

GOLD COUNTRY WOODCRAFTERS

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GCW Newsletter Brief:



For the February 2025 meeting we had a fair turnout with 22 members and 2 guests in attendance. One of our guests, Rick Harris joined our club. Welcome to the Gold Country Woodcraters Rick. For this meeting we had a Presidents Challenge to make something using reclaimed wood. 8 members responded to the challenge with some very creative projects. For the Show-N-Tell portion of the meeting we had 6 members present their latest projects. A good number of the items shown were donated to the Boys & Girls March 15th Heroes Night fund raiser. Gail Brooks gave an update on the Boys & Girls club fund raiser, informing us that there are still seats available at the tables reserved for GCW members. You will want to visit the message section addressing the Boys & Girls fund raiser for details. A real highlight of the evening was when one of our guests, Rob Scharf, announced that he had a truck-load of free wood available free to our members. After the meeting members were able to dive in and take home lots of nice wood. See the section on that event later in the newsletter. As usual, Rich Schwerin had some cool raffle prizes lined up for our raffle. Again, a special thank you to all thoses that continue to donate items for the raffle and purchase tickets. Note, we still have a 6" Delta Jointer available for a low donation.

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 - **2025 GCW Membership Dues:** \$25 is due now.
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 - **2025 Meeting Schedule:** March 10th. Terry Heart presentation/discussion on embellishing project with stains, dyes, textures. Also, President's Challenge to make something using donated wood from February meeting.
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President's Message:



Dear fellow woodworkers: Thanks to all who attended the February meeting. It was a little short on attendance, but another good meeting. Participation of the Show-N-Tell and the Presidents Challenge compared to the attendance was very high. Thanks for that. I really liked the reuse of paper and the 3d framed picture by Kristina Creel. A lot of impressive projects there. I encourage others to join in. I'm sure all of us would like to see the work of others. I think the microphone stand is an improvement. Now we just need to get people to talk into the mic and look at the audience when speaking. Great job. The next meeting is Monday March 10th. Come and listen to member Terry Heart talk about using dyes, etc. Bring something to show, maybe something that came out of great truck bed wood give away from the February meeting. Thanks to guest Rob Scharf. Thank again to our members for helping set out and return of the tables and chairs.

Until next time, enjoy your Zen moment in your shop.

David White

GCW President

Messages For Our members:

- ***Boys and Girls Club Saturday March 15th 2025 fund raiser:***

We've been promoting the Boys & Girls Club Heroes fund raising auction event for March 2025 all of 2024. Well, it is that time. We are asking our members to donate some of their fine woodworking crafts to this very worthwhile event. This is our club's chance to give back to the community. It also helps advertise our club.

If you missed the February meeting to donate item(s) for the Boys and Girls fund raiser you can still donate. Just contact Gail Brooks directly and she will be glad to pick up your donations. Donating members and their spouses are invited to attend the Heroes Night on March 15th. Roy Carter has purchased 2 tables again this year. There are only 16 table seats available so let Gail Brooks know asap if you want to reserve seating. Gail Brooks contact information: 530-391-3320 tgbrooksmail@gmail.com

- ***2025 Club Dues are due:***

If you haven't paid your dues, it's that time. The dues for 2025 are still \$25. You can pay at any club meeting (check or cash) or send a check to our new treasurer, Bob Brown. Make checks payable to Gold Country Woodcrafters. Send checks to:

Bob Brown

8256 Mercer Way, Fair Oaks, Ca. 95628

Please note on the envelope ATT: Gold Country Woodcrafters.

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- ***At the door:***

You will notice that there are some changes when you pick up your badges and buy raffle tickets. Bob Brown, our new treasurer, is the watch commander now, so to speak. He will be collecting dues, raffle proceeds, donations and dealing with any expenses that are turned in plus managing the badge box. Basil Borkert will be selling raffle tickets. As usual, be sure to drop your badges in Yee old badge bucket at the end of the meeting. If you do end up taking it home, please bring it to the next meeting. If your badge has been misplaced, the dog ate it, etc. be sure to ask Gail Cone for a new one. Thank you.

