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GCW Newsletter Brief:



For the July 2025 meeting the attendance was a bit light. Nineteen members braved the July heat, plus we had 3 guests join us. Two of the guests plan to join the club. We hope to see them soon at an upcoming meeting. Gail Brooks read a special message sent to us from Jim Gott's wife, Pat. In the message Pat thanked the club for the plaque honoring Jim and also thanked those who attended Jim's celebration of life. The message is posted later in the newsletter. The night's President's Challenge inspired 6 members to create that special/unique project. The challenge was to make something incorporating a time piece or mirror. We're adding something new to the challenge event. Participants in the President's Challenges will now be entered in a raffle for a chance to win an Amazon \$30 gift card. See President's Challenge section for more details. For the nights Show-N-Tell we had 7 members show their latest work. The breaktime and raffle were well received as usual.

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President's Message:



Dear Fellow Woodworkers:

Thanks to all who attended the July meeting. Another good meeting, however the attendance was low. Thanks to those who joined the Show-N-Tell and the President's Challenge. The projects shown were very well done. We're going to try something new, starting in August. If you participate in the President's Challenge you will have a chance to win a \$30 Amazon gift card. Each participant gets a raffle ticket for the gift card drawing. So now, there is even more incentive to participate in the challenge. We would really like to see your work. One can learn a lot from doing something different. So come

on everyone join the challenge. Bring something in so we can see what you do. Reminder, don't forget, speak into the mic and look at the audience. The next meeting is Monday, August 11th. The President's Challenge is a music box or jewelry box. If you're not making mistakes, you're not trying new things and you're not learning. 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

Messages For Our Members:

- **2025 GCW Meeting Schedule:**

August 11th: President's Challenge, make a music box or jewelry box. John Roberts will give a presentation on a new online tool for our members. Note, presentation was scheduled for June however John contracted Covid.

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

October 13th: President's Challenge, make a cutting board, charcuterie board or rolling pin.

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

December 8th: 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 please let us know.

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- ***August 11th meeting presentation by John Roberts***

Rescheduled from June due to Covid. At the August 11th meeting member John Roberts will be giving a demonstration of a new online tool that can be used to design and print templates for shapes using a website he found. This will be a video presentation. So be sure to attend.

Example shapes that can be created: Full Scale Protractors, Circle Divider Templates, Compass Templates, Sundial Templates, Arc Templates, Adjustable Printable Scale Rulers, Adjustable Center Rulers, Diameter Tape Templates, Printable Spiral Templates, Adjustable Clock Face Template, Custom Gauge Face Templates. Formats - PDF – SVG

A message to the Gold Country Woodcrafters from Pat Gott:



Dear Gold Country Woodcrafters members.

My sincere gratitude to you all for the beautiful plaque that was presented at Jim's Celebration of Life. Gail Cone's craftsmanship of the plaque is a wonderful example of his talent. Having it signed by you all shows the camaraderie of woodworkers that Jim always praised. I have a beautiful gift on my hearth for all to see.

My thanks also go out to those who attended Jim's Celebration. He would have been so honored to see you all there.

Thank you all so much.

Pat Gott

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July President's Challenge:

We had 6 presenters for the July President's Challenge. The challenge was to make a clock or mirror. We have added something new for the challenge event. We are now giving challenge participants a chance to win a \$30 Amazon gift card. Winner to be chosen by raffle. Winner for July was John Guglielmino. Congratulations John. Because we did not have Amazon cards yet, the prize was a Woodcraft Supply gift card. Photos by Rich Schwerin and Gail Cone.

Rich Schwerin



We'll have to get Rich to take a selfie when he shows his projects. Here he showed a mini mantel clock. It was

made using a 2x4 and a mini clock insert.

Tiffany Vital



Tiffany always brings the artistic flare to her projects. This wood art piece incorporates pyrography, tiny mirrors, acrylic pencil coloring. She also showed off her art in a book mark that also had mirrors.



