

GOLD COUNTRY WOODCRAFTERS

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GCW Newsletter Brief:



For the December meeting we had a good turnout with a total of 25 members and their guests in attendance for a total of 44. This was our special holiday meeting that featured a Pot Luck, a President's Project Challenge and a Gift Exchange. We had 4 members answering the President's Challenge. Note, we still have 2 woodworking machines available to our members to acquire, cheap...



The GCW Executive Committee would like to wish all our members and their families a joyous Christmas, and safe and Happy New Year. We are looking forward to a successful 2025 club year. We hope our members continue to enjoy being part of this great club, sharing their woodworking hobby and making friends. Lets spread the word about our great club and help the club grow.

A special thanks goes out to Jim Gott and Judy Butzler for their hard work making this year's holiday meeting Pot Luck and Gift Exchange a great success. Thank you for taking on the task. They have teamed up to do this two years in a row now.

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 - **Boys-N-Girls:** Club fund raiser.
 - **Badges:** The Badge Topic, yet again.
 - **Meeting Schedule: January 13, 2025,** Introduction into using resin in woodworking.
- Gift Exchange.
- December Project Challenge.
- Woodworking tools available: 6" Delta Joiner, 12" Delta Planer

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President's Message:



Dear fellow woodworkers: First of all, a warm thank you to all those that attended this year's holiday meeting. It appeared to be a very enjoyable event for all. I hope we can encourage more to join in next year. I would have liked to have seen more handmade items included in the gift exchange. It looked like the handmade gifts were very popular in the gift exchange. I know we make a lot items that others would like to receive. That said, thanks to all those that brought gifts for the exchange. I hope you enjoyed the gift game as much as I did. Don't think I didn't notice some gift hiding to prevent it from being stolen. We'll have to do something about that next time. A big thank you to all those that brought food for the Pot Luck. The food was very good and there was plenty of it. My best wishes to all for rest of the year. Get out to the shop and make something to bring to the January meeting. See you next year.

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

David White

GCW President

Messages For Our members:

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

The dues for 2025 are still \$25. You can pay at any club meeting (check or cash) or send a check to our treasurer. Make the check 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.

- ***Boys and Girls Club March 2025 fund raiser:***

It's not too early to think about project contributions to the Boys-N-Girls Club fund raiser in March of 2025. That is just 3 months away now, so it is time to start picking out what you would like to donate. If that includes a new project you may want to start working on it. This is a very worthwhile event. It's our club's chance to give back to the community.

- ***Badges, oh where oh where did they go?***

We still have a number of our members who inadvertently took their badge home with them. Please try to bring your wayward badge to the next meeting. Then be sure to drop your badges in Yee old badge bucket at the end of the meeting. If your badge has been lost be sure to ask for a new one. Thank you.

- ***Meeting Schedule:***

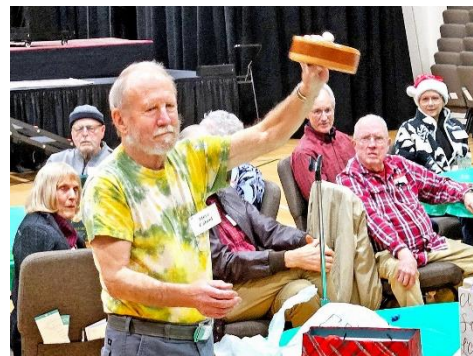
January 13, 2025: Dave White our GCW President will be giving a presentation on "An Introduction into using resin in woodworking". Be sure to attend to this meeting to get some incite into using resin in your work.

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Gift Exchange:



The GCW second annual holiday meeting gift exchange was a delightful event. Jim Gott organized and officiated over the gift exchange. It appears that almost everyone brought a gift and participated. Members were encouraged to gift items they had made and several did. These included turned pens, bowls, cheese slicer, vases, candle sticks, table runner, etc. There was a number of gifts that ended up being stolen, some more than once. Two steals per gift was the limit. There were at least 3 that did limit, most were an item a member had made. We would like to thank all those who brought gifts and participated.

Can't forget the Pot Luck, Just look at all that great food.....



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December Holiday President's Project Challenge:

Our December Project Challenge was a bit light on participants with just 4 members showing a project.



John Roberts showed a pair of Christmas luminaries. These are traditionally cut out of a paper bag with some sand in the bottom and a candle in the middle of the sand. They are very popular in Mexico. He made his out of maple and had a battery candle in the middle. The star was cut out using a jigsaw.



Mark Butzler
The ornament here is called an "inside out" lathe turning. They are very simple turnings to make. If you can turn a simple spindle, you can make one yourself. Search on the internet for "inside out Christmas ornaments", there are many examples of ornaments plus instructions to search. Give it a try they make great gifts.



David White brought in his completed pair of large carved leaves he's been working on. With previous showings we have seen the progress in the carving effort from the rough shaping through to the completed product. He primarily used

rotary carvers to accomplish the shaping. This effort required many sessions with the carvers as it is tedious work. Looken good!



Ron Sexton showed a lidded bowl and an inlaid plate.

The bowl is made of Black Acacia & Patagonia Cypress with a stand of Bolivian Rosewood. The Rosewood came from a table discarded at the dump. The black Acacia was firewood. Lacquer is the finish.

The plate is Silver Maple with a tree inlay of his design. The carved cavity was filled crushed Serpentine Rock. It was set using CA and let dry overnight. He used a diamond wheel to flatten the rock and filled gaps using smaller crushed rock. The plate was lacquer finished.

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Woodworking Items available:

Donated Tools Available: Here are 2 woodworking related tools that were donated to the club and are being offered to our members for a donation. All proceeds go to the GCW club.

Item 1: 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. Most of the units on-line are in the \$150--200 range. Suggested member donation is \$100. Contact Rich Schwerin to arrange time and place for pickup. Email: rwmtzca@comcast.net



Item 2: 12 Inch Planer

12inch Delta Planer, great condition. Suggested donation is \$50.



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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.**

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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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