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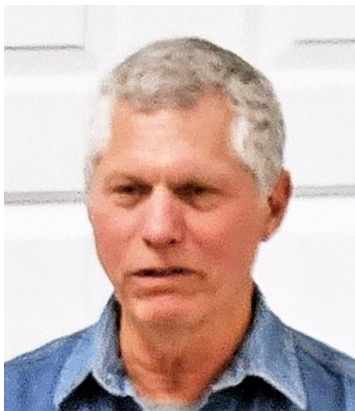
GCW Newsletter Brief:

For the first meeting of 2024 we had a total of 25 members and 2 guests in attendance. Our new GCW President David White officiated the meeting. Great Job Dave. The topic of this meeting was "Shop Safety". Charles Linn and Michael Jay (both GCW members) of Woodcraft Supplies gave the presentation. We had 11 members sharing their latest craftsmanship in the evenings Show-N-Tell. There are 3 members messages.

Topics to Visit:

- President's Message
- **Message** from the GCW Executive Committee.
- 2024 Club Meetings topics.
- January meeting presentation: Shop Safety.
- January Show-N-Tell.
- Member messages: (3): AAW Symposium in Portland, Or., Tools for sale, Boys & Girls club fund raiser.

President's Message (our new president, David White):



Fellow GCW members, I think our January meeting went well. For me, it seems like two hours is not enough time to share ideas, talents and experiences. We have 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 Michael Jay and Charles Linn, of Woodcrafters, for giving us a presentation on safety, and all those who helped set up, run the meeting, and clean up.

Just a reminder that annual dues of \$25 are due January. Also, if you have anything you might like to donate for the raffle, that would be great as it helps raise funds for the club.

The April GCW Project Challenge (now referred to as the April President's Challenge) project theme is to be "something for outdoors, a springtime theme". It could be something like furniture, serving tray, bird/bat house, bird feeder, or garden art. No judgement. We look forward to seeing everyone's work. Each contributor will receive a raffle ticket for

the evening's raffle.

The boys and girls club fund raiser on the 16th of March. Please consider donating to it. Hopefully you can project donation to the 13 Feb meeting.

If you're thinking of going to the Woodturners Symposium 23-26 May, that is in Portland OR, let us know. There is a group discount. But that has to be done before April 5th.

Happy New Year, and remember woodworking works the mind more than anything. Enjoy the Zen. Live in the moment.

David White

GCW President

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Message From the GCW Executive Committee.

Notice: Treasurer Needed.

Steve Cabrol has been our treasurer for a number of years as well a long term 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

- February 13th Presentation by Manny Lavrador, Operations Mgr at HARDWOODS Ranch Cordova. Will be talking about woods in general and what Hardwoods has available for sale.
- March 12th TBD
- April 9th Spring GCW President's Challenge. Theme is an outside Spring project. Anything to be used or enjoyed outdoors.
- May 14th TBD
- June 11th TBD
- July 9th Summer break. No July meeting planned
- August 13th TBD
- September 10th TBD
- October 8th Fall GCW Project Challenge. Them TBT.
- November 12th TBD
- December 10th Holiday meeting. It is planned to again to be a bring a Spouse/Special friend meeting. 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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Shop Safety Presentation:



We were treated to a presentation on shop safety by Charles Linn and Michael Jay representing Woodcraft Supply, Sacramento. I'm sure you are aware that Charles and Michael are also longtime members of GCW. We have had shop safety presentations before but this one, besides being informative, was also a lot of fun. The presentation was informal and included a number of *interesting* personal experiences from working with customers at the Woodcraft store. The range of discussion included general shop tips as well as specific safety points summarized here.

Make sure you have the right type and size/capacity fire extinguisher for your shop. All too often the extinguisher we have may not be adequate to fight a fire in or around our

shop/home.

Try to keep our work space picked up and clean. Clutter can cause things to go bad leading to ruined projects, damaged equipment or possibly even an injury. Things falling into machinery, causing tripping, etc. Get into the habit of cleaning/picking up at select stages of a project. Especially when the project has been completed.

Keep distractions to a minimum. Listening to music, etc. may be a distraction during a project so generally should be avoided. Also, setup a protocol that will allow family members to get your attention while you are working in your shop, hobby room, etc. Surprises can cause that finger to go flying. In our house we use the light switch, on-off. Works for when we're on the lathe or in the sewing room.

There's a tendency for us to just grab any old extension cord to run our power tools. Take a moment to consider the application. A cord that is too long or has too low a wire size can cause a problem. If the power tool power requirements are greater than the cord can safely/electrically handle they could be a problem. Examples would be poor performance, burning the power cord or even damaging the power tool. The best advice is to use the shortest cord with largest wire. Note, the lower the gauge number the larger the wire.

In event of an injury/emergency, keep your phone available. It was suggested that you put a note somewhere you will likely see it that has your location on it. In an emergency our minds can freeze and not be able to provide it.

Inpatients in the shop can lead to all kinds of issues as most of us know. Try not to hurry and short cut your woodworking tasks. Know when to take a break from working on projects. Be sure to take breaks for lunch, etc. Just taking a moment to cleanup/pickup at various stages of your work can be a benefit.

There are a number of other considerations that we as woodworkers need to pay attention to and need to make sure we address. These include the handling of blades (use gloves), Wear proper mask or respirator (save your lungs), Eye protection (machining, using CA), hearing protection, proper storage/discarding of used rags.

We would like to thank Charles and Michael Jay for helping us in our efforts to stay safe while enjoying our favorite pastime, woodworking. Woodcraft Supply has a wide selection of dust management solutions and shop safety gear. They now offer a discount for GCW members. Be sure to mention GOLDCOUNTRYWOODCRAFTERS at checkout.

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January Show-N-Tell:

For the January meeting we had 11 members presenting their projects in the Show-N-Tell. Mark Butzler managed the session as usual. The Show-N-Tell presenters in, left to right order candid photos below are Jim Gott, Gail Cone, Basil Borkert, Don Lawson, Dave White, Mark Butzler, Micky Dupper, Tiffany Vital, Michael Jay, Bil Meronek, and Marcel Vital.



Photos by Rich Schwerin.

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Project Photos:



Jim Gott, tool chests.



Gail Cone, bowl blank.



Basil Borkert, Telephone stands.



Don Lawson, Rolling pins.



David White, 3 bowls.



Mark Butzler, Cutting board.



Micky Dupper, Live edge bowl.



Tiffany Vital, Pyrography.



Michael Jay, step stool.



Bill Meronek, Kitchen Utensils.



Marcel Vital, CNC lettering

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Member Message Section:

1) John Cassidy: Clamps for sale.

Two delux Rocker panel clamps. Original price was \$100 each. I'm selling both clamps for \$100. My contact email is johnny60176@gmail.com.



2) 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 more event information. [AAW Symposium in may.](#)

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

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. For more information talk to Gail Brooks or Roy Carter.

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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 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 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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