

GOLD COUNTRY WOODCRAFTERS

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GCW Newsletter Brief:

For the February meeting we had a total of 29 members and 3 guests in attendance. We have a new member, Adam Fritz. Welcome to the GCW club Adam. For this meeting we had Manny Lavrador, Operations Manager, at HARDWOODS Rancho Cordova/Sacramento (previously Aura Hardwoods) gave a presentation on wood species, characteristics and availability. This presentation really did stand out. We had 10 members sharing their latest craftsmanship in the evening's Show-N-Tell. Our raffle and special silent auction were a fantastic. Thank you to all the members who contributed and Great Job Rich. There are 2 members messages.

Topics to Visit:

- President's Message
- **2 Important Messages** from the GCW Executive Committee.
- 2024 Club Meetings topics.
- February meeting presentation: Hardwoods species, characteristics, availability.
- February Show-N-Tell.
- Member messages: (2): AAW Symposium in Portland, Or. and Boys & Girls club fund raiser.

President's Message:



Fellow GCW members: I think our February meeting went well. I still think two hours is not enough time. We need to share ideas, talents and experiences. There is a lot of talent and knowledge in that room that isn't coming out. I hope we can improve on that.

I would like to thank Manny from HARDWOODS Rancho Cordova for the great wood presentation, and for all those who helped set up, run the meeting, and clean up.

Just a reminder that annual dues of \$25 are due this last January.

If you have anything you might want to donate for the raffle, it helps raise funds for the club.

The Presidents challenge for April is something to be used outdoors. Trying to go with a springtime theme. Something like furniture, serving tray, bird/bat house, bird feeder, maybe things to hang in the garden. No judgement. We love to see everyone's work. Each contributor will receive a raffle ticket.

The boys and girls club fund raiser is March 16th. There's still time. Contact Gail Brooks if you have something to donate, or if you want to attend the dinner & auction. Please see the flyer page 7 in this newsletter.

If you're thinking of going to the Woodturners Symposium May 23-26, that is in Portland OR, let us know. There is a group discount. But that has to be done before April 5th. I am looking forward to the March 12th meeting as members Basil and Mark will be giving a presentation on crafting cutting boards.

If you have any ideas on how to improve the meetings, please let me know. Remember woodworking works the mind more than anything. Enjoy the zen. Live in the moment.

David White
GCW President

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Messages From the GCW Executive Committee.

2024 Dues are due:

If you have not yet paid your 2024 club dues, please try to do so soon. Your dues are used primarily to pay the rent for the meeting room each month. Like a lot of things, that cost has gone up significantly (to an unanticipated level) in the last few months. Paying your dues, on time, helps the GCW Executive Committee manage the budget for the year. The only other money the club receives is from the raffle and special donations. The raffle is self-supporting. That is, almost all proceeds from raffle tickets goes to cover the cost of raffle prizes. Anything extra helps offset the cost of the meeting snacks. If you are unable to pay dues at a meeting, please send in your \$25 check to the address at the end of the newsletter.

Thank You:
Gail Cone
GCW Vice Pres.

Treasurer Needed.

Steve Cabrol has been our treasurer for a number of years as well a long time as the NorCal treasurer. He would really like to retire. So, we need to find someone to fill the position on the committee. This is an important position and we need to find someone willing to take on this function soon. If you can help, please let one of the committee members know or just respond to the newsletter email.

Remember THIS IS YOUR CLUB. You can help the club grow and prosper, please contact one of your committee members to get more information.

Upcoming club meetings:

2024

- March 12th GCW members Mark Butzler and Basil Borkert will be giving a presentation on designing and crafting designer/unique cutting boards.
- April 9th Spring President's Challenge. Theme is an outside Spring project. Anything to be used or enjoyed outdoors. Each participant will receive a raffle ticker for the meeting's regular raffle.
- May 14th TBD
- June 11th TBD
- July 9th Summer break. No July meeting planned
- August 13th TBD
- September 10th TBD
- October 8th Fall Presidents Project Challenge. Theme TBD.
- November 12th TBD
- December 10th Holiday meeting including Spouse/Special Friend to celebrate the holiday season. It will feature a silent Show-N-Tell, Pot-Luck, Gift Exchange, Guest raffle, and a Christmas President's project challenge.

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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Hardwoods Presentation:



We were treated to a great presentation by Manuel Lavrador, Operations Manager at HARDWOODS Rancho Cordova/Sacramento. The HARDWOODS store is located at the facility that was previously Aura Hardwoods. Their customer base is primarily commercial however the Rancho Cordova store also sells retail. HARDWOODS has up-wards of 35 stores under the HARDWOODS name however that is just a subset of the larger company. Stores are located throughout the US and Canada.

