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GCW NL Brief:

We had a great turnout with 39 members attending the August meeting. The high attendance was undoubtedly due to the presentation topic for that night. The August presentation gave our members an introduction into the basics of segmented turning and how to approach their first project. Jim Hunt, Mark Butzler and Rob Larsen teamed up to create and give this informative presentation. We had a good turnout for the Show and Tell segment as a total of 10 members brought in their projects to share with our members. Be sure to check out the Announcement and News section for upcoming events and announcements.

Presidents Message (August Meeting):



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Segmented turning was the topic for the August meeting. I would like to thank Rob Larsen and Mark Butzler for their efforts in creating a thorough presentation. As Mark demonstrated, the basics of segmented turning can be learned very fast. Your creativity takes over from there.

Thank you as well to those members continuing to create and donate beautiful “Memory Boxes” to the Rafael Keaton Foundation. We are blessed to have the ability to help others in such a special way.

Please mark your calendars for our Club picnic on Saturday, October 6 from 2:00 to 5:00 at the Park Community Church.

Looking forward to seeing you there! Until next time, Happy Woodworking!

Jim Hunt

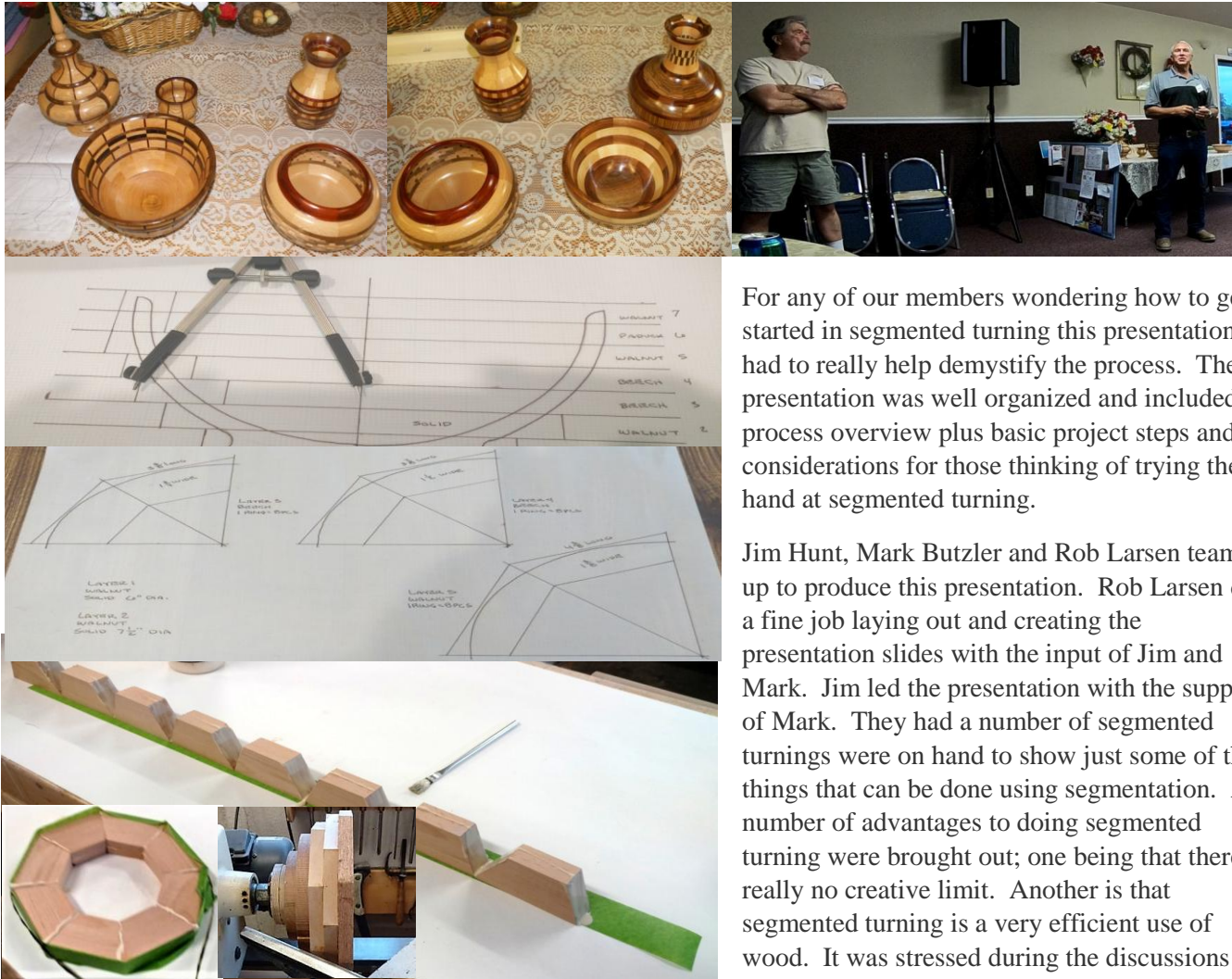
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Segmented Turning Presentation:



For any of our members wondering how to get started in segmented turning this presentation had to really help demystify the process. The presentation was well organized and included a process overview plus basic project steps and considerations for those thinking of trying their hand at segmented turning.

