for the booth would be \$55. The objective would be to advertise the club and display some of our members work. If you would like to participate in having a booth please contact Jim Hunt at [jhunt@srco.com](mailto:jhunt@srco.com). More to come at April's meeting.
- 4) **Publicity (Jim Hunt) Eldorado County Fair** Jim has looked into what is required to have GCW member projects shown at the EDC Fair. Please review the following and if you are interested in displaying your work and promoting the GCW club please contact Jim Hunt at [jhunt@srco.com](mailto:jhunt@srco.com). Here are the facts as we know them now. More to come at April's meeting.
  - a. Fair schedule is June 18-21
  - b. It is suggested that we enter our projects in section 120, division 64, class 2. This is basically the exhibit hall for crafts in the category of "other".
  - c. We need to turn in our applications by May 20. Each person interested will fill out an application. There is a limit to two items per person and a fee of \$3.00 per item.
  - d. Items for display will need to be delivered to the fair office (Marshall Bldg) on June 10 between 10:00 am and 8:00 pm. Judging will occur on June 11.
  - e. Fair personnel will take possession of our pieces and handle arranging them in the display.
  - f. We will need to pickup our items after the fair on June 22 between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm at the same location as we dropped them off.
  - g. Jim is working on getting them to display our banner with our entries as well.
  - h. Jim can coordinate getting the applications and fees together and getting coordinated at the next meeting if there is interest.
  - i. This is basically an individual effort but it would be nice to advertise the club as well.
- 5) **Idea to improve Raffle prizes** Jim Hunt suggested that members solicit woodworking related businesses to donate items for our club's monthly meetings. Anyone that has contacts in related businesses are encouraged to ask if they would be interested in donating. Any business that donates will be promoted at our meetings and in our monthly newsletter. Currently as you may know, Woodcraft Supply donates the \$25 gift certificate and Pro Builders Supply located of Placerville occasionally donates items.
- 6) **April Project Challenge** Warren Wyllie reminded members that April is Project Challenge month. It is to be a display rack, shelf display, etc. Let your imagination be your guide. A link to the guidelines (very few) can be found on the GCW website in the calendar page listing for Jan. 2015. Remember the only real rule is that it must be WOOD.

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- 7) **Free Router Lift Crank** John Roberts had updated his router table and no longer needed his router lift crank. He gave it away free to one of our members during the meeting. This is a real good reason to come to meetings. You never know what you will go home with.
  
- 8) **Request for Memorial Boxes** One of our members, John Cassidy, is looking for volunteers to make Memorial Boxes for families who have lost children due to cancer. The effort is sponsored by KEATON-RAPHAEL-MEMORIAL. I have attached 2 documents to the email that provide detail information. Generally the boxes should be 13.5 X 11 X 3.5 with lid, hinged or not. Any nice looking material and as fancy or plain as the builder wants. If you are interested in helping out you can contact John Cassidy at [johnny601@netzero.net](mailto:johnny601@netzero.net). Also you can contact: Jessica Alonzo. 916 757 6134 KEATON-RAPHAEL-MEMORIAL [childcancer.org](http://childcancer.org).

## Upcoming Meetings:

*April 14<sup>th</sup> 7 PM* Project Challenge Month.

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## Show and tell:

### *Jim Hunt*



Jim's latest creation is a wine box made of cedar. It has copper inlay stained with alcohol based dyes. The cedar was recycled from an irrigation flume obtained from the Eldorado Irrigation District (EID). He also showed a liquid amber turned vase. The turning cracked as some do. Jim took advantage of this and filled the voids with turquoise making it a very unique piece.

### *Nelson Exum*





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Nelson made this banjo. Yes he did. The main body/resonator and neck are hard maple. The body was segmented and turned. The fingerboard he inlaid with turquoise. The Head and pot were purchased. Nelson demoed the banjo by playing a tune. Good work Nelson.

## *Harvey Myers*



Harvey brought in his latest turning. This vase is turned from cedar. Really nice figure in this one. how did he hollow out this vase with such a small hole you ask. Well he admitted his secret. He admitted that it was hollowed from the bottom.

***John Roberts*** (sorry John, somehow I missed getting a picture)

John showed his Cribbage Board made of Cherry and Maple.

## Treasures Report:

Our treasure Burt Stride reported club balance of \$799. Includes membership dues (1 renewal), raffle income and expenses ( gift cards \$50).

## Raffle:

-- Woodcraft \$25 Gift Cert.                      Bill Meronek

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- Home Depot \$25 Gift Card      Larry Pfost
- Lowes      \$25 Gift Card.      Ralph Berry

## Next meeting:

Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. This is Project Challenge Night.

## Membership Dues:

For those members wishing to renew their membership for the 2014-2015 club year dues by check, here is the information you need. Make out a \$20 check payable to Gold Country Woodcrafters. Send to: Burt Stride, 2391 Talon Dr., Shingle Springs, 95682. Please note on the envelope ATT: Gold Country Woodcrafters.

## The GCW Exchange Corner:

- 1) We received a contact via our website email looking for a wood craft person to make an outdoor bench or hope chest for an upcoming auction. They are willing to pay for the project. If interested contact Patty Gentile . Email [Pattyg67@me.com](mailto:Pattyg67@me.com) Phone (916)206-2865
- 2) Mountain Demo articles prompted some phone calls.
  - a. Eric Kocher, 530 333 1602 (lives near the church) has several pieces of woodworking items esp. a Radial Arm Saw, Craftsman w/4 blades.
  - b. Another caller has lots of plywood available and his number is 530 677 2360.
- 3) Mr. Jim Riordan of Cameron Park recently inherited a number of woodworking tools. Since he mainly works in metal he would like to find these tools good homes. All are like brand new (really!). If you would like to see them, please call for appointment 530-676-1930 or email Mr. Riordan and he can send photos. He will be happy to show them to you. Offers would be accepted but these prices are about bottom. He works from our home so is here most of the time right near the Cameron Park CSD/Library. He congratulations GCW on all the good things you folks are doing for the community! He has offered to discount some if paid by cash.
  - a. There is a Bosch planer in case \$125.

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- b. Rigid, sliding compound 12" miter saw with laser w/Titanium coated blade, plus a new 12 in. carbide blade. It is on a folding Rigid "utility cart. All for \$425.
- c. Bosch router on table, floor stand and full set of new Skil Router blades.
- d. A like new Hawk 20" scroll saw on floor stand with LOTS of extra new blades and many books of scroll saw designs for only \$775.

Regards and happy woodcrafting.

Gail Cone

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