- ***2025 Meeting Schedule:***

March 10th: Member Terry Heart is planning to give a presentation and will champion a member discussion on “methods of embellishing projects”. That is the use of dyes, textures, etc. to make projects stand out. Each time Terry has presented at the Show-N-Tells he gets a lot of questions on how he goes about adding character to his pieces. Also, there is a President’s Challenge to make something using some wood donated at the February meeting.

April 14th: President’s Challenge to make something using 2 Board Feet of material. BF = thickness” x Length’ x width” divided by 12”.

May 12th: President’s Challenge to make a serving platter or tray.

June 9th: President’s Challenge to make a spinning top or flower vase.

July 14th: President’s Challenge to make a clock or mirror.

August 11th: President’s Challenge to make a music box or jewelry box.

September 8: President’s Challenge to make a band saw box.

October 13th: President’s Challenge to make a cutting board or charcuterie board or rolling pin.

November 10th: President’s Challenge to make something with a holiday season theme.

December 8th: The December Holiday meeting will again be a bring their Spouse/Plus-One, Pot Luck and gift exchange meeting. It is suggested that members make items for the gift exchange.

We are asking our members to think on what topics they would like to see covered at our meetings. This always is a challenge for the club’s Executive Committee to come up with presenters and topics for our meetings. This is your club so your input matters. Please help us out. If you would like to give a presentation to share your woodworking expertise let us know.

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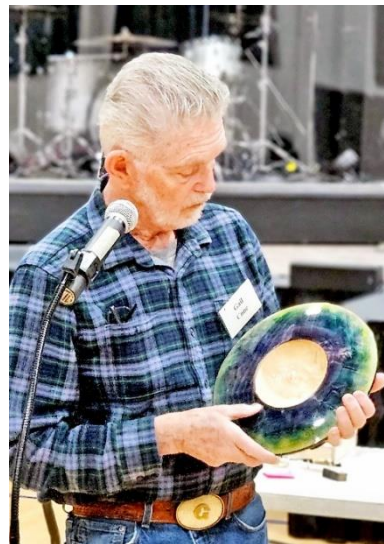
February Show-N-Tell:

We had 6 members presenting their fine craftsmanship at this 2nd meeting of 2025. Well, we tried something new at the February meeting. We had a microphone stand set up that we can just walk up to and do our thing. Seems to have worked out great. We did have to, occasionally remind presenter to use the microphone. Mug shots courtesy of Rich Schwerin.

Micky Dupper



Valentine's Day must be coming. Micky has been making Walnut hearts, large ones. He had Mark hold it as he has a bum hand.



Gail Cone

Gail showed 3 pieces. A 13" Silver Maple blended dye rimmed bowl and 2 resin rimmed bowls. He has been experimenting using 30minute epoxy with pearl mica powders. The texture is special.



Dean Marietta

Dean showed 3 pieces. A Knife Block, Keep Sake box and a cutting board.



Kevin Kaser

Kevin has been trying his hand at carving. He showed 2 small birds and a fretwork coaster carved from White maple.



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John Roberts



John no longer has to hunt around for his pens and pencils now that he has created this desk organizer.

Doesn't he know

that pens, pencils and note pads have a life of their own and will travel to the far corners of his shop to hideout?

Lou Rain



Lou showed off a Sailing Ship. All parts are handmade. He believes this is to be his last one as fabricating and assembling the pieces has become physically difficult. Note, all parts including planking were handcrafted and assembled by Lou.

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February President's Challenge

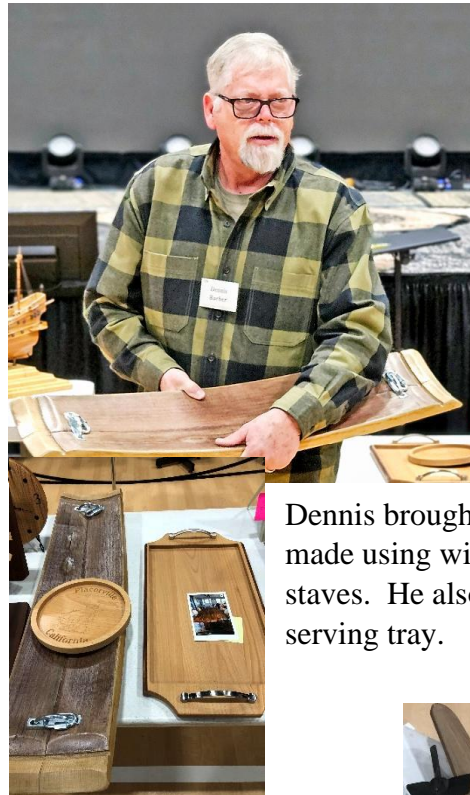
For the February President's Challenge members were to make something using repurposed wood. We had 8 members rise to the challenge. Note, the microphone was in use. Photos by Rich Schwerin.