Jim Hunt, Mark Butzler and Rob Larsen teamed up to produce this presentation. Rob Larsen did a fine job laying out and creating the presentation slides with the input of Jim and Mark. Jim led the presentation with the support of Mark. They had a number of segmented turnings were on hand to show just some of the things that can be done using segmentation. A number of advantages to doing segmented turning were brought out; one being that there is really no creative limit. Another is that segmented turning is a very efficient use of wood. It was stressed during the discussions that the key to success in segmented turning is

the planning and layout of your project. The member interest level was obviously high as there were many questions and contributions during the presentation.

Topics covered included the Definition of Segmented Turning, Why do Segmentation, Outline of Process Steps, Process Details, Tools and Approaches, Advanced Segmentation, and Key Learnings. The following points were given: the bottom section is usually of solid wood, segment geometry is defined by ring diameter and number of segments desired, it is extremely important to cut accurate segment angles. It was recommended that beginners start with 8 segments for first project because the difficulty increases greatly with more segments. The reason being is that the impact of any slight angle error when cutting segments is multiplied by the number of segments. Additional topics covered included methods for cutting segments, gluing segments, correcting angle errors, ring assembly and turning. Summary: it is critical for project success to follow steps, create accurate design, and make accurate cuts.

A link to the presentation can be found on the GCW website at [Making a Segmented Bowl](#).

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Announcements and News:

- 1) **It's Dues Time:** September is the start of the 2018-2019 Gold Country Woodcrafters fiscal year. That means that your \$20 dues are due. If you are unable to attend a meeting to pay your dues you can mail them in. The address is provided at the end of this newsletter.
- 2) **Memory Box Team:** For those involved in creating memory boxes don't forget to bring your completed boxes to the September meeting. For anyone that would like to help out in this very worthwhile effort and need design information please contact Ron Sexton at hcwpvl@directcon.net.
- 3) **Annual club picnic:** This year's GCW picnic is scheduled for Saturday October 6th 2 – 5PM. It will take place at the Park Community Church picnic area, 3901 Wild Chaparral Dr. Shingle Springs, Ca. Dale Gamble is taking the lead on organizing the picnic. He is looking for volunteers to bring ice chests, barbeque, etc. If you would like to help contact Dale at rndgamble@comcast.net. Plan to bring your own chairs. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.
- 4) **Annual Toy for Tots Effort:** Dale Gamble provided an update on the plan for this year's Toys for Tots effort. He plans to have a kickoff at his place in September so members can pick up parts and plans. Date to be determined.
- 5) **October Project Challenge:** Don't forget to start working on your project(s) for the October GCW Project Challenge. Dave Boucher, our new challenge chairman, described that this year's October Project Challenge theme will be to create a toy(s) that can be included in the December toy program. As before there will be 2 challenge participation categories. Category 1 will be for show and tell and participants will be entered into a raffle for a \$25 prize. Category 2 requires a \$5 entrance fee to be added to the \$25 prize pot. Members will vote to determine the winner of the category 2 prize. We would like to thank Rich Schwerin for leading the project challenge efforts.
- 6) **Annual Car Show:** Saturday September 22nd is the annual Park Community Church car show. The club is again planning to set up a booth to show off our fine talents. A few volunteers are needed to bring projects and man the booth. If you can help, let Jim Hunt know at the September meeting. Besides all the interesting cars to visit, there will be great music, vendors, and lots of food. The show runs from 12-6PM.
- 7) **Meeting Topics:**

September 11th--- A special guest from the Sutter's Fort Coopers Shop, David Stare, will give a presentation on traditional coopering as done at the fort in its early years. Much work has been done by volunteers to keep this shop alive. Daily life and trade required

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expert coopers to scratch build both standard custom wine barrels. You can also see this wonderful shop on the Fort's visiting days.

October 9th --- Project Challenge night. This month the members are asked to make toys for our Christmas giving. Please bring the toys you make and show them to the crowd. There will also be further time to make more toys for later in the year, but this challenge is to get it all started and get us excited about designs and techniques. If you have made toys for your own family, bring them also for our inspiration. Should be fun.

November 13th --- The plan is to have a Round Table night. The Round Table activity will be for members to break up into focus groups to discuss woodworking related topics. The club had this event last November and it turned out to be very informative and great fun for our members. More information will be provided as plans firm up and topics are chosen.