Kevin Kaser



Now here's a unique time piece. This watch will be hard to misplace. Trick is to find a wrist big enough to wear it. Definitely a high-end time piece using Curly Maple and a mini clock insert. Pieces were crafted using a scroll saw.



Dave White



What to do with an old vanity mirror you found in the storage area. Well, use it to make your July President's Challenge project. Mount it on a band saw box made from some of the free February wood.

Somehow the mirror captured his image.

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Kristina Creel



Here Kristina shows off her fretwork scrolling in this lantern made of Baltic Birch plywood. There is an acrylic mirror mounted inside under the top to reflect the light.

John Guglielmino



John called his mantel clock a design by mistakes. He made everything work it appears. His challenge was to find a way to mount the clock in a way that you can still get at the clock mechanism for setting time and changing the battery. Well, lets use rare magnets on the back of the clock face for mounting.



Oh, and John won the challenge raffle for the Woodcrafters gift certificate. Next month the prize will be a \$30 Amazon gift card.

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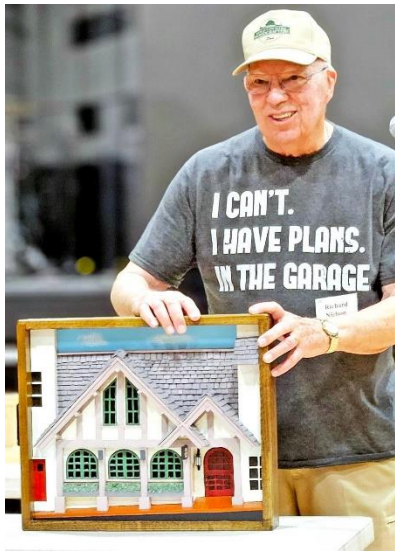
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July Show-N-Tell:

For the July Show-N-Tell we had 7 presenters. Photos by Rich Schwerin and Gail Cone.

Richard Nielson



Richard has a favorite restaurant, the Pangaea, in Carmel that has a very distinctive architecture. He decided to make a relief of it. Material was primarily Poplar and Douglas Fir. He made each

and every shingle along with the other structural sections. Think he said it took a year to complete.

Kristina Creel



Kristina did a 3dimensional scroll saw project of a dragon. Wood was Silver Maple. Actually, there is an additional image if you look at it from the side. Think it was a cowboy (could be wrong).

Gail Cone



Another bowl to show. This one has an Epoxy Resin accent ring at the top. The real news about this bowl is that he blew the bottom out of it while turning. Oops. Forgot he used a mortis mounting... Recover it??? Wife voted yes! He infused a Redwood Burl bottom so all is good. Another master piece???

Gail Brooks



Gail gave this bowl more character using texturing plus piercing with a rotary tool. After she dyed it green, she soaked it in alcohol to reduce the color intensity.

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Ed Woodards



One of our very early members, Ed Woodards, has shown us many carving and intarsia projects over the years. He is a fine craftsman and here he brought in an intarsia of a Raven made with contrasting woods. Each piece shaped to fit and assembled to create the desired image. He used clear lacquer for the finish.

David White



Dave brought in a real paradox this time... Two bowls turned from Paradox Walnut, that is. On the larger one, Dave created 2 feature rings. The rings are textured using a rotary tool and outlined using wire burning. He then added dye to the rings. The unique walnut species was from southern Cal.

Basil Borkert



Here Basil shows a shadow box frame he made for his son. It is not quite complete as his son will set up the shelving. It will display a collection of service badges, I believe.

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Break Time Everyone!



Everyone looks forward to the meeting break that usually occurs between the President's Challenge and the Show-N-Tell sessions. Here's where we can catch up with old friends and make new ones. In addition, it allows us to do a touch and feel of the projects brought for show. We had a light turnout but as you can tell all enjoyed the time with

fellow members. Travel kept John Robers from the meeting so David White and Gail Cone brought in refreshments and goodies again for members to enjoy. Ok, now it's Show-N-Tell time.

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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:

Bob Brown

8256 Mercer Way, Fair Oaks, Ca. 95628

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 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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