Keven Kaser



Keven brought 2 clocks and a cutting board for the repurposed wood challenge.

Dennis Barber



Dennis brought a swing seat made using wine barrel staves. He also showed a serving tray.

Kristina Creel



Kristina showed off her latest wood art. A relief of a bear using layers of heavy paper stock. Frame is made using repurposed wood.

John Roberts



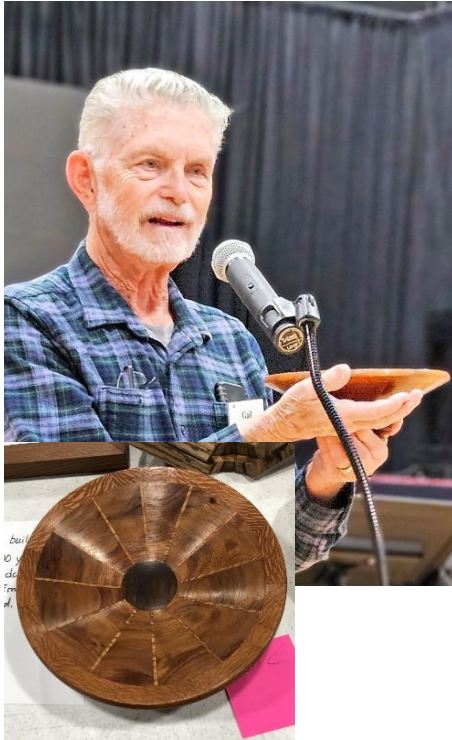
Whirlygig airplane made from old recovered clear pine.

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Gail Cone



Gail showed a segmented dish with the primary wood being repurposed Koa. The rise at the bowl edge is about 30deg.

David White



Dave showed a serving tray with a segmented rim. The primary wood is flooring milled to work as a base for the tray. The flooring still has the original finish.

Mark Butzler



Mark showed a nice vase where he used cherry staves.

Gail Brooks



Gail showed off this votive candle bridge. Looks like it could have been a wine barrel stave.

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Truck Load Wood Donation:



The club members had a real treat at the February meeting. A club guest, Rob Scharf, brought a pickup truck full of free wood of all types for our members. The wood was donated by the family of Michael "The Boz" Boswell who passed away recently. They hope it will all be put to good use. There were lots of pen blanks that will likely be used for the "Turning for the Troops" program. The truck wood dive commenced directly after Tuesday night's meeting. The members had a blast picking through the available wood. Rob needed to have it all disappear and so it did. We would like to thank Rob for bringing the wood by and also offer the Boswell family our thanks for the donation. We are looking forward to Rob joining our club in the near future.

Break Time ALL:



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Woodworking Items available:

Donated Tools Available: Here is 1 woodworking related tool that was donated to the club and is being offered to our members for a donation. All proceeds go to the GCW club.

6" Delta Joiner

This is a Delta 6" Jointer (Model 37-190) mounted on a Delta stand. Great Condition. The joiner bed is 46" by 6 3/4 " and is powered by a 3/4 hp motor currently wired for 110v, but can be rewired to 220 volts. This would be a great starting joiner. Suggested member donation is \$100. Contact Rich Schwerin to arrange time and place for pickup. Email: rwmtzca@comcast.net



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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. Don't forget to ask for your Gold Country Woodcrafters discount at the checkout counter.**

Membership Dues: Our GCW club dues are \$25 and are due in January. Dues for new members joining throughout the year are prorated based on the month they join. You can pay at any club meeting or send a check to our treasurer. Make the check payable to Gold Country Woodcrafters. Send check to:

Bob Brown

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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 Monday of each month unless otherwise notified and are held at the Foothills Church Auditorium. Address is 2380 Merrychase Dr. in Cameron Park, Ca. off exit 34 on Highway 50. A map is provided on the home page of the GCW website. No endorsement by Foothills Church is implied.

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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