December 11th --- To be announced. The December, bring your spouse/special guest event, as previously reported, will not be held this year.

Members that would like to give a presentation or have ideas for a presentation please contact Tim Bynon steamglidertim@yahoo.com. Remember this is your club and the more club members participate in sharing knowledge, the more proficient we all become at our common interest, woodworking.

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Show and Tell (10 entries):

Jim Hunt



Jim showed us a great jig from Rockler Woodworking for creating Box Joints. The jig is intended to be used on your router table. It includes precision brass indexing keys to create uniform finger spacing with an airtight fit (1/4", 3/8", 1/2"). The jig can be used with stock up to 3/4" thick. It has a smooth-sliding sled that keeps your work square to the router bit and tabs on the bottom to stop the sled at the end of the cut. Rockler's price is \$79.99. Note, Rockler offers GCW members a 10% discount.

Steve Peterson



Steve brought in 2 jigs. The first jig (top) was created to allow him to cut accurate angles, safely, on his miter saw. The jig clamps to his miter saw. It features clamps for holding the work down and against the fence (saving the fingers!). The second jig is used to clamp segmented projects. It allows Steve to apply pressure from 3 angles to reduce the chance of slippage.

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Dave Boutcher



Dave and wife Sandy enjoy playing cards with friends. Due to the number of decks required in some of their games it can be difficult to keep them straight/organized. In this case the game they play is called "Hand and Foot". Dave designed this deck organizer to keep order. For this game, cards are drawn from either end with discards going to the middle. The organizer allows for 3 decks and holds cards at a slight upward angle, incorporates a finger slot up front, and spins on a lazy-susan. Cost \$5...

Ron Sexton



Ron has made a number of Memory Boxes for the Keaton Foundation. This time he made a set of 5 using Incense Cedar as the primary wood. Each lid features a heart inlay in the top and a refined lap inset fit to the bottom. Lacquer was used as the finish.

Beri McDaniel



Beri inherited the tool shown on the right from his Grandfather. He remembers it from his Grandfather's workshop when he was about 6 years old. The thing is, he never knew what it actually was or what it was used for. He brought it in to see if anyone could help him identify the tool and what to use it for. Well, the members were able to help. It turns out that this is tenoning tool. Basically, it would be used for putting the tenon on chair legs, etc. Beri, thanks for bringing in this interesting tool.

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Homer Rail



Homer brought in a Walnut jewelry box that he had been working on for some time. Most of us have had projects that seem to just not come together the way we want. For Homer, this project was one of those. He called it his challenge box. He used his router table to try to create the lap-joint fit for the lid. During the process the depth of cut on each side was not uniform. Why? He asked the members what could be the problem. It turns out the bit was an up-cutting spiral bit. Result, the lid has a very loose fit. Then when he sanded the top to level the accent striping he sanded through the veneer. We've all been there Homer.

John Roberts



Ok, John's creativity is alive and well. In this case he decided that it was time to spoil his wife a bit. How do you do that, well you make here a bathtub tray. What should it feature you ask. It should have a book rest so she can read, a place for a wine glass (we're guessing wine), and votive candles for ambiance. This has to be worth a few points!

Can't let the spouses see this..... Thanks John....

Jerry Preston



Jerry showed this contribution to the Keaton Foundation Memory Box effort. The primary wood is Hard Maple, the top and splines are Sapele. For the bottom he used Baltic Birch. He used the table saw to cut the top and then added hinges.

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Rich Schwerin



Rich recently acquired a number of draft beer handles from a friend. After some thought he decided that they would make great conversation pieces when incorporated into bookends. We all have found that Rich has a great sense of humor. This fits right in.

Sam Garcia



Wish I had gotten a picture of Sam walking in with 2, what appeared to be pieces of fire wood. We expected him to ask the members for suggestions on what he could make with them. Well, he was way ahead of us. He took great delight in showing off two cool bandsaw boxes. The boxes were examined

during the break by a number of members who were impressed by Sam's creativity and his ability to hide the glue seams.

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Businesses that support GCW: Be sure to stop by Pro Builder Placerville, The Paint Spot*, Churchill Hardware Cameron Park*, Woodcraft Supply Sacramento and the Rockler Woodworking* store in Rocklin. Please let them know how much Gold Country Woodcrafters appreciates their support. *Note those marked with * give GCW members discounts.*

Membership Dues: For those members wishing to renew their membership for the 2018-2019 year by mail here is the information you need. Make out a \$20 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.

Saw and Planer blade sharpening:

For members that need some blades sharpened GCW member Ken Welsh can handle the job. Just give him a call.

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Regards and happy woodcrafting.

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