Besides lumber they have a large range of specialty products. The lumber sizes available for most of their popular wood products come in 4, 5, 6, 8 and 12 quarter. They carry a few tropical wood species in 4 and 8 quarter.

Manuel (he goes by Manny) impressed our members by his breath of knowledge in wood species, their cost, availability, characteristics, comparisons and work-ability. He brought a number of wood samples with him to use during his presentation. He spent some time talking about each and answering questions. This writeup could not do justice to all the information provided. However here is just a small sample.

Hardwood trees are defined by plants that produce fruit, nuts, flowers where as softwood trees (conifers) produce bare seeds, like in pinecones. Manny explained that from region to region within the same species wood characteristics such as size, hardness and color can vary widely. These differences are caused by local soil types, and weather.

He was asked if they carry Baltic Birch. The answer was no, as it turns out the original Baltic Birch is produced in Russia and they choose not to buy Russian products. They do sell alternative products that are actually produced in the U.S. that have the same characteristics.

We would like to thank Manny and his son Ray (who also works at HARDWOODS) for visiting us and giving such an informative presentation. This will go down as one the best Company/Organization presentations we have had.

HARDWOODS Rancho Cordova address: 2477 Mercantile Dr Rancho Cordova.

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February Show-N-Tell:

For the February meeting we had 10 members presenting their craftsmanship in the Show-N-Tell. Mark Butzler managed the session as usual. The Show-N-Tell presenters candid photos are shown below. Also, note Ron Sexton's unique solution to solving a drive belt tension problem, photos last row and the Feb. 2024 meeting photo page 6. Photos by Rich Schwerin.



Ron Sexton



David White



Adam Fritz (the new guy)



Basil Borkert



Gail Cone



Don Lawson



Gail Brooks



Mark Butzler



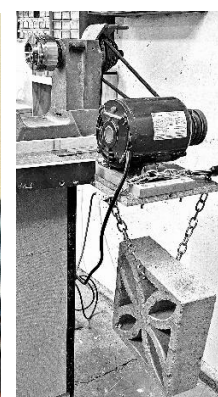
Oscar Wittrock



Gordon Patnude



Ron Sexton with his solution for belt tension!!!!



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Show-N-Tell Project Photos:



Ron Sexton



Dave White



Adam Fritz



Basil Borkert



Gail Cone



Don Lawson



Gail Brooks



Mark Butzler



Oscar Wittrock



Gordon Patnude

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Member Message Section:

- 1) **Don Lawson:** AAW Woodturners Symposium 23-26 May, that is in Portland OR. If we can get 5 or more members to sign up there is a discount.

Hit the Trail to Oregon for the Biggest Woodturning Event of the Year!

This coming May 23-26, come for the woodturning, stay for the Oregon Coast, Mount Hood, Columbia Gorge, wine country and more. **HOW TO GET THE BEST PRICE ON REGISTRATION:**

- Register by April 5 to get the early bird rate and save up to \$120 -
- AAW Members get an exclusive discount of \$70 off –
- if 5 or more members register there is a significant discount.

Link to AAW event information. [AAW Symposium in May.](#)

- 2) **Placerville Boys and Girls Club Update:** Fund Raising Auction this coming March 16th:

Don't forget to work on your project(s) to donate to the Boys and Girls club fund raiser this coming March 16 2024. For more information talk to Gail Brooks or Roy Carter.

See flyer Page 7 this newsletter.

Feb. 2024 meeting.



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January 5, 2024

Community Partners,

The Boys & Girls Club is gearing up for our 2024 Heroes Night on March 16, 2024! We are excited about our new March date and expect over 650 individuals to join us at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds that evening. Your support is essential to our success!

Heroes Night is our largest fundraiser of the year. 100% of the proceeds raised at this event are invested back into the 500 youth that we serve daily at our Clubs in Placerville, Cool, Camino, Georgetown, & Pollock Pines.

We take pride in our close-knit community that stands with us in our commitment to building a better future for our youth. We are asking for your assistance as a business leader to help make Heroes Night a success. **We are in need of live and silent auction items the night of the event.**

If you are interested in donating or have any questions please contact the Club at 530.295.8019.

Thank you for helping us be there for our kids. Thank you for being a hero. Thank you for helping us do *Whatever It Takes to Build Great Futures* for the kids who depend on us here in El Dorado County.

Sincerely,
2024 Heroes Night Steering Committee
Boys & Girls Club El Dorado County Western Slope

BGCE is a nonprofit organization. Your donation may be tax deductible. Tax ID number: 91-1774039

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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. Woodcraft Supply: Don't forget to ask for your Gold Country Woodcrafters 10% discount at the checkout counter.*

Membership Dues: Our 2014 GCW club dues are \$25 and are due January. 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 except July 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.

GCW Web site: goldcountrywoodcrafters.com

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