

# GOLD COUNTRY WOODCRAFTERS

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## GCW Newsletter Brief:



For the March 2025 meeting we had a low turnout with 19 members and 1 guest in attendance. The low turnout was probably due to the wet weather plus the rescheduling of the meeting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday. The Presidents Challenge for this meeting was to make something using wood acquired at the February meeting Truck Load Wood Dive. Four members responded with some very creative projects. For the Show-N-Tell portion of the meeting we had 6 members present their latest projects. We had another Truck Load Wood Dive at the end of the meeting. The wood was supplied by Basil Borkert who is helping a friend closing a shop. The wood giveaway ended up being impacted by the rain that evening. 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 those that continue to donate items for the raffle and purchase tickets. We had an extended break time where our members enjoyed looking over projects and catching up on each other's woodworking challenges.

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## President's Message:



Dear fellow woodworkers:

Thanks to all who attended the March meeting. It was a little short on attendance. The snow, rain and hail might have had something to do with that. I truly hope no one was involved with the big pile up on 50. There were a few good projects that came from the back of the Bob Scharf truck challenge. And thanks for the Show-N-Tell. I encourage more to join in. I'm sure all of us would like to see the work of others. Impressive work. We seem to be getting better at using the mic. Don't forget, talk into the mic and look at the audience when speaking. Great job. The next meeting is April, Monday the 14<sup>th</sup>. The Presidents challenge for April is a platter or serving tray. Bring something to show. Thank you for helping set out and returning the tables and chairs.

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

*David White*

GCW President

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## Messages For Our members:

- **2025 Club Dues are due:**

We still have a number of members that have not paid the 2025 dues. The club depends on dues to pay the rent for the meeting room. If you haven't paid your dues, it's that time. The 2025 dues 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

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- **2025 Meeting Schedule:**

**April 14<sup>th</sup>:** President's Challenge, make a serving platter or tray.

**May 12<sup>th</sup>:** President's Challenge, make something using 2 Board Feet of material. BF = thickness" x Length' x width" divided by 12".

**June 9<sup>th</sup>:** President's Challenge, make a spinning top or flower vase.

**July 14<sup>th</sup>:** President's Challenge, make a clock or mirror.

**August 11<sup>th</sup>:** President's Challenge, make a music box or jewelry box.

**September 8:** President's Challenge, make a band saw box or furniture piece.

**October 13<sup>th</sup>:** President's Challenge, make a cutting board, charcuterie board or rolling pin.

**November 10<sup>th</sup>:** President's Challenge, make something with a fall/winter/holiday theme.

**December 8<sup>th</sup>:** The December Holiday meeting will again be a bring their Spouse/Plus-One, Pot Luck and gift exchange meeting. President's challenge is to 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. If you come across an outside topic/presenter let us know.

- **Mentors List:**

We passed around signup sheets at the March meeting for members to volunteer to be woodworking mentors. That produced only 3 volunteer mentors. If you would like to be a GCW woodworking mentor please let Gail Cone know by responding in an email [gpcwoodwk@gmail.com](mailto:gpcwoodwk@gmail.com) or by letting him know at a meeting. If we can't get additional members to volunteer, this effort will be put off until a later time.

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## March Show-N-Tell:

We had 6 members presenting their fine craftsmanship at this 3rd meeting of 2025. Photos by Rich Schwerin.

### Micky Dupper

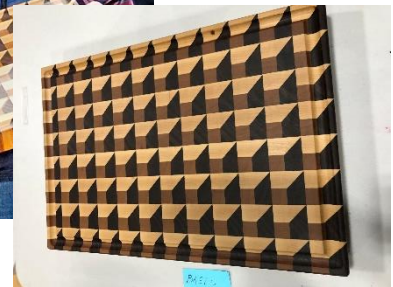


Micky has his right hand working again after he had surgery. Here he shows a carved rabbit he carved.

### Basil Borkert



Basil is a master at making cutting boards. He gave a presentation on the process many moons ago. This is a 3D effect version.



### Casey Keller



Casey showed this Redwood bowl. He now has a dust collection system to gather all his lathe shavings. Better health and happier wife.



### Don Lawson



Don showed 3 bowls. One with a banded Edge. An Elm natural edge bowl and a Cherry.



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## Dave White



Dave showed a Walnut bowl. This one is green turned. He did some drying in his shop microwave. There was a short discussion on green turning and the effects from projects left to dry.



## Gail Brooks



Gail showed off three wood art platters where she used pyrography to add birds of prey. Owls being a favorite of hers.



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## March President's Challenge

For the March President's Challenge members were to make something using wood obtained from the February Truck Load Wood Dive. We had 4 members responding to the challenge. Photos by Rich Schwerin.

### John Roberts



John presented 8 pens plus a candle stick he made using wood from the February wood dive. He also showed a jig used to trim the 4 corners from his pen blanks to make turning easier.



### Dave White



Here Dave showed a pepper grinder he made using a grinder mechanism he got from the Truck Load Wood Dive in February. I guess there were several of them. The wood used is some laminated, colored wood from the dive.

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## Rich Schwerin



Rich scrolled out some shamrocks using the scroll saw offered at the Truck Load Wood Dive in February. Looks like the saw works great. The wood is Apricot from the wood dive.



## Gail Cone



Gail showed a ring box turning. The wood (from the Truck Load Dive) was a laminated set containing Yellow Heart, Padauk and an unknown. He brought an unturned blank to show the raw blank. The charm inlaid, is a Snap Charm commonly used to create bracelets. You can get bags of em on Amazon....



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## Boys & Girls Club Fund Raiser:



The Boys and Girls club fund raiser (Heroes Night Banquet and Auction) was held Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup>. A number of our members and guests were in attendance. We had a fine dinner plus some of the club attendees bid on items available in the silent auction. Gail Brooks was the interface and promoter for GCW Club's participation in the fundraising efforts for the Boys and Girls Club this year. Several of our members contributed their fine craftsmanship to this effort. Their participation is greatly appreciated and shows how our club can be involved and give back to the community. The following is a report from Gail Brooks.

On behalf of the Boys and Girls Club I thank everyone who donated something for the silent auction. What a wonderful variety of items! The donations, including a cutting board I bought at the last meeting, raised \$3,000+ for the Boys and Girls organization. Nicely done everyone! A very special thanks goes out to Roy Carter who once again bought 2 tables for the Heroes Night Banquet and Auction. Those members on attendance enjoyed both the dinner and friendship.

*Gail Brooks*



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## March Truck Load Wood Dive:



About two months ago I had the honor of meeting a very humble and gracious widow who wanted to give away the wood in her deceased husbands work shop. After making certain I had heard her right about giving it away, I assured her that it would not be a problem knowing the wood thirsty GCW team has my back. She did request that we clean up the boxes of pieces sitting around (who does not have those), and the short stock stored under the various work benches. That material is what was in the truck at the March meeting. The hardy members who braved the cold wind, rain and hail at the March meeting made a truck load of wood disappear faster than termites in my back yard wood pile. There was oak, redwood, walnut and whatsit. I would like to thank all those involved for the patience

and gratitude expressed regardless of the weather.

For those who missed the free wood giveaway at the March GCW meeting, there will be another opportunity to obtain lumber at the April meeting. The materials planned for the next meeting will be longer boards. My recollection is that it is mostly oak or lighter colored wood. So, come prepared to be able to cart it home. If necessary, identify and bundle up your pieces and put them back in my truck for later pick up or delivery (locally).

*Basil Borkert*

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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:

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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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