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GCW Newsletter Brief:



This was the last meeting at the Park Community Church meeting hall. Will miss it...

For the March meeting we had a total of 29 members and 4 guests in attendance. We have 1 new member, Dennis Barber. Welcome to the GCW club Dennis. For this meeting we had a great presentation on how to get started creating unique cutting boards by Mark Butzler and Basil Borkert. We had 8 members sharing their latest craftsmanship in the evening's Show-N-Tell. Our raffle and special silent auction were fantastic. Thank you to all the members who contributed and Great Job again Rich.

A special acknowledgement: I would like to thank Rich Schwerin for acting as "the club photographer" and contributing photos used in putting together the GCW newsletter. He goes even further by editing and resizing them for me. Boy does that help!

Sections to Visit

- GCW Executive Committee messages. New meeting day & venue, Dues, Treasurer.
- 2024 GCW Meetings topics.
- March meeting presentation: Creating unique cutting boards.
- March Show-N-Tell presenters and projects. Rich Schwerin Photos
- Boys and Girls Cub March 16th fund raiser event article. Gail Brooks.
- Photos of GCW donated items for the B&GC fundraiser. Micky Dupper Photos

No President's message is available this time around.

GCW Meeting Time and Place Change: Starting April 8th we will be meeting on a new day and at a new place. See "GCW Executive Committee Messages" for details.

President's Challenge reminders: The April 8th challenge is approaching fast! See "Upcoming Club Meeting" schedule for challenge details. May 13th challenge is to make a jewelry box. See "Upcoming Club Meeting" schedule for project details.

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GCW Executive Committee Messages.

New GCW meeting night and place.

If you haven't heard, the GCW club has a new meeting night and place. Until further notice we will be meeting on the second Monday of each month, starting with the April 8th meeting, at 7PM. The new meeting venue is the Auditorium at the Foothills Church in Cameron Park. The address is 2380 Merrychase Dr. Cameron Park. See map on the goldcountrywoodcrafters.com website.

2024 Dues are due.

If you have not yet paid your 2024 club dues, please try to do so soon. 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. We have rent to pay.....

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.

Upcoming club meetings 2024:

- April 8th **First meeting at our new time & meeting site.** The Spring President's Challenge. Theme is an outside Spring project. Anything to be used or enjoyed outdoors. Each participant will receive a raffle ticket for the meeting's regular raffle.
- May 13th David White has declared a president's challenge for May. The challenge will to make a jewelry box. The type and format for your jewelry box is up to the you. Let the GCW members creativity shine! Each participant will receive a raffle ticket for the meeting's regular raffle.
- June 10th TBD
- July 8th Summer break. No July meeting planned
- August 12th TBD
- September 9th We are going to try for this to be a woodworking Tips-N-Tricks night.
- October 14th Fall Presidents Project Challenge. Theme TBD.
- November 11th We are going to try for a round table discussions night.
- December 9th Holiday meeting including Spouse/Special Friend to celebrate the holiday season.

Suggestions for topics for future meetings are encouraged and are welcome. The 2024 calendar has open months so suggestions are encouraged. Please see Jim Gott if you have a topic in mind.

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Cutting Board Presentation:



For the March meeting we had a great presentation by members Mark Butzler and Basil Borkert on how to get started crafting unique cutting boards. Both Mark and Basil have shown numerous examples of their boards over the years. A number of slides were shown depicting the steps for planning, designing and creating pieces for a board.

Mark had board sections on hand to demonstrate cutting the parts and their orientation for assembly.

A number of helpful tips were suggested based on their experiences creating their unique cutting boards. Number 1, accuracy is required when cutting and assembling board components. Make sure your table saw blade and fence are aligned and the blade is clean and sharp. Have a well aligned cross-cut sled available. Because these boards have 100s of parts, any dimensional error will be compounded when assembled, messing up the look of the board. Install a zero-clearance insert to help prevent tear out that can be difficult to repair. Doing glue-ups in sections generally works best. At the top of the Tip list is to be patience, take your time, it will pay off.

Thanks Mark and Basil for the great presentation. Now the “board” challenge begins, right?

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March Show-N-Tell:

For the March meeting we had 8 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. Photos by Rich.



Ron Sexton



David White



Roy Carter



Gail Cone



Dean Marietta



Gail Brooks



Casey Keller



Micky Dupper

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Show-N-Tell Project Photos:



Ron Sexton



Dave White



Roy Carter



Gail Cone



Dean Marietta



Gail Brooks



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Micky Dupper

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Boys and Girls Fund Raising Event (HEROES NIGHT):



GCW members attending this year's B&GC fund raising event, March 16th: Dave White, Steve Cabrol, Gail Brooks, Marcel Vital, Tiffany Vital, John Roberts, Micky Dupper, Dean Marietta and Basil Borkert.

Roy (Carter) didn't know what he started when he challenged the Gold Country Woodcrafters to consider donating a project to the Boys and Girls Club Silent auction during their Heroes Night fundraiser, March 16th. This is their major event of the year and the proceeds help fund many of the activities the Boys and Girls Club provide.

12 GCW members rose to the challenge! The items included charcuterie boards, bowls, lidded bowls, train set, walking fish, airplane, bench, vase, and a general store doll house. The B&GC was thrilled with both the quality and variety of items donated. I am pleased to report that the event guests were all impressed, as the items donated collectively raised about \$5,000. Wow! Talk about successful! Nice work everyone! I don't know the total monies raised that night, but it would have been significantly less without our efforts.

Roy also 'bought' two tables (for 8 people each) at \$500 per table, inviting GCW donors to attend Heroes Night which included the silent auction, raffle, dinner, and live auction. 8 of our members plus spouse/friends attended as Roy's guests. Thank you, Roy! Thank you for treating us to a wonderful evening and, more importantly, supporting the B&GC.

I am already thinking about a project for next year!

Submitted by Gail Brooks.

Editor's Note: In addition to Roy, we owe a great thank you to Gail Brooks for her dedicated efforts, and in helping Roy inlist interest and participation of GCW members in the Boys and Girls fund raising event. In addition, she saw to it that promised projects were gathered and made available for the event. The B&GC fund raiser effort really made the GCW club look good. So GCW, the challenge for next year is on. Oh, and thank you Gail for contributing the article above. Thanks Micky Dupper for event photos.

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Photos of GCW to B&GC donated items:



Micky
Dupper/Roy
Carter General
Store Doll
House.

All Photos by
Micky Dupper

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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 Monday of each month except July unless otherwise notified and are 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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